



I. The Book of Revelation unfolds the events surrounding the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A. The Apostle John is experiencing an encounter with JESUS and receives a series of visions that describes the Day of the Lord.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, and, What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea. Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.—Revelation 1:11,19

B. The Apostle John is given a word of knowledge and a word of wisdom to each of the churches of Asia. Each church is admonished with these words, “hear what the Spirit says” and “to him that overcomes...” Each of these admonitions includes promises about the eternal rewards of the church. It reveals that believers in Jesus...

1. “will eat the tree of life in the midst of paradise.”—Revelation 2:7
2. “shall not experience the 2nd death.”—Revelation 2:11
3. “shall eat hidden manna, a white stone with a new name.” (Stones served as admission tickets to public festivals and assemblies, this could mean admission to the marriage supper.)—Revelation 2:17
4. “shall have power over nations.”—Revelation 2:26
5. “shall be clothed, name in the book of life, acknowledged before all of heaven.”—Revelation 3:5
6. “shall be a pillar in the New Jerusalem.”—Revelation 3:12
7. “shall sit with me on My throne.”—Revelation 3:21

C. John describes being caught up to heaven and brought before the throne of God. There he witnesses the believers of all ages worshipping before the throne of God in Revelation 4 and 5. The symbols of the vision each represent something.

1. The rainbow about the throne of God represents grace—4:3
2. The 24 elders represent the church of Jesus Christ, the redeemed, white robes represents the gift righteousness and gold crowns represents the believers' reward for overcoming the world—4:4



3. The seven lamps represent the Holy Spirit, seven always speaks of fullness and completion—4:5
4. The 4 living creatures represents a special class of angels that are directing worship—4:6,7
5. The Lamb represents JESUS the central focus of the chapter—5:1-7
6. The 24 elders are clearly identified as believers because only believers can sing the song of the redeemed—5:8-14

II. The Church is in heaven as witnesses of GOD's judgments.

A. This period of time is called the hour of tribulation (Revelation 3:10). The prophecy given by the Angel Gabriel to Daniel (Daniel 9:24-27) reveals a final period of 7 years where God restores the Nation of Israel back to faith in her Messiah. The whole book is centered upon the nation of Israel and expounds on what Jesus said from the Mt. of Olives in Matthew 24.

B. During the worship, God the Father is handing the scroll to JESUS (the Lamb of God). Christ removes the seven seals of judgments revealing what will take place over a time of 7 years leading up to His return.—Revelations 6

1. The 1st seal reveals a white horse which represents the antichrist who will deceive the Nations—6:2
2. The 2nd seal reveals a red horse which represents war—6:4
3. The 3rd seal reveals a black horse which represents great famine—6:5,6
4. The 4th seal reveals a pale horse which represents death and hell, the 4 seals affect 1/4 of the earth—6:7,8
5. The 5th seal reveals the martyrdom of believers, this is a recurring theme in the vision, it reveals a great harvest of souls and great persecution—6:9-11
6. The 6th seal reveals cosmic judgments coming upon the earth. (Jesus also described cosmic events preceding His return in Matthew 24:29,30)—6:12-17

C. JESUS described frightening events coming from the heavens saying, "There will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; mens hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken."—Luke 21:11, 25, 26



1. God will be using the heavens which He created to judge the world. This is consistent with the judgments that took place in the days of Noah and Lot (Luke 17:20-37) which involved the stars of heaven (comets, asteroids, meteorites).
2. One of the titles of God in the Old Testament is 'Lord of Hosts' and is associated with God avenging His elect by executing judgments of 'fire, hail, brimstone', a "whirlwind", a "blast." These are a description of cosmic judgments.

D. The seventh Seal reveals angels sounding 7 trumpets. Trumpets are associated with warfare in Scripture. Seven is the number of completion. These judgments are executed by angels from the throne of God. It is a picture of God declaring war upon Israel's adversaries.—Revelations 8,9.

1. The 1st trumpet reveals fire and hail (comet) that burns one third of the earth's vegetation—8:7
2. The 2nd trumpet reveals a mountain thrown into sea that turns a third of the seas to blood, and destroys a third of ships (tsunamis)—8:8,9
3. The 3rd trumpet reveals a star called Wormwood (comet) from heaven poisons a third of the fresh waters—8:10,11
4. The 4th trumpet reveals a third part of the sun, moon and stars darkened causing the days to be shortened (atmosphere effected by cometary strike)—8:12,13
5. The 5th trumpet is called the 1st woe and reveals a star (comet) striking the earth and opening deep pit that releases debris into the atmosphere causing darkness and plague upon men's flesh for 5 months (the plague is describe as if it were locusts)—9:1-12
6. The 6th trumpet is called the 2nd woe and describes a cometary strike as an army of 200,000,000 with heads and tails spewing fire and brimstone, killing 1/3 of the world population in one hour (this is not an army of men or demons but debris falling from the sky)—9:13-21

E. The mystery of the little book that John is to eat.

1. This occurs between the 6th and 7th trumpet. The 7th trumpet heralds the return of Christ at the end of the 7 year tribulation, "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."—10:1-7
2. The Apostle John eats the book which tastes sweet but is bitter to the stomach because of the 7 bowl judgments which is the climax of these terrible judgments, the 7 bowls are also described as bowls of wrath, and plague.—10:8-10



3. As the 7th trumpet sounds, the temple is opened, there are "lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail" —Revelation 11:19. The wrath of God is poured out and Christ is about to descend from heaven.

F. The seventh trumpet is called the 3rd woe and reveals 7 bowl judgments (the days of the 7th trumpet is at the close of the great tribulation when the mystery of God is finished. (Revelations 10:6,7)—Revelations 16.

G. Each of these 7 bowl judgments are similar to the 7 trumpet judgments, there seems to be a cause and effect relationship between the two. These bowls of wrath are also called plagues and they describe what the planet is like at the time Christ returns. These plagues can best be described as the results of the earth being hit by comets, asteroids, and/or meteorites.

1. The 1st bowl reveals malignant sores upon men's flesh (effects of the 1st trumpet)—16:2
2. The 2nd bowl reveals the seas turned to blood, nothing left alive (effects of the 2nd trumpet)—16:3
3. The 3rd bowl reveals all fresh water turned to blood (effects of the 3rd trumpet)—16:4
4. The 4th bowl reveals men scorched with great heat (effects of the 4th trumpet)—16:8
5. The 5th bowl reveals great darkness over the antichrist seat of power located in the middle east (effects of the 5th trumpet)—16:10
6. The 6th bowl reveals the Euphrates river is struck and completely dried up to make a way for the nations to march for the battle of Armageddon (effects of the 6th trumpet)—16:12
7. The 7th bowl—the final cosmic impact brings 100 pound hail and triggers a global earthquake that brings down all the cities of nations and removes mountains and islands.—16:17-21

H. The glorious return of Jesus Christ & His Church—Revelations 19,20

1. The church is before the throne of grace rejoicing over God's judgment poured out upon the inhabitants of the earth. The church has received it's reward for service, being clothed in fine linen which represents the righteousness of the Saints. The church is now ready to return for the marriage supper of the lamb which begins the millennial reign of Christ.—19:1-10
2. Christ and the Church descend from heaven to fight at the battle of Armageddon.—19:11-21



3. Satan is bound and the millennial Reign of Christ begins bringing peace, prosperity and the fulfillment of all the promises God made to Abraham's posterity concerning the land of Israel. Jerusalem will become the center of worship for all nations throughout the millennium. Israel will be the head of all nations and the Gentiles will bring their wealth and glory to Israel.—20:1-6

I. God's Kingdom upon the Earth will bring peace and prosperity for 1000 years.

1. Satan is bound for 1000 years.—20:1-3

2. The Church will rule with Christ for 1000 years.—20:4-6

3. Satan will be loosed to tempt nations at the end of the millennium.—20:7-10

4. The Great White Throne Judgment of all unbelievers takes place at the close of the millennium.—20:11-15

J. John is given a glimpse of eternity.

1. God renovates with fire a New Heaven and New Earth.—21:1-8

2. The New Jerusalem comes to the New Earth.—21:9-27

3. The River of Life coming from the Throne.—22:1-5

4. We have a clear admonition in view of the revelation of JESUS CHRIST.—22:6-21

"Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."—Revelation 22:7

"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.—Revelation 22:12

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.—Revelation 22:17

III. John is also shown mysteries that reveals the final harvest of the righteous and wicked during the tribulation.

A. The final harvest is reaped!—CH 7,14,15

1. 144,000 Jews are commissioned to preach the Gospel to the Nations.—7:1-8



2. Multitudes of Gentiles will be saved out of the tribulation. — 7:9-17
 3. The 144,000 Jewish are before the Lord singing a song of victory at the end of 42 months of great tribulation. — 14:1-5
 4. Angels are commissioned to preach during the last 42 months. — 14:6-13
 5. The Lord descends and fights the Nations at the battle of Armagedon where a river of blood will flow 180 miles down the River Jordan from Mt. Hermon to the Dead sea — 14:14-20
 6. The sea of glass and fire represents the martyrs singing the victory song. These are people who during the tribulation who overcame the beast. — 15:1-8
- B. Two witnesses are anointed to preach against the Anti-christ from Jerusalem.
1. They preach in the last 42 months of the tribulation from the temple mount and complete their ministry just before the 7th trumpet sounds. — 11:1-14
 2. The seventh angel trumpet blasts brings closure to the tribulation. Notice that the 24 elders (representing the redeemed of all ages) are in heaven during the 7th angel's trumpet praising God for His judgments — 11:15-19
- C. The mystery of Israel's persecution revealed — CH 12
1. The woman is Israel who flees to a place and is protected for 42 months.
 2. The man-child is Israel's Messiah, Our Lord Jesus. Israel brought the seed of Abraham into for the blessing of the world.
 3. The dragon is Satan who is cast down from heaven and tries to destroy Israel. Satan has always been Israel's adversary. "Now Satan stood up against Israel..." — 1 Chronicles 21:1
- D. The beast from the sea, the Anti-christ — CH 13:1-10; 17:8-14
1. The beast out of the sea is a 7 headed and 10 horned beast and a composite of part leopard, part bear, and part lion. (In Daniel 7, the lion represented Babylon, the bear represented Media/Persia, the leopard represented Greece)
 2. 7 heads represent 7 kingdoms in history recorded in the Old Testament that oppressed Israel. They are Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, and Turkey.
 3. One of the 7 heads is revived and becomes the 8th kingdom. The beast that "that was, is not, and yet is" may be a revived Islamic empire that once existed in Turkey.



4. The description of part leopard, part bear, part lion may suggest where the Anti-christ (the 8th kingdom) will arise from. That would cover today's Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and Iran.
 5. This is the same beast the prophet Daniel saw in Daniel 7. This beast, headed by the anti-christ, will persecute Israel and believers for 42 months. This is the time Jesus called the great tribulation. — 13:1-10
 6. The mystery of the same beast is explained to Daniel 500 years earlier as the trouble of Israel — Daniel 7:23-27
- E. The beast out of the earth is a false religion with a false prophet. — 13:11-18
1. The false prophet institutes a mark for its followers to wear in allegiance to the Antichrist. Taking the mark would condemn one to hell, so the question must be asked, what is the one sin that condemns people to hell? It is the rejection of The Lord Jesus Christ (John 3:16-18). "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God..." — Revelation 14:9-10. Consider this: The head and arm bands worn by Islamic Jihadists has inscribed upon it the creed of Islam which denies the Father and the Son.
 2. The translation of 3 Greek letters into the number 666 is based on a system called gematria where each Greek letter of the alphabet has an assigned numerical equivalent. Reading from left to right, the first Greek letter, χ (pronounced "chi") had a numerical value of 600. The middle Greek letter, ξ (pronounced "xi"), and it had a numerical value of 60. The third Greek letter, ς (pronounced "stigma") and had a numerical value of 6.
 - a) Strong's dictionary: The 22nd, 14th and an obsolete letter (G4742 as a cross) of the Greek alphabet (intermediate between the 5th and 6th) used as numbers; denoting respectively 600 60 and 6.
 - b) G4742. stigma stig'-mah from a primary stizo (to "stick", i.e. prick); a mark incised or punched (for recognition of ownership), i.e. (figuratively) scar of service:--mark.
 3. Consider this: The mark of the beast may be something entirely different. Reading from right to left and viewing the Greek letter, ξ as the Arabic symbol we come up with a different meaning.
 - a) The Greek letter ς — "mark, or badge of service".



- b) The Greek letter ξ—may also be the Arabic character “bismillah,” which means “in the name of Allah.”
 - c) The Greek letter χ—may also represent the crosses swords frequently associated with Islamic symbols.
4. The mark of the beast will become perfectly when the false prophet arises after the rapture.
 5. Consider this: Islam also has a system of buying and selling called Hallal. All products marked Hallal have been dedicated to The Islamic god Allah.

F. Babylon the Great—CH 17,18

1. Babylon the Great is Personified as the mother of harlots. A harlot is a false religion that rejects the true Gospel. (4 clues to her identity)—17:1-6
 - a) She is drunk with the blood of the Saints. “I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands.” —Revelation 20:4
 - b) She is a city in a vast desert wilderness.
 - c) She has great wealth that influences Leaders of nations.
 - d) She has an influence of idolatry (false religion) over nations.
 - e) Consider this: Mecca, Saudi Arabia, the center of worship for Islam, is the only city and Nation that fulfills a 4 clues.
2. The Beast out of the sea will destroy the city, Babylon the Great toward the end of the tribulation.—17:7-18
3. Babylon the Great will be destroyed in one hour. The call of repentance is given for Muslim people to come out of Islam and accept the free gift of pardon which is only found in JESUS CHRIST.—18:1-8
4. The world mourns over the destruction of Babylon the Great because its wealth is destroyed.—18:9-20
5. Babylon the Great is found guilty of the blood of the prophets and saints. Islam will be the driving force in the persecution of believers during the tribulation.—18:21-24