



I. The Book of Revelation is the revealing of Jesus Christ to the world at His second coming. It reveals the judgment coming upon the world and the beginning of God's Kingdom upon the earth. This Prophecy addresses three groups of people: the church, Israel, and the Gentile nations.

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

1. 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. —Revelation 1:11
2. Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. —Revelation 1:19

B. The Lord gives the Apostle John 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 our eternal rewards in the coming kingdom. It reveals that believers in Jesus have a place in Christ's Kingdom...

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 then has an experience of being caught up to heaven and brought before the throne of God. (This experience is a foreshadowing of the rapture of the church.) There he witnesses the believers of all ages worshipping before the throne of God in Revelation 4 and 5. The vision is filled symbols that requires interpretations. The key to interpretation is allowing scripture to interpret scripture.



1. The rainbow about the throne of God represents grace, (remember God's promise to Noah)—4:3
2. The 24 elders represent the church of Jesus Christ who have been redeemed and rewarded. They have white robes which represents the gift righteousness and gold crowns which represents the believers' authority in Christ.—4:4
3. The seven lamps represent the Holy Spirit, the number seven in scripture 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 again 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 about to be released on the earth.

A. This period of time is called the hour of tribulation (Revelation 3:10).

1. 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.
2. The prophecy is centered around the nation of Israel and reveals in more graphic detail what Jesus prophesied from the Mount of Olives in Matthew 24 at the close of His ministry.

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 from the heavens.— 6:12-17

- a) Jesus also described cosmic events preceding His return in Matthew 24:29,30
- b) 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
- c) 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). We have archeological evidence that suggests these judgments were brought about by "the stars of heaven," which means a strike by a comet or asteroid.
- d) To more fully appreciate how God has performed judgements in the Old Testament pay attention to one of the titles of God the prophets used. God is referred to as 'Lord of Hosts' and thus title is associated with God avenging His elect by executing judgments of 'fire, hail, brimstone", a "whirlwind", a "blast." These a descript of cosmic judgments.

C. The seventh Seal gives more detail abot the 6th seal, remember 7 speaks of fullness and completion. The last seal reveals angels sounding 7 trumpets. Trumpets In the Old Testament are associated with warfare in Scripture. These judgments are executed by angels from the throne of God. It is a picture of God declaring war upon the nations of the earth.—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 (asteroid) 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). Notice the star is personified and given the name Appolyon, meaning destroyer because of it's devastating effect upon humanity. —9:1-12

6. The 6th trumpet is called the 2nd woe and describes a cometary strike like an army of 200,000,000 with heads and tails spewing fire and brimstone, killing 1/3 of the world population in one hour. The only clear explanation of this many people being wiped out in one hour is a cometary strike from the heavens. (This is not an army of men or demons but debris falling from the sky)—9:13-21

D. 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. These 7 bowls bring the judgments to fullness and completion, they reveal what the earth will be like at the end of the seven year tribulation. —10:8-10

E. When 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.

1. The seventh trumpet is called the 3rd woe and reveals 7 bowl judgments.

2. The 7th trumpet is blown at the close of the great tribulation when the mystery of God is finished. —Revelations 10:7

F. 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 are a result of the previous trumpet judgments: 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. (the effects of the 7th trumpet)—16:17-21
- G. 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 armies of heaven, the Church and angels descend from heaven to fight at the battle of Armageddon.—19:11-21
- H. The Kingdom of God on earth.
- I. God's Kingdom upon the Earth will bring peace and prosperity for 1000 years.
1. Satan is bound for 1000 years. The Church will rule with Christ for 1000 years. 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
 2. Satan will be loosed to tempt nations at the end of the millennium.—20:7-10
 3. 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. The Apostle John is also shown mysteries that reveals the final harvest of the righteous and wicked during the tribulation. Jesus gave a parable concerning the final harvest of good and evil at His return.—Matthew 13:24-43

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 on Mt. Zion (Israel) 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. This event is referred to as treading the grapes of wrath.—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 first 42 months of the tribulation and are connected to the rebuilding of the temple—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 is the Anti-christ—CH 13:1-10; 17:8-14

1. The anti-christ is described as a beast out of the sea that leads a 7 headed and 10 horned beast. The 7 heads represent 7 empires in history recorded in the Old and New Testament that oppressed the nation of Israel. They are the Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Persian, Grecian, Roman and finally, the Ottomon empires.
2. One of the 7 heads is revived and becomes the 8th kingdom. The beast that "that was, is not, and yet is" (Revelation 17:11) is one of the 7 empires that existed before coming back to power in the last days. Who is the 8th?
 - a) The description of part leopard, part bear, part lion may suggest where the Anti-christ (the 8th kingdom) will arise from. Daniel had a similar vision of this beast rising in the last days.—Daniel 7:1-19. Daniel's vision addressed the nations which are today's Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and Iran.
 - b) This beast, headed by the anti-christ, will persecute Israel and believers for 42 months after the abomination in the rebuilt Jewish Temple. Daniel also saw the same beast persecuting Israel for 42 months.—Daniel 7:19-27

E. The beast from the earth is the false prophet.—13:11-18

1. The false prophet institutes a mark for its followers to wear in allegiance to the Antichrist. Taking this mark would condemn one to hell. 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).
 - a) 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.
 - b) 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. It is



safe to conclude that the mark of the beast may well be the mark and creed of Islam.

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 an 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 clear 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