



CHAPTER 1: John's encounter with Jesus Christ

The Book of Revelation was written to the seven churches of Asia (located in Turkey). John is experiencing an encounter with JESUS CHRIST and receives a series of visions that describes events that take place just prior to His second coming to the earth. The Lord's second coming is called the Day of the Lord by the Old Testament prophets. John's vision of Jesus is a description of His resurrection power and glory. The stars represent messengers or angels sent to minister to the churches. The lamp stands represent the seven local churches that the Apostle John was given oversight as an Apostle.

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.

The events of the book of Revelation take place over a 7 year period. We know this from Daniel 9:27 which Jesus mentioned in His prophecy in Matthew 24. The prophecy given by the Angel Gabriel to Daniel (Daniel 9:24-27) reveals a final period of 7 years where God delivers and restores the nation of Israel and pours out His Spirit upon them. All of the 21 judgments of this prophecy fit within a span of 7 years as God judges the nations and restores the nation of Israel in order to fulfill His promises to Abraham. The conclusion of the prophecy is that Jesus Christ will set His feet upon the Mount of Olives and rule the earth from Jerusalem, Israel.

CHAPTER 2,3: Messages to the 7 churches

The Apostle John is given a word of knowledge and a word of wisdom for each of the churches of Asia. Each church is admonished with these words, *"hear what the Spirit says"* and *"to him that overcomes..."* From these admonitions we find promises that reveals the future of Christ's church when Jesus returns! Are you a part of Christ's church? Have you made Jesus Lord of your life? Have you been born again? Do you have the Spirit of God living within you? Have your sins been forgiven? If you can say yes to these questions then you can look forward to the promise of eternal life! These promises reveal our future after our physical resurrection.

- 1) Revelation 2:7 says we "will eat the tree of life in the midst of paradise."
- 2) Revelation 2:11 says we "shall not experience the 2nd death."
- 3) Revelation 2:17 says we "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.)
- 4) Revelation 2:26 says we "shall have power over nations."



- 5) Revelation 3:5 says we “shall be clothed, our names are written in the book of life, and we are acknowledged before all of heaven.”
- 6) Revelation 3:12 says we “shall be a pillar in the New Jerusalem.”
- 7) Revelation 3:21 says we “shall sit with me on My throne.”

CHAPTER 4,5: The saints are caught up to the throne of God

John describes being caught up to heaven and brought before the throne of God. This is a foreshadow of what is to come for the Church. We are going to be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and brought to heaven. This mystery is commonly called the rapture of the church. John witnesses the redeemed of all ages worshipping before the throne of God in Revelation 4 and 5. The symbols of the vision each represent something.

- 1) The throne of God Our Father with the rainbow represents the throne of grace. Remember the story of Noah who saw the rainbow after the flood and God showed him favor.—4:3
- 2) The 24 elders represent the church. The white robes represent the gift righteousness and the gold crowns which represents the believers' reward. The teaching of righteousness and believer's rewards is found in several of the New Testament letters.—4:4
- 3) The seven lamps represent the Holy Spirit, seven always speaks of fullness and completion. This is a pattern that we see all throughout the Old Testament.—4:5
- 4) The 4 living creatures are a special class of angels that are directing worship. This is self-explained.—4:6,7
- 5) The Lamb is JESUS CHRIST. Remember what John the Baptist said as Jesus came to be baptized in the river Jordan.—5:1-7
- 6) The Song of Redemption is further proof that the 24 elders represent the church because only the church, those who have been redeemed can sing it.—5:8-14

CHAPTER 6: Jesus Christ releases the seals of judgement

The church is in heaven clothed with the righteousness of Christ and crowned with glory and honor worshipping God the Father who is seated on the throne, with Christ at his right hand.

God the Father is handing the scroll to JESUS (the Lamb of God). Christ removes the six seals of judgments revealing what will take place just prior to His second coming. This period of time is called the hour of tribulation (Revelation 3:10).—Revelations 6

- 1) The 1st seal is a white horse which is the antichrist who deceives the nations of the earth.—6:2



- 2) The 2nd seal is a red horse which is war on a global scale, the antichrist will lead the world into war.—6:4
- 3) The 3rd seal is a black horse which is famine on a global scale.—6:5,6
- 4) The 4th seal is a pale horse which is death and the loss of souls into hell. The 4 seals affect 1/4 of the earth.—6:7,8
- 5) The 5th seal is the martyrdom of believers. It reveals that there will be a great harvest of both Jews and Gentiles who put their trust in Jesus Christ in the time of tribulation. During this time they will be severely persecuted because of the antichrist.—6:9-11
- 6) The 6th seal is opened toward the end of the tribulation. God will intervene and pour out his wrath and destroy them that are destroying the earth. God will express His wrath through His creation. “The stars of heaven will fall to the earth.” These represent a series of impacts from comets, meteors, or asteroids as described later in chapters 8 and 9. These impacts will affect the earth on a global scale culminating in a global earthquake and the return of Jesus Christ to the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.—6:12-17.

Notice Jesus described cosmic events preceding His return in Matthew 24:29,30, *“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”*

CHAPTER 7: The great harvest of Jews and Gentiles

- 1) There are 144,000 Jews are sealed by God (they are born again) and commissioned to preach the Gospel to the Nations.—7:1-8
- 2) John sees multitudes saved out of the tribulation because of the ministry of the 144,000.—7:9-17

CHAPTER 8,9: The 7th seal releases the trumpet judgments from the heavens

The 7th seal releases the seven trumpet judgments which are seen as an answer to the prayers of the church. The trumpet judgments reveal in more detail the sixth seal of cosmic impacts upon the earth that herald Christ's return. Angels are blowing these trumpets. They are orchestrating these judgments at Christ's command.—Revelations 8,9

JESUS described these frightening events from the Mount of Olives 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

All of these trumpet judgments are cosmic in nature. They represent “the stars of heaven falling to the earth” as Jesus described. The blowing of trumpets by angels is like a declaration of war.

- 1) The 1st trumpet is fire and hail from the heavens which burns one third of the Earth’s vegetation, possibly a comet’s tail. — 8:7
- 2) The 2nd trumpet is like a mountain thrown into sea, possibly an asteroid. This turns a third of the seas to blood, and a third of ships are destroyed by its strike such as a tsunami. — 8:8,9
- 3) The 3rd trumpet is a star called Wormwood (meaning bitter) from heaven that strikes and poisons a third of the fresh waters, possibly a comet. — 8:10,11
- 4) The 4th trumpet effects the atmosphere bringing darkness. A third part of the sun, moon and stars darkened causing the days to be shortened, the effect of a comet or asteroid strike. — 8:12,13
- 5) The 5th trumpet is called the 1st woe. A star fallen from heaven opens a deep pit polluting the atmosphere and bringing a plague of locusts upon men’s flesh for 5 months. — 9:1-12
- 6) The 6th trumpet is called the 2nd woe. A vision of what looks like a 200,000,000 man army. It is not a literal army of men but more likely a picture of millions of cometary fragments striking the earth and killing 1/3 of the world population in one hour which takes place at the end of the tribulation — 9:13-21

CHAPTER 10: The mystery of the little book that John is to eat.

The mystery of the little book 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

The Apostle John eats the book which tastes sweet but is bitter to the stomach and may refer to the 7 bowl judgments which is poured out at the sounding of the 7th trumpet which ends the great tribulation. — 10:8-10

CHAPTER 11: The two witnesses anointed to preach.

God anoints the two witnesses who preach the coming of Christ’s Kingdom and warnings against the antichrist for 42 months in the tribulation from the temple mount. — 11:1-14



The seventh angel trumpet blasts brings closure to the tribulation. The 24 elders (representing the Church of all ages) are in heaven as the 7th angel blows the trumpet. — 11:15-19

Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God. .—11:15,16

CHAPTER 12: The mystery of Israel's persecution

The woman is Israel who flees to a place and is protected for 42 months.

The man-child is Israel's Messiah, Our Lord Jesus. Israel brought the seed of Abraham into for the blessing of the world.

The dragon is Satan who is cast down from heaven and tries to destroy Israel.

CHAPTER 13: The mystery of the two beasts

This part of the prophecy is the most difficult to interpret because it requires an understanding of the history of Israel and Old Testament prophecies. The beast out of the sea represents a political/military alliance of nations who try to destroy Israel. (This the same description of this beast "a leopard, a bear, and a lion" is found in Daniel 7:1-8.)

The beast out of the sea having 7 heads and 10 horns represent empires that oppressed Israel in the past. There are 7 empires that have oppressed Israel and taken control of Israel's land in the past: 1) Egypt 2) Assyria 3) Babylon 4) Media/Persia 5) Greece 6) Rome & Byzantine empire and 7) Turkey (Ottoman Empire). One of these 7 heads was wounded but will be revived and will persecute and wage war upon Israel for 42 months. — 13:1-10

The beast out of the earth is a religious system with a false prophet who institutes a mark for its followers to wear in allegiance to the Antichrist. The mark of the beast is religious in nature. It has been interpreted for a long time as a number 666.

The mark of the beast may refer to something worn that represents allegiance to the antichrist. A more plausible interpretation is that the mark is not a number but a statement of belief that rejects Jesus Christ. Islam uses a band worn about the head or on the arm called the shahada that has a creed written on it. The creed that says, "there is no God but Allah and Mohammed is his messenger." Those who accept the mark reject the only hope of salvation, Jesus Christ the Son of God. — 13:11-18

CHAPTER 14,15: The mystery of a final harvest

The 144,000 Jewish evangelists are before the Lord singing a song of victory at the end of 42 months



of great tribulation. — 14:1-5

God commissions Angels to preach the Gospel during the last 42 months. — 14:6-13

The Son of Man is about to descend with a sharp sickle in His hand to judge the Nations at the battle of Armageddon. It is described as a winepress from Mt. Hermon to the Red Sea, the Jordan river being turned to blood, a dreadful scene. — 14:14-20

The sea of glass and fire represents the martyrs singing a victory song because they overcame the beast. These are people who during the tribulation who overcame the beast and its mark. — 15:1-8

CHAPTER 16: The 7th trumpet finishes the mystery of God

The seventh trumpet is the 3rd woe and releases 7 vial or bowl judgments. These judgments are severe and swift. The days of the 7th trumpet is at the close of the great tribulation when the mystery of God is finished and Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. There is a correlation between each of these 7 vial or bowl judgments to the previous 7 trumpet judgments. Notice a cause and effect relationship between the two.

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

CHAPTER 17: The mystery of Babylon the Great and the beast

Babylon the Great is typified by a Scarlet Woman who rides the beast. She is described as drunk with the blood of the Saints. Her location is described as a city in a desert wilderness that has great wealth and influence over nations. She is described as the mother of all harlots, in other words a promotes a



false religion throughout the earth. The only nation that best fits the description is Saudi Arabia. It is the center of worship for Islam. Mecca and Medina, Saudi Arabia is the city from which the Spirit of anti-Christ emanates from. It is the location which every Muslim is commanded to bow and pray five times a day. The Scarlet Woman will ride the beast during the tribulation period.—17:1-6

The angel gives more details about the mystery of the beast with 7 heads and 10 horns who rides the beast during the tribulation but at the end will turn on the Scarlet Woman, and destroy her in one hour.—17:7-18

CHAPTER 18: Judgment upon Mystery Babylon

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

The world mourns over the destruction of the city, Babylon the Great, because its ability to produce wealth is destroyed.—18:9-20

In Babylon the Great was found the blood of the prophets and saints. Islam has brought death to over ¼ of a billion people since its beginnings. Islam has its roots in the Baal religion (i.e. Mystery Babylon). Islam is a complete to the Judeo-Christian faith and will be a driving force in the persecution of believers during the tribulation.—18:21-24

CHAPTER 19: The glorious return of Jesus Christ & His Church

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 its 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 will begin the millennial reign of Christ.—19:1-10

After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her." Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!" And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"

Christ and the Church descend from heaven to fight at the battle of Armageddon.—19:11-21

Now comes the finale and notice what verse 14 says! *Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He*



Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. ...

CHAPTER 20: God's Kingdom upon the Earth

Satan is bound and the millennial Reign of Christ and the Church begins bringing peace, prosperity and the fulfillment of all the promises God made to Abraham concerning his descendants and promised land. Jerusalem will become the center of worship for all nations throughout the millennium. Israel will be the spiritual center for all nations to come and worship Jesus Christ. —20:1-6

After Jesus Christ rules for a millennium, Satan will be loosed to tempt the nations one more time. —20:7-10

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

CHAPTER 21,22: John is given a glimpse of eternity

A New Heaven and New Earth is established. —21:1-8

The New Jerusalem comes down from heaven to the New Earth. —21:9-27

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

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

"Behold, I am coming quickly (suddenly, like a thief in the night)! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." —Revelation 22:7

"And behold, I am coming quickly (suddenly, like a thief in the night), 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