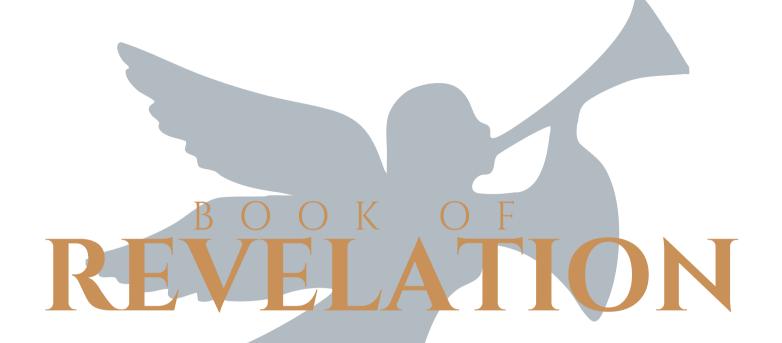
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LETTER FROM PASTOR JEFFERY

I am excited to share with you that we are embarking on a new and profound journey together as a congregation. We will begin a new sermon series on the Book of Revelation. This book, the last in the New Testament, is filled with rich imagery, prophecy, and divine revelations that continue to inspire and challenge us in our faith.

To aid in our exploration and understanding, we have prepared a comprehensive Study Guide. This guide is designed to provide you with a deeper insight into the texts and themes we will be discussing each week. Here's what you can expect to find in the guide:

- Maps: Visual aids to help you place the locations mentioned in Revelation within the context of the ancient world.
- Timeline: A detailed timeline that aligns historical events with the prophecies and visions described in the book.

As we journey through this series, let us open our hearts and minds to the messages God has for us. May this study not only deepen our understanding but also strengthen our faith and commitment to live according to His will.

Thank you for your continued dedication and enthusiasm. I look forward to exploring this powerful book with each of you.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Jeffery

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INTRODUCTION

Author: John the Apostle

When: ca 95 A.D.

Where: From the Island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea

When John wrote the Book of Revelation, he was about 90 years old. When he passed, he was about 93 years old.

Patmos is a Creek Island.

3 Methods of Interpretation

• Allegorical

Everything is about symbolism: good vs. evil, paganism vs. Christianity, and the ultimate triumph of Christ in our lives. The book is seen as a spiritual allegory for the comfort and encouragement of the church, denying prophesies of literal, future events.

Historical

A) Preterist view- deals with church history that includes only the early church's struggle against imperial Rome; is somewhat similar to the Allegorical method of a symbolic rather than prophetic view.

B) Total View- consider all of the church history beyond the Roman Empire to today culminating in the second coming; a symbolic interpretation of the church's struggle against the world system.

• Literal/Futuristic

The events beginning in the chapter 4 are futuristic. Frequent symbolism is recognized, but the events will be fulfilled in a literal way. There are differences within this view as to the timing of the rapture of the church.

CHAPTER 1

Revelation 1:1 - It's the "revelation" of Jesus Christ (NOT John)

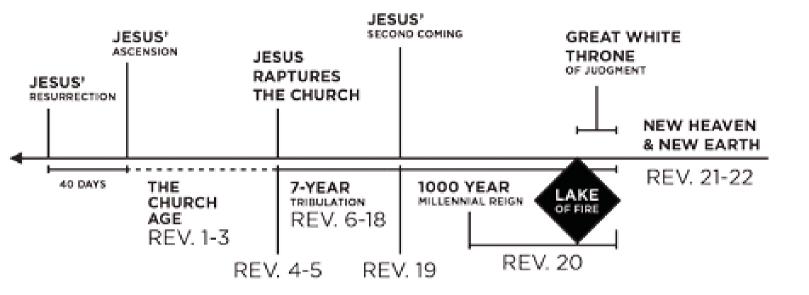
- a) Greek: apokalupis-
- b) Titles for Jesus:
 - The Faithful Witness (1:5)
 - The Firstborn from the dead (1:5)
 - The Ruler over the kings of the earth (1:5)
 - The Alpha and Omega (1:8)
 - Who is, Who was, Who is to come (1:8)
 - The Almighty (1:8)
 - The Son of Man (1:13)
 - The First and the Last (1:17)
 - The Living One (1:18)

Outline of Revelation from Revelation 1:19

- 1. "have seen" Chapter 1 (The Appearance of Jesus)
- 2." what is now" Chapter 2-3 (The Church Age) (We are in the age)
- 3. "what will take place later" Chapters 4-22.
- Ch 4-5: The rapture of the church with saints kept in heaven.
- Ch 6-18: The Tribulation (When you see me type TRIB. that means Tribulation)
- Ch 19:Jesus our Lord Returns!
- Ch 20The Millennial (1000 years) Reign on earth.
- Ch 21-22: New heaven and earth.

CHAPTER 1

END TIMES TIMELINE



CHAPTER 1

THE SEVEN SPIRIT (1:4)

- Seven= Completeness, fullness of the spirit
- Seven Virtues of the Spirit (Isaiah 11:2)
- Seven angels (8:2)

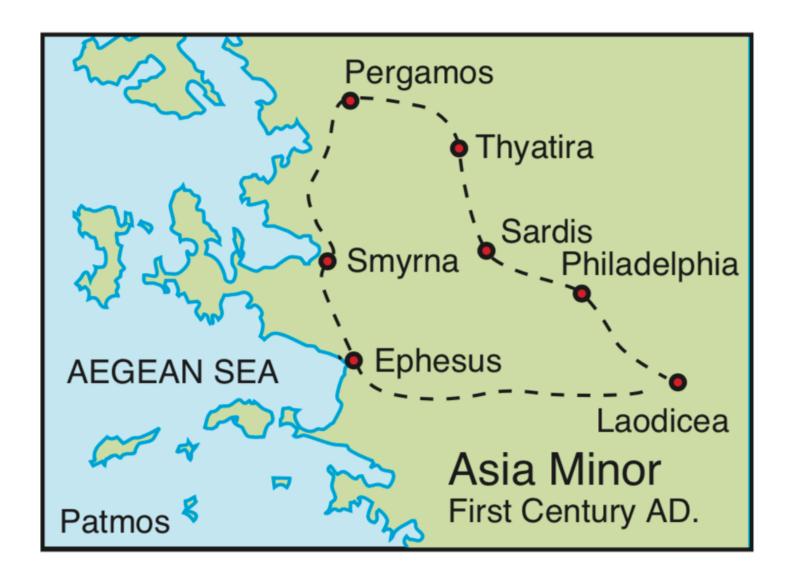
The Seven Lampstands... are the seven churches (1:20)

Description of Jesus in 1:13-16

- 1:13 His Majesty
- 1:14 His Purity
- 1:15 His Authority (power)
- 1:16 His Glory (Shekinah it's from the Hebrew language)

Eyes of the Fire judgment He's coming.

CHAPTER 2-3 | THE SEVEN CHURCHES



CHAPTER 2-3 I THE SEVEN CHURCHES

The Letters to the Seven Churches (Revelation 2-3)

- 1. **Literal in existence-** Each church is the church. Location in Turkey 1st century A.D.
- 2. **Spiritual in relevance-** Each church addresses spiritual issues relevant to believers today.
- 3. **Historical in Significance-** Each church represents a distinct time period of church history.

Ephesus- The Apostolic Church (33-100 AD)

ad 33- Pentecost to AD 100- the death of John (end of Apostolic Age; first-century church)

Jesus' Title: Chapter 2:1

Commendation: Hardworking; preserving; discerning of false doctrine

(the Nicolaitans)

Complaint: Left their first love.

Reward: To eat from the tree of life in the paradise of God.

Smyrna- The Suffering Church (100-312 AD)

AD 100-AD312- Constantine made Christianity a state religion permeated with pagan customs and practices.

Jesus' Title: Chapter 2:8

Commendation: Afflicted, poor, persecuted, yet faithful and rich in the

Lord.

Complaint: N/A/

Reward: The crown of life; unhurt by the second death.

CHAPTER 2-3 I THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Pergamum- The State Church (312-606 AD)

AD 312- AD 606- Beginning of the Roman Catholic Church.

Jesus' Title: Verse 2:12.

Commendation: They have not renounced their faith despite the

martyrdom of Antipas.

Complaint: A marriage of the church and the world. (Doctrine of manna;

Doctrine of Niclaitans.)

Reward: Hidden manna; a white stone with a new name.

Thynatira- The Roman Catholic/ Idolatrous Church (606-1517 AD)

AD 606 Roman Catholic Church (ongoing) to AD 1517- Beginning of Protestant Reformation.

Jesus' Title: Chapter 2 Verse 18b. "Son of Man:"

Commendation: Love, faith, service, perseverance.

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Sardis- The Protestant/ Dead Church (1517-1750 AD)

AD 1517 Protestant Reformation (ongoing) to AD 1750 - Great Awakening

Jesus' Title: Chapter 3 Verse 1

Commendation: A remnant of holy people.

Complaint: Alive in reputation, dead in actuality, incomplete in deeds.

Reward: Dressed in white; name in the book of life.

CHAPTER 2-3 I THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Philadelphia- The Evangelistic Church (1750-Rapture (ongoing) as today)

AD 1750- Rapture Great Awakening.

Jesus' Title: chapter 3 verse 7

Commendation: A Little strength; kept God's Word; did not deny His

name.

Complaint: None

Reward: Kept from the <u>"hour of trial"</u> coming upon the whole world; made a pillar in the temple of God; written upon him the name of God, name of the new city, new name of the Lord.



Laodicea- The Apostate Church

AD 1900's - Trib (ongoing) today as well as Philadelphia church.

Jesus' Title: Chapter 3 verse 14.

Commendation: N/A

Complaint: Lukewarm, self-sufficient, wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and

naked.

Reward: To sit with the Lord on His throne.

Notes

In 2:7, Also found at the end of Genesis chapter 2, and Revelation 22. There is a promise there.

In 3:7b Isaiah 22:22, there is another Jesus' title.

In 3:16-18, Lukewarm you don't or care about Jesus or and the Bible. Better to have Jesus. When we don't have Jesus, we don't have anything.

In 3:19. He still loves us, he still want us to repent and come to him, he want a relationship with us.

Chapter 4 | The Throne in Heaven

Revelation 4:1- "the rapture" of the church.

Similar to events of 1 Thess 4:13-18 (voice, trumpet, come up here)

• Ref. Luke 17:26-30, 1 Thess 5:9. Jerm 30:7, Daniel 12:1

We return with Christ.

• Ref. 1 Thess. 3:12, Jude 14-15, Revelation 19:11-14

Absence of the church.

• Church appears 19 times in Revelation chapters 1-3, but not again until Revelation 22:16.

Heaven is standing open.

• The only other time is Revelation 19:11.

Come up here.

• The only other time is Revelation 11:12.

Description of the Throne- Revelation 4-5.

- On the throne (4:2, 9, 10,5:1,7,13)
- Around the throne (4:3,4,6,5:11-13)
- From the throne (4:5)
- Before the throne (4:5.6,10)
- In the center of the throne (5:6)

Question- Where were Christians during the Trib?

Chapters 4-5 are about the rapture. When Jesus comes to the cloud, the dead will rise first, and then the believers (still alive) will be caught up.

Chapter 4:6b- Four living creatures- you can find more about these 4 creatures in the Book of Ezekiel.

Each creature is listed below.

- the face of a man
- the face of a loin
- face of an ox (calf) & eagle

Chapter 5 | The Scroll and the Lamb

A symphony of SIGHTS and SOUNDS (I saw-5:1,2,6, 11. I heard-5:11,13)

A Scroll with 7 Seals: The "Title Deed" to the Earth

- In God right hand
- Written on both sides
- Only One who is worthy to open the scroll? (JESUS)

Identification of the Lamb (5:6)

- The Lamb is JESUS CHRIST!!!!
- John the Baptist referred to Jesus as "the Lamb" (John 1:29), Paul referred to Jas as our "Passsover Lamb" (1 Cor 5:7)
- Lamb is Jesus' favorite description of Himself in Revelation (29 times)

Description of the Lamb (5:6)

- Slain- Jesus will bear the marks of crucifixion
- Seven Horns Seven means perfection, horn means authority (power); Jesus appears in the fullness of his authority (power)
- Seven Eyes- (Which are the seven spirits) Jesus appears in the fullness of the Spirit and of knowledge

Location of the Lamb

- Standing- Through Jesus appears as a Lamb was slain, He is standing...a reminder of His VICTORY over sin and death!!
- In the center of the throne, Jesus appears directly to the throne of the God the Father. He is in the center and at the right hand of God. (Romans 8:34, Hebrews 1:3)

Chapter 5 | The Scroll and the Lamb

Adoration of the Lamb (5:8-14)

- The Twenty four elders sang a new song (5:9-10)
- Many angles sang (5:11-12)
- All creation sang (5:13)
- Cherubim (four living creatures) said AMEN (5:14)

Notes: Rev 5:5b Ref from Genesis 49:9-10. Roof of David (Isa. 11:10)

Anyone left behind at this time they can be saved/ accept Jesus as their personal Lord Jesus Christ. There is HOPE. Durning the Trib any time there is hope to accept Jesus. God the Farther is still CALLING for them to come to him.

Chapter 6 | The Seven Seals Judgements

The First Scroll: White Horse (6:1-2) (Antichrist)

- TITLES of the Antichrist- Man of Lawlessness, The Abomination that causes Desolation, The Beast (2 Thess. 2, Rev 13)
- **TRAITS of the Antichrist-** He will blaspheme God oppose God, and exalt himself, he will set himself up in God's Temple proclaiming himself to be God. (2 Thess. 2; Daniel 7,9,11; Rev 19)

The Second Scroll: Red Horse (6:3-4) (War)

Then another horse went out, a fiery red one, and its rider was allowed to take peace from the earth so that people would slaughter one another. And a large sword was given to him. (Revelation 6:4)

• RED is the color of terror and carnage

The Third Scroll: Black Horse (6:5-6) (Famine)

When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and there was a black horse. Its rider held a set of scales in his hand. (Revelation 6:5)

- Quart of wheat for a day's wage- a loaf of bread will cost about \$200 by today's standard
- Oil and Wine idioms for the wealthy (rich)

The Fourth Scroll: Pale (Green) Horse (6:7-8) Death of Unbelievers

...And I looked, and there was a pale green[d] horse. Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following after him. They were[e] given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill by the sword, by famine, by plague, and by the wild animals of the earth. (Revelation 6:8)

- Pale- Green horse
- 4 weapons: Sword (war) famine, plague, and wild beasts
- 1/4 of the world's population dies (1.5+ billion)

Chapter 6 | The Seven Seals Judgements

The Fifth Scroll: Death of some Believers during the Tribulation Period (6:9-11

When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slaughtered because of the word of God and the testimony they had given. (Revelation 6:9)

• During the Trib. Believers die for not worshipping the Beast or not receiving his mark (Rev. 13:15-18)

The Sixth Scroll: Universal Natural Catastrophes (6:12-14)

Then I saw him open the sixth seal. A violent earthquake occurred; the sun turned black like a sackcloth made of hair; the entire moon became like blood red. (Revelation 6:12)

• Earthquakes, volcanic explosions, meteors, asteroids, giant tidal waves.

The Seventh Scroll: Introduction to the Seven Trumpets of Judgment (8:1-2)

When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 2 Then I saw the seven angels who stand in the presence of God; seven trumpets were given to them. (Revelation 8:1-2)

• The 7th SEAL is not another judgment, but the introduction six more judgments in the form of TRUMPETS.

Chapter 7 | The 144,000

Who are the 144,000? (7:1-8)

- They are sealed on their forehands (7:3)
- They are servants of God (7:3)
- They are from all the tribes of Israel (7:4)
- They are **Jewish Believers** who have been redeemed from the earth (14:3) saved during the Tribulation and protected from it.

Who are the Great Multitude in White Robes? (7:9-17)

• **The Trib Saints-** those who were saved during the Tribulation period and martyred (killed) for their faith (also mentioned in 6:9-11)

Chapter 8-9 | The Seven Trumpet Judgments

The First Trumpet Judgment (Rev 8:7)

- 1/3 of the earth burned up
- 1/3 of the tree burned up
- All green grass burned up

The phrase "mixed" with blood probably indicates many will die.

This judgment is similar to one of the plagues of Egypt (Exodus 9:13-26)

The Second Trumpet Judgment (Rev 8:8-9)

- 1/3 of the sea (salt water) becomes blood
- 1/3 of sea life is killed
- 1/3 of sea vessels are destroyed

The huge mountain ablaze may refer to a comet or an asteroid that hits the Earth.

The Third Trumpet Judgment (Rev 8:10-11)

• 1/3 of all fresh water becomes bitter/ bitterness.

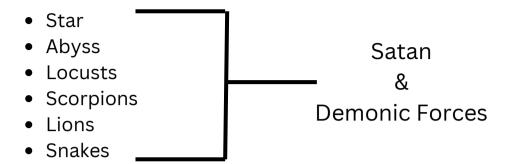
The Fourth Trumpet Judgment (Rev 8:12)

• All light sources are darkened by 1/3.

Jesus said "Then there will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars; and there will be anguish on the earth among nations bewildered by the roaring of the sea and the waves. (Luke 21:25)

Chapter 8-9 | The Seven Trumpet Judgments

The Fifth & Sixth Jumpet Judgment (Revelation 9)



The Fifth Trumpet Judgment (Rev 9:1-11)

 Mankind tortured by demons (except those 144,000 who have been sealed by God)

Star= Satan Ref. Luke 10:18, Isa. 14:12-14; Ezekel 28:12-17 Abyss= Greek, abussos (lit., without depth) Ref. Luke 8:26-31; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6.

Locusts= demons (likened unto scorpions, snakes, lions)
Abaddon= (Hebrew) Apollyon (Greek)= Destroyer (Satan)

The Sixth Trumpet Judgment (Rev 9:12-21)

• 1/3 mankind killed by demons (1.5 billion)

Four Angels- are bound meaning these are fallen angels (demons) those who were not killed still did not repent of their idolatry, murder, drugs, sexual, immorality, theft, and more.

Note: Revelation 9:16 The pain is sooo bad words can't explained how it will feel (Prov. 30:27.) They want big rock/mtn to fall on them.

Seventh Trumpets will be on Revelation chapter 11

Chapter 10 | The Angels and The Little Scroll

The Mighty Angel

- The Identity of the "mighty angel" probably the archangel, Michael (whose name means "Who is Like God".)
- The voice of the seven thunders
- The end of any more delay
- The scroll John was commanded to eat.

Note: Revelation 10:9-11 Bitter= the world, Honey= God is saving people so repent & accept Jesus TODAY!!

Chapter 11 | The Two Witnesses

The Two Witnesses

- Their Location: Jerusalem- where the Temple is located (11:1) and where "their Lorsd was crucified (11:8)
- **Their Commission:** To preach a message of hope/ repentance (11:3-prophecy, = sackcloth
- Their Duration: 1,260 days= 3 ½ years (11:3) using 360 days/ year as in Daniel chapter 9; they preach in the first half of the Tribulation.
- **Their Protection:** Fire comes from their mouths if anyone tries to harm them (11:15)
- Their Identification: PROBABLY Priest Joshua, Governor Zebubabel or Elijah, Mosses. We don't know the answer. (11:6)
- Their Assassination: The Beast (Antichrist) overpowers and kills them after their testimony is finished (11:7)
- Their Celebration: Their bodies will lie in the street of Jerusalem for 3 days while people celebrate their death (11:8-10)
- Their Resurrection & Ascension: They will come to life by the breath of God and ascend to heaven (11:11-12)
- Their Contribution: Many of the survivors become believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, giving "glory to the God of heaven". (11:13b)

The Seventh Trumpet Judgment (Revelation 11:15)

- An announcement that God is going to take over the earth as Judge and King.
- 24 elders (the rapture church) fall on their faces to worship God. This is the third time Revelation says that they did such a thing;
- 1) Chapter 4 Praise God as CREATOR
- 2) Chapter 5 Praise God as REDEEMER
- 3) Chapter 11- Praise God as JUDGE and KING over all the earth.

Chapter 12 | The Woman and the Dragon

Three Main Figures

- 1. The Dragon
- 2. The Male Child
- 3. The Woman

The Dongon (Rev 12:3) is Satab (Rev 12:9)

- 12:3 RED, is symbolic of death, Sayan's ambition.
- 12:3 7 heads, 10 horns, 7 crowns= Satan is behind evil world powers and world kingdom
- 12:4 his tall swept ⅓ of the stars- that may angels rebelled with him

The Male Child (12:5) is JESUS

- **12:5a** who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter (Ref. Psalms 2:7-9, Revelation 2:27, 19:15)
- 12:5b snatched up to heaven- Jesus ascended to heaven after His resurrection and coming again!!

The Woman (12:1) is ISRAEL (Genesis 37:3-11)

Joseph's dream represents the nation of Israel.

Outline for chapter 12-14

- The explanation: of God's redemptive plan through a woman and a child. (Revelation 12)
- The opposition: to that plan by the dragon the beast out of the sea, and the beast out of the earth (Revelation 12-13)
- The proclamation: of that plan by three angels (Revelation 14)

Chapter 13 | The Beast

Five has fallen... (Revelation 17:10)

- 1. Egypt
- 2. Assyria
- 3. Babylonia
- 4. Medo-Persia
- 5. Greece

One is... (Revelation 17:10)

Rome

The other is not yet come... (Revelation 17:10)

Revelation 17, & Daniel 7:24-25

7th Empire: a 10 nation Confederation that includes the Antichrist and rules "for a little while"

The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven.... (Rev 17:11)

From among this 7^{th} the Antichrist ariseto become the 8^{th} and dominates the world for 3 years.

THE ANTICHRIST (Revelation 13:1-10)

The WICKEDNESS (13:2)

The **WOUND** (13:3)

The **WORSHIP** (13:4,8,12)

The **WORDS** (13:5-6)

The **WARFARE** (13:7)

Chapter 13 | The Beast

THE BEAST OUT OF THE SEA (THE ANTICHRIST)

- 1. Sea (13:1)
- 2.10 horns... 7 heads... 10 crowns (13:1) 7th kingdom of 10 nations and becomes an 8th (Rev 17)
- 3. A Fatal wound (13:3)
- 4. Blasphemes God (13:5)
- 5. Make wars against saints and conquer them (13:7), those who become Christian during the Tribulation period spoken of in Revelation 6:9. The 144,000 are divinely protected.
- 6. All the inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast (13:8) (except for believers who will die for their testimony/ faith) (Revelation 13:15, 20:4)

THE BEAST OUT OF THE EARTH (THE FALSE PROPHET)

- 1. "Another" Greek, allows (another of the same kind)
- 2. "Two horns" 2 is the number for testimony; horn for authority/power.
- 3. "Like a lamb...like a dragon" lamb represents religion; dragon represents deception.
- 4. Derives his power and authority from the Antichrist
- 5. "Made" people worship the Beast (Antichrist)
- 6. "Performed great and miraculous signs" Matthew 24:24.
- 7. "Forced everyone...to receive a mark...666" those who refused the mark were killed/ die.

Chapter 14 | The Lamb and the 144,000

THE THREE ANGELS.

1. The First Angel (Revelation 14:6-7)

- Proclaims the gospel to all people on the earth.
- Exhort people to "fear God and to worship Him."
- Warns of God's judgment
- Declares God as Creator.

2. The Second Angels (Revelation 14:8)

• Predicts the fall of "Babylon the Great."

3. The Third Angel (Revelation 14:9-11)

- Warns of God's judgment coming upon the inhabitants of the earth who have:
- 1. Worship the Beast and his image
- 2. Received the mark of the Beast
- Their torment is central (Ref. Rev 20:10, Mark 9:49.)

REVELATION 14:14-20

Jesus is the one "like a son of man: (Rev 14:14, Rev 1:13, Dan 7:13).

He comes-

- Seated upon a white cloud (Purity)
- Wearing a golden crown (Victory)
- Holding a sharp sickle (Authority/Power)

Two Aspects of the Final Harvest (14:14-20)

- 1st Part- of the earth (verse 15, the Wheat)
- 2nd Part- of the earth's vine (verse 18, the Grapes)

This is a harvest of destruction; judgment of nonbelievers (Revelation 14:17-20).

Chapter 15-16 | The Seven Bowl Judgments

REVELATION 15

Introduction to the Bowl of Judgments of Revelation 16.

THE FIRST BOWL JUDGMENT

Ugly and painful sores break out on all who have the mark of the beast.

THE SECOND BOWL JUDGMENT

The sea turns into blood; every living thing in the sea dies

THE THIRD BOWL JUDGMENT

The rivers and streams become blood; drinking water is polluted

THE FOURTH BOWL JUDGMENT

People are scorched by the intense heat of the sun

THE FIFTH BOWL JUDGMENT

Darkness covers "the kingdom of the beast".

THE SIXTH BOWL JUDGMENT

The Euphrates River dries up; demons entice kings of the East to wage war against Israel in Har Megiddo (Armageddon)

THE SEVENTH BOWL JUDGMENT

A severe earthquake splits Jerusalem into three parts; topography of the earth changes; 100 pound hailstones fall upon men.

Chapter 17 | The Woman and the Beast

THE WOMAN ON THE BEAST (REVELATION 17)

- The woman is called a prostitute three times (17:1, 15,16), and she is associated with Babylon (17:5)
- Babylon historically was the center for idolatry (Ref. Genesis 10:8-12, 11:1-9, 9:1)

THE WOMAN represents a false, world religion that rises on the back of the Antichrist and seduces the nations

- Verse 17:1 She "sits on many waters (see 17:15) Global Influence.
- Verse 17:2 With her the kings of the earth committed adultery. False Religion (which is Spiritual Adultery)
- Verse 17:3 She is sitting on a scarlet beast Rose to Prominence with the Antichrist.
- Verse 17:4 She is dressed in purple and scarlet, glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls- Associated with Wealth and Royalty
- Verse 17:5- her Title.

MYSTERY
BABYLON THE GREAT
THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES
AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH

- Verse 17:6 She was drunk with the blood of the saints. Promoted Through Violence against Believers.
- Verse 17:9 Ahe sits on seven hills which are seven kings or kingdoms-Associated with Political System.
- Verse 17:16-17 The beast and ten horns will hate the prostitute and bring her to ruin. Overthrown and Replaced so that the Antichrist rules and is worshiped.

Chapter 18 | The Fallen Babylon

Fall of Babylon (Revelation 18)

- Revelation 17 Spiritual Babylon represents the world's religious system
- Revelation 18- Commercial Babylon represents the world economic system

Chapter 17- Spiritual Babylon: Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Prostitutes and the Abomination of the Earth.

Chapter 18- Commercial Babylon: Babylon the Great.

Similarities between Spiritual and Commercial Babylon

- 1. Both are under the rule of the Antichrist
- 2. Both are ruling like royalty and filled with blasphemy
- 3. Both hate and kill God's people
- 4. Both are under the judgment of God

Chapter 17- Babylon is a woman guilty of religious evil Chapter 18- Babylon is a city guilty of commercial greed

Chapter 17- Religious Babylon is destroyed by Antichrist Chapter 18- Commercial Babylon is destroyed by God

Identifying "Babylon the Great"...

• Is both a **System** and a **City**

Chapter 19 | The Second Coming of Christ

Second Coming of JESUS CHRIST!!!!

I heard.... Revelation 19:1

• Heaven rejoices over the destruction of the great prostitute

I heard.... Revelation 19:6

• Heaven rejoicing over the wedding of the Lamb.

I saw.... Revelation 19:11

• The Second Coming of Jesus with the saints!

I saw.... Revelation 19:17

• The destruction of the armies gathered for war at Armageddon.

I saw... Revelation 19:19

 The punishment of the Antichrist (The Beast) and False Prophet in the Lake of Fire.

Contrast of the First and Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

First Coming Second Coming

- Gentle, riding on a donkey (Matthew 21:5)
- Weeping (Luke 19:41
- Wearing a crown of thorns (Matthew 27:29)
- Jesus' blood on His enemies (Matthew 27:25)

- Making war, riding on a white horse (Rev. 19:11)
- Eyes ablaze with Fire (Rev. 19:12)
- Wearing many crowns (Rev. 19:12)
- His enemies' blood on Jesus (Rev. 19:13 & 15)

Chapter 20 | The Thousand Years

3 Views of the Millennial Reign

1. Amillennial (Symbolic)

The 1000 years are symbolic for the Church age- the period in which we are presently living; Satan is currently bound; as people get saved, they are part of the 1st resurrection; the 2nd resurrection will take place when Jesus returns at the end of the Tribulation and judges the dead (Augustine held to this view)

• **Problem with this view:** Satan is not currently bound! (1 Peter 5:8-9)

2. Postmillennial (Literal)

Christ returns after the 1,000 years; the 1,000 years are literal years, and are believed to be the most evangelistic years leading up to Christ's return

• **Problem with this View:** 1 Tim 4:1 and Matthew 24:10 tell us that the time preceding Christ's return will not be evangelistic but a time of apostasy

3. Premillennial (Literal)

Jesus Christ returns at the end of the seven years of Tribulation to establish His Kingdom on earth for 1,000 years. Thus, Jesus returns before the 1,000 years, during which time believers will rule and reign with Him

• This is our view and the only one we consider biblically sound.

Chapter 20 | The Thousand Years

At the end of the Tribulation Period.

Jesus Christ will return to establish His Kingdom on earth for 1,000 years, during which time believers will rule and reign with Him. The following characteristics will mark that millennial period:

- Satan is bound for 1,000 years (Rev 20:1-3)
- Tribulation saints are resurrected (Rev 20:4)
- Christians will rule and reign with Jesus (Rev 20:6)
- Survivors of the Trib. are judged (Matt 25:31-46)
- A time of Righteousness & Peace (Isa. 2:1-5)
- A time of Tame Animals (Isa. 11:1-10)
- A time of Longevity (Isa 65:19-25)
- A time of Worshipping Jesus in Jerusalem (Zech 14:16-21)

Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15)

- 1. For Unbelievers
- 2. Like a courtroom scene, with a few noticeable differences
- There will be no debate about guilt or innocence
- There will be a prosecutor but no defense
- There will be a judge, but no jury
- There will be sentencing without appeal
- There will be punishment without parole

Chapter 21 | The New Jerusalem

THE NEW JERUSALEM (Revelation 21)

- 1. Rev 21:3- God will be present
- 2. Rev 21:4- All of our sorrow will be absent (NO MORE!!!!!)
- 3. Rev 21:7- Believer will be present
- 4. Rev 21:8- Sinners will be absent
- 5. Rev 21:11,23- The light will be bright (with God's glory)
- 6. Rev 21:12- The wall will be high and wide (with 12 gates)
- 7. Rev 21:14- The foundation will be deep (with 12 layers)
- 8. Rev 21:16- The city will be large (about 1,500 miles square)
- 9. Rev 21:18-21- The city will be beautiful (with every precious stone)

Chapter 22 | A NEW HOPE, NEW EARTH & NEW HEAVEN!!

THE HOLY CITY, THE NEW JERUSALEM

The description of the city

-Beautiful; adorned with precious stone

The population in the city

-Believers are in present and Unbelievers are absent

The invitation to the city

-Whoever is thirsty, let him come.... (Revelation 22:17b)

Water of life (Rev 21:6, 22:1, 22:17)

Tree of life (Rev 2:7, 22:2, 22:14, 22:19)

I am coming soon (Rev 22:7, 22:12,22:20)

The Seven Blessings of Revelation

- 1. Revelation 1:3
- 2. Revelation 14:13
- 3. **Revelation 16:15**
- 4. Revelation 19:8
- 5. **Revelation 20:6**
- 6. Revelation 22:7
- 7. **Revelation 22:14**