

Revelation Overview

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Revelation

- What does it mean ?
- Why should I read it ?
- Why should I study it ?
- Is it important to me?

These are the questions I hope to answer for you tonight

Revelation – What does it mean?

- Greek word that titles this book is *APO-KALUPSIS* It is sometimes placed together as Apocalypse in English
- Two words
 - APO => means “away from”
 - Kalupsis => “ a covering”

Away from a covering or an uncovering or a revealing or a revelation.

God intended this book to reveal to us something He wants us to understand.

A few facts

- Written by John, the Apostle
- Written approximately 95 a.d.
- Written from the Island of Patmos, after being banished by Roman Emperor Domitian
- Peter, James, Paul and others of the 12 are all gone
- John has written his Gospel just a few years before
- Last book in NT canon...

Revelation – *Why should I read it?*

- 3 key reasons, because of:
 - Why it was written
 - Who provided it
 - Something promised to those who read, hear, and pay attention to it.
- Let's take a look at the prologue of the book of Revelation and see what it "reveals to us"

I alluded to this earlier when I mentioned God wanted us to know some things in it, but these questions will clarify it for us. We will get this directly from reading the prologue of Revelation.

Prologue

Rev 1:1-3 - Prologue

- 1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,
- 2 who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.
- 3 Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because *the time is near.*

This book is different in many ways from the other books of the Bible, It is the only prophetic book in the New Testament, and it is full of symbolism and visions.

It is also different in that it is Christ's revelation to US, given by God to Jesus to give to us to show the believers what is to come.

So we see it was written to show us what is to come. We also see that Christ sent his angel to show John what to write...and that it is the very word of God and testimony of Jesus Christ. This alone makes it important for every believer to get familiar with what it says.

...because the time is near.

We also see in verse 3, two more reasons for us. It provides us a blessing from God if we READ Revelation, and we are doubly blessed if we hear it and take it to heart (become obedient to it and live it)

The time is near... I really believe this. We did a study a few months ago on the 2nd coming so those of you who came to that know what I believe about that time.

No other book in the NT gives us a blessing if we read and hear and take it to heart. It is special to the LORD and it should be special to us. Of the 4 questions we asked earlier:

What does it mean ?

Why should I read it ?

Why should I study it ?

Is it important to me?

I think we have answered them fully in the first 3 verses of the book.

Subjects in Revelation

- No way to cover all the detail in this book in a single session. I have done a verse by verse study of Revelation and it took 25 weeks.
 - *See church website for audio of these lessons*
- We will cover tonight the key sections of the book and some things to understand as you read it.



Book of Revelation

If you have a high speed internet service such as DSL or a Cable modem, you can either right-click the lesson titles and Save the files on your computer or double-click and wait for the audio to get ready to listen through your computer.

Audio mp3 Lessons

1. **Revelation 1** - Intro and Chapter 1
2. **Revelation 2a** - August 26, 2007
3. **Revelation 2b** - September 2, 2007
4. **Revelation 3a** - Sept 9, 2007
5. **Revelation 3b** - Sept 16, 2007
6. **Revelation 4** - Sept 23, 2007
7. **Revelation 5** - Sept 30, 2007

Before we start... there is no way to handle the depth and study material available in the short time we have now, so I want to tell you that more is available on the Church website to you. See the pictures above to see how to access this information.

Key sections of Revelation

- Section 1 – Prologue/ Doxology/ Opening
 - Revelation Chapter 1
- Section 2 – Letters to the 7 churches
 - Revelation Chapters 2 & 3
- Section 3 – Visions from Heaven about the end of times and Christ's ultimate victory
 - Revelation Chapters 4-22

When you take a look at Revelation, you might consider it in 3 main sections. The **first section** is critical to understand the what and why of the book, as well as its importance to us. We have just discussed that.

The **second section** is more personal instruction to seven churches in Asia Minor, from the Lord himself. We all pray for God's guidance and for specific things for us to do and to stop doing. These churches get this instruction from Jesus' POV and not man's. Most interpreters of Revelation believe these churches were not only literal churches with problems that needed to be addressed, but also represent the 7 types of churches we see in our time. We will take a quick look at that as well.

Section 3 of the book changes scenery and focus...from earth...to Heaven. John is writing down what he sees in the language and metaphors of the day to tell us what Jesus has prepared for us to know. This section is the most complex part of the book, but I suggest that you read it two times...the first for the overall impressions and spirit guidance of the "big picture", then come back later with a good commentary or the audio lessons to get the deeper perspective and fuller picture of Revelation. This way you can understand the overall communication without the full detail of the visions and sequence of events. As I have heard Dr Gaines say, when a young child has accepted Christ as Savior, "they come without the full knowledge of complex things like Revelation, but with the understanding that Jesus loves them and died for their sins". As a Bible teacher, I agree with that for sure, but I also believe that Revelation is profitable for each of us to study and let the Spirit speak to us. My hope tonight is to get you excited enough to embark on a study of Revelation yourself.

Back to Section 3...it provides a panoramic view of the end times events, Heaven, the judgments, the victory of God and Christ, the New Jerusalem, the Millennium and the demise of Satan and his followers. What we do not see in Revelation is mention of the Rapture of the church. The Rapture is found in Paul's letter to the Thessalonians

1 Thess 4:13-18

The Coming of the Lord

13 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.

14 We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

15 According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

18 Therefore encourage each other with these words.

I believe this event occurs at the beginning of the 7 year period called the Tribulation and kicks off the events portrayed in Revelation Chapter 4 and beyond. Scripture tells us we (the believers) will be delivered from the end times before the really bad stuff occurs, and we will return with Christ when he comes again for the second coming and rides the white horse at the end.

Section 1 Discussion

Greetings and doxology

- 4 John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne,
5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.
7 Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.
8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

One like a Son of Man

- 9 I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.
10 On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,
11 which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."
12 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands,
13 and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.
14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire.
15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.
16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.
17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.
18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.
19 " Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. 20The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels] of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Reading the prologue will give us a view of how God introduces this book and what we can expect.

Section 2 – Letters to 7 Churches

- Who are they ?
 - Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea
- What they represent
- What are the key messages ?
- Which one are we ?
- What can we do to be better?
- Key passages to discuss

We have talked about these churches representing today's church types, so let's take a look at each quickly and see what we can learn. I have included some detail sheets that we are not reviewing but you can review yourselves as you have time, and have summarized the church messages. All of these church letters are in Chapters 2 and 3 and represent a powerful message to today's churches throughout the world

The Letters to the Seven Churches					
Church / Verse	Christ's Desc	Positives	Negatives	Exhortation	Promises
Ephesus 2:1-7	Holds the 7 stars and walks among the 7 lampstands	Deeds, Hard work, perseverance. Does not tolerate wicked men. Endures Hardships and hates the practices of the Nicolaitans	Has forsaken her first Love	Remember and Repent: Do the things you did at first	Will eat from the tree of life
Smyrna 2:8-11	The first and the last, who died and came to life again	Suffering church under persecution and poverty	NONE	Do not be afraid. Be faithful, even unto death	Will receive a Crown of Life and will not be hurt by 2nd Death
Pergamum 2:12-17	Has the sharp, double edged sword	Remains true to Christ and has not renounced her faith	Some there hold to wrong teachings of Balaam and Nicolaitans	Repent	Will receive hidden Manna and a white stone with a new name on it
Thyatira 2:18-29	Son of God whose eyes like blazing fire and feet like burnished brass	Deeds, love, faith, perseverance...doing more than at first	Tolerates Jezebel with her wickedness and immorality	Repent and hold on to what you have	Will have authority over the Nations and will have the Morning Star (Christ)
Sardis 3:1-6	Holds the 7 spirits of God and the 7 stars	Deeds, and reputation of being alive	Really Dead	Wake Up! And strengthen what remains. Remember what you received, obey and repent	Will be dressed in white and acknowledged before my Father and the Angels
Philadelphia 3:7-13	Holy and True. Holds the key of David	Deeds, keeps Christ's word and does not deny His Name but endures patiently	NONE	Hold on to what you have	Overcomers will be pillars in the temple. The name of God of the New Jerusalem and Christ's new name will be written on them
Laodicea 3:14-22	The Amen, The Faithful and True Witness, the Ruler of God's creation	NONE	LUKEWARM- Wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked	Buy from Christ refined Gold, white clothes, eye saksve, Be earnest and repent	Overcomers will eat with Christ and will rule with Christ

We will take a quick view of the churches, but in view of churches today I want to highlight several

The **legalistic church** (Ephesus) that follow all the rules but has forgotten Love and Grace

The **Suffering but pure church** (Smyrna> myrrh- sweet fragrance to the Lord). Not strong or rich in earthly standards but Rich in the Lord

The **Church that does not police its teachings and teach the true faith** (Pergamum)

The **church that tolerates open blatant sin**, especially idolatry and sexuality (Thyatira)

The **DEAD church** (Sardis)...looks outwardly alive but is dead spiritually

'Philadelphia- The **faithful, Holy, and True church**

The **Lukewarm church** – Laodicea, not excited about anything. The Who cares church. God will spit them out

To the church at Ephesus

Revelation 2

1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands:

2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false.

3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

4 Yet I hold this against you: *You have forsaken your first love.*

5 Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

6 But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Ephesus – lost Love. In this letter to the church in Ephesus, John writes Jesus' praises and criticisms of the Ephesians. This church has lots of visits by Paul, an individual letter from Paul, and was later pastored by John.

Angel> messenger>pastor

Lamp stands> churches themselves, holding up the light (Jesus)

Stars>Angels>messengers>pastors

Ephesus was an orthodox church that knew what they believed, and practiced all the aspects of Christianity including endurance, and perseverance, but they had lost the love of the fellowship to each other and to those outside of the church. We see lots of churches today that fit this profile...Good orthodoxy but without love.

To the Church in Smyrna

Chapter 2

8 "To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.

9 I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. *Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.

Smyrna – a church called to suffer for the Lord. They might be poor and under attack, but they are rich in God's sight. They will suffer more, but Christ encourages them to be faithful for the crown of life. They will not suffer in the second death.

To the Church in Pergamum

Chapter 2

- 12 "To the angel of the church in Pergamum write:
These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword.
- 13 I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.
- 14 Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality.
- 15 Likewise you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.
- 16 Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.
- 17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

Pergamum – the church that tolerates Sin. It lies in Satan's strong hold and is besieged by Satan, yet they have remained true to Jesus. There are those within the fellowship that are missing the mark and teaching immorality and elevating idol worship holding to the teachings of Balaam and the Nicolaitans.

Jesus tells them to repent of their immorality and idol worship. He will come with the sword of his mouth (He can pronounce judgment with his mouth and it is done...) Pergamum represents the church that allow heresy in its midst and they are in the sea of wickedness. I think of the pervasiveness of evil within the church today, like homosexuality, and the acceptance of abortion by "Christians". This is really the church that looks the other way with sin all around it.

Hidden Manna> Christ's deeper teachings

White Stone with a new name on it, known only to him who receives it> Not totally clear, but believed to be a name chosen for us by Christ, and personal between us and Christ... perhaps a secret word from the Lord.

To the church in Thyatira

Revelation 2:

- 18 "To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:
These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze.
- 19 I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.
- 20 Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.
- 21 I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling.
- 22 So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways.
- 23 I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.
- 24 Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets (I will not impose any other burden on you):
- 25 Only hold on to what you have until I come.
- 26 To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—
- 27 He will rule them with an iron scepter;
he will dash them to pieces like pottery'— just as I have received authority from my Father.
- 28 I will also give him the morning star.
- 29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Thyatira- the church that allows **gross immorality** in its **teaching and fellowship**.

How many churches and/or denominations that permit and overlook gross and serious sin within the fellowship. Whether it is open sexual immorality, wanton disregard for God's word, or the encouragement of sin like abortion, and abuse of children. God is patient but will not forget these sins and punishment will follow.

To the Church in Sardis

Chapter 3

1 "To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

2 Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God.

3 Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

4 Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy.

5 He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.

6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Sardis- the dead church. They go through the motions of a church but they are spiritually dead. They need to strengthen what remains and get back on the right track. God will preserve those who are worthy, even in a dead church. Nothing good about them, only spiritual death.

To the Church in Philadelphia

Rev Chapter 3

7 "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.

8 I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

9 I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.

10 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

11 I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

12 Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.

13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Church in Philadelphia – Faithful church with the Open door that no one can shut. They are not strong but they have kept the faith and have not denied Jesus name. He will hold open the door for them so they can witness to others.

To the Church in Laodicea

Rev Chapter 3

14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.

15 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!

16 So, because you are **lukewarm**—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

17 You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.

20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

21 To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Laodicea- the lukewarm church. Too rich to need anything and too comfortable to feel any need to do anything for God's sake. His counsel is to do something to earn the refined (in the fire of service) Gold, and stop sinning so they can wear the white clothes of righteousness, and spiritual salve so they can see through the eyes of faith.

Section 3 – A Heavenly Vision

- Scene moves from earth to Heaven
 - Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and there before me was *a door standing open in heaven*. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "*Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.*"
- Key parts of vision
 - The Throne
 - Worthy is the Lamb
 - The King is Coming
 - Satan is defeated
 - Call to church / believers

Section 3 is an important section to get a few things straight before you study them. First, the scene shifts from earth to Heaven. This is important. To understand some of the scenes you must understand that John is a very old man, and has spent his whole adult life following Jesus, teaching Jesus, and trusting Jesus. Now what he thinks, and what he believes, and what he has lived his whole life to support is getting tested by an Angel who has taken him to Heaven to see the future. Also, remember John is a man who lived in a time without the knowledge we have today of the complete Bible, but he has the advantage of being a real live **witness** to Jesus and living in a most exciting time to be a Christian.

Let's look at the overall sequence of events before we look at the key parts

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I am only showing you these so you can see what each chapter provides information covering.

The Throne

Rev 4:2-11

2 At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.

3 And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne.

4 Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.

5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God.

6 Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back.

7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.

8 Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever,

10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

This is a fantastic scene. The main throne with 24 other thrones around it, Beautiful stones and rainbow around the main throne and 24 elders on the ring. Flashes of lightning, sea of glass, clear as crystal with 4 living beings (Cherubs)...with faces that represent the 4 apostle writers (Matthew-Lion, Luke-Ox, Mark- Man, John- Flying Eagle).

All singing, and worshipping the Lord

Revelation 5 – Worthy is the Lamb

The Scroll and the Lamb

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" ³**But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.** ⁴**I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.** ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. ...

⁹And they sang a new song:

*"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased men for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.*

¹⁰*You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth."*

¹¹Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹²In a loud voice they sang:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!"

Scene advances to Chapter 5. Remember John's life and the things to keep in Mind, namely John's whole life worshipping Jesus and living for Him.

The King is coming...

Rev 19

The Rider on the White Horse

¹¹I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called **Faithful and True**. With justice he judges and makes war. ¹²His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴**The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.** ¹⁵Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

¹⁷And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, ¹⁸so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great."

¹⁹Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. ²⁰But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. ²¹The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Many chances, and many failure to repent, and finally the Lord begins the final judgment of Earth. (all the believers are long ago raptured out and only the believers that have come to the Lord in the Tribulation period remain. This is the final scene in the battle of Armageddon.

Satan is defeated and Judgment comes

Rev 20
Satan's Doom

⁷When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. ⁹They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰**And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.**

The Dead Are Judged

¹¹Then I saw a great **white throne** and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹²**And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.** ¹³The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. ¹⁴Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵**If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

After the defeat of Satan, the 1000 (Millennium) year reign begins and Christ rules the earth, but then Satan is released for the final judgment, what we call the **Great White Throne Judgment**.

Call to the church and the believers...

Revelation 22

The River of Life

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the **tree of life**, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³**No longer will there be any curse.** The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. ⁶The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

Jesus Is Coming

⁷"Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book."

We close Revelation with the Call to the Church and all believers...

Final Thoughts...

¹⁰Then he told me, "**Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book**, because the time is near. ¹¹Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy."

¹²"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

¹⁴"**Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.** ¹⁵Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. ¹⁹And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰He who testifies to these things says, "**Yes, I am coming soon.**"

Amen. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

He says the churches "let all who have an ear, listen..." and "Come"

He says to us "Yes, I am coming soon"

We say... "**Whoever is thirsty, let him come, and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.**"

"**Come Lord Jesus**"

Seven Beatitudes in Revelation

Rev 1:3 Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Rev 14:13 Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

Rev 16:15 "Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed."

Rev 19:9 Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!' " And he added, "These are the true words of God."

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Rev 22:7 "Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book."

Rev 22:14 "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.