

REVELATION REVEALED – HIS GLORIOUS KINGDOM
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Introduction Part 1
5-16-21

Text: Revelation 1:3

1. Various methods of interpretation

1a. “Non-literal” or “allegorical” approach – Symbolic

References to the on-going conflict between good and evil – the Kingdom of God vs. the kingdom of darkness. Specific references not to be taken literally.

1b. The “preterist” approach

Symbolic of the struggle of the early church against the forces of Judaism and the paganism of the Roman Empire.

1c. The “historical” approach

Symbolic presentation of the entire history of the church on earth from the first century to the second coming of Christ. Emphasis on past world leaders as fulfillment of specific characters in Revelation.

1d. The “futuristic” approach

Regards content of chapters 4-19 as future events just preceding the second coming of Christ.

1e. Revelation Apocalyptic Style (picture)

The term “apocalyptic” means to unfold the future or reveal things which are concealed.

1f. Symbolism

Symbolism occurs throughout scripture as a vehicle for divine revelation. The Book of Revelation contains more symbols than any other New Testament book.

1g. Main Theme of Revelation

Jesus Christ is alive and leading His church to eternal victory!

2. Chapter 1 - Introduction

2a. The Revelation—unveiling, making known (the glory of the Risen King) v. 1

2b. To show His bond servants all that John heard and saw v. 2

2c. “The Promise” Blessed is he who

- Reads

- Hears

- Heeds

.....the words of this prophecy v. 3

2d. Written to the “Church” - represented by the seven Churches of Asia v. 4

2e. From Jesus Christ—“He who is, who was, and who is to come

2f. A reminder of our redemption and purpose v. 5,6

2g. Promise of His return v. 7,8

3. John’s Vision and Focus

3a. A prisoner on Patmos v. 9

3b. The charge: “Write what you see.” v. 10, 11

3c. To the seven churches of Asia v. 11

3d. The vision of Jesus v. 12-15

3e. The seven lampstands—seven stars v. 16

3f. The glorious, Eternal King, head of His church v. 17-20

REVELATION REVEALED Part 2
“Letters - Message to the Churches”
5-23-21

Text: Revelation Chapter 2 and 3

1. The Author of the Letters - Jesus

- 1a. The one who holds the seven stars v. 2:1
- 1b. The FIRST and LAST, who was dead but now lives v. 8
- 1c. The one who has the sharp two-edged sword v. 12
- 1d. The Son of God, who has eyes of fire - feet of burnished bronze v. 18
- 1e. He who has the fullness of the Spirit v. 3:1
- 1f. He who is holy and true - has the key of David - authority to open and close v. 3:7
- 1g. The Amen, Faithful and True Witness - the beginning of God’s creation v. 3:14

2. “I know your deeds....” The Commendations

- 2a. Toil and perseverance - lack of tolerance for evil men and false leaders
- 2b. Steadfast in the face of tribulation and financial poverty
- 2c. You hold fast your testimony even in the face of death
- 2d. I know your love, faith, service, and perseverance
- 2e. You have a little power and have kept my word

3. “I have these things against you....” (Correction needed)

- 3a. Return to your “first love” (passion and zeal for Jesus v. 2:4
- 3b. You tolerate and refuse to correct those who teach false doctrine - (Balaam and the Nicolaitans) 2:14
- 3c. You tolerate the false prophetess, Jezebel v. 2:20
- 3d. Wake up - be spiritually alert - strengthen your weak areas v. 3:2
- 3e. Don’t be “lukewarm” - trusting in the wealth of this world. Seek the riches of the Kingdom v. 3:15

4. The Solution: Repent!

- 4a. Remember where you once were spiritually and return v. 2:5
- 4b. Be faithful until death v. 2:10
- 4c. Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit v. 2:17
- 4d. Remember the true teaching of God's Word and keep it v. 3:3
- 4e. Those whom I love I will reprove and discipline therefore be zealous and repent v. 3:19

5. The Promise of Great Reward

- 5a. We will eat of the tree of life in the paradise of God v. 2:7
- 5b. We will not be hurt by the second death v. 2:11
- 5c. We will receive hidden manna - a white stone of forgiveness (acquittal) - a new eternal name v. 2:17
- 5d. Authority to rule with Jesus over the nations v. 2:26
- 5e. Given white garments—named in the "Book of Life" Jesus calls our name before the Father v. 3:5
- 5f. Made to be a pillar in God's heavenly temple - Eternal presence in the New Jerusalem v. 3:12
- 5g. Permission to sit with Jesus on His throne v. 3:21

REVELATION REVEALED Part 3
“Jesus Addresses False Teaching”
5-31-21

Text: Revelation 2:12-16, 6, 18-25

1. The “Teaching of Balaam” - Revelation 2:12-16 (14)

1a. Background on Balaam: A real prophet, sought God, heard from God (Numbers 22-25)

1b. Started out obeying God

1c. Had a compromising heart

1d. Desired the earthly reward

*Effects of Balaam’s doctrine today:

- Compromising God’s Word to: Gain wealth, please man, achieve success, gratify fleshly lusts

- Causes God’s people to stumble (sin) Numbers 31:16

2. Teaching Of The Nicolaitans Revelation 2:15, 6

2a. Possible Gnostic doctrine which encouraged
“licentiousness” - fleshly excess Jude 3-4
“antinomianism” - lawlessness

2b. Possible reference to the separation of clergy and laity in the church III John 9-10

- Exultation of leaders and the debasing of the
common believer

*Effects in the church today -

- Promotes an over-emphasis on personal freedoms

- Lack of spiritual disciplines

3. The Woman Jezebel Revelation 2:18-24

3a. Based on Jezebel from I & II Kings Rev. 2:20-25

3b. She killed the prophets of God and introduced Israel to Baal worship

3c. The Jezebel spirit is a type of demonic spirit that resembles the evil characteristics of ancient Jezebel

3d. Manifests through women or men

*Common Traits: Flourishes around weak leadership

Proud - Arrogant

Self-Centered - Narcissistic

Seeks attention

Extremely demanding & manipulative

Lustful & seductive - Immoral

Demands its own way

Subtly undermines God's authority & leadership

Seeks to replace truth with error

*Effects of the Jezebel Spirit Today:

Lawlessness - disdain for God's Word

Mocking the people of God

Promoting gross immorality, abortion, homosexuality

Attempts to dominate and control peoples' lives

REVELATION REVEALED Part 4
"The Door Opened to Heaven"
6-6-21

Text: Revelation 4 and 5

Theme: A glimpse into the throne room of Heaven and prophetic revelation begins.

1. The Scene In Heaven Unfolds Chapter 4:1-2

1a. The open door

1b. The invitation - "Come up here....."

1c. "I will show you what must take place....."

1d. "One sat on the throne"

2. The Heavenly Characters vs. 3-7

2a. He who sits on the throne - Father God

2b. Smaller thrones - the twenty-four elders

2c. Four living creatures - Jesus seen as:

Lion - The King (The Tribe of Judah)

Calf/Ox - Humble servant

Man - The perfect man

Eagle - Ruler of the Heavens

3. Worship in Heaven Ch. 4:8-11

3a. Worship from the four living creatures

3b. Worship from the twenty-four elders

3c. To Him who lives forever and ever

4. The Book - Seven-Sealed Scroll Ch. 5:1-7

4a. In the hand of God the Father

4b. The angel's question: "Who is worthy to open...."

4c. John's despair and the elders' response

4d. The Lion (appearing as a slain lamb) -Jesus is worthy to open the Book

4e. The Book (scroll) - Title deed to all of God's eternal purposes

REVELATION REVEALED Part 5

"Four Horsemen, Six Seals"

6-13-21

Text: Revelation 6:1-17

Intro: Review Chapters 4-5, The door to Heaven opens, the Lamb is worthy to open the scroll

1. The Four Horsemen vs. 1-8

1a. The White Horse (first seal) vs. 1-2

- Symbolizing the false Christ, false religion, spiritual deception

- Jesus warns of false Christs - Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 23-24

- The great delusion - II Thess. 2:8-11

1b. The Red Horse (second seal) vs. 3-4

- Symbolizing war, social and civil upheaval, terrorism

- Rider has a "great sword" - Matt. 24:6-8

1c. The Black Horse (third seal) vs. 5-6
- Famine, global food shortage

1d. The Pale Horse (fourth seal) vs. 7-8
- Death by murders, rioting and anarchy, disease, wild beasts

2. The Fifth Seal - The Cry of the Martyrs vs. 9-11

- Those killed for their faith from all the ages await God's righteous judgment
- Given white robes (representing purity and victory)
- Told to rest "a little while longer"
 - God patiently delays the Final Judgment to give evil doers the opportunity to repent
- Jesus warns in Matt. 10:17-22 - "many will be betrayed to death"

3. The Sixth Seal - A Cosmic Catastrophe vs. 12-16

- Uncommon natural disasters bringing fear and terror
- People of all economic and social classes impacted
- "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"

4. "The great day of His wrath has come..." v. 17

REVELATION REVEALED Part 6
"The Rapture: God's Mercy"
6-27-21

Text: Revelation 7:1-17

Intro: Review Chapter 6, Six Seals -

1. White Horse - False Christ
2. Red Horse - War, Lack of Peace
3. Black Horse - Famine
4. Pale Horse - Death
5. Martyrs
6. Natural Disasters

1. A Great Pause in Heaven! The Scene Changes vs. 7:1-3

- 1a. The angels told to wait - "Do not harm the earth"
- 1b. The sealing of the 144,000
 - 1c. God's missionaries to the Jewish nation and the world
 - 1d. Supernaturally protected by God

2. A Great Multitude of Saints in Heaven - The Rapture vs. 7:9-17

The Rapture – “catching away”

I Thessalonians 4:17

17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

I Thessalonians 5:9

9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

REVELATION REVEALED Part 7
“Seven Trumpets - A Call to Repentance”
7-4-21

Text: Revelation 8-10

Intro: Review Chapter 7 - the 144,000 and the Rapture of the Church

1. The Seventh Seal - The Beginning of the Seven Trumpets Ch. 8:1-5

1a. Seven Angels - Seven Trumpets

1b. The Angel with the golden censor

1c. Incense - the prayers of the Saints - a cry for justice on the earth

1d. Fire from the altar thrown down to the earth

2. The Trumpets Start to Sound Ch. 8:7-13

Trumpets: a warning signal and summons to repentance

2a. First Trumpet - 1/3 of the earth burned up - hail, fire, blood (Vegetation struck) v. 7

2b. Second Trumpet - Burning mountain cast into the sea (Sea struck) v. 8

2c. Third Trumpet - A star pollutes 1/3 of the rivers (Waters struck) v. 10

2d. Fourth Trumpet - 1/3 of the sun, moon, and stars darkened (Heavens struck) v. 12

2e. The eagle flying - announces three “woes” which are the last three trumpets v. 13

3. The Final Three Trumpets - God’s Wrath Intensifies Ch. 9

3a. Fifth Trumpet - A star falls from Heaven v. 1-5

- A key given to the “bottomless pit”

- Smoke & locusts (demonic beings) rise from the pit under the direction of “Abaddon,”
destruction), “Apollyon” (destroyer) v. 11

3b. The Sixth Trumpet - “Army from the East” v. 13-16

- Preparation for the Battle of Armageddon
- Death and destruction go before them
- Earth dwellers refuse to repent vs. 20-21

3c. Five prominent activities on the earth in the last days v. 20-21

- Worship of demons and idols
- Murders
- Sorceries
- Immorality
- Theft

4. A Strong (Mighty) Angel with the "Little Book" Chapter 10

4a. A strong angel from Heaven vs. 1

- A cloud, a rainbow, a face like the sun, feet like pillars of fire

4b. The small book - open v. 2

- A foot on the sea and the land
- A voice like a lion - like thunder
- Seal up the things (words) spoken (mystery)
- God's judgment will delay no longer v. 6
- Announcement of the 7th angel (trumpet) v. 7
- The mystery of God is finished

4c. John is told to eat the book vs. 10-11

- Sweet in your mouth - salvation
- Bitter in your stomach - judgment
- John told to prophesy concerning the things to come

REVELATION REVEALED Part 8
"The Beginning of the End"
7-11-21

Text: Revelation 11-13

Review: Chapters 8-10

Chapter 8, 9 - First Six Trumpets

1. Hail and fire mixed with blood
2. Mountain of fire cast into the sea (1/3 ruined)
3. Star falls on rivers (1/3 ruined)
4. 1/3 of the sun, moon and stars go dark
5. The bottomless pit opened/Army from the East (First Woe)

Chapter 10 - The Angel with the "little book"

1. The Two Prophetic Witnesses Chapter 11

- 1a. John told to measure the temple- "Do not measure the Outer Court..." v. 1-2
- 1b. The Witnesses have protection for 3 1/2 years v. 5,6
- 1c. They are killed by Satan at the end of their mission v. 7
- 1d. They are raised from the dead and raptured to Heaven v. 11-12
- 1e. Some seem to turn to God seeing this miracle v. 13 (Second Woe ended)

REVELATION REVEALED Part 9 **"The Culmination of the Great Tribulation"** **7-18-21**

Text: Revelation 14-15

Review: Chapters 12-13

REVIEW: Chapters 12 and 13 (p. 11 in the syllabus)

1. The Beast from the Sea - the Anti-Christ vs. 1-10

- 1a. Ruler of 10 nations v. 1
- 1b. The Dragon (Satan) gave him power v. 2
- 1c. Blasphemed God for 3 1/2 years vs. 5-6
- 1d. Made war with the saints (saved Jews) vs. 7-8

2. The Beast from the Earth (False Prophet) vs. 11-17

- 2a. "Like a lamb" (false religious leader) v. 11
- 2b. Spoke like a dragon (unholy) v. 11
- 2c. False signs and wonders vs. 12-14
- 2d. Demands false worship v. 14
- 2e. Promotes the "mark of the beast" vs. 16-17

Chapter 14:

1. The 144,000 in Heaven Ch. 14:1-5

- 1a. With Jesus on Mt. Zion v. 1
- 1b. Their mission complete
- 1c. Raptured from the earth?
- 1d. Sang a song of victory in worship
- 1e. Followed Jesus with a life of purity
- 1f. "First fruits" purchased from the earth

2. The Proclamation of Three Angels

- 2a. The angel with the eternal Gospel v. 6-7
- 2b. Second angel - announcing Babylon's doom v. 8
- 2c. Third angel - warning to not take the mark of the beast
- 2d. A voice from heaven, "Blessed are those die in the Lord from now on." (martyrs)

3. Two Harvests - Two Reapers - God's Final Dealing With Earth Dwellers Ch 14:14-20

- 3a. A harvest of souls - saved during the last part of the tribulation vs. 14-16
- 3b. A harvest of wrath vs. 17-20 vs. 17-20

Chapter 15:

4. Worship in Heaven - Announcement of the Last Seven Plagues (Bowls of Wrath) Ch. 15:1-8

- 4a. Vision of the Seven Angels v. 1
- 4b. The victorious saints out of the last part of the Great Tribulation (those having been reaped from the Earth)
- 4c. They sang the "song of Moses" - a song of deliverance (Exodus 15:1-18) v. 3
- 4d. Angels commissioned to release the seven last plagues (bowls of wrath) v. 6-8

REVELATION REVEALED Part 10
“The Culmination of the Great Tribulation” Part 2
7-25-21

Text: Revelation 16-17

Review:

1. Three Levels of God’s Judgment (chart on p. 8)

- Ch. 5-7—Seven seals of the scroll
- Ch. 8-11—Seven trumpets
- Ch. 15-16—Seven bowls

2. The Preaching of the Gospel on Earth

- Ch. 4-7—The general/Gentile church (during the first part of the Tribulation)
- Ch. 7-13—The 144,000 Jewish evangelists (latter part of the first part of the Tribulation)
- Ch. 14:6-8—The angel from Heaven - the beginning of the last half of the Tribulation
- The “two witnesses” preach during the entire last part of the Tribulation

3. Multiple Raptures

- Ch. 7:9-17—The Gentile Church
- Ch. 14:1-5—The 144,000
- Ch. 15:2-4—Jewish believers (saved under the ministry of the 144,000)
- Ch. 11:12—The final two witnesses (prophets)

1. God’s Final Judgments - Bowls of Wrath Ch. 16

- 1a. Malignant sores on people with the “mark” v. 2
- 1b. The sea became blood v. 3
- 1c. Rivers and springs became blood v. 4-7

*The Message from the angel of the waters vs. 16:4-7

1d. The sun scorches the people on earth vs. 8-9

1e. Darkness on the Beast’s kingdom vs. 10-11

1f. The Euphrates River dries up vs. 12-16

- Preparation for the Battle of Armageddon

1g. Final Judgment - a worldwide earthquake with 100 lb. hailstones

*The “Day of the Lord” 16:15-16

2. "Babylon the Great" Ch. 17:1-5

2a. Symbolic of the two aspects of end-time satanic power on earth

2b. The Woman - False religion - "Mother of Harlots"

- First organized in Babel - Genesis 11
- Manifested throughout history in pagan religions
- Becomes the great world-wide apostate church of the last days
- Made up of Christian, New Age, and pagan religious influences
- Powered by religious humanism - the root of all false religions

2c.. The Scarlet Beast - Satanic political power that allies with the apostate church in the last days 17:7-10

- Possible reference to political systems throughout history that promoted paganism
- Obvious reference to the government of the anti-Christ and the False Prophet vs. 10-12

2d. God's judgment on the Harlot vs. 17:14-18

REVELATION REVEALED Part 11
"Earth's Final Gasp - Jesus' Return"
8-1-21

Text: Revelation 18-19

Review: Chapters 16-17

Chapter 16 - Seven Bowls of God's Wrath

Chapter 17 - Religious Babylon - the false end-time world church

1. The Fall of Commercial/Economic Babylon Ch. 18

1a. The world's commercial system vs. 2-3- Its evil connection with the Beast

1b. The call to God's people to separate themselves from the dependency on the earth's evil system

1c. False pride - "I am a queen..." v. 7

1d. The people of the Earth mourn over the total collapse of the economy vs. 15-19

*Present Day Signs:

- Corporate support of anti-christ doctrines—- LGBT pride, BLM, woke-ism, anti-American history, open borders, social media (cancel culture), climate change, etc.

2. The Completed Church Worships in Heaven - Ch. 19

2a. All the saints of all times are gathered in heaven vs. 1-6

- Old Testament saints, the gentile church, tribulation saints, the 144,000 and the Jewish saints, those of the final harvest (Rev. 14:16)

3. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb Rev. 19:7-10

3a. The completed church's official marriage ceremony v.7

3b. The greatest wedding reception of all time v. 9

3c. Blessed are those who are invited v.9

4. The Second Coming of Christ Rev. 19:11-18

4a. The true Messiah comes in glorious power v. 11-13

- Riding on a Heavenly white horse

4b. We, His Church, coming with Him on white horses v.14

4c. The sharp sword - the Word of God v. 15

4d. The angel calls for the birds - get ready for the battle vs. 17-18

5. The Battle of Armageddon Rev. 19:19-21

5a. The armies of the Earth assembled v. 19

5b. The Beast and False Prophet seized and cast into the lake of fire v. v. 20

5c. The rest killed with the sword of God's Word v. 21

REVELATION REVEALED Part 12
“The Thousand Year Reign of Christ”
8-8-21

Text: Revelation 20:1-15

Review:

Chapter 18 - The fall of economic Babylon

Chapter 19 - The Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the second Coming of Christ, the Battle of Armageddon

1. Satan Is Bound for 1,000 Years Revelation 20:1-3

- 1a. “I saw an angel”— with great authority
- 1b. He laid hold of the dragon—the serpent of old, the devil, Satan
- 1c. Thrown into the abyss, shut and sealed it
- 1d. He cannot deceive for 1,000 years

2. The Saints Reign with Jesus Revelation 20:4-6

- 2a. Judgment was given to them v. 4
- 2b. Areas of responsibilities - administrations v. 5
- 2c. Blessed are those who have a part in the first resurrection v. 6
- 2d. Priests of God and of Christ v. 6

3. Satan Loosed - One Final Temptation Revelation 20:7-10

- 3a. Satan released from prison v. 7
- 3b. One final deception v. 8
- 3c. Organized rebellion against Christ’s Kingdom v. 9
- 3d. Fire from Heaven destroys the Army v. 9
- 3e. The devil is thrown into the Lake of Fire v. 10

4. The Mystery of the Millennium and the Final Temptation

4a. The purpose of the Millennium Reign

- To fulfill God’s original purpose in creating the Garden Eden
- To demonstrate the beauty and blessing of godly government Isaiah 2:2-4
- To prepare the saints for the eternal - new Heaven and Earth

4b. The purpose of the final temptation

- The 1,000 year reign will be populated by people in natural form- “sheep nations”
Zachariah 14:16
- Possibly millions born during this period – never tempted by evil
- God shows that people in a perfect world are still prone to sin without Christ

5. Great White Throne Judgment Revelation 20:11-15

- 5a. God the Father— the Righteous Judge
- 5b. The dead standing before the throne - those who never received Christ
- 5c. The books were opened—the “Book of Life” also
- 5d. Their deeds were read - the sentence was passed

* The only thing that counts is having your name in the “Book of Life!”

REVELATION REVEALED Part 13
“All Things Made New”
8-22-21

Text: Revelation 21

Review: Chapter 20

- Satan is bound for 1,000 years
- The Millennial reign of Christ begins
- Satan is loosed - the final temptation
- Satan’s ultimate defeat and destruction
- The Great White Throne - God’s final judgment

1. The New Heaven and New Earth (vs. 1-3)

- 1a. The first Heaven and Earth passed away (Rev. 21:1, Matthew 24:35, II Peter 3:10, 13)
 - No more sea (regulates weather, food source, natural barrier)
- 1b. The New Jerusalem - the eternal, capitol city v. 2
- 1c. God dwells among us v. 3
 - vs. 4-9
- 1d. No more death, sorrow or pain v. 4
- 1e. The promise is “faithful and true” v. 5
- 1f. He who overcomes will inherit these things v. 7-9

2. The New Jerusalem - The Holy City vs. 10-16

- 2a. The glory - “crystal clear jasper” v. 10-11
- 2b. The gates of pearl - 12 tribes v. 12-13
- 2c. The foundation stones - 12 apostles v. 14
- 2d. The dimensions - 1500 miles cubical vs. 15-16 vs. 22-27
- 2e. Filled with the glory and brightness of God’s presence v. 22-23
- 2f. All nations living together in His presence v. 24-26
- 2g. The “entrance pass” - the Lamb’s Book of Life v. 27

REVELATION REVEALED Part 14
“The Promise Fulfilled”
8-29-21

Text: Revelation 22

Review: Chapter 21

- All things new - new Heaven and new Earth
- The Holy City - new Jerusalem

1. The Eternal City vs. 1-5

1a. The River - “water of life” v. 1-2

- John 5:10 - Jesus gives living water
- Psalm 46:4 - “...streams make glad the City of God”
- Ezekiel 47:12 - flowing waters of blessing

1b. The Tree of Life vs. 2

- Genesis 2:9 - “tree of life” Garden of Eden
- Genesis 3:22 - after the fall the tree prohibited
- Rev. 2:7 - the overcomers granted to eat of it
- Twelve kinds of fruit (12 months) v. 22:2
- Leaves for the healing of the nations
 *“Healing” - *therapeia* - providing service and ministry to the people groups (ethnos - multitude, tribe, etc.) Providing abundant, perpetual health*

1c. We Shall See His Face vs. 3-5

- Perfect, divine government - the saints serve/worship God v. 3
- Perfect fellowship with God - no barriers v. 4
- No darkness or night v. 5

2. Conclusion vs. 6-7

2a. “These words are faithful and true.” v. 6

- The message from God, the Holy Prophets, and the angel sent from God

2b. “Behold, I come quickly...” v. 7

- Blessed are those who heed these words

3. Final Charges vs. 10-17

3a. “Do not seal up this message...” v. 10

3b. Some have refused - some believe v. 11

3c. His “presence” is His reward vs. 12-13

3d. Blessed are those who do His commandments v. 14

3e. “I, Jesus, have sent you this message...” v. 16

3f. The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come!” v. 17

4. A Warning vs. 18-20

4a. Don’t tamper with the message! v. 18-19

4b. “Surely I am coming quickly!” v. 20

Immediately, speedily, shortly

REVELATION REVEALED Part 15
Summary and Overview
9-5-21

MAIN THEME OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION -

The revelation of the glorious King, Jesus, and His coming kingdom

KEY ELEMENTS-

1. Letters to the churches - Chapters 2 and 3
2. John's call, "Come up here..." Chapter 4 and the Lamb takes the scroll - Chapter 5
3. The opening of the seals of the scroll - increased activity of Satan - Chapter 6
4. Preparation for God's wrath, commissioning of the 144,000, rapture of the Gentile church - Chapter 7
5. The seven trumpet Judgments - Chapters 8-11
6. The rise of Satan's false kingdom and the Beast and False Prophet - Chapters 12-13
7. The final harvest of the Earth, Jewish and Gentile converts - Chapters 14-15
8. The final wrath of God on Satan's kingdom and followers -the bowls of God's wrath, Armageddon - Chapters 16-19
9. The second coming of Christ and the final defeat of Antichrist forces - Chapters 19-20
10. The Millennium and the eternal kingdom - Chapters 20-22

THE STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION - THE TAKEAWAY -

1. A clearer vision and love of our glorious Savior and soon coming King.
2. A fresh revelation of the temporal nature of the Earth and our need to separate our attachment to it.
3. A renewed view of our eternal destiny in the new Heaven and the new Earth.
4. An increased understanding and discernment of the Antichrist's present strategies and future plans.
5. A heightened awareness of our calling to be witnesses for Christ while we still have the opportunity.

WHERE ARE WE TODAY IN RELATION TO CURRENT EVENTS –

The question: We often hear people say that every generation has expected the Lord to come back in their time—why is this present generation any different? (2 Peter 3:3,4)

FIVE UNIQUE ASPECTS OF THIS PRESENT GENERATION

1. Israel became a nation in 1948; i.e. the parable of the fig tree in Matthew 24:32-34 (“this generation shall not pass.....”) and Genesis 15:16 (In the “fourth generation” they (Israel) shall return...”) A “generation” is 100 years?
2. The rise of “globalism” - the UN, the EU, the WHO
3. The development of technologies to support global communication, control, digital global currency, government, etc.
4. The rapid rise of lawlessness - the anti-God morality and laws (gay marriage, promoting of transgender lifestyle, CRT and wokeism indoctrination, etc.)
5. Radicalization of the Muslim world—the rise of communist China, the rapid decline of the USA as a dominant world power

*He who testifies to these things says,
“Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen.
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*

Revelation 22:20-21