

# REVELATION

(Based on New International Version Wording)

## Chapter 1 - Prologue

Greetings and Doxology

One Like a Son of Man

## Chapter 2 - To the Church in Ephesus

To the Church in Smyrna

To the Church in Pergamum

To the Church in Thyatira

## Chapter 3 - To the Church in Sardis

To the Church in Philadelphia

To the Church in Laodicea

## Chapter 4 - The Throne in Heaven

## Chapter 5 - The Scroll and the Lamb

## Chapter 6 - The First Six Seals of the Seven

(1) White Horse – bow, crown, bent on conquest

(2) Red Horse – sword (removes peace, makes men slay each other)

(3) Black Horse – scale (quart of wheat for a day's wages . . .)

(4) Pale Horse with Rider Named Death and Hades – ¼ of earth killed by sword, famine, plague, wild beasts

(5) Souls slain for testimony told they must wait until fellow servants were slain

(6) Earthquake, sun turned black, stars fell to earth, sky rolled up like a scroll, every mountain and island moved, everyone hid in caves

## Chapter 7 - Four Angels Holding Back Destruction

144,000 Sealed (12,000 from each tribe)

The Great Multitude in White Robes (those who have come out of the Great Tribulation)

## Chapter 8 - The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer

Half hour silence in heaven

Prayers of saints in golden censer

Censer filled with fire and hurled to earth

### The First Four Trumpets of the Seven

(1) Event – Hail & fire mixed with blood hurled to earth

Result - 1/3 of earth & trees burned up, all green grass burned up

(2) Event – Something like a huge mountain ablaze thrown into the sea

Result – 1/3 of sea turned to blood, 1/3 of sea creatures died, 1/3 of ships Destroyed

(3) Event – Great Star (Wormwood) fell from the sky on 1/3 of the rivers & on springs

Result – 1/3 of the waters bitter, many die

(4) Event – 1/3 of sun, moon, and stars were struck and turned dark

Result – 1/3 of the day & night without light

\*Next three trumpets three woes

Chapter 9 - The Fifth and Sixth Trumpets

(5) Event – Star fell to earth, given key to the Abyss

Result – Sun & sky darkened by smoke, locusts like scorpions told to torture those without the seal of God for five months (King of locusts - angel of the Abyss, “Apollyon”)

(6) Event – Four angels released to kill 1/3 of mankind

Result – Two hundred million demonic mounted troops killed 1/3 of mankind by plagues of fire, smoke, and sulfur (The rest of mankind did not repent of worshipping demons & idols and of their immorality)

Chapter 10 – A Mighty Angel Gives John a Little Scroll to Eat and Commands Him to Prophecy

Chapter 11 – The Two Witnesses

The Gentiles will trample on the holy city 3-1/2 years

The Two Witnesses will prophesy for 3-1/2 years

The Two Witnesses can devour enemies with fire from their mouths and cause droughts & plagues

At the end of Two Witnesses’ testimony, the beast will kill them

Their bodies will lie in the street in Jerusalem for 3-1/2 days

The people of the earth will celebrate

After 3-1/2 days God raises them and takes them to heaven

A severe earthquake collapses 1/10 of the city, and survivors give glory to God

The Seventh Trumpet

(7) Event – Worship in heaven

Result – God’s temple opened, revealing ark of His covenant

Lightning, thunder, an earthquake, a great hailstorm

Chapter 12 – Signs in Heaven – The Woman and the Dragon

a. A Woman in labor clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, a crown of 12 stars

b. A huge red Dragon with seven heads, each with a crown, and ten horns

His tail flung 1/3 of the stars to the earth

He waited to devour the Woman’s child

c. The Woman gave birth to a son who will rule the nations with an iron scepter

She fled to the desert to be taken care of for 3-1/2 years

d. Michael and his angels fought the Dragon and his angels

The Dragon (Satan) and his angels are hurled to earth

e. The Dragon pursued the Woman before she fled to the desert

f. The Serpent (Dragon) spewed water to overtake the Woman, but the earth helped the Woman

g. The Dragon went to make war against those who obey God and hold to the testimony of Jesus

### Chapter 13 – The Beast out of the Sea (The Anti-Christ)

#### Characteristics of the Beast out of the Sea

Seven heads, each with a blasphemous name

Ten horns, each with a crown

Resembled a leopard

Feet like a bear

Mouth like a lion

#### Power of the Beast out of the Sea

Power, throne, and authority given by the Dragon

One head seemed to have a fatal wound that healed, so the astonished world followed the Beast

Men worshipped the Dragon and the Beast

People asked, “Who can make war against him?”

Given a mouth to utter proud & blasphemous words and exercise authority for 3-1/2 years

Power to war against saints and conquer

Authority over every nation

All unsaved humans will worship him

### The Beast out of the Earth (The False Prophet)

#### Characteristics of the Beast out of the Earth

Two horns like a lamb

Spoke like a dragon

#### Power of the Beast out of the Earth

All authority of the first Beast on his behalf

Made the earth’s people worship first Beast

Miraculous signs, including fire from heaven

Power to deceive the inhabitants of the earth

Power to give the image of first Beast that he ordered the ability to speak, all who refused to worship killed

Forced all to receive a mark on hand or forehead with name of the Beast or his number (666)

### Chapter 14 – The Lamb and the 144,000 on Mount Zion

144,000 had Lamb’s and Father’s names on foreheads

No one could learn their new song except those redeemed from the earth

They kept themselves pure

They follow the Lamb wherever He goes

They were purchased as firstfruits

The Three Angels

First Angel (had Gospel to proclaim) – Cried “Give God glory, hour of judgment has come

Second Angel – Cried “Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!”

Third Angel – Announced torment planned for those who worship the Beast and receive his mark

\*Voice from heaven – “Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

The Harvest of the Earth

One “like a son of man” on white cloud – Gold crown on head, sickle in hand

Angel from temple called to Him who was on cloud – said time to reap has come

Him who was on cloud harvested the earth

Another angel from temple - has sharp sickle

Angel from altar told previous angel with sickle to gather grapes from earth’s vine

Angel with sickle threw grapes in winepress of God’s wrath

Blood flowed as high as horses’ bridle for about 180 miles

Chapter 15 – Seven Angels with the Seven Last Plagues

Those victorious over the Beast standing beside sea of glass with fire

They sang song of Moses and the Lamb

Seven angels from the temple given bowls of God’s wrath

Chapter 16 – The Seven Bowls of God’s Wrath (The Seven Last Plagues)

\*Voice from the temple told seven angels to pour out bowls of God’s wrath

Seven Last Plagues:

(1) Ugly and painful sores on those who worshipped the Beast

(2) Sea turned to blood, every sea creature died

(3) Rivers and springs became blood

(“ . . .they have shed the blood of your prophets . . .”)

(4) Sun scorched people with fire

(5) Kingdom of the Beast plunged into darkness

(Men cursed God and refused to repent)

(6) Euphrates River dried up to prepare for kings from the East

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Three evil spirits like frogs from mouths of Dragon, Beast, and False Prophet perform miracles to gather kings for battle on the “great day of God Almighty”

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Jesus – “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.

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They gathered the kings in a place called Armageddon

(The Last of The Seven Bowls of Wrath/Seven Last Plagues:)

(7) Lightning, thunder, and the most severe earthquake in human history

The Great City split in 3 parts, cities of the nations collapsed

Every island fled, mountains could not be found

100-pound hailstones fell on men

Men cursed God

#### Chapter 17 – The Woman on the Beast

\*Angel said to John: “Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters. With her the kings of the earth committed adultery and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries.”

John carried away to desert in the Spirit.

Saw Woman sitting on scarlet Beast

Beast – Covered with blasphemous names

Seven heads and ten horns

Woman – Dressed in purple & scarlet

Glittering with gold, precious stones, pearls

Held golden cup with abominable things & adulteries

Title on forehead: “Mystery, Babylon the Great, Mother or Prostitutes  
and of the Abominations of the Lord”

Drunk with the blood of saints

Angel promises to explain mystery:

Beast – Once was, now is not, will come out of Abyss to destruction

People whose names are not in Book of Life will be astonished when they  
see the Beast

Seven heads – Seven hills on which woman sits, and also seven kings

“Five kings have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, he must  
remain for a little while.”

The Beast is an 8<sup>th</sup> king

Ten horns – “ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will  
receive authority along with the Beast”

Purpose of ten kings is to give their authority to the Beast

Ten kings will war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome

Waters – Peoples, multitudes, nations, languages

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Beast and ten horns will hate the prostitute

They will bring her to ruin, leave her naked, eat her flesh, burn her with fire

They will accomplish God’s purpose by giving the Beast their power to rule

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Woman – The Great City that rules over the kings of the earth

## Chapter 18 – The Fall of Babylon

Message shouted by angel from heaven with great authority and illuminating splendor:

Babylon is fallen

She has become a home for demons, evil spirits, detestable birds

Nations have drunk wine of her adulteries, kings committed adultery with her,  
merchants grew rich from her

Another voice from heaven:

“Come out of her, my people”

Do not share her sins and receive her plagues

Pay her back double for what she has done

She boasts that she will never mourn, but in one day her plagues will overtake her

She will be consumed by fire

Effect on the earth:

Kings – Will weep and mourn and be terrified at her torment

Merchants – Will weep and mourn because no one buys their cargoes any more

Those who earn their livings from the sea – Will weep and mourn because they  
became rich through her wealth

A mighty angel threw a large boulder into the sea and said:

With such violence Babylon will be thrown down and never found again

Music will never be heard, workmen never found, a millstone grinding never heard,  
lamps will never shine, voice of bridegroom and bride never heard

By her nations were led astray, in her the blood of saints and prophets and all who  
were killed was found

## Chapter 19 – Hallelujahs

A great multitude in heaven – “. . . He has condemned the great prostitute . . .”

The 24 elders and 4 living creatures – “Amen. Hallelujah!”

A voice from the throne – “Praise our God all you His servants . . .”

A great multitude – “. . . the wedding of the Lamb has come . . .”

\*The angel said to John – “Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the  
wedding supper of the Lamb!”

### The Rider on the White Horse

Heaven standing open, with a white horse whose rider is called Faithful and True

His name is the Word of God

The armies of heaven were following Him, riding white horses and dressed in  
clean, white linen

Out of His mouth a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations

(“He will rule them with an iron scepter”)

On his robe and thigh: King of Kings and Lord of Lords

An angel cried to all the birds – Come and eat flesh at the great supper of God  
The Beast and the kings and their armies gathered to make war against the Rider  
and his army

The Beast and the False Prophet are captured and thrown into the fiery lake  
The rest were killed with the sword from the Rider's mouth, and the birds  
gorged themselves on their flesh

#### Chapter 20 – The Thousand Years (Millenium)

- a. John saw an angel from heaven seize the Dragon (ancient serpent, the devil, Satan) and lock him in the Abyss for 1,000 years to keep him from deceiving the nations. (After that, he would be set free for a short time.)
- b. John saw thrones with those given authority to judge.
- c. John saw the souls of those who were beheaded for their testimony and hadn't worshipped the Beast. They came to life as the "First Resurrection." (The rest of the dead did not come to life until after the 1,000 years.) Those in the First Resurrection will be priests and reign with Christ 1,000 years.

#### Satan's Doom

- a. After 1,000 years Satan will be released to deceive the nations and gather his army for battle (Gog and Magog).
- b. Satan's army will be like the sand of the seashore in number.
- c. Satan's army marches across the earth and surrounds the camp of God' people, the city He loves.
- d. Satan's army is devoured by fire from heaven.
- e. Satan is thrown into the burning lake with the Beast and the False Prophet.

#### The Dead Are Judged

- a. John saw a great white throne and Him who was seated on it
- b. Earth and sky fled from His presence
- c. John saw the dead standing before the throne, with books opened
- d. Another book, the Book of Life, was open
- e. The dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books
- f. The sea, death, and Hades gave up the dead that were in them
- g. Each person was judged according to what he had done
- h. Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire (lake of fire is the second death)
- i. Anyone whose name was not in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire

#### Chapter 21 – John Sees the New Jerusalem

##### a. What John saw:

A new heaven and a new earth (First heaven and earth passed away)

No longer any sea

New Jerusalem (Holy City) coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband

b. Loud voice from the throne:

Now the dwelling of God is with men

He will wipe every tear/ No more death or mourning or crying or pain

c. Words of Him who was seated on the throne (said “Write this down”):

It is done/I am the Beginning and the End

To him who is thirsty I will give the water of life without cost

He who overcomes will inherit this

The place for unbelieving sinners will be the fiery lake (the second death)

Tour of the Holy City with an Angel

(It shone with the glory of God, its brilliance like a crystal clear jasper)

- \* A great, high wall
- \* Twelve gates, with an angel at each gate and the name of one of the 12 tribes of Israel on each gate
- \* Three gates in each direction—north, south, east, west
- \* Wall had 12 foundations
- \* Measurements taken by the angel:
  - City – about 1,400 miles square
  - Wall – About 200 feet thick
- \* The 12 foundations, decorated with precious stones – jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, carnelian, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprase, jacinth, amethyst

Great Characteristics of the City

- \* No temple because God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple
- \* The sun and moon don’t need to shine on it since God’s glory gives it light and its lamp is the Lamb
- \* The nations will walk in its light, and kings will bring their splendor
- \* The gates will never be closed because there is no night there
- \* The glory and honor of nations will be brought there
- \* Nothing or no one impure will enter
- \* Only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life will enter

Chapter 22 – The Angel Shows John the River of Life and the Tree of Life

- \* The River of Life
  - Clear as crystal
  - Flows from the throne of God and the Lamb and down the middle of the Great Street of the city
- \* The Tree of Life
  - On each side of the River of Life
  - Bears a crop 12 months of the year
  - Leaves of the Tree for the healing of the nations

\* Life in the Holy City

No longer any curse

The throne of God and the Lamb will be there

His servants will serve Him

They will see His face

His name will be on their foreheads

No more night

No lamps or sunlight needed because God will give them light

They will reign forever and ever

Jesus Is Coming

- a. Jesus' words: "Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book."
- b. John states he heard and saw these things. He fell at the feet of the angel who showed them, but the angel warned him to worship God rather than a fellow servant.
- c. The angel told him not to seal up the words of the prophecy because the time is near.

Jesus' Final Message

- \* Behold, I am coming soon. My reward is with me . . .
- \* I am the Beginning and the End.
- \* Blessed are those who wash their robes so they may enter the City and partake of the Tree of Life.
- \* Outside the City are those who practice sin.
- \* I have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches.

Closing Words

- \* The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"
- \* Whoever is thirsty, let him come.
- \* Whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.
- \* If anyone adds to this book, God will add the plagues described.
- \* If anyone takes words away from this book, God will take away his share in the Holy City and the Tree of Life.

HE WHO TESTIFIES TO THESE THINGS SAYS, "YES, I AM COMING SOON."

*Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*

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

*Amen.*

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