

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

1. Greetings From Jesus Christ (1-3)
  - a. Chapter 1
    - i. John's introduction and greetings
      1. He is a similar prophet like that of Isaiah, Daniel, and Ezekiel
    - ii. The vision of the Son of Man (Daniel 7:13-14; Zechariah 4)
  - b. Chapters 2-3
    - i. Letters to the Seven Churches in Asia
      1. Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea
      2. Compromise or Faithful?
      3. The conquerors are rewarded in the New Creation (Rev 21-22)
2. The Heavenly Throneroom (4-5)
  - a. Chapter 4
    - i. God is seated on his throne while angels worship him
      1. Isaiah 6:1-6; Ezekiel 1:4-28; Daniel 7:9-14
  - b. Chapter 5
    - i. Only the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, is worthy
      1. Gen 49:9; Isa 11:1, 10; Rom 15:12
    - ii. Sees a slaughtered Lamb standing
      1. Isa 53:7; John 1:29, 36; 1 Pet 1:19
    - iii. The death of Jesus was conquest over evil
3. The First Round of Judgments (6:1-8:5)
  - a. The First Six Seals are Opened (6:1-17)
    - i. Four horsemen (Zech 1)
    - ii. Day of the Lord (Isa 2; Joel 2)
    - iii. The nations don't repent (6:15-17)
  - b. The Lamb's Army (7)
    - i. 144,000 of God's servants are sealed
    - ii. A military census of the 12 tribes (Num 1)
    - iii. The Messianic army of God's Kingdom from all nations (Gen 17:4)
  - c. The Seventh Seal is Opened (8:1-5)
    - i. A prayer offering to the Lord and a weapon for the wicked on earth
4. The Second Round of Judgments (8:6-11:19)
  - a. The Six Trumpets (8:6-9:21)
    - i. Trumpets 1-5 reveal the Exodus plagues (Ex chps. 7-11)
    - ii. Trumpet 6 reveals four horsemen
    - iii. The nations don't repent (9:20-21)
  - b. The Angel and the Little Scroll (10:1-11:3)
    - i. It is the Lamb's Scroll that John must eat (Ezek 3:1-3)
      1. Measure inside (protection; Zech 2:1-5) and exclude the courts
      2. New Temple for God's people (1 Cor 3:16; Heb 3:6; 1 Pet 2:4-5)

- c. The Two Witnesses (11:4-14)
  - i. Literal prophets (Moses/Elijah)
  - ii. Symbols of the church's prophetic role
    - 1. Lampstands=churches (11:4 → 1:20)
  - iii. They prophesy, are killed (Dan 7), and are vindicated.
  - iv. Some of the nations finally repent! (11:13)
- d. The Seventh Trumpet (11:15-19)
  - i. "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." 11:16
- 5. The Final Round of Judgments (12-16)
  - a. The Woman and the Dragon (12:1-6)
    - i. The ancient conflict between the serpent (Gen 3:15) and God's people
  - b. Satan and the Beasts (12:7-13:18)
    - i. Each mirror the Trinity and make an unholy Trinity
      - 1. Satan (Father), First Beast (Son), Second Beast (Holy Spirit)
      - 2. 666=anti-shema (Deut 6:4-8)=not the real God
  - c. The Lamb and His Kingdom (14:1-19)
    - i. The Lamb stands on Mount Zion with his 144,000 (see Rev 7:1-8)
    - ii. The angel calls for people to consider who they will follow
    - iii. The earth is harvested (vv 14-20)
  - d. The Seven Angels with the Seven Bowls (15:1-16:21)
    - i. The Exodus plagues again, but the nations refuse to repent like Pharaoh
    - ii. Armageddon=Judges 5:19; 2 Kings 23-29
    - iii. Rebellious Nations=Ezekiel 38-39
- 6. At the End of All Things (17-22)
  - a. The Great Prostitute and the Beast (17:1-19:10)
    - i. This "queen" rides the dragon like a military warrior upon a horse
    - ii. She is Babylon, and her destruction has been prophesied (Isaiah 13, 23, 34, 47; Jeremiah 50-51; Ezekiel 26-27)
    - iii. There is much rejoicing in heaven, and the Day of the Lord has come (19:7)
  - b. The Final Battle (19:11-20:15)
    - i. The Final Battle: Part 1 (19:11-21)
      - 1. Covered in his own blood (Rev 5) and his only weapon is the sword of his mouth (Isa 11:4; 49:2)
    - ii. The Martyrs are Vindicated (20:1-6)
      - 1. The martyrs reign for a thousand years (20:4)
    - iii. The Final Battle: Part 2 (20:7-15)
      - 1. Those who side with the unholy Trinity are eternally damned
  - c. The Marriage of Heaven and Earth (21-22)
    - i. The New Jerusalem comes down from heaven like a bride to God (21:2)
    - ii. God's dwelling place is now, once again, with man in the new Garden of Eden (21:3; Gen 1:26-28)
    - iii. There is no temple in the new city, and God's presence and the lamb now covers every square inch in this world (21:22-27)
    - iv. John's response to this vision? Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!