

An Outline for Revelation

I. PREFACE

- A. Title — the Revelation of Jesus Christ
 - 1. The things which must soon take place
 - 2. Blessings on the reader and the hearer
- B. Introduction and Message to the Seven Churches
 - 1. From John
 - 2. To the seven churches
 - 3. John sees a vision on the Lord's Day in exile on Patmos
 - a) Seven golden lampstands
 - b) And One (Christ) who walked among them
 - (1) holding seven stars
 - (2) two-edged sword from his mouth
 - (3) face like the sun
 - c) This One (Christ) says write...

II. THE INDIVIDUAL ADDRESSES TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES (CHAPTERS 2 & 3)

- A. Ephesus
- B. Smyrna
- C. Pergamum
- D. Thyatira
- E. Sardis
- F. Philadelphia
- G. Laodicea

III. THRONE ROOM SCENE (CHAPTERS 4,5)

- A. God and the cherubim are pictured,
 - 1. God holding a scroll written inside and out,
 - 2. but sealed with seven seals
- B. The fear that the seals might not be opened
 - 1. None seem worthy to unseal the scroll, but...
 - 2. The Lion of Judah is worthy to take the scroll and unseal it

IV. THE SEALS ARE OPENED (CHAPTERS 6, 7)

- A. 1st seal — Conqueror on white horse
- B. 2nd seal — Peace-taker on a horse
- C. 3rd seal — Famine on a horse
- D. 4th seal — Death on a 4th horse
- E. 5th seal — The martyrs cry for justice, but are told they must *wait until the complete number is fulfilled*
- F. **6th seal — A terror and a Day of the Lord**
- G. Interlude — sealing the saints coming out of the tribulation (7:1ff)
- H. 7th seal — silence in Heaven for ½ hour (8:1)

V. THE TRUMPETS (CHAPTERS 8:2—11)

- A. The prayers of the saints symbolized in a burning censor thrown to the earth
- B. 1st Trumpet — hail, fire, blood destroying trees and grass
- C. 2nd Trumpet — burning mountain thrown into the sea, killing sea life
- D. 3rd Trumpet — star falls from heaven on fresh waters, poisoning them
- E. 4th Trumpet — sun and stars are darkened
- F. An angels announcing the three woes of the remaining trumpets (“Woe, woe, woe!”)
- G. 5th Trumpet (also 1st woe) — bottomless pit opened, freeing (probably) demons to torment men, overseen by the angel of the Abyss, Abaddon or Apollyon (destruction) — (chapter 9)
- H. 6th Trumpet (also the 2nd woe) — a vast army kills much of mankind by the fire, smoke, and brimstone from their mouths to prompt repentance
 - 1. Break? — Strong angel with the little book, (chapter 10)
 - a) Cries out with a loud voice, answered by 7 thunders (to be sealed)
 - b) Swears that at the voice of the 7th angel the mystery of God is finished**
 - c) John commanded to eat the book, which is sweet to the taste but bitter to the stomach
 - 2. Measuring the “Temple of God”,
 - a) leaving out the court (of gentiles?);
 - b) the nations tread underfoot the holy city for 3 ½ years
 - 3. The two witnesses (chapter 11)
 - a) prophesy for 3 ½ years (1260 days)
 - b) The Beast kills them, bodies unburied for 3 ½ days
 - c) Raised to life, the world fears
 - d) The 2nd woe is past
- I. 7th trumpet (angel) sounds (the third woe)**
 - 1. Loud voices say, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ and He will reign forever and ever.”**
 - 2. time for the dead to be judged and reward Your servants
 - 3. the Temple in Heaven is opened

VI. THE 1ST AND 2ND GREAT SIGNS IN HEAVEN: A 30,000 FOOT LOOK AT DIVINE HISTORY FROM THE CHOOSING ABRAHAM TO THE END (CHAPTERS 12—14)

- A. The 1st sign — The woman with child, God’s Israel (12:1,2)
- B. The 2nd sign — Satan (12:3)
- C. Satan continues to make war with the rest of her children (chapters 12:17—13:18)
 - 1. The dragon stands on the seashore (chapters 13:1)
 - 2. A beast comes up out of the sea and makes war with the saints (chapters 13:1-10)
 - a) 10 horns, seven heads, 10 diadems, blasphemous names
 - b) like a leopard, feet of a bear, mouth of a lion,
 - c) dragon gives him power, throne, and authority
 - d) one head looks slain, but recovers to amaze the world
 - e) given 42 months (3 ½ years)
 - 3. Another beast from the earth (chapters 13:11)

- a) 2 horns like a lamb
- b) speaks like a dragon
- c) exercises all the authority of the first beast
- d) performs great signs to deceive the world
- e) causes all who worship the beast to have his sign (666)

D. Another picture of judgment (chapters 14)

1. The Lamb and the 144,000 on Mt. Zion
 - a) Christ's name is on their foreheads
 - b) sing a new song before the throne (new song implies victory like song of Moses)
2. Three messages from three angels
 - a) The Gospel preached to the whole world (Matt. 24:14) — (v. 6, 7)
 - b) Babylon, the center of great wickedness is declared to be fallen (v. 8)
 - c) Condemnation in judgment is certain for all those who worship the beast, while rest is assured to those who persevered (vv. 9-13)
3. **Reaping the harvest of the earth (the evil of men) (chapters 14:14-20)**
 - a) the wicked are reaped and thrown into the wine press of God
 - b) The wine press is trodden and the blood is deep and wide

VII. ANOTHER SIGN IN HEAVEN — BOWLS OF WRATH TO FINISH THE WRATH OF GOD (CHAPTERS 15,16)

- A. A song of praise (song of Moses) — (chapters 15:2-4)
- B. One of the four living creatures give 7 angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God (plagues) (15:5-8)
- C. Command from God (16:1)
- D. "Go and pour" (16:1-12)
 1. 1st bowl of wrath — malignant sore on people with the mark of the beast
 2. 2nd bowl of wrath — sea becomes blood and sea creatures die
 3. 3rd bowl of wrath — fresh waters become blood
 4. 4th bowl of wrath — the sun scorches men with fire
 5. 5th bowl of wrath — on the throne of the beast and his kingdom: darkness and torture
 6. 6th bowl of wrath — Euphrates dries up to make way for the kings from the east
 - a) frogs (demons) from the mouth of the dragon, beast, and false prophet
 - b) all kings of the earth are called together for Armageddon
- 7. 7th bowl of wrath — "It is done." (16:17ff)**

VIII. THE JUDGMENT OF THE GREAT HARLOT (BABYLON) (CHAPTERS 17) — *the judgment against the great sinful, material and political center of the world which persecuted God's people*

- A. The harlot
 1. sitting on scarlet beast
 - a) full of blasphemous names
 - b) seven heads
 - c) ten horns

2. wearing scarlet and purple, gold, precious stones, and with a golden cup filled with abominations and immorality
 - a) Babylon the great
 - b) mother of harlots and abominations of the earth
 - c) drunk with the blood of the saints and witnesses
 3. The **mystery** further revealed
 - a) seven heads are seven mountains
 - b) ...and seven kings (5 are fallen, 1 is, 1 is to come and will remain)
 - c) beast is an eighth king, which was, is not, and will come, but be destroyed
 - d) 10 horns are 10 kings yet to receive a kingdom from the beast for one hour
 - (1) will wage war against the Lamb, but will be overcome
 - (2) will also hate and desolate the harlot (who reigns over the kings of the earth)
- B. The fall of and the lament for Babylon from those who profited from her immoralities (chapter 18)
- C. The cheers and praise from the saints for God who judged the great harlot (chapters 19:1-6)
- IX. **MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB (19:7-10)** — *(to the woman of chapters 12)*
- A. The bride
 - B. The Lamb, King of kings and Lord of lords
 - C. Although the armies of the earth gather against Christ, they are dispatched and thrown into the lake of fire**
- X. **ONE LAST 30,000 FOOT LOOK AT HISTORY FROM PENTECOST TO THE THE END — THE BINDING AND LOOSING OF SATAN (REV. 20)**
- A. An angels comes, holding the key to the abyss, and binds Satan and throws him into the abyss (see also 11:7; 17:8)
 1. For 1000 years
 2. So he could deceive the nations no longer until 1000 years were complete
 - B. Thrones set up for the witnesses, those who had not worshipped the beast,
 1. Came to life (first resurrection)
 2. reigned with Christ 1000 years]
 - C. Satan is loosed**
 - 1. Gathers his army**
 - 2. Quick and absolutely defeated**
 - 3. thrown into the lake of fire**
 - D. Judgment**
 - 1. Death and Hades thrown into the lake of fire**
 - 2. all whose names were not in the book of life are thrown into the fire**
- XI. **NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH (CHAPTERS 21, 22)** — *(Marriage of the Lamb and the bride consummated)*