

Revelation

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REVELATION OVERVIEW

Part 1 — THE STORY OF REVELATION

Revelation 1-3 — Jesus speaks through John by revelation to 7 churches in the Roman province of Asia

- chapter 1 — Jesus appears to John
- chapters 2-3 — Jesus speaks directly to the 7 churches, giving encouragement & warnings

Revelation 4-5 — Preparations for Judgment

- chapter 4 — God the Father appears at his throne
- chapter 5 — Jesus the Lamb appears; he alone is worthy to open the scroll and its seals

Revelation 6-8 — Judgment Sequence #1: The 7 Seals

- chapter 6 — God's judgments come upon the earth as seals 1-6 are opened
- chapter 7 — God's people are protected from God's judgments
- chapter 8 — the 7th seal is opened, and preparations for another round of judgment begin

Revelation 8-11 — Judgment Sequence #2: The 7 Trumpets

- chapter 8 — the first 4 trumpets are sounded and judgments come upon the earth
- chapter 9 — the next 2 trumpets are sounded and more terrible judgments come upon the earth
- chapters 10-11 — John's calling as a prophet is confirmed and the deliverance of God's prophets—and the church—is foretold
- chapter 11 — the seventh trumpet is sounded and God's victory is declared in advance of its accomplishment

Revelation 12-14 — The Enemy Is Revealed

- chapter 12 — the dragon (Satan) is revealed; he could not conquer heaven or destroy Jesus, so he is out to destroy the church
- chapter 13 — the beast and the second beast (the false prophet) are revealed; they receive power from the dragon and attempt to force all people to worship the first beast
- chapter 14 — God's people stand firm; they are warned and encouraged not to worship the beast

Revelation 15-16 — Judgment Sequence #3: The 7 Bowls of God's Wrath

- chapters 15-16 — angels pour out 7 bowls of God's wrath, and judgments come upon the earth

Revelation 17-20 — The Enemies of God's Kingdom Are Judged

- chapters 17-18 — the great prostitute (the city of Rome) is revealed, destroyed, and mourned
- chapter 19 — the beast and its false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire
- chapter 20 — the dragon (Satan) is thrown into the lake of fire; the dead are judged, and finally death and Hades are thrown into the lake of fire

Revelation 21-22 — God's Faithful People Receive Eternal Life

- chapter 21 — the new heaven and new earth appear; the holy city (the new Jerusalem) comes down out of heaven from God like a bride to meet her husband
- chapter 22 — life as in the garden of Eden is restored; Jesus offers final warnings and invitations

Part 2 — THE POINT OF REVELATION

- 1) God's people are suffering persecution because of their faith in Jesus.
 - 2:12-13
 - 6:9-11
 - 16:4-7
- 2) This persecution comes from the devil, through his servants: the power structure of Rome and its religious arm, the emperor cult.
 - 12:17
 - 13:2, 13:11-17
 - 17:6, 17:18
- 3) Those who surrender to pressure from the government or society and so deny their faith in Jesus will share in the punishment that comes on God's enemies.
 - 14:9-12
 - 18:1-5
 - 20:12-15
- 4) Those who endure persecution faithfully for the sake of Jesus will receive eternal life.
 - 2:7
 - 7:3-17
 - 14:12-13
 - 21:1-8
 - 22:12-15