



Main Point: As the final book of the Bible the book of Revelation serves an important function to the divine story arch. Basically, Revelation finishes the story. This book reveals God's future plans concerning His people Israel, the church, as well as the wicked world system. It brings finality to basic Biblical truths such as sin, justice, judgment, etc. And it ties up the remaining loose ends of Biblical prophecy. As the Bible's final chapter, in many ways Revelation introduces nothing new at all. For example of its 404 verses, you'll find 278 direct references to the O.T.

Though Revelation is known for its eschatology, the book serves a greater function. Up until this point our understanding of the person of Jesus has been limited and rather incomplete. This book reveals the other side of his person. In the Gospels we see Jesus as a suffering servant, but in Revelation Jesus is revealed as the King of Kings. John clearly explains his purpose in the books first five words, "The Revelation (or unveiling) of Jesus Christ."

REVELATION OUTLINE - Revelation 1:19

"THE THINGS WHICH YOU HAVE SEEN" - VISION OF GLORIFIED CHRIST

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| A. INTRODUCTION | REVELATION 1:1-8 |
| B. BACK STORY | REVELATION 1:9-10 |
| C. VISION OF THE HIGH PRIEST | REVELATION 1:11-20 |

"THE THINGS WHICH ARE" - JESUS WRITES TO THE CHURCH

*** *Contemporary View, Composite View, Chronological View*

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| A. EPHESUS (2:1-7) | APOSTOLIC CHURCH (30-100 A.D.) |
| B. SMYRNA (2:8-11) | PERSECUTED CHURCH (100-312 A.D.) |
| C. PERGAMUM (2:12-17) | INDULGED CHURCH (312-606 A.D.) |
| D. THYATIRA (2:18-29) | PAGAN CHURCH (606-TRIBULATION) |
| E. SARDIS (2:8-11) | DEAD CHURCH (1517-TRIBULATION) |
| F. PHILADELPHIA (3:7-13) | REVIVED CHURCH (1750-RAPTURE) |
| G. LAODICEA (3:14-22) | APOSTATE CHURCH (1900-TRIBULATION) |

"THE THINGS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THIS" - TRIBULATION & BEYOND

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| A. THE RAPTURE | REVELATION 4:1 |
| B. CHURCH IN HEAVEN | REVELATION 4:2-5:14 |
| C. GREAT TRIBULATION IN THE WORLD | REVELATION 6-18 |
| 1. OPENING 7-SEALED BOOK | REVELATION 6:1-8:1 |
| - 6 SEAL JUDGMENTS RELEASED ON EARTH (6:1-17) | |
| - INTERLUDE (ISRAEL SEALED / REDEEMED GENTILES (7:1-17) | |
| - 7TH SEAL LOOSED: INTRODUCES 7 TRUMPETS (8:1) | |
| 2. 7 TRUMPET JUDGMENTS | REVELATION 8:2-11:19 |
| - 6 TRUMPET JUDGMENTS RELEASED ON EARTH (8:2-9:21) | |
| - INTERLUDE (GOD DEALS WITH JOHN / 2 WITNESSES (10:1-11:14) | |
| - 7 TRUMPET PREPARES FOR THE BOWL JUDGMENTS (11:15-19) | |
| 3. 7 PERFORMERS IN TRIBULATION PLAY | REVELATION 12-13 |
| - ISRAEL (WOMAN) | - NEW CHRISTIANS |
| - SATAN (RED DRAGON) | - ANTICHRIST (BEAST OUT OF SEA) |
| - JESUS (CHILD OF WOMAN) | - FALSE PROPHET (OUT OF THE EARTH) |
| - MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL | |
| 4. PREPARATIONS FOR THE END | REVELATION 14 |
| 5. POURING OUT 7 BOWL JUDGMENTS | REVELATION 15-16 |
| 6. JUDGING TWO BABYLONS | REVELATION 17-18 |
| - APOSTATE CHURCH & COMMERCIAL-POLITICAL BABYLON | |
| D. 2ND COMING OF JESUS | REVELATION 19 |
| E. MILLENNIAL REIGN OF JESUS | REVELATION 20 |
| F. ENTRANCE INTO ETERNITY | REVELATION 21-22 |



Day 1: The Revelation of Jesus.....

Revelation 1:1-20 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What is the main purpose of the Book of Revelation? (2). In what ways does this book “round out” the picture of Christ we’ve been given through the Gospel record? (3). This image of Jesus in the midst of these golden lampstands presents Jesus fulfilling what role? Why is this important?

Day 2: The Church Age.....

Revelation 2-3 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What are the three viewpoints concerning these seven letters Jesus composes? (2). As the High Priest presented in chapter one, what do we learn about Jesus’ current involvement in the church? (3). After reading through these seven letters, what areas of your life need to be addressed?

Day 3: Outline of Revelation.....

Revelation 1:19 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What outline does Jesus provide John as to the layout of this book? How does this practically apply to the book itself? (2). If the second section details the “things which are” (chapters 2-3) and chapter 4:1 clearly transitions to future events, what conclusions can we reach about God’s prophetic plan? (3). Watch the teaching video and develop a timeline of events.

Day 4: Vision of Heaven.....

Revelation 4-5 // THINKING POINTS: (1). From John’s account of the heavenly scene, what is clearly heaven’s main emphasis? (2). In what way does John’s description of Jesus as a “Lamb as though it had been slain” impact your perspective of Christ? (3). As the citizens of heaven, what occupies the majority of our time and attention?

Day 5: The Great Judgment.....

Revelation 6-18 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What three sets of judgment does John describe in these chapters? What impact should this reality have on our lives? (2). What is the twofold purpose of God’s judgment being poured out on the world? (3). What important perspective of God does His judgment reinforce?

Day 6: Millennial Reign.....

Revelation 20-21 // THINKING POINT: (1). Read these chapters. How does John describe life on earth under the reign of Jesus? (2). What is the ultimate solution to the social, political, economic, and environmental challenges we face today? (3). With this in mind, as believers, what should our focus be today?

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