

# THE BOOK OF REVELATION

## “Introduction”

Rev 1

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Part 1 of 19

### 1. UNDERSTAND THE **BACKGROUND OF THE BOOK**

- Recorded by **John the Apostle**
- Rev 1:3 (ESV)
- Written from **Patmos**
- Written about **95AD**
- **Prophetic** in message, **apocalyptic** in form

### 2. DON'T MISS THE **EMPHASIS**

- The beast is mentioned **37** times
- The throne **41** times
- Angels are mentioned **71** times
- **Jesus Christ** the Son of Man, the Lamb, The Rider on the white horse... is THE central person in the book of Revelation

### 3. RECOGNIZE THE **PURPOSE** OF THE BOOK

## 4 GENERAL INTERPRETATIONS OF REVELATION

A. PRETERIST:

B. HISTORICALLY CONTINUOUS:

C. SPIRITUALIZED:

D. FUTURIST:

The purpose of the book is **HOPE**

4. SEE THE **HOPE**

**THE OUTLINE OF REVELATION IS IN REVELATION 1:19**

- Rev 1:19 (ESV)
  
- A. THE THINGS WHICH **YOU HAVE SEEN** (Chapter 1)
  - Rev 1:13 (ESV)
  
- B. THE THINGS WHICH **ARE** (Chapters 2-3)

The 7 churches

- Ephesus (2:1-7)
- Smyrna (2:8-11)
- Pergamum (2:12-17)
- Thyatira (2:18-29)
- Sardis (3:1-6)
- Philadelphia (3:7-13)
- Laodicea (3:14-22)

- C. THE THINGS WHICH **SHALL BE** (Chapters 4-22)

FINAL CONFLICT (7 Seals - Rev 5:1-8:5)

Opening Seals (Rev 6)

1. White Horse: Conquest
2. Red Horse: War
3. Black Horse: Famine
4. Pale Horse: Death
5. Martyrs (How Long?)
6. Earthquake
  - Sealing before the 7th seal (Rev 7)
7. Opening of the 7th Seal (Rev 8:1-5)

FINAL **DESTRUCTION** (7 Trumpets)

1. Earth ( $\frac{1}{3}$  destroyed)
2. Sea ( $\frac{1}{3}$  destroyed)
3. Rivers ( $\frac{1}{3}$  destroyed)
4. Lights ( $\frac{1}{3}$  destroyed)
5. Demons (Locusts and Torture of men)
6. Angels ( $\frac{1}{3}$  of mankind destroyed)

- The angel and scroll: Testimony in heaven (Rev 10:1-11)
- The 2 Witnesses: Testimony on earth (Rev 11:1-12)
- Final element of 6th seal: Earthquake
- 7. 7th trumpet (Rev 11:15-19)

## HISTORIC VISIONS

WORSHIP - Temple opened (Rev 11:15-19)

THE DRAGON AND THE WOMAN (Rev 12)

- The dragon is Satan
- The woman is God's people

THE BEASTS FROM SEA AND EARTH (REV 13)

- The beast of the sea is Governmental
- The beast of the earth is Religious (false religion)

THE LAMB AND WITNESSES (Rev 14:1-5)

- The Angel's Announcement (Rev 14:6-20)
- The Harvest (Rev 14:14-20)

FINAL **WRATH** (THE 7 Bowls)

- Last plagues, with them God's wrath is completed (Rev 15:1)
- Announcement of 7 bowls (Rev 15)

7 bowls of wrath (Rev 16)

1. Sores
2. Sea of blood
3. Rivers of blood
4. Fire from sun
5. Beast's kingdom into darkness
6. Euphrates dried up
7. Earthquake

It's done!

FINAL **JUDGEMENT**

- Vision of a woman on a beast (Rev 17)
- Fall of Babylon (Rev 18-19:10)
- Fall of the beast and false prophet (Rev 19:11-21)
- 1000 year binding, 1000 year reign (Rev 20:1-6)
- Fall of Satan (Rev 20:7-10)

- Final judgement of all (Rev 20:11-15)

FINAL (and eternal) **CELEBRATION**

- Everything New! (Rev 21:1-6)
- The new Jerusalem (Rev 21:9-22:5)
- I am coming soon! (Rev 22:7-13)

What should our response to Revelation be?

John was encouraged to respond with **WORSHIP!** (Rev 1:17, 19:10, 22:8-9)