

# Revelation

A simplified overview



**Revelation 20:11** *"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away.."*



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# About the book

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**THE REVELATION OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE**

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Book 66 of the Bible

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## ***Book Summary***

The book of Revelation has a complex structure, showcasing history ending in final judgment. The book's main theme revolves around Christ's triumph over the forces of evil and His re-creation of the world for the redeemed.

*Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.*

## Revelation 1

**Prologue:** *The Lord Jesus Christ Crucified, Buried, Resurrected, and Glorified. 1:1-3*  
*Greeting to the Seven Churches. 1:4-8*  
*Vision of the Son of Man. 1:9-20*

## Revelation 2

**The Seven Churches:** *Ephesus the "Apostolic" Church. 2:1-7*  
*Smyrna the "Persecuted" Church. 2:8-11*  
*Pergamos the "Married" Church. 2:12-17*  
*Thyatira the "Medieval/Pagan" Church. 2:18-29*

## Revelation 3

*Sardis the "Dead" Church. 3:1-6*  
*Philadelphia the "Evangelistic" Church. 3:7-13*  
*Laodicea the "Lukewarm/Silent" Church. 3:14-22*

## Revelation 4

**The Throne of God in Heaven** (with 24 elders round about). 4:1-11

## Revelation 5

**The Book with Seven Seals** (The Lamb opens the sealed book). 5:1-14

## Revelation 6

*The First Seal - A White Horse and Rider with a Bow sets off to Conquer (The Tribulation begins). 6:1-2*  
*The Second Seal - A Red Horse and Rider with a sword takes Peace from the Earth. War, Bloodshed and Persecution. 6:3-4*  
*The Third Seal - A Black Horse and Rider with Balances. Economic Disaster and Famine. 6:5-6*  
*The Fourth Seal - A Pale Horse and Rider named Death. Power given over Fourth part of the Earth to kill with Hunger, Death and Beasts. 6:7-8*  
*The Fifth Seal - Martyrdom of those refusing to worship the Beast. Prayers for Justice. 6:9-11*  
*The Sixth Seal - A Great Earthquake, Sun Blackened and the Moon like Blood. Stars fall and Heaven departs. 6:12-17*

## Revelation 7

**144,000 of Israel Sealed** (12,000 from each of the Twelve Jewish Tribes). 7:1-8  
**A Great Multitude from every Nation** (Departed Tribulation Saints). 7:9-17

## Revelation 8

*The Seventh Seal - Silence in Heaven for about Half an Hour. 8:1*  
**The Seven Trumpets of "Redemptive" Wrath** (Judgment begins). 8:2-6  
*The First Trumpet - Earth struck. Hail and Fire mingled with Blood cast upon the Earth. One third of Trees, and all Green Grass Burnt. 8:7*  
*The Second Trumpet - Seas struck. Asteroid impacts Ocean. One third of Sea becomes Blood. A third of all Sea-Life and ships Destroyed. 8:8-9*  
*The Third Trumpet - Waters struck. Burning Star "Wormwood" impacts Land. One third*

*of Waters Poisoned. 8:10-11*

*The Fourth Trumpet - Heavens struck. A third part of the Sun, Moon, and Stars Smitten. 8:12-13*

## **Revelation 9**

*The Fifth Trumpet - The First Woe: Smoke and demonic Locusts out of the Pit torment the ungodly, those who had taken the Mark, for Five Months. 9:1-12*

*The Sixth Trumpet - Second Woe: Four-Angels Army from Euphrates River (Two Hundred Million mounted Troops) kill one third of Worlds Population. 9:13-21*

## **Revelation 10**

***An Angel with a Little book. 10:1-11***

## **Revelation 11**

***The Two Witnesses*** *Prophesy for 1,260 days. 11:1-14*

*The Seventh Trumpet - Third Woe: Lightnings, Voices, Thunderings, an Earthquake, and Great Hail. 11:15-19*

## **Revelation 12**

***The Seven Personages:*** *The Woman in the wilderness (Israel) for 1,260 days. 12:1-6*

*The Child caught up to God (Jesus as Head of the Church and His Body of Believers). 12:5*

*The Dragon cast down to Earth (Satan). 12:7-17*

*The Archangel (Michael). 12:7-8*

*The Remnant (Believers in the Tribulation). 12:17*

## **Revelation 13**

*The First Beast out of the Sea (Antichrist) having Power for 42 Months. 13:1-10*

*The Second Beast out of the Earth (False prophet) enforcing Mark of the beast so that no man may Buy or Sell without it. 13:11-18*

## **Revelation 14**

***The Lamb on Mount Sion*** *with 144,000 Followers (Male Jewish Virgins). A New Song of Victory sung before the Throne. 14:1-5*

***The Messages of the Three Angels***

*First Angel proclaims Gospel to all that dwell on Earth. 14:6-7*

*Second Angel proclaims fall of Babylon. 14:8*

*Third Angel proclaims Dire Warning to not receive Mark of the Beast. 14:9-13*

***The Harvest of the Earth*** *(Graphic Depiction of the Winepress of God's Wrath). 14:14-20*

## **Revelation 15**

***The Seven Vials of "Destructive" Wrath*** *(Seven angels with seven final plagues). 15:1-8*

## **Revelation 16**

*The First Vial poured upon Earth. A Grievous Sore on those with the Mark of the Beast. 16:1-2*

*The Second Vial poured upon Sea. Becomes as Blood and all Sea-life Destroyed. 16:3*

*The Third Vial poured upon Rivers and Fountains of Waters, turning them to Blood. 16:4-7*  
*The Fourth Vial poured upon Sun. Men scorched with Fire and Great Heat. 16:8-9*  
*The Fifth Vial poured upon Seat of the Beast. Kingdom full of Darkness, Mankind in Rebellion and Torment. 16:10-11*  
*The Sixth Vial poured upon Euphrates. River dries up making way for Kings of the East to gather together for Battle in Megiddo Valley (Armageddon). 16:12-16*  
*The Seventh Vial poured into Air. Mighty Earthquake followed by massive Hailstones, Islands flee and Mountains not found. 16:17-21*

#### **Revelation 17**

***The Seven Dooms: First Doom - Judgment on Religious Babylon "Mother of Harlots". 17:1-18***

#### **Revelation 18**

*Second Doom - The Fall of Commercial Babylon (An Angel casts a Great Stone into the Sea). 18:1-24*

#### **Revelation 19**

*Rejoicing in Heaven. 19:1-5*  
*Marriage Supper of the Lamb. 19:6-10*  
*Third Doom - The Beast and False prophet cast alive into Lake of Fire by Rider on White Horse (Jesus). 19:11-20*  
*Fourth Doom - The Remnant Wicked Nations Slain. 19:21*

#### **Revelation 20**

*Satan bound for 1,000 Years. 20:1-3*  
*The Millennial Kingdom and the First Resurrection. 20:4-6*  
*Fifth Doom - Gog and Magog War. Nations Destroyed swiftly with Fire from Heaven. 20:7-9*  
*Sixth Doom - Satan cast into Lake of Fire. 20:10*  
*Seventh Doom - The Wicked Judged before the Great White Throne. 20:11-15*

#### **Revelation 21**

***A New Heaven and a New Earth. 21:1***  
*The New Jerusalem (Holy City) descending out of Heaven from God. 21:2-8*  
*The Nations of those saved walk in the Light of the City. 21:9-27*

#### **Revelation 22**

*The Throne of God and of the Lamb with River of Life, and Tree of Life bearing 12 kinds of Fruit. 22:1-5*  
*The Return of Jesus (THE END). 22:6-21*

# Additional Notes

The main theme in the book of Revelation is the Lord Jesus Christ's ultimate triumph over the forces of evil and His re-creation of the world for the redeemed. However upon closer investigation we soon discover more integrated themes, revealing the amazing structure of this book..

## Two Themes regarding Physical and Spiritual

The struggle on earth between believers and non-believers. Chapters 1-11  
The spiritual background. Chapters 12-22

## Three Themes regarding Time

Past: *"the things which thou hast seen."* Chapter 1  
Present: *"the things which are."* Chapters 2-3  
Future: *"the things which shall be hereafter."* Chapters 4-22

## Four "Mirrored" Themes centred around Trials and Judgments

- <sup>1.</sup> War - Counsel to the church, scattered and at war. Chapters 1-3
- <sup>2.</sup> Afflicted people - Jesus comforts His afflicted people. Chapters 4-7
- <sup>3.</sup> Judgments - Seven severe judgments warn the world. Chapters 8-11
- <sup>4.</sup> Trials - Trials of the woman (Israel). Chapters 12-14
- <sup>3.</sup> Judgments - Seven severe judgments punish the world. Chapters 15-16
- <sup>4.</sup> Trials - Trials of the Prostitute (Babylon). Chapters 17-18
- <sup>2.</sup> Resurrected people - Jesus enthrones His resurrected people. Chapters 19-20
- <sup>1.</sup> Peace - Reward to the church, gathered and at peace. Chapters 21-22

## Seven Cycles of Seven (with Seven depictions of Wrath)

The Seven Churches. [Revelation 2:1 - 3:22](#)  
*Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds..*

The Seven Seals. [Revelation 5:1 - 8:1](#)  
*Revelation 6:17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*

The Seven Trumpets. [Revelation 8:2 - 11:19](#)  
*Revelation 11:15 ..The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord..*

The Seven Personages. [Revelation 12:1 - 13:18](#)  
*Revelation 14:15 ..for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.*

The Seven Vials. [Revelation 15:1 - 16:21](#)  
*Revelation 16:19 ..to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.*

The Seven Dooms. [Revelation 17:1 - 20:15](#)  
*Revelation 19:11 ..and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*

The Seven New Things. [Revelation 21:1 - 22:5](#)  
*Revelation 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away.*



**Credits**

Clarence Larkin. *"The Book of Revelation"* (A study of the last prophetic book of Holy Scripture).  
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