

Revelation Outline

Lift Up the Lord Jesus Christ

- **Revelation:** Natural Outline

Revelation 1:19 Write the things which you **have seen**, and the **things which are**, and the **things which will take place after this**.

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| 1. Apocalypse | Things you <i>have seen</i> |
| 2. Letters to the Churches | Things that <i>are now</i> |
| 3. Plan of God | Things which <i>will take place</i> |

I. Apocalypse Things you have seen Chapter 1

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| A. Title | 1:1 |
| B. Method of Transmission | 1:2 |
| C. Blessing for Reading, Hearing and Keeping | 1:3 |
| D. Greetings from John on earth and God in heaven | 1:4-8 |
| E. Glorified Christ walking among/judging His church | 1:9-18 |
| F. Outline of the Apocalypse; i.e. unveiling | 1:19 |
| G. Interpretation of the Seven Stars/Seven Lampstands | 1:20 |

II. Letters to Churches Things that are now Chapters 2-3

Ch's 2 and 3: God's Focus on the Church

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| A. Letter from Christ to the Church in: | Ephesus | 2:1-7 | Loveless |
| B. Letter from Christ to the Church in: | Smyrna | 2:8-11 | Persecuted |
| C. Letter from Christ to the Church in: | Pergamum | 2:12-17 | Compromising |
| D. Letter from Christ to the Church in: | Thyatira | 2:18-29 | Corrupt |
| E. Letter from Christ to the Church in: | Sardis | 3:1-6 | Dead |
| F. Letter from Christ to the Church in: | Philadelphia | 3:7-13 | Faithful |
| G. Letter from Christ to the Church in: | Laodicea | 3:14-22 | Lukewarm |

III. Plan of God Things which will take place Chapters 4-22

A. Church in Heaven with Christ: Post-Rapture Chapters 4-5

John 14:3 Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and receive you to Myself**; that where I am, there you may be also.

Revelation 4:1 **After these things** [Jesus judges churches] I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "**Come up here**, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

- **Apostle John:** Picture of Church "caught up" to God

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| 1. Throne of God | 4:1-3 |
| 2. Twenty-Four Elders | 4:4-5 |

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| 3. Four Living Creatures | 4:6-11 |
| 4. Book with Seven Seals | 5:1-4 |
| 5. Lion of the Tribe of Judah/Lamb which has been slain | 5:5-10 |
| 6. Angels of heaven joins in praise of our redemption | 5:11-12 |
| 7. Universal worship of the Savior/Sovereign of the universe | 5:13-14 |

God's Focus back on Israel

Romans 11:25 ...blindness in part has happened to **Israel** until the **fullness of the Gentiles has come in.**

Romans 11:1 ...to provoke [Israel] to **jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles.**

B. [Great] Tribulation in/on the World

Chapters 6—18

- **Two-Fold Purpose of the Tribulation**

1. **God's wrath** poured out on an unrepentant sinful world
2. **Israel's Salvation:** Finally embracing Jesus Christ as Messiah

1. Seven Seal Judgments

Chapters 6—8:1

- **First 3.5 years:** Beginnings of Sorrows; i.e. **God's Passive Wrath**

1st Four Seals begin God's worldwide judgement on sinful defiant mankind

Restrainer; Holy Spirit is no longer restraining man's lust for sin.

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| a. Opening of the First Seal | 6:1-2 | White Horse | AC |
| b. Opening of the Second Seal | 6:3-4 | Red Horse | War |
| c. Opening of the Third Seal | 6:5-6 | Black Horse | Famine |
| d. Opening of the Fourth Seal | 6:7-8 | Pale Horse | Death |
| e. Opening of the Fifth Seal | 6:9-11 | | Martyrs |
| f. Opening of the Sixth Seal | 6:12-17 | | Cosmic |

g. **Interlude** between Sixth and Seventh Seal

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| (1) Reason Interlude between 6th and 7 th Seals | 7:1-3 |
| (2) Remnant of Israel sealed | 7:4-8 |
| (3) Redeemed Multitude of Gentiles | 7:9-17 |

- **Second 3.5 years:** Time of Jacob's Trouble, i.e. **God's Active Wrath**

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2. Seven Trumpet Judgements

Chapters 8:2—11:19

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| a. Angel at the Altar | Prelude to Judgment | 8:2-6 |
| b. First Trumpet | Trees incinerated | 8:7 |
| c. Second Trumpet | Saltwater to Blood | 8:8-9 |
| d. Third Trumpet | Freshwater made bitter | 8:10-11 |
| e. Fourth Trumpet | Sun, moon, stars dark | 8:12-13 |
| f. Fifth Trumpet | Demonic Locusts | 9:1-12 |
| g. Sixth Trumpet | Demons unbound | 9:13-21 |

h. **Interlude** between the sixth and seventh trumpets 10:1–11:14

- (1) The Strong Angel with the Little Book 10:1-7
- (2) John eats the Little Book 10:8-11
- (3) Dating "Times of the Gentiles" [not fullness] 11:1-2
- (4) Two Witnesses finish well 11:3-12
- (5) Great Earthquake 11:13-14

i. Seventh Trumpet Temple in Heaven 11:15-19

3. Seven Characters during the Great Tribulation Chapters 12-13

- a. The Woman Israel 12:1-2
- b. The Red Dragon Satan 12:3-4
- c. The Child of the Woman Jesus Christ 12:5-6
- d. Michael the archangel Waring 12:7-12 [Mid-Trib.]
- e. Dragon Persecutes Woman 12:13-16
- f. Remnant Saved Israel 12:17
- g. **Beast from the Sea Anti-Christ 13:1-10**

- (1) Anti-Christ Described 13:1-2
- (2) Anti-Christ False-Resurrection 13:3
- (3) Anti-Christ defiles Temple 13:4-5
- (4) Anti-Christ blasphemes God 13:6-8
- (5) Anti-Christ Zero-Tolerance policy 13:9-10

h. **Beast from the Earth False-Prophet 13:11-18**

- (1) False-Prophet Described 13:11
- (2) False-Prophet Given Authority 13:12-14
- (3) False-Prophet Deceives World 13:15-17
- (4) False-Prophet Mandates Mark 13:18

4. During the Great Tribulation Chapter 14

- a. Lamb with the 144,000 14:1-5
- b. Everlasting Gospel 14:6-7
- c. Pronounced Judgment on Babylon 14:8
- d. Judgment for those with mark of the beast 14:9-12
- e. Praise for those who die in the Lord 14:13
- f. Judgement of Earth 14:14-20

SUMMARY: Seventh Seal leads into the Seven Trumpets Judgements. Seventh Trumpet leads to the Seven Bowl Judgements. In between sixth and seventh of each is an interlude

**Judgments move from one to another; Seals to Trumpets, Trumpets to Bowls
Each group with more and more intensity**

5. Seven Bowl Judgments God's Wrath Chapters 15-16

- a. Final Judgments of the Great Tribulation 15:1–16:1
 - (1) Tribulation saints in heaven 15:1-4

(2) Temple in Heaven opened 15:5
(3) 7 Angels/ 7 Bowls of God's Wrath 15:6—16:1

b. First Bowl Loathsome Sores 16:2
c. Second Bowl Saltwater to Blood 16:3
d. Third Bowl Freshwater to Blood 16:4-7
e. Fourth Bowl Men Scorched 16:8-9
f. Fifth Bowl Darkness and Pain 16:10-11
g. **Sixth Bowl Euphrates Dried up** 16:12

h. **Interlude:** Kings of earth called to Armageddon 16:13-16

i. Pouring out of the Seventh Bowl 16:17-21

6. Two Babylon's Judged

Chapters 17-18

a. **Religious Babylon:** The Apostate Church **Ch. 17**
(1) Great Harlot riding the Beast 17:1-7
(2) Beast then destroys the Great Harlot 17:8-18

b. **Political/Commercial Babylon** **Chapter 18**
(1) Fall of Commercial/Political Babylon 18:1-8
(2) World's sorrow for Babylon's Judgment 18:9-19
(3) Heaven's joy for Babylon's doom 18:20-24

C. Return of Christ in Judgment

Chapter 19

1. Four Hallelujahs in Heaven for God's Judgment 19:1-6
2. Bride and the Lamb 19:7-10
3. Return of Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords 19:11-16
4. War of Armageddon 19:17-18
5. Hell opened First Residents: AC and FP 19:19-21

D. Millennium

"Meek will inherit the earth"

Chapter 20

1. Jesus Reigns/Satan bound 1000 years 20:1-3
2. Saints of the Great Tribulation reign w/Christ 1000 years 20:4-6
3. Satan loosed after 1000 years 20:7-9
4. Satan cast into Hell w/ 2 Friends A/C and F/P 20:10
5. Great White Throne 20:11-15

E. Eternity

"All things New"

Ch's. 21-22

1. New Heaven/New Earth/New Jerusalem 21:1-2
2. New System/Era: No death, sorrow crying 21:3-8
3. New Jerusalem 21:9-21
4. New Relationship 21:22-23
5. New Creation 21:24-27
6. River of the Water of Life/ Tree of Life 22:1-5
7. Promise of Return of Christ 22:6-16
8. Final Invitation/Dire Warning 22:17-19
9. Final Promise and Prayer 22:20- 21