

## Revelation and Daniel

Revelation is not a difficult book when it is understood as prophetic.

Preterist – All of Revelation has been fulfilled in the past.

Historical – It is being currently fulfilled in the church.

Historical-spiritualist – It has been largely fulfilled and contains only spiritual lessons for the church today.

This is the amillennial position.

Futurist – The book of Revelation is primarily prophetic.

### Revelation is outlined by Christ in 1:19.

*"Write therefore the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall take place after these things."*

1 - The things which you have seen – Chapter 1

2 - The things which are – Chapters 2-3

3 - The things which shall take place after these things – Chapters 4-22

### The things which you have seen – Chapter 1

It is the revelation of Jesus Christ!

The faithful witness

The first born of the dead

The ruler of the kings of the earth

The one who loves us and saved us

The one who empowers us

The one who comes for us

The first and the last

### The things which are – Chapters 2-3

The Seven Churches

Ephesus – The apostolic period

Smyrna – The period of persecution

Pergamum – The period of official patronage

Thyatira – The Middle Ages

Sardis – The Reformation period

Philadelphia – The missionary period

Laodicea – The modern period

### The things which shall take place – Chapters 4-22

Chapters 4-5 – The Throne in Heaven

*"To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."* 5:13

Chapters 6-8:1 – Opening of the Seven Seals

Chapters 8:2-11:19 – Blowing of the Seven Trumpets

Chapters 12-14 – Events during this time

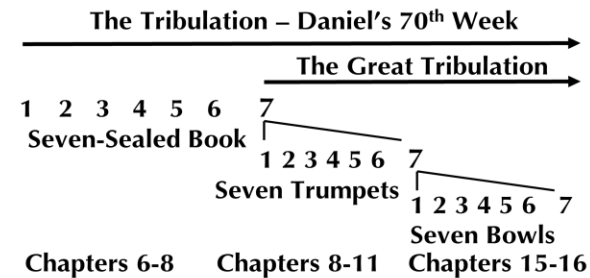
Chapters 15-16 – Pouring out of the Seven Bowls of Wrath

Chapters 17-18 – The two Babylons Judged

Chapter 19 – The Marriage of the Lamb and Return of Christ

Chapter 20 – The Millennium and Great White Throne

Chapters 21-22 – Entrance into Eternity



### Revelation 1:1-3

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ...* Which God gave Him... To show to His bond-servants... Sent and communicated through His angel... To His bond-servant John

*The things which must shortly take place –*

*Shortly* = Soon! In other words they stand ready to be fulfilled.

They are imminent. 2 Peter 3:8-9, James 5:8-9.

*His angel* – Perhaps Gabriel (Daniel 8:16; 9:21-22, Luke 1:26-31).

There are 67 references to angels (messengers) in Revelation.

*The word of God* – Probably the Father's word to Jesus.

*The testimony of Jesus* – Jesus' faithful communication of the Father's word.

*All he saw* – 44 times in Revelation John wrote "I saw". Revelation was written based on direct revelation and is divinely inspired.

*Blessed* – Seven blessings are mentioned in Revelation (14:13, 16:15, 19:9, 20:6, 22:7, 14). The number "seven" (divine origin and authority) is used 54 times in Revelation.

*Blessed: -He who reads -Those who hear the words -Those who heed the things written*

*For the time is near. Time* – This word (*kairos*) describes a period of time rather than a point in time.

*Near* – This word (*eggus*) means "close in proximity" or "at hand, imminent". The point is that the fulfillment could begin at any time.

*The power of Christ* – He has all power!

*The program of Christ:*

Immediate purpose – To defeat and destroy Satan and sin.

Ultimate purpose – To dwell among His people and experience fellowship with them.

**Revelation is the unveiling of Jesus Christ – His person, His power, and His program – for the rest of history.**