

FROM DUST TO DESTINY



REVELATION



Revelation is given so we can know Jesus Christ in his glorious justice and mercy and live worshipfully by faith.



REVELATION

Practical Prophecy



Ethical Eschatology

In essentials, unity;
in non-essentials,
liberty; in all things,
charity.

Augustine Of Hippo

THE TWIN PRONGS OF PROPHECY

To call the *unregenerate* to repentance and

To call the *remnant* to righteousness

God is immutable with respect to His
character, counsel, and covenant.

II Samuel 12:22; Jonah 3:9; Joel 2:14; II Kings 19:4, 14-19; Jeremiah 26:3

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7 “Beatitudes”

(1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7, 14)

7 appear 44 times in the book of Revelation and symbolizes “**completeness**”

7 Spirits, **golden lampstands**, lampstands, **fields**, horns, **angels**, trumpets, **thunders**, heads, **crowns**, **plagues**, bowls, **hills**, and kings as well as **Churches**

7 thousand people are killed because of an earthquake
(11:13)



THE BOOK OUTLINE (1:19)

- Past (1:12-16)
- Present (2:1-3:22)
- Future (4:1-22:5)

*REVELATION is an
apocalyptic PROPHECY
in the FORM OF a
CIRCULAR LETTER.*

QUESTION: Why does the world hate the Church? (1-11)

ANSWER: Because Satan Hates Christ. (12-22)

Four Main Divisions:

“in the Spirit”

1:10; 4:2; 17:1-3; 21:9-10

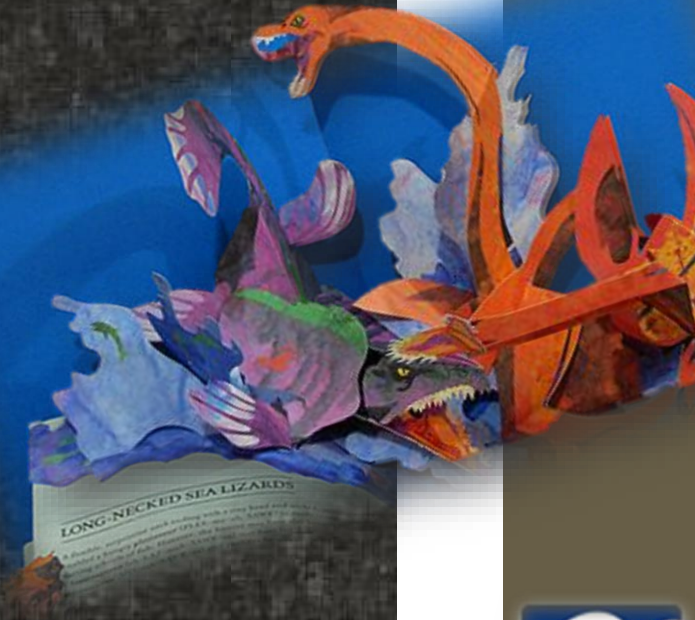
Smaller Units:

“and I saw”

5:1, 11; 6:1; 9; etc.

The Seven Sections of Revelation

1. The Seven Churches (1-3)
2. The Seven Seals (4-7)
3. The Seven Trumpets (8-11)
4. The Persecuting Dragon (12-14)
5. The Seven Bowls (15-16)
6. The Fall of Babylon (17-19)
7. The Great Consummation (20-22)



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➤ the word “soon” or “quickly” appears times 7
(2:5, 16; 3:11; 11:14; 22:7, 12, 20)

➤ the word “prophecy” appears times 7
(1:3; 11:6; 19:10; 22:7, 10, 18, 19)

➤ the Greek word “porneia” appears times 7
(2:21; 9:21; 14:8; 17:2, 4; 18:3; 19:2)

7 implicitly used songs of praise
(5:12; 7:12)

7 implicitly beatitudes
(1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7, 14)

The Seven Letters of Revelation

1. Addressee: “to the angel of the church ... write”
2. Identification “The words of him”
3. Claim of Knowledge: “I know”
4. Evaluation: rebuke or commendation
5. Promise/Threat: “I will”
6. Promise to “the one who conquers”
7. Exhortation to listen: “He who has an ear”



The Risen Christ

Vision Reference	Vision Description	Vision Application
1:13, 16, 20	Among the lampstands; holding seven stars	2:1
1:17-18	First & last; died & came to life	2:8
1:16	Two-edged sword from his mouth	2:12 (2:16)
1:14-15	Eyes of flame, feet like burnished bronze	2:18
1:4, 16, 20	Seven spirits; seven stars	3:1
1:18	Holder of the key	3:7
1:5, 17	Faithful & true witness, beginning	3:14



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Parallels



Seals	Description	Trumpets
5:1-14	Opening Scene (Origins of Judgment)	8:2-6
6:1-17	Six Judgments	8:7-9:21
7:1-17	"Who Can Stand" 6:17; 7:1, 9, 11 Dramatic Interlude (The Promise of Care of God's People)	10:1-11:14
8:1	7th & Climatic Judgment	11:15-19

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Parallels



Key	Seals	Trumpets	Bowls
4:5	8:5	11:19	16:18
14:7	6:1-8	8:7-12	16:1-9
		Trumpets	Bowls
	Heaven/Sky	8:12	16:8
	Earth/Land	8:7	16:2
	Sea	8:8	16:3
	Springs	8:10	16:4

Progressive Parallelism
(Recapitulation)

		Trumpets	Exodus Plague	Bowls
1	Earth	8:7 hail, fire	7 th 9:23-25 6 th 9:10	16:2 sores
2	Sea	8:8-9 blood, death	1 st 7:20-21 1 st 7:17-21	16:3 blood, death
3	Rivers & Springs	8:10-11 bitter	1 st 7:19 1 st 7:17-21	16:4-7 bloody waters
4	Sun	8:12 darkened "Woes" 8:13; 9:12; 11:14	9 th 10:21-29 ∅	16:8-9 scorching sun
5	Abyss & Pain	9:1-11 darkness, locusts	9 th & 8 th 10:21-29; 10:12-20 9 th 10:21-29	16:10-11 darkness
6	Euphrates & Armies	9:12-19 angels Cloud & Fire 10:1	10 th ? 11:1-10; 12:29-32 10 th ? 11:1-10; 12:29-32 Red Sea Parted 14	16:12-15 Euphrates, demons
7	2 nd Coming & Triumph	11:15-19	∅ 7 th 9:13-35	16:17-21 earthquake, hail

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7 implicitly locust description
(9:7-10)

28 implicitly the Greek word for land
(1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7, 14)

➤ the Greek word for “**land**” appears times **28** and **4**
symbolizes the created order

4 living creature, **angels**, corners of the earth, **angles bound at the Euphrates**

2:9 And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it.

2:10 And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

3:1 And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel."

3:2 So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat.

3:3 And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

3:4 And he said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them.

10:2 He had a little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land,

5:1 Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

10:9 So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey."

10:10a And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it.

10:10b It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter.

10:11 And I was told, "You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

Old Testament Imagery in Revelation 11:4-6

OT Image	OT Reference	OT Personage	Revelation
Two Olive Trees	Zechariah 4	Joshua high priest Zerubbabel governor	11:4
Fire Consumes Enemies	2 Kings 1:9-12	Elijah Ahaziah & men	11:5
No rain	1 Kings 17:1	Elijah Ahab	11:6a
Bloody Waters	Exodus 7-12	Moses Pharaoh	11:6b



The Bible Church
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Letter Opening: Revelation of Jesus

1:1-8

The Church in the World: Seven Letters

1:9-3:22

Throne Room Vision, Christ Conquers & Opens the Scroll

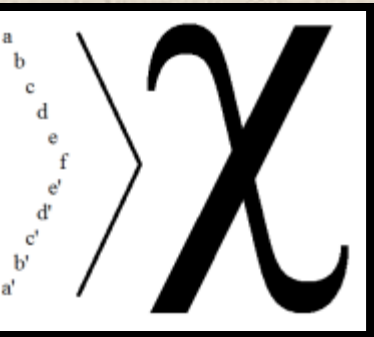
4:1-6:17

The Saints Sealed & the Trumpets

7:1-9:21

True Prophet: The Angel & John

10:1-11



The Church: 2 Witnesses Prophesying 1,260 days, Beast Opposition

11:1-14

The Seventh Trumpet: WORSHIP

11:15-19

The Church: Woman Nourished 1,260 days, Dragon & second Beast Opposition

12:1-13:10

False Prophet: The Deceiving Beast

13:11-18

The Saints Redemption & the Bowls

14:1-19:10

Christ Return, Conquers, Sets up Kingdom & Opens the Scrolls

19:11-20:15

The Church in Glory: New Heaven & New Earth

21:1-22:7

Letter Closing: Jesus Is Coming Soon

22:8-21

Difference in the Detail *Between Revelation 12:7-12 & 20:1-3*

Action	12:9 cast to earth	20:2-3 seized, bound, thrown into a pit
Place of Confinement	12:9 earth	20:1-3 bottomless pit
Henchman	12:9 his angels with him	20:1-3 Satan alone; 19:20 beast & false prophet in lake of fire where Satan joins them in 20:10
Result	12:12-13:8 Satan makes war on saints (12:13-17) & deceives the nations (13:3-8, 14) over them he has authority (13:2) for 42 months (13:5)	20:1-3 no war on the saints; no deception of the nations; no authority for Satan & his beast
Time	12:12 Satan has a little time to make war and deceive	20:3 Satan cannot deceive the nations for a thousand years; after that he will be released for a short period

Symbolic Personages: Introductions & Destinies

The People of God Depicted with the Imagery of Light & Creation 12:1-2

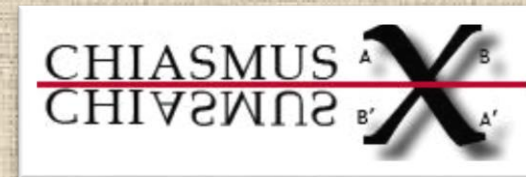
The Dragon – Satan 12:3-6

The Beast & the False Prophet 13:1-8

The Bride: The People of God in Imagery of Sexual Purity 14:1-5

Babylon the Harlot

Babylon Destroyed



17:1-6

17:15-18:24

The Bride: The People of God in Imagery of Sexual Purity 19:1-10

The Beast & the False Prophet are Destroyed 19:11-21

The Dragon is Destroyed 20:1-10

The People of God Depicted with the Imagery of Light & Creation 21:1-22:5



Revelation 12

The Apocalyptic Child &

The Atoning Cross

3 Characters (1-6)

Radiant Woman

Red Dragon

Ruling Child

2 Conflicts (7-9)

In Heaven

On Earth

1 Chorus (10-12)

Re-Cap (13-17)

Demonic Persecution

Divine Protection



144,000 Sealed & Trumpet Plagues *7:1-9:21*

True Prophet John *10:1-11*

Persecuted Church *11:1-14*

Christ is King *11:15-19*

Persecuted Church *12:1-13:10*


Satan's False Prophet *13:11-18*

144,000 Sealed & Bowls of Wrath *14:1-19:10*

Progressive Parallelism
(Recapitulation)

Time Periods:

A time of distress and intense conflict between God's people and their opponents

	Time, Times, Half a Time	Half Week	1,260 Days	Other Day	42 Months
Daniel	7:25; 12:7	9:27		8:14 (2,300) 12:11 (1,290) 12:12 (1,335)	
Revelation	12:14		11:3; 12:6		11:2; 13:5

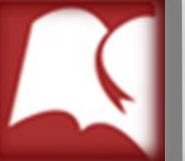
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4 categories:

- tribe, language, people, nation,
- praise, honor, glory, power
- sword, famine, disease, wild beast
- Peals of thunder, rumbling, flashes of lighting, earthquake
- Murder, witchcraft, fornication, thief
- Many people, nations, languages, kings
- Harps, musicians, flutes, trumpeters

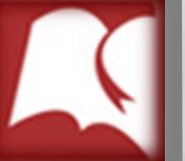
SATANIC COUNTERFEITS

- a) The beast is an image of Satan, whom Satan brought forth (13:1), just as Christ is the exact image of God, begotten by the Father (Ps. 2:7; Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3)
- b) The beast has ten crowns and blasphemous names (13:2), while Christ has many crowns and worthy name (19:12)
- c) The dragon gave the beast his power, throne, and great authority (13:2), just as Christ has power (5:12-13), throne (3:21), and authority (12:10) from the Father (Jn. 5:21-23)
- d) The beast has a seemingly fatal wound from which he has recovered (13:3), counterfeiting Christ's resurrection, and the beast's recovery is one of the principal features that attracts followers (13:4), just as the resurrection is one of the principal points of evangelistic proclamation



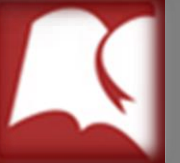
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- e) Worship is directed both to the dragon and the beast (13:4), just as Christians worship both the Father and Son (Jn. 5:23)
- f) The beast attracts the worship of the whole world (13:7), just as Christ will be worshiped universally
- g) The beast utters blasphemies (13:5), while Christ utters the praises of God (Heb. 2:12)
- h) The beast makes war against the saints (13:7), while Christ makes war against the beast (19:11-21)
- i) The song of praise to the beast in 13:4 counterfeits the song to God in Ex. 15:11



SATANIC COUNTERFEITS

- Satan (13:1)
- False Prophet or Earth Beast (13:11-18)
- False Miraculous Signs (13:13-14)
- Forces a mark on subject (13:16)
- Satan, the Beast, & the False Prophet (16:13)
- Babylon the Harlot
- God the Father (Gen. 1:2)
- Holy Spirit (Jn. 16:14)
- Miracles of the Holy Spirit
- Christians are sealed with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13)
- Holy Trinity (1:4-5; 5:6)
- The Bride of Christ



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4 describes God's creation: 4 corners of the earth, 4 directions of the wind

God is the ruler, the one controlling his universe expressed by the phrase 4 times "who lives forever and ever"

3 describes: quarts of barley, angels, plagues of fire, smoke & sulfur, unclean spirits, great city split into 3 parts, 3 gates each to the NEWS

Revelation 18



The Bible Church
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I. The Fall of Babylon the Great

The voice of an angel (Information) vv. 1-3

The voice of God (Invitation) vv. 4-8

II. The World Mourns Babylon's Fall

Kings vv. 9-10

Merchant vv. 11-12a

Sea Men vv. 17b-19

Saints v. 20

"Come Out of Her"
Isaiah 48:20; 52:11
Jeremiah 50:8; 51:6, 45



To Those Who Overcome:

Promise	Description	Fulfillment
2:7	Eat from the tree of life	22:2
2:11	No harm from the second death	20:6; 21:7-8
2:17-18	A bright stone & the morning star	21:11, 18-21, 23; 22:5, 16
2:26-27; 3:21	Reign with Christ	22:5
3:5	Name in the book of life	21:27
3:5	Clothed in white	21:2; 19:7-8
3:12	Made a pillar in the temple	21:3, 22
3:12	Identification with an eternal city	21:2, 10
3:12	A great name	22:4

The New & Better Eden

Genesis	Revelation	Ways the New Garden Is Better
2:10	22:1	Living water Bright as crystal Flowing from the throne of God & of the Lamb
2:9	22:2	The tree is on both sides of the river Twelve kinds of fruit (Ez 47:12) Continual production “Healing”

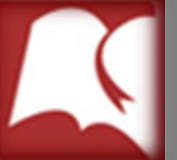
And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.

Genesis 2:9-10



CONTRASTIVE PARALLELS

- Harlot (17:1)
 - ✓ Wilderness (17:3)
 - ✓ Blasphemous names (17:5)
- Babylon – corrupt & judged (17:5)
 - ✓ Perishes in dire judgment
 - ✓ Cursed
- Bride (21:9)
 - ✓ Mountain (21:10)
 - ✓ Names inscribed on the Holy City (22:14)
- New Jerusalem - pure & chaste (21:11)
 - ✓ Endures in eternal light
 - ✓ Blessed



“The Coming One”

For behold, the LORD is coming out of his place, and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth.

Earth Dwellers

Micah 1:3

3:10; 6:10; 8:13; 11:10; 13:3, 8, 12, 14; 17:2, 8



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- 1:7
- 2:5, 16
- 3:11
- 16:15
- 22:7, 12, 20



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