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## Revelation

Theme: The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Outline: I. The Things Seen  
II. The Things That Are  
III. The Things To Come

Revelation 1  
Revelation 2-3  
Revelation 4-22

**Content Summary:** In this uncovering of what Christ wants the church to know, Christians are given a prophetic look at the condition of the church and her eventual rewards, the wrath of God yet to come in the tribulation, the return of Christ in glory and the eternal state of all who believe in Him. As the hearer ponders the future, he is compelled to turn from sin and put full trust in the faithful God who will fulfill every word He has promised.

### Key Chapters:

1 The glory of Christ  
2-3 Messages to 7 churches  
4-5 God's Throne  
6 Seal judgments  
8-9,11 Trumpet judgments  
12 Second 3<sup>1/2</sup> years, persecution of the Jews  
16 Bowl judgments  
17-18 Babylon  
20 Millennium  
21-22 Eternal State

### Key Passages:

3:10 Promise that believers will be delivered from the Great Tribulation  
11:11 The two witnesses are raised to life and taken up  
12:1-4 "A woman" representative of Israel  
14:1 The 144,000 and Lamb on Mt. Zion  
19:9 Blessed are those invite to the marriage supper  
20:4 Martyrs of the Tribulation  
21:1 "I saw a new heaven and a new earth . . ."  
22:12 "Behold I am coming quickly . . ."  
22:18-19 Don't add to or take away from these prophecies

### Key People:

Beast: Represents both the Antichrist and his world system  
False Prophet: Associate of the Antichrist, a religious leader supporting the Antichrist  
2 olive trees/lampstands: the two faithful witnesses to Israel

The Lamb: Jesus Christ, power of the Lion, grace of a lamb  
The woman: (ch. 12) Israel  
Harlot: the false religion/church est. by the false prophet

### Structure of the Book

- I. The Prologue (1:1-8)
- II. **The First Vision: The Church Age** (1:9-3:22)\*
  - The Voice of Jesus Christ (1:9-11)
  - The Vision of Jesus Christ (1:12-16)
  - The Message from Jesus Christ to the Seven Church (1:17-3:22)
- III. **The Second Vision: The Great Tribulation** (4:1-16:21)\*\*
  - The Seven Seals (4:1-8:1)
  - The Seven Trumpets (8:2-11:19)
  - The Great Personages of the Tribulation (12:1-14:20)
    - The Woman, The Dragon and the Child (12:1-17)
    - The Two Beasts (13:1-18)
    - The Lamb and the 144,000 (14:1-5)
    - The Six Angels (14:6-20)
  - The Seven Bowls (15:1-16:21)
- IV. **The Third Vision: The Second Coming of Christ** (17:1-21:8)
  - The Destruction of Babylon (17:1-19:10)
  - The Establishment of the New Jerusalem (19:11-21:8)
    - The Return of Christ (19:11-16)
    - The Defeat of the Beast (19:17-21)
    - The Binding of Satan (20:1-3)
    - The Millennium (20:4-6)
    - The Final Rebellion of Satan (20:7-10)
    - The Great White Throne Judgment (20:11-15)
    - The New Heaven and the New Earth (21:1-8)
- V. **The Fourth Vision: The Eternal State** (21:9-22:5)
- VI. The Epilogue (22:6-21)

**Introduction to Revelation:**

Title: "Revelation of Jesus Christ" (literally: apocalypse of Jesus Christ)

Author: John the Apostle (named directly in 1:4, 9; 22:8)

Recipients: second generation churches dealing with persecution and heresy, saints throughout the Church Age

Date: approximately 90 AD

**Major Themes in John**

**The Glory of Jesus Christ**

Titles for Jesus:

*The Faithful Witness* (1:5)

*The Lion of the Tribe of Judah* (5:5) – (cp. Gen 49)

*King of Kings and Lord of Lords* (19:16; 17:14)

*Lamb* (28x)

*Alpha & Omega* (1:8; 21:6; 22:13)

*Root and Descendant of David* (22:16)

*Bright Morning Star* (22:16)

**2. The Wrath of God**—everything that happens is a judgment of God controlled by Christ (6:16, 17; 11:18; 14:10, 19; 15:1, 7; 16:1, 19; 19:15)

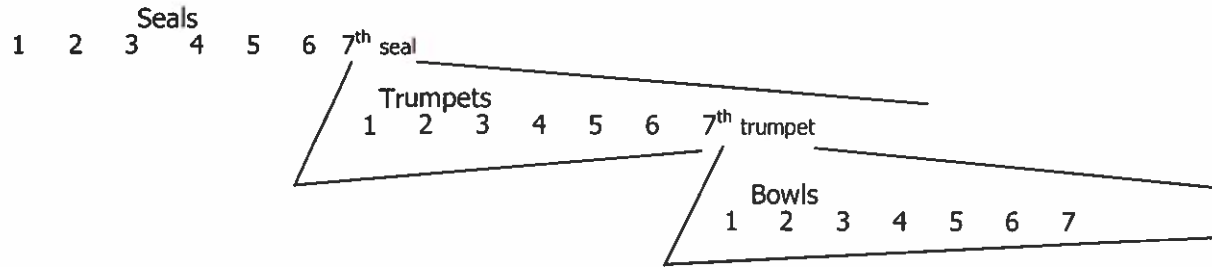
**3. The Future Work of God**

God's Judgment of the Earth (chapters. 6-19)

God's Establishment of His Kingdom (chapters 19-20)

God's Blessing of His People (chapters 2-3, 19-22)

The Relationship of the Judgments (learned from Robert Thomas/John Walvoord):



**Purpose of Revelation**

A revelation was given from Jesus Christ to encourage believers to faithfulness and to rebuke them concerning sin.

Other Notes: