

# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

**BACKGROUND**  
The Revelation (also called simply „Revelation“), the concluding book of the Scriptures, unfolds the great events bringing history to consummation, including the revelation of Jesus Christ at His second advent.

**THEMES OF REVELATION**  
Central Theme: Jesus Christ is revealed in Glory  
1. Christ is seen in relationship to Time as Him „who is and who was and who is to come“ 1:4.  
2. Christ is related to the Church 1:9-3:22  
the Tribulation 4:1-19:21  
the Millennial Kingdom 20:1-10 and the Eternal State 20:11 - 22:21  
3. Christ is presented as the Ruler of the kings of the earth 1:5  
the Bridegroom and Head of the Church 19:7-9  
the Lion of the tribe of Judah 5:5  
the Lamb that was slain 5:6,12, etc.  
the High Priest 8:3-6 and the King and Judge 19:11 - 20:15

**DIVISIONS OF REVELATION**  
I. Things past: „the things which you have seen,“ that is, the Patmos vision 1:1-20  
II. Things present: „the things which are,“ that is, the existing Churches 2:1 - 3:22  
III. Things future: „the things which will take place after this,“ that is, events *after* the Church Age ends 4:1 - 22:5

This third major division of Revelation (4:1 - 22:21) is characterized by series of sevens:  
7 Seals 4:1 - 8:1  
7 Trumpets 8:2 - 11:19  
7 Bowls 5:1 - 16:21  
7 Dooms 17:1 - 20:15  
7 New Things 21:1 - 22:21

**PARANTHETICAL PASSAGES**  
Important passages which are parenthetical, supplemental or corrective:  
the Jewish Remnant and the Tribulation Saints 7:1-17  
the Angel, the little Book and the two Witnesses 10:1 - 11:14  
the Lamb, the remnant and the Proclamation of the everlasting Gospel 14:1-13  
the Gathering of the Kings of the Earth in Preparation for Armageddon 16:13-16 and the 4 Alleluias in Heaven 19:1-6

**PURPOSE**  
The Main Purpose is to provide the Setting for the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Principal attention is given to:  
the Time of the Tribulation 4 – 19 (which is believed to coincide with Daniel’s seventieth week Dan. 9:24-27.)  
the Great Tribulation, the latter half of that „week“, the Climax of the book begins with the Revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ in chapter 19.  
Much that is now obscure will become clear to those for whom it was written, as the Time approaches: 1 Peter 1:12; 2 Peter 1:20-21

(Introduction according to the Scofield Study Bible)

Recalling that all human knowledge is imperfect (1 Cor.13:9), the authors or the editors, present their personal view in relation to the interpretations and explanations of Scripture.  
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<b>REV. 1</b> I. Things past: „the things which you have seen“	
Introduction	1:1-3
Messages of the Ascended Lord to the 7 Churches	1:4-8
Patmos Vision	1:9-18
Command to write	1:19-20

<b>REV. 4</b> III. Things future: „the things which will take place after this“	
The Scene in Heaven	4:1
God worshiped as Creator	4:2-11

<b>REV. 5</b>	
The Seven-sealed Scroll taken by Christ	5:1-7
The Lamb worshiped as Redeemer	5:8-12
The Lamb worshiped as King	5:13-14
The Seven-sealed Scroll opened by Christ	6:1

<b>REV. 7:1-17 PARANTHETIC</b>	
Salvation during the Tribulation:	7:1-3
-Jews	144000 7:4-8
-Gentile multitude	7:9-17

<b>REV. 10:1 – 11:14 PARENTHETIC</b>	
Announcement of no further Delay	10:1-11
„Times of the Gentiles“ to conclude en 42 months	11:1-2
Two witnesses killed and raised from death	11:3-14

<b>REV. 14 PARENTHETIC</b>	
The Lamb and the 144000 on Mount Zion	14:1-5
The everlasting Gospel	14:6-7
Babylon Fall foretold	14:8
Doom to come on Worshipers of the Beast	14:9-12
Blessedness of the Holy Dead	14:13
Vision of Armageddon (cp. 16:14-16; 19:17-21)	14:14-20

<b>REV. 15 PARENTHETIC</b> A glorious heavenly Scene 15:1-8	
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<b>REV. 19:1-10 PARENTHETIC</b> Rejoicing in Heaven (4 Alleluias) over Destruction of the Harlot 19:1-6 (cp. 17:16-17; 18:8) MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB 19:7-10	
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## REV. 6:1-17; 8:1 The seven Seals scrolls

1. Seal: 6:2 White horse: FALSE CHRIST
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2. Seal: 6:3-4 Fiery red horse: WAR
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3. Seal: 6:5-6 Black horse: FAMINE
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4. Seal: 6:7-8 Pale horse: DEATH (1/4 of the earth)
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5. Seal: 6: 9-11 Under the Altar: MARTYRED REMNANT
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6. Seal: 6:12-17: COSMIC DARKNESS, ANARCHY
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7. Seal: 8:1-2: COMPOSED OF 7 TRUMPETS
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## REV. 8:2 – 9:21; 11:15-19 The seven Trumpet judgments

1. Trumpet: 8:7 1/3 of the Trees and green Grass was burned.
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2. Trumpet: 8:8-9 1/3 of the Sea became blood. 1/3 of the living Creatures died. 1/3 of the Ships were destroyed.
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3. Trumpet: 8:10-11 1/3 of the Rivers and the Springs of water became Wormwood. Many Men died from the water, made bitter.
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4. Trumpet: 8:12-13 1/3 of the Sun, of the Moon and of the stars were darkened.
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5. Trumpet: 9:1-12 Plague of „Locusts“ (Demons) causing torment for five months to Men, who do not have the Seal of God on their foreheads.
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6. Trumpet 9: 13-21 Army from the Far East (cp. 16:12) 1/3 of Mankind killed.
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7. Trumpet 11:15-19 (Composed of the 7 Bowl Judgements) Christ’s Reign foreseen.
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<b>REV. 12 – 13</b> Prominent Personages		
1. The Woman:	Israel	12:1-2
2. The red Dragon:	Satan	12:3-4
3. The male Child:	Christ	12:5-6
4. The Archangel:	Michael	12:7-12
5. Remnant:	Jewish	12:13-17
6. The Beast out of the sea:	Antichrist	13:1-10
7. The Beast out of the earth:	False Prophet	13:11-18

## REV. 16:1-12,17-21 The seven Bowl judgments

1. Bowl of wrath: 16:1-2 A foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and worshiped his image.
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2. Bowl of wrath: 16:3 The sea became blood as of a dead man and every living creature in the sea died.
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3. Bowl of wrath: 16:4-7 All rivers and springs of water became blood and every living creature in the sea died.
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4. Bowl of wrath: 16: 8-9 Men were scorched with great heat.
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5. Bowl of wrath: 16:10-11 The Kingdom of the Beast becomes full of darkness.
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6. Bowl of wrath: 16:12 The water of the Euphrates was dried up to prepare the way of the Kings from the east.
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7. Bowl of wrath: 16:17-21 Noises, thunderings, lightnings, great earthquake and hail. Jerusalem divided into three parts (see 11:8). Cities of the nations fell.
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<b>REV. 17-18</b> DOOM OF BABYLON: Town and System: The Great Harlot 17:1-6 (Apostate Christendom exerts Power over the revived fourth World Empire) The Harlot overthrown 17:7-13 Victory for the Lamb 17:14-18 Babylon destroyed 18:1-8 Earth Dwellers lament Babylon’s Destruction 18:9-19 Heaven rejoices over Babylon’s Fall 18:20-24	
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<b>REV. 19:11-16</b> SECOND COMMING OF CHRIST IN GLORY (cp. Matt. 24:16-30)	19:11-16
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<b>REV. 19: 17-21</b> Armageddon (16:13-16) Doom of Beast and False Prophet Doom of Kings and Armies	19: 17-19 19: 20 19: 21
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<b>REV. 20: 1-3</b> Satan bound in the bottomless pit during the Kingdom Age	20:1-3
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First Resurrection (completion)	20:4-5
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The Kingdom Age	20:6
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Satan loosed at the end of 1000 years; Rebellion quelled (Gog and Magog) Satan cast into Lake of Fire Second Resurrection and the judgment of The Great White Throne	20:7-9 20:10 20:1-15
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<b>REV. 21 – 22:5</b> THE NEW HEAVEN THE NEW EARTH 21:1 THE NEW JERUSALEM 21:2-27 THE NEW TEMPEL 21:2 THE NEW LIGHT 21:23 THE NEW PEOPLE 21:24-27 THE NEW PARADISE 22:1-5	
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<b>REV. 22:6-21</b> CONCLUSION: LAST MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE 22:6-19 LAST PROMISE LAST PRAYER AND LAST PROVISION 22:20-21	
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