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the book of  
**REVELATION**  
sermon series



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Answering Ten Questions



- 1) What is the title – Revelation of Jesus Christ
- 2) Who wrote it? – John
- 3) Where was it written from? – Patmos
- 4) To Whom was it written? – The Seven Churches
- 5) When was it written? – A.D. 95
- 6) How is it organized (outline)? – 3 part outline
- 7) How was it delivered – Seven steps
- 8) Why was it written? – Encouragement and holiness
- 9) What is it about? – Jesus' final victory
- 10) What makes the book different? – OT relationship

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Prologue (Rev. 1:1-8)



- I. Title (1a)
- II. Chain of Communication (1b-2)
- III. Blessing (3)
- IV. Author (4a)
- V. Audience (4b)
- VI. Greeting (4c)
- VII. Source (4d-5a)
- VIII. Subject (5b-8)

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DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES		
Revelation 2–3		
CHURCH	SCRIPTURE	DESCRIPTION
Ephesus	2:1-7	Loveless
Smyrna	2:8-11	Persecuted
Pergamum	2:12-17	Compromised
Thyatira	2:18-29	Corrupt
Sardis	3:1-6	Dead
Philadelphia	3:7-13	Missionary
Laodicea	3:14-22	Man-centered

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Revelation 4:1

"After these things [meta tauta] I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things [meta tauta].'"



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"After These Things"  
(Rev. 4–22)

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Revelation 5:1-14

- I. An observation (5:1)
- II. A question (5:2)
- III. An investigation (5:3)
- IV. A lamentation (5:4)
- V. A consolation (5:5a)
- VI. A manifestation (5:5b-6)
- VII. A reception (5:7)
- VIII. A reaction (5:8-14)



Wilmington, Outline Bible, 760

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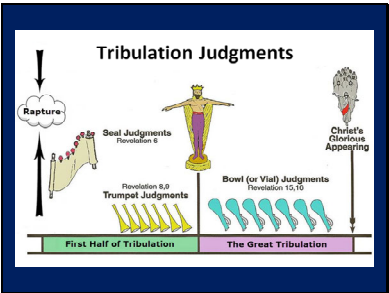
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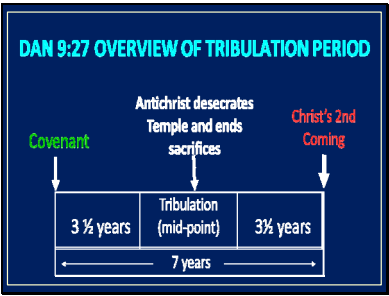
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**Isaiah 9:6-7**

“<sup>6</sup> For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.<sup>7</sup> There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.”



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Methods of Interpreting Revelation

1. Preterism: past (AD 70)
2. Historicism: past (church history)
3. Idealism: recurring
4. **Futurism: totally future**



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When Will the Rapture Take Place Relative to the Tribulation Period?

- Pre-tribulation rapture theory
- Mid-tribulation rapture theory
- Post-tribulation rapture theory
- Pre-wrath rapture theory
- Partial rapture theory



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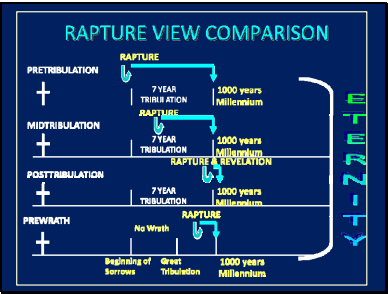
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Rev. 6:16-17

Robert L. Thomas, *Revelation 1-7: An Eschatological Commentary*,  
ed. Kenneth Barker (Chicago: Moody, 1992), 457-68.

"Mankind in his rebellion correctly analyzes the cosmic and terrestrial disturbances as a part of the great end-time day of wrath from the one sitting on the throne and from the Lamb. The verb *ēlethen* ('has come') is aorist indicative, referring to a previous arrival of wrath, not something that is about to take place. Men see the arrival of this day at least as early as the cosmic upheavals that characterize the sixth seal (6:12-14), but upon reflection they probably recognize that it was already in effect with the death of one-fourth of the population (6:7-8), the worldwide famine (6:5-6), and the global warfare (6:3-4). The rapid sequence of all of these events could not escape notice, but the light of their true explanation does not dawn upon human consciousness until the severe phenomena of the sixth seal arrive."

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Conclusion

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**"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." (NIV)**

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Rev. 12:11- And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the **word of their testimony**, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

2 Tim. 3:12-Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

**10**

1 Pet. 5:6-Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you **at the proper time**.

2 Cor. 5:8- we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

Philip. 1:21-23- <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. <sup>23</sup> But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better.

Philip. 3:9-and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith.

Luke 16:24-And he cried out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip **the tip of his finger** in water and cool off **my tongue**, for I am in agony in this flame.

Rev. 12:12-For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has **only a short time**.

## **12**

Rev. 16:18-And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; **and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.**

Rev. 8:8-The second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood.

## 14

Rev. 5:1-I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.

## 15

Rev. 9:20-The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

Rev. 19:19-And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

Matt. 24:12-Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.

Heb. 4:7- He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before, "**Today if you hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.**"

## 16

Rev. 3:21- He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, **as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.**

Rev. 5:7- And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

Rev. 6:1- Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, “Come.”

Rev. 5:5- and one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, **the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.

## **17**

1 Thess. 1:10-and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *that is* Jesus, **who rescues us from the wrath to come.**

1 Thess. 5:9-**For God has not destined us for wrath**, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Kgs. 19:18-Yet I will leave 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him.

Rom. 11:4-6-<sup>4</sup> But what is the divine response to him? “I have kept for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” <sup>5</sup> In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God’s gracious choice. <sup>6</sup> But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

## **Conclusion**

Num. 6:24-<sup>26</sup>-The Lord bless you, and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> The Lord lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.