



## Things To Come: Week 11

### Book of Revelation (Pt. 2)

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### Review

Last week we talked about:

1. What the Book of Revelation is.
2. How it is unique prophetic revelation.
3. Who wrote the book.
4. The structure of the book.
5. Different viewpoints on how to interpret the book.
6. Overview of Revelation 1.
7. Important things to see in Revelation Chapter 1.

### Chapter 1

*17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, " Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. 19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. (Rev. 1:17-19 NKJV)*

- Chapter 1 shows us Jesus' presentation of Himself to John.
- We also find the basic structure of the book laid out for us.
- The great theme of Revelation is God taking His power and authority and beginning to reign upon the Earth.

**Chapters 2 and 3**

John is given by Jesus the content of letters to write to each of the 7 churches of Asia. Notice the pattern which these letters follow in general.

People often ask about the meaning and significance of these churches. Who are they?

1. Seven real churches in real cities of Asia Minor.
2. It's possible they symbolize different kinds of churches throughout history.
3. Many see in these churches a prophecy of seven ages of church history.
4. I think that the best way to read these chapters is to see ourselves in them.

Promises to Overcomers:

- Ephesus: *To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God. (Rev. 2:7 NKJV)*
- Smyrna: *He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death. (Rev. 2:11 NKJV)*
- Pergamos: *To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it. (Rev. 2:17 NKJV)*

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- Thyatira: *And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—27 “He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’ — as I also have received from My Father; 28 and I will give him the morning star. (Rev. 2:26-28 NKJV)*
- Sardis: *He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. (Rev. 3:5 NKJV)*
- Philadelphia: *He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. (Rev. 3:12 NKJV)*
- Laodicea: *To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. (Rev. 3:21 NKJV)*

**Chapter 4**

*2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. 3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. (Rev. 4:2-4 NKJV)*

- John is caught up into the heavens.
- He is riveted by the Throne of God and by the one who sits upon it.

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## Chapter 5

*8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood iut of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth. (Rev. 5:9-10 NKJV)*

- The title deed to the Planet Earth.
- Every time one of the seals is opened, God advances the story forward.

SEALS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7



TRUMPETS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7



BOWLS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

## Revelation 6

*And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand? (Rev. 6:15-17 NKJV)*

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- Horsemen on different color horses who bring trouble upon the earth
- Seals 1-4 = white, red, black, pale/green horses
- When do the seals begin to be opened?
- 5<sup>th</sup> seal = beginning of the Great Tribulation and martyrdom
- 6<sup>th</sup> seal = cosmic disturbances

**Revelation 7**

*After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Rev. 7:9-10 NKJV)*

- God seals 144,000 men, 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel.
- In the second part of this chapter, we see a great multitude in Heaven.

**Revelation 8**

In this chapter we have the opening of the seventh seal, and the beginning of the seven trumpets. This chapter contains the first four trumpet judgments.

**Revelation 9**

Revelation 9 continues the trumpets, and here we see trumpets number five and six.

**Revelation 10**

John hears that when the seventh trumpet is blown, there will be no more delay.

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## Revelation 11

*And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. 2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. 3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth (Rev. 11:1-3 NKJV)*

- A vision of the temple and the two witnesses.
- There has been extensive debate about the identity of the witnesses.
- We see again here that the nations will trample on Jerusalem for 42 months.
- Finally, the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet is blown. There is a great announcement that the kingdoms of the world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

## Revelation 12

*And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. (Rev. 12:17 NKJV)*

- John sees a vision of the woman who gives birth to Christ. He is caught up to the throne of God, and the woman flees for 1260 days. This speaks of Israel fleeing when the Great Tribulation begins.
- Michael and his angels throw Satan and his angels down to the earth, and they are confined here.
- All of this is the Great Tribulation looked at from a couple of different angles.

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### **Revelation 13**

- The description of Antichrist and the False Prophet.
- Antichrist is given authority from God to continue his reign of terror for 42 months.
- The False Prophet does miracles and induces people to worship Antichrist.

### **Revelation 14**

- Preparations for the final judgment.
- A symbolic picture of the earth being reaped in judgment.

### **Revelation 15**

- An interlude of worship in Heaven.
- Seven angels come forward with the seven bowls of God's judgment.

### **Revelation 16**

- The seven bowls are poured out, and they are horrible.
- Powerful judgments not seen since the days of Noah's Flood.

### **Revelation 17**

*I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement. (Rev. 17:6 NKJV)*

- Revelation 17 shows us the judgment of the false religious system.
- It is referred to as Babylon, and is pictured as a harlot or prostitute.
- The harlot is being carried for a time by the beast. This tells us that the religious system is actually controlling the political system of the Earth for a time.

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- The 7 heads are seven anti-Semitic empires. The 10 ten horns are kings who give their authority to the Antichrist. The ten kings destroy the religious harlot.

**Revelation 18**

*And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. (Rev. 18:4 NKJV)*

- The judgment of Babylon, the center of the religious system.
- Its identity is much debated. We may not even know what it is yet.

**Revelation 19**

- Rejoicing in Heaven because God has judged the Great Harlot.
- We see the Lord Jesus descending to the Earth and judging the nations!

*6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.*

*9 Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.” 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”*

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11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (Rev. 19:6-16)

### **Outline of Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls of Judgment**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Effect</b>
Rev. 6:1	SEAL 1	Rider on a white horse: conquest (Antichrist – 70 <sup>th</sup> week begins?).
Rev. 6:3	SEAL 2	Rider on a red horse with a sword: peace is taken from the earth.
Rev. 6:5	SEAL 3	Rider on a black horse with a pair of scales in his hand: famine.
Rev. 6:7	SEAL 4	Rider on green horse (Death); Hell followed with him.
Rev. 6:9	SEAL 5	Persecution and martyrdom for the Word of God and the testimony of Christ.
Rev. 6:12	SEAL 6	Great earthquake and cosmic signs: the sun is darkened; moon turns to blood; stars fall, etc.
Rev. 8:1	SEAL 7	Silence, followed by the trumpet judgments.
Rev. 8:7	TRUMPET 1	Hail and fire mingled with blood: the third part of vegetation is burned up.

Rev. 8:8	TRUMPET 2	Something like a great mountain burning with fire is cast into the sea, and the third part of the sea becomes blood. The third part of life in the sea dies and the third part of ships is destroyed.
Rev. 8:10	TRUMPET 3	A great star from heaven (Wormwood) falls upon the third part of the rivers and fountains of water. The third part of water is contaminated and many die.
Rev. 8:12	TRUMPET 4	Partial darkness as the third part of light is lost from sun, moon, and stars.
Rev. 9:1	TRUMPET 5	Opening of the bottomless pit. Demonic locusts are released and attack people for five months.
Rev. 9:13	TRUMPET 6	Army of horsemen released which slays the third part of mankind.
Rev. 11:15	TRUMPET 7	Worship in Heaven; preparation for the bowls to be poured out.
Rev. 16:2	BOWL 1	Sores upon those who have the Mark of the Beast and those who worshipped his image.
Rev. 16:3	BOWL 2	Horrible judgment of the sea – everything living in it dies.
Rev. 16:4	BOWL 3	The rivers and fountains of waters become blood.
Rev. 16:8	BOWL 4	Increase in the heat of the sun; men are scorched with fire.
Rev. 16:10	BOWL 5	Darkness upon the kingdom of the beast.
Rev. 16:12	BOWL 6	The River Euphrates dries up.
Rev. 16:17	BOWL 7	Massive earthquake and hail the weight of a talent. The cities of the nations fall.

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