**Revelation—A Summary and a Review**

## PROLOGUE

The book’s own introduction to itself [(Rev 1:1-7)](http://www.simplybible.com.au/f920.htm)
First vision —a vision of Christ [(Rev 1:8-20)](http://www.simplybible.com.au/f569.htm)

1. **Verses to know—“The Fave Five” about the Rapture**
	1. **I Thessalonians 4:13-18,** “13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”
	2. **I Cor. 15:51-53, “**Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,52In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.53For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality
	3. **John 14:1-3, “**Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.2In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”
	4. **Revelation 3:10, “**Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”
	5. **Titus 2:11-13, "**For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,12Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;13Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.”
	6. **And….Luke 21:36, “**Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”
2. **Other verses that are imperative.**
	1. **You will be priests and kings, Revelation 1:6**
	2. **The tribulation is the time of Jacob’s Trouble, Jeremiah 30:7, Daniel 9:24**
	3. **The purpose of the tribulation, Hosea 5:15**
	4. **The Lampstands are the church, Revelation 1:20**
	5. **The stars are the angels, Revelation 1:20**
	6. **The outline of Revelation, Revelation 1:19**
	7. **God will send a strong delusion, 2 Thess. 2:8-12**
	8. **There is a restrainer holding the antichrist back, 2 Thess. 2:6-8**
	9. **Fullness of the Gentiles must be complete before rapture, Romans 11:25**
	10. **Jesus is returning from a wedding at the second coming, Luke 12:36**
	11. **The church is mentioned 17 times in the first three chapters, and doesn’t appear again until Chapter 19, absent after Rev. 4:1**
3. **Read Matthew 24:36 Mark 13:32 and Acts 1:7. Define the question that these verses are answering. Revelation is the answer to these verses….Matthew 24:36, “But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.”** [**Mark 13:32**](http://biblehub.com/mark/13-32.htm)**, "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”** [**Acts 1:7**](http://biblehub.com/acts/1-7.htm)**, “He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.”**
4. **What is the blessing/promise offered in Revelation? Refer to Revelation 1:3. *"Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near." (***[***Rev. 1:3***](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Re%201.3)***)***
	1. **What are the beatitudes/ blessings promised throughout Revelation?**
		1. **Revelation 1:3**
		2. **Revelation 14:13**
		3. **Revelation 16:15**
		4. **Revelation 19:9**
		5. **Revelation 20:6**
		6. **Revelation 22:7**
		7. **Revelation 22:14**
5. **What are the two curses promised if this book is abused? Read Revelation 22:18-19.**
6. **What is the outline laid out in this book?**
	1. **The Things Which Thou Hast Seen (Rev.1:1-20)**
	2. **The Things Which Are (Rev.2:1-3:22)**
	3. **The Things Which Will Take Place After This (Rev. 4:1—Rev. 22:21)**
7. **Who is the book of Revelation written to?** Chapter 1:1 also informs us that Revelation was written to **“bond-servants.”****[4](https://bible.org/seriespage/rave-review-revelation-1-22%22%20%5Cl%20%22P9_3064)** It does not say that God gave this book to biblical scholars or prophecy junkies.
8. **Read Revelation 1:1-3, and document Jesus’ message. Who was to understand this? And, to whom was the blessing directed? 1:1-3** The book of Revelation is a loving message from Jesus Christ to His precious bride, the church, revealing the things that must soon come to pass. It is meant to be understood by His people, with a blessing promised to those who read, hear and keep the things revealed in these prophecies. [**This book is said to be the “Revelation of Jesus.”**](http://amazingdiscoveries.org/S-deception-Revelation_Jesus_epanados_John) **He is its author; it is a message straight from Him. Revelation continues where the four gospels and the book of Acts left off, and shows us what Jesus has done since then, is** [**Revelation 1:19**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation%201:19&version=KJV)**. doing now and will do for His church in the future. The time is at hand.” This book of prophecy contained messages needed by the Church in John’s day, by the Church throughout its history and for us as individual Christians today. The message for today is especially relevant, for we are living in the “time of the end” and “the time is at hand” when the final events portrayed in the book of Revelation will sweep over the world and bring** [**the great controversy**](http://amazingdiscoveries.org/S-deception_Great_Controversy_Revelation) **to a spectacular conclusion.**
9. **What does the word “Revelation” mean?** The word “Revelation” comes from the Greek “apokalupisis” (Strong’s # 602) which means: “an unveiling of”. The very name of this book disproves the common assumption that it cannot be understood. Despite the many different interpretations of Daniel and Revelation, the Bible says that the wise “will” understand them. [Matthew 24:25; Daniel 12:10](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2024:25;%20Daniel%2012:10&version=KJV). As we begin our walk-through, it is important to understand that the title **“Revelation”** (*apokalupsis*) means “a disclosure or an unveiling.”**[3](https://bible.org/seriespage/rave-review-revelation-1-22%22%20%5Cl%20%22P7_2420)** The stated purpose of Revelation is to reveal Jesus Christ (1:1):
10. **Please look at 1:19. Discuss the “outline” format in Revelation.** As far as interpretation goes, 1:19 is the single most important verse of Revelation. This outline is God’s intended outline for the book and shows us that we should have a futuristic approach to the great majority of Revelation. The simple three-point outline is as follows: (1) **“The things which you have seen”** (the things past). The past things refer to those things which John had seen from 1:9-19 including 1:20, which is an explanation of part of the vision of the glorified Christ (1:9-20). (2) **“The things which are”** (the things present). The things present deal with the message to the seven churches and the state of the church of the church age (2:1-3:22). (3) **“The things which will take place after these things”** (the future things). This dominant section looks at the events that will occur after the church: the tribulation, the millennium, and the eternal state (4:1-22:21).
11. **Why is Revelation considered “the most controversial book of the Bible?” The book of Revelation is the most controversial book in the Bible.  Revelation has caused major divisions between denominations, churches and families.  What makes this book so controversial?  A promise of blessing is made in the very first chapter of the book to those who read and hear the words of this prophecy.  The book has 404 verses, and according to some scholars, half of those verses have an Old Testament reference.**
12. **What is the best interpretation of Revelation? Method of Interpretation—literal**
13. **What is the purpose of Revelation? Read Rev.1:1, 3; 22:6, 10. Its purpose** is clearly stated at the beginning and end of the book ([**Rev 1:1**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Re%201.1)**,**[**3**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Re%201.3)**;** [**22:6**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Re%2022.6)**,**[**10**](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Re%2022.10)): **To reveal "things which must shortly come to pass"**
14. **Discuss the “key verse” of Revelation, 17:14. Key Verse--** If there is one verse that summarizes the theme of the book of Revelation, it is this one: *"These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome* *them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful." (*[***Re 17:14***](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Re%2017.14)*).* **What are the attributes of Jesus and His followers?**
15. **Compare Daniel 10:5-6, Matthew 17:1, and Revelation 1:13-17.**

### Connection to Daniel: Matthew 17:1, The Transfiguration, 17 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.”Cross references:

1. [**Matthew 17:1**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-23701) **:** [**For ver. 1-8, see Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark%209:2-Mark%209:8,%20Luke%209:28-Luke%209:36&version=ESV)
2. [**Matthew 17:1**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-23701) **:** [**ch. 26:37; Mark 5:37**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matt%2026:37,%20Mark%205:37&version=ESV)

### Revelation 1:13-17,“and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. 14The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.”

1. [**Revelation 1:13**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-30695) **:** [**Dan. 7:13**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Dan%207:13&version=ESV)
2. [**Revelation 1:13**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-30695) **:** [**ch. 14:14; Dan. 10:16**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rev%2014:14,%20Dan%2010:16&version=ESV)
3. [**Revelation 1:13**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-30695) **:** [**Dan. 10:5**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Dan%2010:5&version=ESV)
4. [**Revelation 1:13**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-30695) **:** [**ch. 15:6**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rev%2015:6&version=ESV)
5. [**Revelation 1:14**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-30696) **:** [**Dan. 7:9**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Dan%207:9&version=ESV)
6. [**Revelation 1:14**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-30696) **:** [**ch. 2:18; 19:12; [Dan. 10:6]**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rev%202:18,%20Rev%2019:12,%20Dan%2010:6&version=ESV)
7. [**Revelation 1:15**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-30697) **:** [**Ezek. 1:7; Dan. 10:6**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezek%201:7,%20Dan%2010:6&version=ESV)
8. [**Revelation 1:15**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-30697) **:** [**ch. 14:2; 19:6; Ezek. 43:2**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rev%2014:2,%20Rev%2019:6,%20Ezek%2043:2&version=ESV)
9. [**Revelation 1:16**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-30698) **:** [**ver. 20; ch. 2:1; 3:1**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rev%201:20,%20Rev%202:1,%20Rev%203:1&version=ESV)
10. [**Revelation 1:16**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-30698) **:** [**ch. 19:15; [ch. 2:12, 16; Isa. 49:2; Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12]**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rev%2019:15,%20Rev%202:12,%20Rev%202:16,%20Isa%2049:2,%20Eph%206:17,%20Heb%204:12&version=ESV)
11. [**Revelation 1:16**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-30698) **:** [**Matt. 17:2**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matt%2017:2&version=ESV)
12. [**Revelation 1:16**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-30698) **:** [**Judg. 5:31**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Judg%205:31&version=ESV)
13. [**Revelation 1:17**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-30699) **:** [**Dan. 8:17, 18; 10:9, 10, 15; [Luke 24:37; John 21:12]**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Dan%208:17-Dan%208:18,%20Dan%2010:9-Dan%2010:10,%20Dan%2010:15,%20Luke%2024:37,%20John%2021:12&version=ESV)
14. [**Revelation 1:17**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-30699) **:** [**Dan. 8:17, 18; 10:9, 10, 15; [Luke 24:37; John 21:12]**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Dan%208:17-Dan%208:18,%20Dan%2010:9-Dan%2010:10,%20Dan%2010:15,%20Luke%2024:37,%20John%2021:12&version=ESV)
15. [**Revelation 1:17**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-30699) **:** [**Matt. 17:7**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matt%2017:7&version=ESV)
16. [**Revelation 1:17**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17%3A1%2CRevelation+1%3A13-17%2CDaniel+10%3A5-6&version=ESV#en-ESV-30699) **:** [**ch. 2:8; 22:13; Isa. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12**](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Rev%202:8,%20Rev%2022:13,%20Isa%2041:4,%20Isa%2044:6,%20Isa%2048:12&version=ESV)

### Daniel 10:5-6, “I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. 6His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude”

1. **Discuss the septadic structure of Revelation. A distinctive feature is the frequent use of the number seven (52 times). There are seven beatitudes (see note on** [**1:3**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/1-3.html)**), seven churches (**[**1:4,11**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/bible/passage.aspx?q=revelation+1:4;revelation+1:11)**), seven spirits (**[**1:4**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/1-4.html)**), seven golden lampstands (**[**1:12**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/1-12.html)**), seven stars (**[**1:16**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/1-16.html)**), seven seals (**[**5:1**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/5-1.html)**), seven horns and seven eyes (**[**5:6**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/5-6.html)**), seven trumpets (**[**8:2**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/8-2.html)**), seven thunders (**[**10:3**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/10-3.html)**), seven signs (**[**12:1,3**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/bible/passage.aspx?q=revelation+12:1;revelation+12:3)**;** [**13:13-14**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/bible/passage.aspx?q=revelation+13:13-14)**;** [**15:1**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/15-1.html)**;** [**16:14**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/16-14.html)**;** [**19:20**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/19-20.html)**), seven crowns (**[**12:3**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/12-3.html)**), seven plagues (**[**15:6**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/15-6.html)**), seven golden bowls (**[**15:7**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/15-7.html)**), seven hills (**[**17:9**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/17-9.html)**) and seven kings (**[**17:10**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/17-10.html)**), as well as other sevens. Symbolically, the number seven stands for completeness.**
2. **“Shortly” and “quickly” are used several times in Revelation. What is the true meaning?—Greek word really means “quickness or speed”—haste—once this starts, it will happen quickly. When He comes, He will come very quickly, not “soon.”**
3. **Revelation 1:4 implies “three” or trinity. Elaborate. Trinity in verse 4……”Is and was and is to come:--Father, then Holy Spirit, and Jesus”**
4. **Within the greeting of John’s letter are several identifying markers. Talk about the author’s identification, the identification of those to whom the the letter is written, and the expression of praise to God. The Greeting** John's letter is a form letter of sorts too, but with no such deception. In verses 4-6, John follows the precedent of virtually every one of the letters of Paul (he will end like Paul too; see 22:21). First is the **author's self-identification** (*John*); second, **an identification of those to whom the letter is written** (*the seven churches in the province of Asia*); third**, a formula introduced by the words *grace and peace****;* and finally **an expression of praise to God**, in Paul's case a thanksgiving or a blessing, in **John's a doxology: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood . . . to him be glory and power forever and ever!** Amen. John differs from Paul only in appending to his doxology two prophetic pronouncements (vv. 7-8) **identifying the letter as a work of prophecy and introducing its major themes.**
5. **What is the title of this book, according to John? The Title** Few Bible readers are aware that most biblical books did not originally have titles at all. **Revelation is probably the clearest New Testament example of a work that does give itself a title.** Its title is not "The Revelation of John," for these words were supplied by later scribes who copied the manuscript. **The real title is very long**, like some obscure eighteenth-century religious tract. It is emphatically *not* a catchy title. **In fact, it comprises all of the first three verses of chapter 1!** If there is a short title, it has to be the simple phrase with which the longer one begins, "the revelation of Jesus Christ."
6. **Why do we consider Revelation a letter, the longest letter in the New Testament? This revelation has the form of a letter, the longest letter in the New Testament (1:4--22:21).** But the title, or heading prefixed to the letter, makes it clear from the start that this is no ordinary letter from a Christian leader to a group of churches. **It is a letter from heaven, a prophetic revelation from Almighty God!** While the voice that speaks in the letter is John's voice, the voice that speaks in the long title is anonymous. It could be John. But if so, John is distancing himself from his own persona by referring to himself in the third person as *his servant John.* It could also be an individual Christian or a Christian community that is "publishing" John's long letter after the fact for a wider audience. Quite simply, there is no way to be certain. As far as we know, the voice that speaks in the extended title is not heard again, for the rest of the book (1:4--22:21) stands complete as a letter. It has the customary beginning (1:4-6) and ending (22:21) of early Christian letters, like Paul's or Peter's. **WHO WRITES THE SEVEN LETTERS TO THE CHURCHES IN CHAPTERS 2-3?**
7. **What is one of the outcomes of this revelation? See Romans 7:19 and Isaiah 24:19. Romans 7:19—the creation itself will be delivered when Jesus comes back….the whole creation “groans.” It is waiting for the unveiling…. Is 24:19—the earth is broken and destroyed….fades away….the earth is incompatible with the fiery glory of Jesus**
8. **Write a brief survey of Revelation’s content.**

**A LETTER TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES**

**THE RAPTURE OF THE BRIDE**

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| **the rise of the Antichrist as a world dictator.** |
| **a 40 month period of relative peace.** |
| **a 40 month period of horrendous tribulation.** |
| **terrible judgments by God on the supporters of the Antichrist.** |
| **the marriage of the Lamb (Jesus) and his bride (the Christian church). Presumably the** [**rapture**](http://www.religioustolerance.org/rapture.htm) **will have happened by this time: faithful Christians who have died will be resurrected, rise from their graves and ascend to heaven.** |
| **the second coming of Jesus.** |
| **the battle of Armageddon.** |
| **the millennium kingdom is established on earth.** |
| **final punishment of Satan.** |
| **destruction of the old heavens and earth.** |
| **Unbelievers will be cast into everlasting fire.****1000 YEAR WITH CHRIST’S REIGN ON EARTH** |
| **God creates a new heaven and earth and ETERNITY** |

1. **Why is the topic of “the wrath of God” difficult for the average reader? Refer to Revelation 14:9-10.** Not included in this survey, and missing from every sermon that we have heard about this topic, is a reference to Revelation 14:9-10, “Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If **anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.”**
2. **Is America in prophecy? America in Prophecy—Job 38:30, Is. 60:16, Ez. 36:24, (Is. 30:25 and Is. 33:18—9/11 Predictions)**
3. **How did the fall of man bring sin into the world? Read Genesis 3. Does Revelation provide a final answer to this?** The fall of man brought sin into the world in **Genesis 3**, and verse after verse has recorded our problem in painstaking detail.
4. **How does the reign of Jesus for 1000 years and the re-creation of the world remedy the problems of the earth? Read Revelation 19-22.**The brilliance of Revelation is that it provides a final answer to this problem, a hope that Jesus will once and for all heal the wounds wrought by sin (**Revelation 19),** reign for a thousand years on earth (**Revelation 20**), and then re-create the world into a place that represents God’s original design (**Revelation 21–22** ). The book describes a number of "end-time events that will occur during the Day of the Lord."
5. **What is the literary style of Revelation? For an adequate understanding of Revelation, the reader must recognize that it is a distinct kind of literature. Revelation is apocalyptic, a kind of writing that is highly symbolic. Although its visions often seem bizarre to the Western reader, fortunately the book provides a number of clues for its own interpretation (e.g., stars are angels, lampstands are churches,** [**1:20**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/1-20.html)**; "the great prostitute,"** [**17:1**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/17-1.html)**, is "Babylon" [Rome?],** [**17:5,18**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/bible/passage.aspx?q=revelation+17:5;revelation+17:18)**; and the heavenly Jerusalem is the wife of the Lamb,** [**21:9-10**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/bible/passage.aspx?q=revelation+21:9-10)**).**
6. **Revisit the importance of earthquakes in Revelation. See Revelation 6:12-14, 9:13-17, 11:7, 13, 15, 16:17, 18, 20.**
7. **Important points to review:**
	1. **The Seven Churches, Revelation 2-3**
	2. **The rapture, Revelation 4**
	3. **The beast our of the bottomless pit, Revelation 11:7**
	4. **The sealing of the 144,00, Revelation 7:1-4**
	5. **The seven seals, Revelation 6-8**
		1. **The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse**
	6. **The seven trumpets, Revelation 8-9,**
	7. **The two witness, Revelation 11**
	8. **The splendid woman, Israel, and the man-child, Revelation 12**
	9. **The beast and the false prophet, Revelation 13**
		1. **Mark of the Beast, Revelation 13**
	10. **The seven bowls, Revelation 16**
	11. **The Battle of Armageddon, Revelation 16**
	12. **The destruction of Babylon, Revelation 17**
	13. **King on the white horse, Revelation 19, BATTLE OF ARMAGGEDDON**
	14. **The Millennium, Revelation 20**
	15. **The new heaven and new earth, Revelation 21-22**
8. **What are some Daniel references to Revelation? See Daniel 7:8, 21-25** Moreover, links occur in the Apocalypse connecting it with the Old Testament. For instance, the "mouth speaking great things" ( [Daniel 7:8](http://www.biblestudytools.com/daniel/7-8.html) [Revelation 13:5](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/13-5.html) *beast that blasphemes against God, and makes war against the saints,* with *the little horn* ( [Daniel 7:21](http://www.biblestudytools.com/daniel/7-21.html) ; [Revelation 13:6](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/13-6.html) [Revelation 13:7](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/13-7.html) arising after the ten kings, shall *speak against the Most High, and wear out the saints* ( [Daniel 7:25](http://www.biblestudytools.com/daniel/7-25.html) also, compare the "forty-two months" ( [Revelation 13:5](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/13-5.html) hundred and threescore days" ( [Revelation 12:6](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/12-6.html) the dividing of time," of [Daniel 7:25](http://www.biblestudytools.com/daniel/7-25.html) months," [Revelation 11:2](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/11-2.html) the period under the sixth trumpet to the section, [Revelation 12:1-14:20](http://www.biblestudytools.com/bible/passage.aspx?q=Revelation+12:1-14;Revelation+12:20)
9. **What is “The final and most important principle in Revelation?” Examine Revelation 22:17b.**  this: Salvation can only be found in Jesus Christ. The clearest expression of this is found in 22:17b where John records, **“And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.”**
10. **How is the Old Testament linked with Revelation?** the Book of Revelation has no direct quotations from the Old Testament, it has about **557 references** to it and most of the information found in its first twenty chapters is also found in the Old Testament. Only the last two chapters deal with things totally new.
11. **What is the warning in Revelation22:18-19?** [Revelation 22:18-19](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Revelation%2022.18-19) contains a TWO-FOLD warning to anyone who tampers with the biblical text: “For I testify together to everyone who hears the Words of the prophecy of this Book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add on him the plagues that have been written in this Book. And if anyone takes away from the Words of the Book of this prophecy, God will take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which have been written in this Book.” The question is whether these verses refer to the whole Bible or just the Book of Revelation.

## ***1*** *The Revelation of Christ (Rev 1-5)*

## ***2*** *Times of Tribulation (Rev 6-11)*

## ***3*** *The Judgment of the Beasts (Rev 12-20)*

## ***4*** *The Beauty of Heaven (Rev 21-22)*

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| The \*Lord meets with John | Revelation 1:1-20 |
| John tells us about his book | Revelation 1:1-3 |
| John greets the \*churches | Revelation 1:4-8 |
| Jesus Christ speaks to John | Revelation 1:9-16 |
| Jesus tells John to write | Revelation 1:17-20 |
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| Letters to the 7 \*churches | Revelation 2:1-3:22 |
| To the \*church in Ephesus | Revelation 2:1-7 |
| To the \*church in Smyrna | Revelation 2:8-11 |
| To the \*church in Pergamum | Revelation 2:12-17 |
| To the \*church in Thyatira | Revelation 2:18-29 |
| To the \*church in Sardis | Revelation 3:1-6 |
| To the \*church in Philadelphia | Revelation 3:7-13 |
| To the \*church in Laodicea | Revelation 3:14-22 |
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| \*Worship in heaven | Revelation 4:1-5:14 |
| \*Worship of God who created all things | Revelation 4:1-11 |
| \*Worship of the \*Lamb | Revelation 5:1-14 |
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| The 7 \*seals | Revelation 6:1-8:1 |
| The first 6 \*seals | Revelation 6:1-17 |
| Security and \*salvation | Revelation 7:1-17 |
| The seventh (7th) \*seal | Revelation 8:1 |
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| The 7 \*trumpets | Revelation 8:2-11:19 |
| Preparation for the \*trumpets | Revelation 8:2-5 |
| The first four \*trumpets | Revelation 8:6-12 |
| The cry of the \*eagle | Revelation 8:13 |
| The fifth (5th) \*trumpet | Revelation 9:1-12 |
| The sixth (6th) \*trumpet | Revelation 9:13-21 |
| The strong \*angel and the little book | Revelation 10:1-11 |
| John measures the \*temple | Revelation 11:1-2 |
| The two witnesses | Revelation 11:3-14 |
| The seventh (7th) \*trumpet | Revelation 11:15-19 |
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| War in heaven and on the earth | Revelation 12:1-14:20 |
| The woman and the \*dragon | Revelation 12:1-6 |
| War in heaven | Revelation 12:7-12 |
| War on the earth | Revelation 12:13-17 |
| The \*beast from the sea | Revelation 13:1-10 |
| The \*beast from the earth | Revelation 13:11-18 |
| The \*Lamb on the hill called Zion | Revelation 14:1-5 |
| Messages from three \*angels | Revelation 14:6-13 |
| Harvest of the earth | Revelation 14:14-20 |
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| The 7 last troubles | Revelation 15:1-16:21 |
| Preparation for the troubles | Revelation 15:1-8 |
| The 7 bowls of God’s anger | Revelation 16:1-21 |
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| God destroys Babylon | Revelation 17:1-19:5 |
| The \*beast and the evil woman | Revelation 17:1-18 |
| The funeral of Babylon | Revelation 18:1-24 |
| The crowd praises God in heaven | Revelation 19:1-5 |
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| The return of Christ | Revelation 19:6-21 |
| The marriage of the \*Lamb  | Revelation 19:6-10 |
| Christ the king appears | Revelation 19:11-16 |
| The defeat of the enemies | Revelation 19:17-21 |
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| The rule of Christ  | Revelation 20:1-15 |
| The \*angel binds \*Satan | Revelation 20:1-3 |
| Jesus Christ rules on earth | Revelation 20:4-6 |
| The end of \*Satan | Revelation 20:7-10 |
| God the judge of everybody | Revelation 20:11-15 |
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| The new heaven and the new earth | Revelation 21:1-22:5 |
| The new \*creation | Revelation 21:1-8 |
| The new Jerusalem city | Revelation 21:9-27 |
| The river of life | Revelation 22:1-5 |
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| Final words | Revelation 22:6-21 |
| The promise that Christ will come soon | Revelation 22:6-13 |
| An invitation but …  | Revelation 22:14-19 |
| Promise and reply; Jesus’ last words | Revelation 22:20-21 |

**Promises for us--2 Thess. 1:7, “**And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,” **I Peter 1:13-14, “**Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:”**Psalm 97:6……”**The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.”…..**when the heavens are rolled up like a scroll, then all the nations will see His righteousness.**[**Revelation 22:16**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/22-16.html)**,** "I am the bright and morning star."http://www.truthnet.org/Christianity/revelation/Introduction/Glossarychart2a.jpg  http://daily.insight.org/images/content/cms/bible/overview/66%20Revelation.jpg |

**And, here ARE the promises and the admonitions…**

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**Luke 12:40, “Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.”**

**Did you know? The early church read the entire book of Revelation, in its entirety, ever time it met. Only John, as an author of the Bible, called Jesus “The Word,” and “The Lamb.” John, son of Zebedee, brother of James, sons of thunder.**

**“ONLY”IES IN THE BIBLE**

* 1. **The only book in the Bible that promises a blessing to its reader, Rev.1:3**
	2. **The only book that outlines itself, Rev. 1:19**
	3. **The only book that Jesus Himself, which contains 7 letters written by Jesus**
	4. **The only book that offers a curse, Rev.22:18-19**
	5. **Only book that calls Jesus and God are the new temple, Rev. 21:22**
	6. **Only book filled with “7’s”**

**MY PERSONAL FAVORITES:**

* + 1. **The Rapture “five”**
		2. **The Big White War Horse, Rev. 19**
		3. **The Pearl Gates, Rev. 21:21**
		4. **Church not seen Chapters 4-19**
		5. **All the “bookends” that finish this book, Tree of Life, River of Life, ending of all the promises of God**

**THINGS THAT “STUCK OUT” TO ME—**

* 1. **The “24 elders” are the church, you and me**
	2. **The “pearl gates” are Gentiles**
	3. **The “stars” are angels**
	4. **Revelation calls itself prophecy**
	5. **We are “priests and kings”**
	6. **The Millennium is for immortals and mortals**
	7. **The Battle of Armageddon is in several stages, Revelation 16, and Jesus actually “bloodies His robe” in going to Petra to get the 1/3 of His own**
	8. **The Jewish-ness of this book**
	9. **The importance of the study of the O.T.**
	10. **Revelation 3:20, is the saddest verse in this book, “**Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”
	11. **Two churches receive praises, Philadelphia and Smyrna**
	12. **And, the last word of Revelation is “Amen!”**

**Philippians 2:9-11, “**Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”