

# REVELATION • OUTLINE OF BOOK

## I. GENERAL OVERVIEW: Basic persons and events described (1-11)

### A. Presentation: Christ Reveals His Person (Ch. 1)

#### 1. Christ is the King of kings (1:1-8)

- a. God's Authority: "the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1:1-2)
- b. Christ's Blessing: "blessed is he who reads...those who hear...heed" (1:3)
- c. John's Greeting: "to the seven churches" (1:4-6)
- d. God's Promise: "He is coming" (1:7-8)

#### 2. Christ is the God of Glory (1:9-20)

- a. Spirit: John's surroundings (1:9-10)
- b. Sights: John's vision (1:12-18, 20)
- c. Sounds: God's command (1:11, 19)

### B. Preparation: Christ Readies His Creation (Ch. 2-7)

#### 1. Seven Churches Warned (on earth): Preparing for the King (2-3)

- a. Ephesus: First things first (2:1-7) *Repent!*
- b. Smyrna: Faithful until death (2:8-11) *Do Not Fear!*
- c. Pergamum: Flirting with idolatry (2:12-17) *Repent!*
- d. Thyatira: False teaching tolerated (2:18-29) *Jezebel Repent!*
- e. Sardis: Funeral on horizon (3:1-6) *Repent!*
- f. Philadelphia: Freedom thru Christ (3:7-13) *Hold Fast!*
- g. Laodicea: Follishly compromised truth (3:14-22) *Repent!*

#### 2. All Creation Worships (in heaven): Praising the King (4-5)

- a. A throne: God the creator is worthy of worship (4)
- b. A scroll: God the redeemer is worthy to rule (5)

#### 3. Satan's Wrath: Permitting the False King to Rule (6)

- a. Great Leader: Man's way to fix the world (6:1-6)
  - 1) 1st seal - Ruler: antichrist controls politically (vv.1-2)
  - 2) 2nd seal - Warrior: antichrist controls militarily (vv.3-4)
  - 3) 3rd seal - Dictator: antichrist controls commercially (vv.5-6)
- b. Great Tribulation: Satan's wrath thru antichrist (6:7-8)
  - \*) 4th seal - Butcher: antichrist controls brutally (vv.7-8)
- c. Great Signs: God's warning before judgment (6:9-17)
  - 1) 5th seal - Martyrs: believers cry out to God (vv.9-11)
  - 2) 6th seal - Earth-dwellers: unbelievers call out to the earth (vv.12-17)

#### 4. God's Grace: Protecting the True King's Elect (7)

- a) 144,000 Jews: Israel sealed before God's wrath (7:1-8)
- b) Entire Church: Believers snatched before God's wrath (7:9-17)

### C. Retribution: Christ Releases His Wrath (Ch. 8-11)

#### 1. Seventh Seal: Judgment Pending (8:1-5)

#### 2. Seven Trumpets: God's Judgment (8:6-11:19)

- a) First Six Trumpets: God's wrath poured out (8:6-9:21)
- b) Seven Peals of Thunder: Delay no longer / A little scroll (10)
- c) Heavenly Temple Measured: Two witnesses prophesy in Jerusalem (11:1-13)
- d) Seventh Trumpet: "Thy wrath came" (11:14-19)

## II. SPECIFIC DETAILS: Previous persons and events explained (12-22)

### A. Explanation: Christ Reveals His Methods (Ch. 12-19)

#### 1. Unholy Trinity: Living the lie (12-13)

- a) Satan: His history of aggression toward Israel (12:1-17)
- b) Antichrist: His reign of terror (13:1-10)
- c) False Prophet: His reign of deception (13:11-18)

#### 2. Holy Lord: Living the truth (14)

- a) The Lamb: His 144,000 purchased followers (14:1-5)
- b) The Angels: His six angelic messengers (14:6-20)

#### 3. Heavenly Sign: Seven Plagues - the wrath of God finished (15-16)

- a) Heaven: Preparation for the seven bowls (15)
- b) Earth: Pouring out of the seven bowls (16)

#### 4. Earthly Babylon: Destruction of Man's Kingdom (17-18)

- a) The Great Harlot: History of a spiritual woman (17)
- b) The Great City: Mystery of a physical place (18)

#### 5. Heavenly Reign: Domination over Christ's Kingdom (19)

- a) Christ Judges: Celebration over Babylon (19:1-10)
- b) Christ Returns: Coming of Christ (19:11-16)
- c) Christ Conquers: Battle of Armageddon (19:17-21)

### B. Redemption: Christ Restores His Kingdom (Ch. 20-22)

#### 1. Spiritual Judgment: Christ Ruling over His Creatures (20)

- a) Satan Judged: Bound, released and cast into the lake of fire (20:1-3, 7-10)
- b) Men Judged: First resurrection / great white throne judgement (20:4-6, 11-15)

#### 2. Physical Kingdom: Christ Reigning from His City (21-22)

- a) Blessings: the New Jerusalem (21:1-22:5)
- b) Warnings: the Final Message (22:6-21)