

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

(Rev. 1:3)

I. Chapters 1 to 3 – The Great High Priest Walking in the Midst of the Golden Lampstands

- A. Judgment begins first at the house of God (1 Pet. 4:17)
- B. The High Priest walking among the golden lampstands
 - 1. Signifies His loving care for the churches (Rev. 3:19)
 - 2. Reveals to us what He hates and what He approves
 - 3. Exposes our true condition
- C. The goal: the golden lampstands and the kingdom of priests
- D. The URGENT need today for each one of us to hear and understand <ἀκούω>, to repent <μετανοέω>, and to overcome <νικάω>
- E. The consequences and reward

II. Chapters 4 and 5 – The Throne of God and of the Lamb

- A. The throne of God's judgment of the world (Rev. Ch. 5; Jn. 12:31)
- B. Jesus Christ – the only One worthy to take the Book with the 7 seals (Mt. 25:31-32; Jn. 5:22, 27; Acts 10:42; 17:31; 2 Tim. 4:1; Jude 14-15)
- C. Take heed: "Do not love the world" – (1 Jn. 2:15-17; 5:19; Jam. 4:4; 2 Pet. 3:7, 10-13)

III. Chapters 6 and 7

- A. The opening of the 6th seal (Rev. 6:12-17) – Announcing the coming of the great day of the wrath of the Lamb
- B. Chapter 7 – a *temporary restraint* before the opening of the 7th seal (ref. Ezek. 9:1-6)
 - 1. The sealing of the 144,000 faithful Jews
 - 2. The rapture of the man-child and the firstfruits – the multitude before God's throne and the Lamb (Rev. 12:5; 14:1-5)

3. The resurrection of the universal woman (Rev. 12:1-2, 5-6)
 - a. The woman – all of God’s people in the past ages who have died (Is. 54:5-7; Hos. 2:19-20; Jn. 3:29; Eph. 5:32; Rev. 19:7; 21:9)
 - i. The 12 stars – the age of the patriarchs
 - ii. The moon – the age of the Old Covenant
 - iii. The sun – the age of the New Covenant
 - iv. All of God’s people are the light of the world (Mt. 5:14-16; 1 Th. 5:5)
 - v. Woman fled to the wilderness
 - b. The rest of her offspring – both Jews and Christians who are alive but left behind (Rev. 12:17)
4. War in heaven – Satan cast down (Rev. 12:3-4, 7-9)
 - a. The star fallen from heaven (Rev. 9:1; 13:1; Is. 14:12; Lk. 10:18; Jn. 12:31; Rev. 20:2, 10)
 - b. Opening of the abyss to release the beast (Rev. 13:1)

IV. Chapters 8 to 10 – Opening of the 7th Seal

- A. The commencement of God’s judgment upon the world
- B. The sounding of the first 4 trumpets (Rev. 8) – affecting 1/3 of all nature, causing suffering to all mankind
- C. The sounding of trumpets 5, 6 and 7 (Rev. 9, 12)
 1. The 1st woe: the opening of the abyss and the rising up of the beast (Rev. 9:1-11; 12-13; 17:8-11) – demonic locusts tormenting men (who do not have the seal of God) for 5 months
 2. The 2nd woe: the four angels release the army of 200 million demonic horsemen to kill a third of mankind
 3. The 3rd woe: the 7 bowls (Rev. 16) ending in Armageddon

V. Chapters 11 to 20 – Complementary Events to Chapters 7-10

- A. The two witnesses (Rev. 11) – Moses and Elijah

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- B. The two beasts (Rev. 13) Nero and Judas (Jn. 17:12; Acts 1:25; 2 Th. 2:3)
 - C. Rev. 14 and 15
 - 1. The rapture of the firstfruits (see Rev. 7)
 - 2. The rapture of the martyrs during the 3-1/2 years of persecution (Ch. 15)
 - a. The Jews – those who sing the song of Moses
 - b. The Christians – those who sing the song of the Lamb
 - 3. The last harvest of God’s people on the earth (Rev. 14:14-16)
 - a. The woman in the wilderness
 - b. The remaining people of God who were not raptured
 - c. To the air (1 Th. 4:17a) before the judgment seat of Christ
 - D. Rev. 16 – the 7th trumpet (7 bowls – the 3rd woe)
 - E. Rev. 17-18 – judgment of Babylon (the religious Babylon and the material/political Babylon)
 - F. Rev. 19 – the bride with the Bridegroom (the wedding feast); and the army led by the King of kings (Armageddon); the beast and false prophet thrown into the lake of fire
 - G. Rev. 20:1-6 – the Millennial Kingdom
 - 1. The dragon will be chained in the abyss for 1000 years
 - 2. Reward for the overcomers to rule with Christ 1000 years
 - 3. At the end of the Millennial Kingdom (Rev. 20:7-15)
 - a. Satan will be released to lead the last battle (Gog & Magog), and will be cast into the lake of fire forever and ever
 - b. Judgment before the great white throne of God
 - c. All whose names are not found written in the Book of Life will be cast into the lake of fire
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VI. Chapters 21-22 – the Consummation

- A. The new heaven and the new earth
- B. The holy city, the new Jerusalem

VII. The Ultimate Reward (Rev. 22:3-5)

- A. He who overcomes shall inherit all things (Rev. 21:7)
- B. They will serve God and the Lamb as priests
 - 1. They shall see His face
 - 2. His name shall be on their foreheads
 - 3. They shall reign forever and ever

Updated Translation of Daniel 9:27

As to the one week: a covenant with many shall be established with strength; and in the half *part* of the week, the sacrifice and the oblation will be terminated; and in the temple *there* shall be the abomination of desolation <or “*the abomination that causes desolation*”> until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.

- 1. 70 weeks are divided into 3 sections: 7x7, 62x7; 1x7
- 2. Verse 27 refers only to the last week:
 - a. The sign regarding the approaching of the last week: “the covenant with many”
 - b. The signs regarding the second half of the last week:
 - i. The termination of “the sacrifices and oblation”
 - ii. The “abomination of desolation” in the temple (Mt. 24:15; 2 Th. 2:3-4; Rev. 13:4-8)
 - iii. These indicate that two things must be done some time before the second half of the week:
 - a) The beginning of offering of the sacrifices by the Jews
 - b) The rebuilding of the 3rd temple – the sanctuary (Rev. 11:1-2; 2 Th. 2:3-4)