

Revelation

*The Consummation of God's Plan
through Jesus Christ*

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What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged—

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful,

Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness;

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised
Thou wilt all our burdens bear;
May we ever, Lord, be bringing
All to Thee in earnest prayer.
Soon in glory bright, unclouded,
There will be no need for prayer—
Rapture, praise, and endless worship
Will be our sweet portion there.

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I. THE MESSAGE TO THE PROPHET:

- *“Write What You Have Seen” (Chap. 1)*

II. THE MESSAGE FOR THE PEOPLE:

- *“What Is Now”—Present (Chaps. 2–3)*

III. THE MESSAGE OF PROPHECY:

- *“What Will Take Place Later”—Future (Chaps. 4–22)*

Revelation 4–5: The Key to Understanding God’s Judgment in Revelation 6–18

- “After these things” (Gk. *meta tauta*)

- Change in Setting (Time & Space)

- Present → Future

- Earth → Heaven

1. The Place of the Judgment (Chap. 4)

2. The Person of the Judge (Chap. 5)

Outline of Future Events in Revelation 4–22

- Prologue (chaps. 4–5)
- 1. The Tribulation Period (chaps. 6–18)**
- 2. The Second Advent of Jesus Christ (chap. 19)**
- 3. The Millennium (chap. 20)**
- 4. The Eternal State (21:1–22:6)**
- Epilogue (22:7-21)

The Person of the Judge in Revelation 5

- The Key Question:

“Who is worthy to break open the seals and open the scroll of God’s Judgment?”

(Seal, Trumpet, Bowl Judgments)

The Judgments in Rev. 6–18

- Some Interpretive Keys:
 1. The Judgments are sequential but concurrent.
 2. The 7 Trumpet Judgments come out of the seventh Seal Judgment, and the 7 Bowl Judgments come out of the seventh Trumpet Judgment.

The 7 Seal Judgments

1. First Seal (6:1-2)–The Appearance of the Antichrist
2. Second Seal (6:3-4)–World Wars
3. Third Seal (6:5-6)–Economic Disaster & Famine
4. Fourth Seal (6:7-8)–Death (1/4 world's population)
5. Fifth Seal (6:9-11)–Martyrdom of Believers
6. Sixth Seal (6:12-14)–Catastrophic Disturbances
7. Seventh Seal (8:1-6)–The 7 Trumpet Judgments

The Parenthetical Interlude of Rev. 7

- **The Interlude of Grace (Rev. 7:1-17)**
 - The answer to the Question: “The great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?” (6:17)
- **2 Groups in Focus:**
 1. The 144,000 Jews (vv. 1-8)
 - The Sealed Jewish evangelists
 2. The Multitude of Gentiles (vv. 9-17)
 - The Gentiles who come to faith in Christ during the Tribulation as a result of the Jewish evangelists

The 7 Trumpet Judgments

1. **1st Trump (8:6-7): 1/3 earth destroyed**
2. **2nd Trump (8:8-9): 1/3 sea destroyed**
3. **3rd Trump (8:10-11): 1/3 rivers, clear waters destroyed**
4. **4th Trump (8:12-13): 1/3 sun, moon, stars struck down**
5. **5th Trump (9:1-12): 1st Woe (1st wave demonic torture)**
6. **6th Trump (9:13-21): 2nd Woe (2nd wave of demonic torture, 1/3 more of the earth's population dead)**
7. **7th Trump (11:15-19): 3rd Woe (The 7 Bowl Judgments of Chapters 15–16)**