

Revelation

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

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And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

- *Refrain:*

Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For, O my God, it found out me.

• *Refrain:*

Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

• *Refrain:*

Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, thru Christ my own.

• *Refrain:*

Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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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)**

The Parenthetical Interlude of Revelation 10–11

- 2 Important Perspectives for the Period:
 1. The Mighty Angel & the Little Scroll (chap. 10)
 - Jesus Christ (Judge)–Fulfillment of OT Promises
 2. The Jerusalem Temple & the 2 Witnesses (chap. 11)
 - 2 Witnesses during the Tribulation
 - Moses & Elijah (Present Age & Age to Come)

The Parenthetical Interlude of Rev. 12–14

- **Forces & Persons behind the climax of anti-God hostility: Key to understanding the Bowl Judgments of Rev. 15–16**

1. The Woman & the Dragon (12:1-6)

2. The Two Wars (12:7-17)

- The war in heaven (vv. 7-12)
- The war on earth (vv. 13-17)

3. The Two Beasts (13:1-18)

- The Antichrist (vv. 1-10)
- The False Prophet (vv. 11-18)

The Parenthetical Interlude of Rev. 12–14 cont.

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4. The 144,000 (14:1-5)

- God's grace in the midst of His judgment

5. The 3 Angels' Announcements (14:6-13)

- The last chance to believe before the Bowl Judgments

6. The Harvest Judgment (14:14-20)

- God's judgment of the nations (Joel 3; Matt. 24:31)

The Identity of the Nations in Daniel 2

1. *Gold* Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon)
2. *Silver* Medo-Persia
3. *Bronze* Greece
- 4a. *Iron* Rome₁ (at Christ's 1st Advent)
- 4b. *Iron & Clay* Rome₂ (at Christ's 2nd Advent)

The Identity of the Nations in Daniel 7

1. *Lion* Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon)
2. *Bear* Medo-Persia
3. *Leopard* Greece
- 4a. *Beast* Rome₁ (at Christ's 1st Advent)
- 4b. *Beast* Rome₂ (at Christ's 2nd Advent)

The 4 Successive Kingdoms of Daniel 2 & 7

- Babylon 605-539 BC
- Medo-Persia 539-331 BC
- Greece 331-146 BC
- Rome 146 BC-AD 395

*Three Preceding Events That Must
Occur Before the Day of the Lord
(2 Thess. 2)*

- 1. Apostasy (v. 3a)**
- 2. Revealing of the Man of Lawlessness
(vv. 3b-4, 8)**
- 3. Removal of restraint against
lawlessness (vv. 6-7)**