

# Revelation

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

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# Be Thou My Vision

- **Verse 1**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

- **Verse 2**

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

- **Verse 3**

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

- **Verse 4**

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's  
Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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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. **1<sup>st</sup> Trump (8:6-7): 1/3 earth destroyed**
2. **2<sup>nd</sup> Trump (8:8-9): 1/3 sea destroyed**
3. **3<sup>rd</sup> Trump (8:10-11): 1/3 rivers, clear waters destroyed**
4. **4<sup>th</sup> Trump (8:12-13): 1/3 sun, moon, stars struck down**
5. **5<sup>th</sup> Trump (9:1-12): 1<sup>st</sup> Woe (1<sup>st</sup> wave demonic torture)**
6. **6<sup>th</sup> Trump (9:13-21): 2<sup>nd</sup> Woe (2<sup>nd</sup> wave of demonic torture, 1/3 more of the earth's population dead)**
7. **7<sup>th</sup> Trump (11:15-19): 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*                      Rome<sub>1</sub> (at Christ's 1<sup>st</sup> Advent)
- 4b. *Iron & Clay*              Rome<sub>2</sub> (at Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent)

# *The Identity of the Nations in Daniel 7*

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| 1.  | <i>Lion</i>    | Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon)                               |
| 2.  | <i>Bear</i>    | Medo-Persia  |
| 3.  | <i>Leopard</i> | Greece   |
| 4a. | <i>Beast</i>   | Rome <sub>1</sub> (at Christ's 1 <sup>st</sup> Advent) |
| 4b. | <i>Beast</i>   | Rome <sub>2</sub> (at Christ's 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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)**