

Revelation

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

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When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

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See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my 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. 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)

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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 Parenthetical Interlude of Revelation 15

- **The Anticipation & Excitement over the Bowl Judgments in Heaven**
 - The Angels rejoicing over God's Justice (vv. 1-4)
 - The Pouring out of the Bowl Judgments from Heaven (vv. 5-8)

The 7 Bowl Judgments

1. 1st Bowl (16:1-2): Ugly & painful sores
2. 2nd Bowl (16:3): Destruction of all sea-life
3. 3rd Bowl (16:4-7): Waters turned to blood
4. 4th Bowl (16:8-9): Intensity of the sun
5. 5th Bowl (16:10-11): Darkness of the earth
6. 6th Bowl (16:12-16): A great war (Armageddon)
7. 7th Bowl (16:17–19:21): The 2nd Advent of Jesus Christ

The Parenthetical Interlude of Revelation 17–18

- These chapters contain supplementary revelation concerning the ungodly system controlled by Satan & the Antichrist.
- “Babylon” is the epitome & culmination of Satan’s anti-God hostility that will be finally destroyed by God at Christ’s Second Advent.

The Parenthetical Interlude of Revelation 17–18 cont.

- **Ancient & Historical Babylon**

1. Established by Nimrod c. 3000 B.C. (Gen. 10:8-10)
2. Expanded by Hammurabi c. 1600 B.C. and made it a religious power by appointing Marduk god of Babylon and head of a pantheon of 1,300 deities
3. Reestablished by Nebuchadnezzar & the Neo-Babylonians c. 600 B.C. after a 1,000 year decline

The Parenthetical Interlude of Revelation 17–18 cont.

- **Future & Eschatological Babylon**

- “Babylon” becomes a symbolic & cryptic reference for the Fourth Empire of Daniel’s prophecy that the Antichrist will establish during the end-times, and it is a reference of the religious & ungodly system of the world that he will control.
- illust. “Wall Street” (financial system)
“Hollywood” (entertainment industry)

The Parenthetical Interlude of Revelation 17–18 cont.

- **Future & Eschatological Babylon**

- “Babylon” or the Revived “Roman Empire” will be controlled by the Antichrist

- Religious Realm (Revelation 17)

- Economic Realm (Revelation 18)