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Revelation Bible Study Guide

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This is a comprehensive guide meant to assist with the understanding of the book of Revelation to ensure all can better understand the meaning and obtain the promised blessing to all who read and keep the words of prophecy in the book.

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Preface

Most of America Sees Jesus like this?



What is missing?

Why does the world only focus on half of Jesus (incarnate)?

Be honest, how well do you know the other half of Jesus?

How can you help people see all of Jesus?

Generally speaking, the church and the world is focused on the Jesus that died for all in act of love to redeem all who would believe in Jesus as their savior. This is absolutely true, but the world does not want to talk about Jesus coming on a White Horse as Lord of Lord and King Kings in Judgement.

The enemy would love for you to remember Jesus as the dead man hanging on cross. However, Jesus's second coming is the very reason that we have hope in Christ. If He were not coming back to redeem us and give us eternal life, then what exactly is the value of our faith? How much do you know about your coming Savior? It is important to know what Jesus did for you on the cross so that you may be saved, but you should not stop there – that's only half the story! You do not want to fall for the strong delusion from Satan that will fool the world. Are you prepared? Do you know enough to warn your family and others? Do you know the signs and the order of events?

Introduction

What are the Top 10 Themes or Threads that are answered or completed in Revelations?

1. Lord Jesus Gen 3:15
2. Church - Matt 16:18 on this rock
3. Resurrection & Translation of the Saints (John 14, 1 Thes & 1 Corinthians)
4. Great Tribulation – Det Chapter 4
5. Satan & Evil Ezek 28
6. Man of Sin (Gen, Ezek 28)
7. Course and the End of the Apostate Church
8. Course and the End of the Gentiles
9. Coming of Christ
10. Israel's Covenants

How does Revelations fit with Genesis?

Genesis	Revelations
Marriage of Adam & Eve	Jesus and The Church
Beginning Creation	Ending
Satan's 1 st rebellion	Satan's Last Rebellion
Creation of Sun, Moon & Stars	Sun, Moon & Stars used as Judgments
Sun used for light Govern Day	No Need for the Sun
Darkness Night	No night No Darkness
Creations of Water/seas, Flood for Judge	No Seas in Heaven
Entrance of Sin	Removal of Sin
Curse of Sin	Curse is removed
Death	No Death
Sorrow	No Tears
Babylon's First Rebellion (tower of Babel)	Babylon's Last Rebellion

Jesus as in parables uses contrasts to teach biblical principles, and Revelation not only addresses all loose ends of the bible over the other 65 books but also is a study that is a contrast, completion and compliment to Genesis. Some describe Revelation as a train station because all tracks end here. John more than any other writer in the bible reaches far back in Beginning with 1 John and further in the future than anyone with Revelations.

Why is it important for you to know as a believer the connection between Revelations and the other books in the Bible?

Why should I read Revelations?

- The book is the only one in the bible that promises a blessing just for reading it - Rev 1:3. It also contains a warning in 22:18-19.
- Reach others and prevent yourself and your family from being led astray.

What type of book is Revelations?

Revelation is a prophetic book. All that was written was about the future when it was written. There are 17 prophetic books in the Old Testament and only one in the New Testament.

Can anyone even understand Revelations? Is there a key? How do you interpret it?

- This is not a random symbolic book that cannot be understood. It is the most organized and orderly book in the bible. It includes an outline in rev 1:19.
- The Bible interprets itself. A key for most all the symbols are supplied in either the Old Testament or the book itself. The book should be interpreted literally whenever possible or if no key within the bible is given.
- If a symbol is being used it has meaning in the other books. Don't go off course, or dismiss it as imagery.
- There are 404 versus and 278 have references to the Old Testament. Prominent books include: Psalms, Daniel, Ezekiel, Zachariah, Genesis, Isaiah, Joel, and Jeremiah
- Unlike Daniel, this book was not sealed, and was circulated widely at the time it was written to give encouragement to persecuted churches.

How is it organized?

This book completes the bible. 7 is the number for completion. The book is arranged in a series of 7s.

Revelation 1:19 (New King James Version) "Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this."

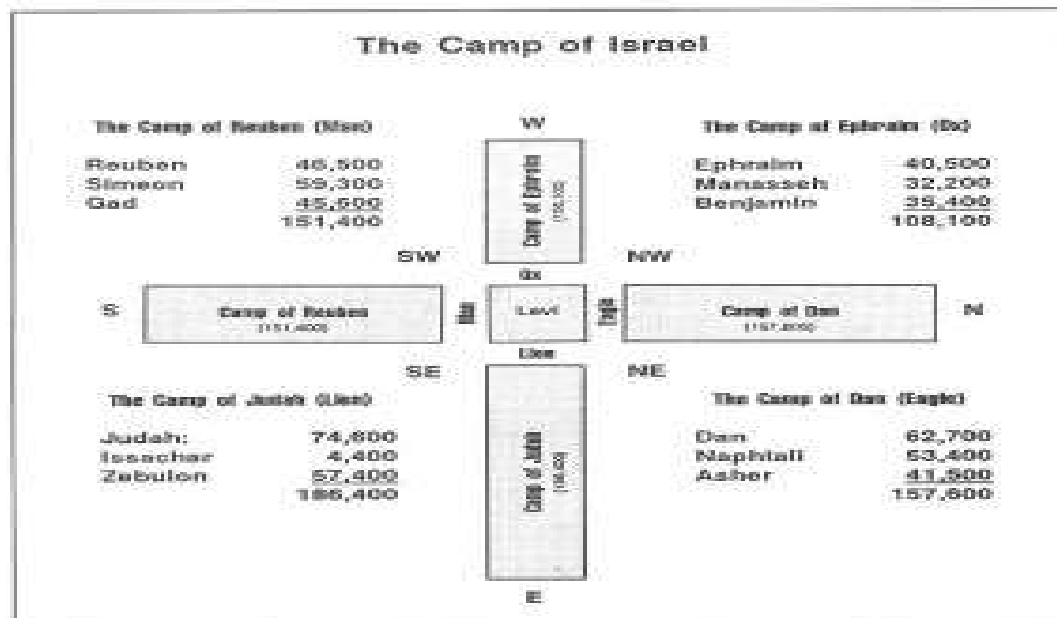
- Vision of Christ – Things you see
- Church Age - Things that are
- Future – After these things - Don't miss the road markers in the book. The Lord provided to keep you on track.
- Revelation 1:10 On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, ¹¹which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."
- Revelation 2:1 "To the angel[a] of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands:
- Revelation 4:1 "After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

How does the rapture fit into the story?

The church is mentioned 19 times up to chapter 3 and never mentioned again. I will let you draw your own conclusions. We will discuss more as we go through it. God does not change remember God saved his people prior to the flood as well. Remember that there are biblical scholars on both side of the pre/mid/post rapture debate. This is an area that is not clear and there is support for multiple viewpoints and not a tenant of the faith. The word rapture is never in the bible, but simple describes the process of believers going up to meet Jesus in the sky after the dead in Christ rise first.

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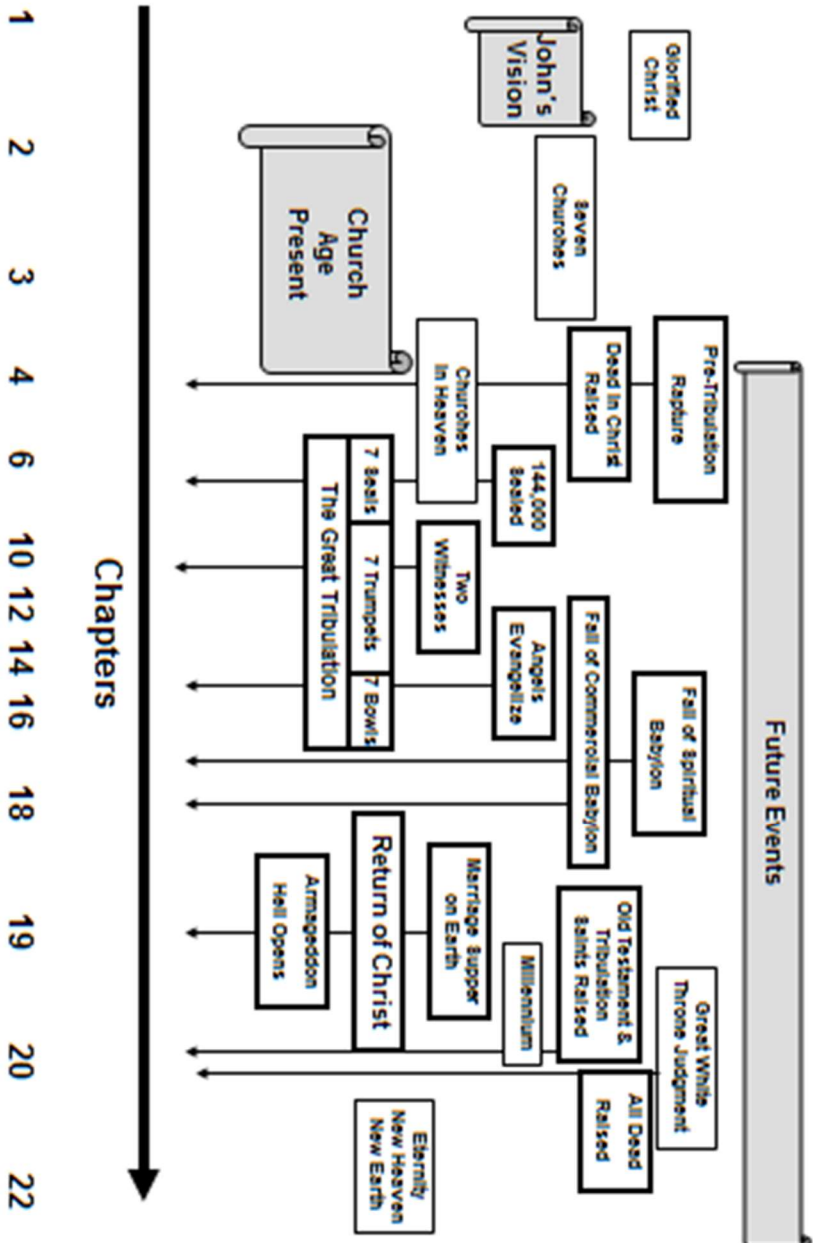
- 7 – Churches – the bride – God's people
- 7 – Seals - Denotes ownership – royalty and transfer of title
- 7 – Trumpets- Israelites used the trumpets in connection with the tabernacle to denote the people were moving out.
- 7 – Seven Bowls of wrath – You see the imagery of the atonement in the holy of Holies with the High Priest offering the blood atonement for the people.



Chapter Description:

Chapter	Description
1	John's Vision – Jesus in Glory – The one who keeps the lamb stands burning - What he sees
2-3	Church Age – History - The Things that are
4	Throne – Some Say the Rapture? No further reference of the church. Great Worship (creatures worship because of Who Jesus is & the 24 elders for what Jesus has done.)
5	Lion and the Lamb, The Title Deed Book for earth, Redeemer, initially seated then Standing in Judgment.
6-18	The Great Tribulation: Opens with 7 seals (including 144,000 – 12 tribes), 7 trumpets (including 2 witnesses), 7 Bowls of Wrath, First and Last Judgment of Babylon Gen 11 & Rev 17-18
19	Armageddon - Wedding Supper & Great Supper of God
20	Millennium, then Satan and the Dead's final Doom
21	New Earth and Heaven
22	Closing

Revelations – Timeline



Assumptions: This chart is a biblical timeline based on placement in the book of Revelation and with the view of Pre-Rapture and Pre-Millennialism.