

Revelation of Jesus Christ

John the Apostle (last original) around 90 AD

went to Ephesus just before 70 AD (Rome, boiled in oil, audience converted)

Patmos: island off Turkey – political exile (Rev 1:9)

letter to seven regional churches (Turkey) (Rev 1:11)

- not scary with Correct Focus (love story – wedding)
- parallel Moses/Exodus (partnership prayer)
 - Goshen – Powerful Church (Acts)

Chapter 1

Revelation: Correct Focus

the **Man** – Jesus Christ (1)

Son of Man (13) – our King (Dan 7:13-14)

the **Plan** – “must take place” (1, 19)

not about what’s going to happen to me (blessing)

Blessing: if we Participate in the Plan (3)

Read, Hear (Understandable), Keep (Partnership)

Leadership: Eternal, All Encompassing, Brilliant

Him who is and was and is to come; He who lives, was dead, alive forevermore (4, 8, 18)

Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End, First and Last (8, 11, 17)

Almighty (8)

Biblical Numerology: 3 = Trinity/Perfection, 7 = Perfection/Completion

it’s a Perfect Plan

Identity:

Faithful Witness (5) – Truth (Jn 18:37)

Firstborn from the dead (5) – Conqueror of death/hell (18)

Ruler of kings (5) – Worthy to Reign

Motivation: Love (5), Redemption (5), Partnership (6)

Purpose: He is Coming! (7) (Zech 12:10)

He is already walking in the midst of the Church (12-13, 20)

our Partnership in the Plan is necessary (2 Pe 3:12)

Appearance: (13-16) Symbolism (Literal, Biblical)

long garment – Priest (Heb 4:14)

golden band – Royalty (Rev 19:16)

white hair – Purity, Wisdom (Dan 7:9)

flaming eyes – piercing clarity (Heb 4:13)

brass feet – Strength, Stability (contrast Dan 2:42 clay)

voice as the sound of many waters – Authority, Might (Ps 93:4)

stars (angels of churches – 20) in right hand – Lord of Hosts (200+ references)

Commander of the Army of the Lord (Josh 5:14, Mt 26:53)

sharp two edged sword in mouth – Word of Power (Eph 6:17, Heb 4:12)

countenance shining like the sun – Glory (Rev 21:23, 2 Thes 2:8)

Effect: Revelation of Jesus Christ

initially Fear (17)

ultimately Frees us of Fear (17) – conquered death and hell (18)

Eternal Perspective (Rev 12:11)

I Trust the Man, I'll Keep the Plan

Chapters 2 & 3

Letters to the Seven Churches

Preparation for Partnership in the Plan

Ruling through Intercession (king Priests)

Ruling the Earth (Rev 5:10)

He Overcame, we can Overcome (Rev 3:21)

He is whatever we need (Revelation)

Wait on Him (braided together) for Strength to Overcome (Isa 40:25-41:1)

He Motivates with Rewards

(Rev 22:12) And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

beyond Salvation: different Positions/Authority (Lk 19 Parable of the Talents)
differing Glory (1 Cor 15:41-44)

* Messengers (angelos) – also human (ex: John Baptist Mt 11:10, Mk 1:2, Lk 7:24-27)

* Nicolaitans – unrestrained indulgence, sexual immorality
Licentiousness – vs Liberty (perverted Grace)

* Second Death – lake of fire, end of millennium judgement (Rev 20:6, 14, 21:8)

* Balaam – moral compromise (Num 22-24, 31:16)
greed (Jude 1:11, 2 Pet 2:15)

* Jezebel – confronts prophetic (compromise vs wholeheartedly serve God)
Elijah (1 Ki 17-19), John the Baptist/Herodius
Control through... Intimidation (Elijah fled – 1 Ki 19)
Manipulation (Ahab's vineyard – 1 Ki 21)
Sexual Immorality (Jehu/Eunuch – 2 Ki 9)

* Morning Star – first, brightest
Jesus – context of His Coming in Glory (Rev 22:16)

Summary: End Times Church

Uncompromising Doctrine, Intolerant of Sin, Loving Devotion, Fearless in Persecution,
Diligent in Prayer, Secure Identity in Jesus (Man), Fully Partnered in Justice (Plan)
Therefore...Powerful – Expressing the Fullness of Christ

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

We must Choose Full Partnership with Jesus in the Plan.

	Revelation of Jesus	Commendation	Correction	Exhortation	Overcomer Reward
Ephesus doctrine over devotion	holds *messengers, walks in midst of churches (partnership intimacy)	diligent, patient, perseverance, no compromise, test doctrine *Nicolaitans	left first love	remember first works repent	tree of life, paradise (garden intimacy)
Smyrna fearless in persecution	first and last, dead come to life (eternal life)	tribulation, poverty, spiritually rich		don't fear, be faithful to death	crown of life, no *second death (life, exoneration)
Pergamos loyal but compromising	two edged sword (word)	hold fast to faith, won't deny Him	compromise idolatry, immorality *Balaam *Nicolaitans	repent (distinction - vs 16)	hidden manna, white stone/new name (revelation in word, identity in purity)
Thyatira loving but tolerant of sin (contrast Ephesus)	eyes like fire, feet like brass (sees, stands firm - unchanging)	love, service, faith, patience	tolerance idolatry, immorality, false prophetic *Jezebel	distinction: repent (justice - vs 23) hold fast	rule nations (Ps 2) *morning star (authority for justice, revelation: His return)
Sardis religious	seven spirits, seven stars (Spirit - Jn 3:5)		dead works (religious) name/appearance	watch (prayer), strengthen, remember, repent, (thief/10 virgins Mt 25)	white garments (vs 4), book of life, confess name (Mt 10:32-33) (imputed righteousness, salvation)
Philadelphia faithful	holy, true, key of David, opens/shuts (Messiah)	kept word, not denied name (persecuted by Jews) perseverance		open door (favor) kept from trial (Goshen) hold fast, I'm coming	pillar, His name (immovable, identity in His spousal love - vs 9)
Laodiceans complacent	faithful/true witness, creator from beginning (truth)		lukewarm (complacent) due to blessing (vs 17) poor, blind, naked (self deceived)	pursue eternal riches, righteousness, revelation repent, open to Me (respond to love - vs 19)	sit with Him on throne (authority/intercession)

Chapter 4

Open Door: Throne Room Worship (1) - future, all starts at throne (not reacting)

Beauty of God (2-3)

Righteousness and Authority of Partners (4)

Principle: Message over Specific Identity

Power and Authority of His Reign (5)

His Spirit is Fire (Heb 12:29, Acts 2:3)

Purity of His Realm (6)

Four Living creatures (6-8) - (Ezek 1:4-14, Isa 6:2-3) Seraphim ~ “burning ones”

Behold (eyes), Burn (ardent/passion), Proclaim

Transformative Power of Beholding (2 Cor 3:18)

Two Proclamations

Seraphim - Verse 8

(Isa 6:3) “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”

Elders (deep worship ~ 10) - Verse 11

Worthy

(Phil 3:8) Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

Creator/Sustainer

(Col 1:16-17) For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Chapter 5

The Scroll (1) - Deed of Earth?

no one Worthy, able to execute Justice (2-3)

despair, hopelessness (4) - Satan’s earth by default

(Lk 4:6) And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.”

Jesus the Only Worthy One - able to Redeem Earth (5-6) ~ The Man, The Plan

Lion, Man, Lamb, Anointed One (Isa 11, Lk 4:18)

Prevailed - the Cross (Satan offered Jesus His Destiny without the Cross)

(Phil 2:8-11) And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

He takes the Scroll (7)

Begins Triumphal Humiliation of His Enemies (Psa 110)

(Col 2:13-15) And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Second Coming - Public Display (2 Thes 2:8) ~ not ego, for us

Psa 24: 1-2 earth made by Him for Him
3-6 partnership holiness, intimacy
7-10 Triumphal entry of Conquering King

Partnership Response

Seraphim and Elders (8)

Worship and Prayer (Harp and Bowl)

When Jesus takes the Scroll the Primary Job of the Church will be Worship and Prayer!

Song - Verses 9-10 Redeemed Earth

Heavenly Host (11-12)

Proclamation - Verse 12

Worthy to Receive full support in 7 Spheres of Leadership on Earth
power (political), riches (financial), wisdom (intellectual),
strength (physical/emotional), glory (spiritual), honor (relational),
blessing (social)

The Nations will see the Value of His Reign.

All Creatures (13)

Proclamation - Verse 13

fulfillment of Phil 2:10-11, opposite of Psalm 2

The rest of the Book of Revelation is to get to this end result of a Redeemed Earth.

Vision of Redeemed Earth/Christ's Reign sustains us in Tribulation. (Heb 12:2)

Relevant Information

Daniel

7:13-14 Christ's Second Coming

7:18, 27 Saints Ruling the Kingdom (Redeemed Earth)

7:25 Antichrist Persecuting Saints 3 ½ years

time, times, half a time (Dan 7:25, 12:7, Rev 12:14)

42 months (Rev 11:2, 13:5)

1260 days (Rev 11:3, 12:6)

middle of the week (Dan 9:27)

9:24 70 weeks/sevens (360 day Babylonian calendar) until Christ's Reign

9:25-26 from command to rebuild Jerusalem (Neh 2) to Messiah (1st coming)

7 weeks - Jerusalem rebuild in time of trouble

62 weeks - Jesus Triumphal Entry

Messiah cut off (Crucifixion) - indefinite delay until last week

city, temple destroyed (70 AD)

end with flood (Rev 12:6,15 context 3 ½ year period)

9:27 70th Week - half peace covenant (1 Thes 5:1-4)

- half abomination of desolation

(Mt 24:15-16) ¹⁵"Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), ¹⁶"then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."

Great Tribulation (vs 21), 2nd Coming (vs 27)

12:1 time of Jacob's Trouble (Jer 30:7), promised deliverance

12:2 resurrection of the dead (2nd Coming 1 Cor 15:51-52)

12:7 3 ½ year period of persecution

12:11 + 30 days: procession/rapture (Mt 24:27-31), wrath (bowls),
final battle (Zech 12-14, Rev 16:16, 19)

12:12 + 45 days: surviving resisters

Rapture

2 pre-conditions (2 Thes 2:1-4): antichrist revealed (public), falling away

(Mt 24:9-14) ⁹"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. ¹⁰"And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹"Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ¹²"And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³"But he who endures to the end shall be saved. ¹⁴"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Believe as you wish as long as you aren't ¹offended when persecuted, ²aren't deceived,

³continue in love. We aren't escaping, we're being a witness.

Persecution (2 Tim 3:12), Tribulation (Jn 16:33), Wrath (1 Thes 1:10, 5:9) - source

Chapter 6

- note: 1. parallel Exodus - free His people, establish the Fear of the Lord (Goshen principle)
2. not all of Revelation is Chronological

1st 4 Seals: Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

White (1-2) - **Political Conquest**: counterfeit Christ (Rev 19:11)

false peace (1 Thes 5:3) into 3 ½ year tribulation

Red (3-4) - **War**: Harlot Babylon system killing saints,
judged as antichrist/nations turn and destroy it (Rev 17-19)

Black (5-6) - **Famine, Economic Crisis** (supernatural provision?)

Pale (7-8) - **Death**: ¼ of earth

progressive consequences of aligning with antichrist (we looked crazy during peace)

5th Seal (9-11): **Martyrdom, Intercession** (Justice - Lk 18:7-8)

6th Seal (12-17): **Earthquake, Cosmic Signs** (Mt 24:29, Joel 2:31, 3:15, Acts 2:20, Lk 21:25-26)

Fear of His Wrath (7 categories of society) (Isa 2:10, 19, 21)

overt Public Display (Fear of the Lord)

“avenge us” vs “hide us”

Chapter 7

answers question of Rev 6:17 - “Who can stand?”

Sealed before Trumpets (4 angels harm earth/sea) (2-3), Protected (esp 5th Trumpet Rev 9:4)

144,000 Jews sealed (4-8) - end time Jewish believers

believers already sealed (2 Cor 1:22, Eph 1:13, 4:30)

* 12 tribes - sometimes Ephraim & Manasseh instead of Joseph & Levi

Dan & Ephraim left out - Jeroboam’s gold calves (1 Ki 12:25-33)

Point: Jerusalem is God’s focal point

* all Israel saved before last battle (Rom 11:26, Zech 12)

Point: Israel still under His promises

fully Multi-ethnic Multitude (9) in Throne Room Worship (10-12)

Salvation, 7 fold Praise (12)

Great Harvest from Great Tribulation (13-14) ~ why we’re here witnessing

Righteousness (14), Intimacy (15), Comfort (16), Fullness of Joy (17) = Worth it!

Chapter 8

7th Seal (1): Silence (serious, Zech 2:10-13), 7 Trumpets (2)

Partnership Intercession (3-5)

our Prayers provoke the Trumpets (6) (Moses, plagues)

1st 4 Trumpets: Nature (parallel Egyptian plagues)

1st (7) - 1/3 trees, grass burned (hail, fire – 7th plague Ex 9) (Job 38:22-23)

2nd (8-9) - 1/3 sea blood, 1/3 creatures die, 1/3 ships destroyed (1st plague Ex 7)

3rd (10-11) - 1/3 fresh water poisoned (many die)

4th (12) - 1/3 sun, moon, stars darkened (9th plague Ex 10)

(Isa 26:9-10) For when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Let grace be shown to the wicked, yet he will not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD.

Purpose: to provoke Repentance

3 Woes (13): Satan unrestrained to fully express his rage (Rev 12:12)

also to provoke repentance (1 Tim 1:20, 1 Cor 5:5)

tough love (1 Cor 11:32) – before mark of beast? (irreversible), wrath

Chapter 9

5th Trumpet: opens bottomless pit (1-2) – demonic prison (2 Pe 2:4, Jude 6, Rev 20:1-3)
smoke/darkness

Stinging Locusts (3, 5-10) (8th plague Ex 10), 5 months Torment, not death (6), not plants (4)

God never loses control

not natural, demonic – fallen angel king (11) Abaddon/Apollyon (destroyer)

Sealed of God Exempt (4) – Goshen principle

6th Trumpet: 4 bound (fallen) angels with 200 million demonic army released (14-17)

Death (18-19) (10th plague Ex 11-12) 1/3 earth (+ ¼ 4th seal = ½ earth)

from horns of altar (13) – Mercy

no repentance (20-21) (Pharaoh – hard heart)

murder, witchcraft, sexual immorality, theft (21)

great darkness (fullness of sin Dan 8:23)

like earth before flood (Gen 6) – filled with corruption, violence

ex: Amorites (Gen 15:13-16)

(Isa 60:1-3) Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Glorious Church (Jerusalem, Rom 11:11-14 provoke jealousy – see Goshen experience)

stark contrast, Great Harvest (Rev 7:9, 14)

Chapter 10

Mighty Angel: Glorious (1), Broad Authority (2), Prophetic Voice (3) - authority, power
representation of End Time Prophetic Church

Little Book (2): Open - Prophetic Revelation (9-11)

7 Thunders (3-4): Prophecy Sealed until 3 ½ year period (Dan 12:4-10)

Authoritative Prophetic Declaration (5-7):

no more delay, mystery of God finished at sounding of 7th Trumpet

2nd Coming (Dan 7:13-14)

Eat the Book (9-10): Internalize, Prophecy (11) (Ezek 2:9-3:4)

Bitter (judgement), Sweet (justice)

context: Dark/Light (Isa 60:1-3)

False Prophetic, False Signs (Mt 24:11,24, 2 Thes 2:9, Rev 13:13, 16:14, 18:23, 19:20)

Genuine Signs: Last Days Outpouring (Joel 2:28-32, Acts 2:17-21)

Genuine Prophetic: Perfect Understanding - Church Revealing 7 Thunders

(Je 23:18-22) ¹⁸For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD, and has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard it? ¹⁹Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury— A violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly. ²¹“I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in My counsel, and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them from their evil way and from the evil of their doings. (Jer 30:23-24) (Da 11:33-34) ³³“And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering. ³⁴“Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by intrigue. (Da 12:9-10) ⁹And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. ¹⁰“Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.

Prophecy is more serious than we realize (not optional)

Elijah (Rev 19:10 Spirit of Prophecy) precedes Christ's Coming (Mal 4:5)

John the Baptist: repent, Kingdom at hand (Mt 17:10-13)

Prophecy in the Millennial Kingdom

Zech 10:2 False Prophets Comfort vs Repentance (Jer 6:14, 8:11)

Zech 13:2 False Prophets Removed (Millennium)

Zech 13:3 if still prophecy parents kill them (no tolerance of false prophecy)

Zech 13:4-5 Genuine Prophets Humble

Chapter 11

Measure Temple (1) but not Court of Gentiles (2) - persecute Israel 3 ½ years

(Eze 43:8-11 ~ measuring temple) ⁸“When they set their threshold by My threshold, and their doorpost by My doorpost, with a wall between them and Me, they defiled My holy name by the abominations which they committed; therefore I have consumed them in My anger. ⁹“Now let them put their harlotry and the carcasses of their kings far away from Me, and I will dwell in their midst forever. ¹⁰“Son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern. ¹¹“And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the temple and its arrangement, its exits and its entrances, its entire design and all its ordinances, all its forms and all its laws. Write it down in their sight, so that they may keep its whole design and all its ordinances, and perform them.

call to Realignment (Repentance) before His Coming (purpose of persecution)

(Zech 12:3, 14:2, Lk 21:20-24, Rom 11:25-26)

2 Prophets in Jerusalem during 3 ½ year period (3-14)

Olive Trees, Lampstands (Zech 4:11-14) context Zech 4:6 (no nation rescues Israel)

hated (10) but can't be removed (5) - Fire (Elijah 2 Ki 1)

authority to Stop Rain (6) (Elijah 1 Ki 17-18, 3 ½ years Jam 5:17)

Plagues **when they want**

Prophetic Authority: when what you say happens (Rachel's testimony)

Partnership Preparation (Ch 2-3): Maturity for Authority

killed by beast from bottomless pit (7) (Rev 17:8)

unburied in Jerusalem street 3 ½ days (8-9), earth rejoices (10) ~ world wide

raised from dead, ascend to Heaven in plain sight (11-12)

earthquake in Jerusalem (13): 7000 dead, rest fear, give Glory to God

7th Trumpet: His Coming, Our Gathering to Him (1 Cor 15:52, Mt 24:31, 1 Thes 4:15-17)

He takes Kingdoms of World and Reigns (15-17)

He Judges the Angry Nations (18) (Ps 2) ~ wrath = bowls

Motive: “destroy those who destroy the earth” (fullness of transgression - flood)

He Rewards all His Saints (18) (Rev 22:12)

Temple Open in Heaven: Access (Torn Veil)

sees description of 7th Bowl (Rev 16:17-21)

Ch 12-14 non chronological explanation, continues chronology Ch 15 (vs 5-6)

7 Main **Symbols** in Chapters 12-14: all defined by Bible

Chapter 12

Woman (1): Israel (Joseph's dream Gen 37:9-10)

Child (2): Jesus (5)

Dragon (3): Satan (Rev 20:2)

Seven Heads (7 diadems) (3): empires that persecute Israel (Rev 17:9-10)

Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, revived Rome (Dan 2, 7)

Ten Horns (3): end times 10 nation confederation (Rev 17:12, Dan 7)

tail casts down 1/3 stars (4): fallen angels (9)

attempts to kill infant Jesus (4) (Mt 2:13-18)

War in Heaven - moved to Earth (7-10)

deceiver of world (9), accuser of brethren (10)

Overcome (11): Christ's Blood, His Word, Holiness

Satan raging (12)

persecutes Israel (13)

Israel flees to wilderness (6, 14) - supernatural provision 3 ½ years (Exodus)

portion (Mt 24:15-16), some captive, killed, stay (Zech 13:8-9, 14:2)

Mt Sinai? Exodus route (Isa 63:1-6)

flood to destroy fleeing Israel averted (15-16) (Dan 9:26)

makes war against the Saints (17) - enraged (Dan 7:21, 25)

martyrs (5th seal rev 6:9-11, 7:9, 13-14)

uses Antichrist and False Prophet to war against Saints (Ch 13)

Chapter 13

Beast (1) - seven heads, ten horns (10 crowns): Antichrist (36 times in Revelation)

blasphemous (1, 5-6) 3 ½ years (conflict with 2 witnesses, kills them Rev 11:7)

pompous (Dan 7:8, 11, 25)

power/authority from Satan (2) (Dan 7 - leopard = Greece, bear = Persia, lion = Babylon)

counterfeit resurrection (3): world marvels, follows, worships (4, 8)

granted to overcome Saints (7)

Patience, Faith of Saints (10): witness - Israel sees our devotion in midst of tribulation

implications of world under Satan's sway (1 Jn 5:19) when he rages

(1Pe 4:12-13) ¹²Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

Another Beast (11): False Prophet (Rev 16:3) - completes counterfeit Trinity
 looks gentle (lamb), deceptive (voice of dragon)
 authority of first beast, leads earth to worship first beast (12)
 great signs to deceive (13-14) - fire from heaven (Mt Carmel 1 Ki 18)
Image of the Beast (14-15): Abomination of Desolation (Mt 24:15, Dan 9:27, 2 Thes 2:3-4)
 worship demonically powered speaking image, or be killed
 Satan's desire for worship (Ezek 28:11-19, Isa 14:12-17)
Mark of the Beast (16-18): act of worship (Rev 14:9) - public confession, counterfeit seal
 necessary for all commerce (Satan: trading? Ezek 28:11-19)

Chapter 14

Vision of Jesus on Mt Zion with 144,000 (1) - sealed, holy (4-5)
 Seven Voices: call to Choose who to Worship
 1st (2-3): Worship (new prophetic song) – primary (resisted by Satan)
 Jehoshaphat - singers before battle (2 Chr 20), Isa 42:1-17 (1st coming, worship, return)
 Message
 2nd (6-7): Gospel before judgement (Mt 24:14)
 3rd (8): fall of **Harlot Babylon** (Rev 17-18): counterfeit church/bride, message
 Man, Motivation
 4th (9-11): worship beast = wrath (bowls), hell
 Patience, Faith of Saints (12) - endure time He gives nations to choose
 5th (13): worship Christ = blessing: rest, reward
 Moment - Parable of Wheat/Tares (Mt 13)
 6th (14-16): Jesus reaps harvest of redeemed (Rapture)
 7th (17-20): reaping of wicked (Winepress)
 Armageddon - gathered nations (Pharaoh's army - Ex 14)
 (Ps 110:5-6, Joel 3:2, 12, Zeph 3:8, Zech 12:2-3, 14:2, Rev 16:14, 19:15-21)
 200 mile river of blood (Megiddo to Edom - Isa 63:1-6) Rev 19:13
 (description Zech 14:12-15)

(2Th 2:8-10) ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

Satan will be revealed, men given a choice, before He comes to publicly judge

30 Days after 3 ½ years (Dan 12:11) - Rapture (procession), We are with Jesus (1 Thes 4:17)
Exodus route, Mt of Olives (Zech 14:1-5), Mt Zion (Rev 14:1)
Bowls of Wrath, Nations Gathered, Final Battle

Chapter 15

Seven Angels with Seven Last Plagues (Bowls) - Completed Wrath (1, 7)
shift from Tribulation to Wrath: no longer provoking repentance, bringing Justice
from open Temple (5-6): picks up chronology from Rev 11:19 (7th Trumpet)
Worshippers on Sea of Glass: those who have victory over the beast (Rev 12:11)
heavenly theatre (Ezek 1:22, 26) vs. horses (Rev 17:14, 19:14)
song of Moses (3): Ex 15 about destruction of Egyptian army in Red Sea (Ex 14)
parallel Mt of Olives (Zech 14:1-5), Final Battle
song of the Lamb (3-4): Might, Justice, Worthiness, Holiness
nations will worship Him when they see His Judgements
Temple in Heaven filled with smoke (8): Glory and Power
no one can enter until seven plagues are completed
His Awesome Holy Presence
Tabernacle of Moses: pillar of cloud/fire
dedication of Solomon's Temple (2 Chr 7:1-2)
He is seated as "the Judge of all the Earth" (Gen 18:25)
He is the Source of these Plagues (vs mixed sources in tribulation)

Chapter 16

Seven Bowls of Wrath

1st Bowl (1-2): sores on beast worshippers (resisters) (6th plague Ex 9)
consequences for licentiousness often in the flesh (Rev 2:21-22)
2nd Bowl (3): Sea (Mediterranean?) becomes blood, fish die (1st plague Ex 7)
3rd Bowl (4): fresh water becomes blood (1st plague Ex 7)
Justice of His Judgements (5-7): blood for the bloodthirsty (Gen 4:10-11, 9:5-6)
4th Bowl (8-9): scorching heat
recognize source, don't repent, blaspheme (9, 11, 21) - increasing rage (Ps 2)
5th Bowl (10-11): painful darkness (9th plague Ex 10) Goshen? (literal Isa 60:1-2)
6th Bowl (16): kings/nations gathered to Armageddon for Judgement (Ps 110:5-6)
Euphrates dried up to encourage kings of east to gather (12)
have been resisting joining with antichrist? (Dan 11:44)
demonic messengers from counterfeit trinity use signs to gather kings of earth (13-14)
no longer warring against Israel, but Jesus (Rev 19:19)
signs and wonders deception lead to believing the lie (2 Thes 2:9-11)
that Jesus is the counterfeit, therefore defeatable? (Mt 12:24, 31-32)

7th Bowl (17-21): great earthquake (18) shakes the whole earth (19-20)
100 lb hail (21) (7th plague Ex 9)
punishment for idolatry & blasphemy is stoning (Lev 24:16, Deut 17:2-5)
voice from Temple: "it is done" (17)
no one escapes His Justice except by the blood of Jesus (Ps 2:12, Jn 3:36)
"noises, thunderings, lightnings, earthquake" (18) (Rev 8:3-5) Partnership Prayer
Babylon is judged (19) (Rev 17-18)
Infrastructure of earth is devastated, and men are rare (Isa 13:11-13)

Rev 16:15 context: demonic gathering of nations for judgement

¹ coming as a thief, ² watch (pray), ³ keep garments (holy life Rev 19:8, Mt 22:1-14)
(Mt 24:36-44) coming at unknown hour, like Noah's flood before rapture (unexpected)
watch, be ready
(Mt 24:45-51) unholy behavior because master is delayed (Rev 3:3, 2 Pet 3:3-10)
be engaged in His work (Parable of Talents Mt 25:14-30)
(Mt 25:1-13) virgins/lamps/oil, bridegroom at midnight
coming at unknown hour, watch (oil)
(1Th 5:2-4) ²For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief
in the night. ³For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon
them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴But you,
brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.
"day of the Lord" = 3 ½ year tribulation to Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem
perfect prophetic understanding in last days (Ch 10-11)

Doctrine of Imminence vs Prerequisites

falling away (offense, deception Mt 24:10-13), antichrist in temple (2 Thes 2:3-4)
rebuilt temple, 10 nation confederation, 2 witnesses, rebuilt Babylon

Point: not that we can't know (can know when near Mt 24:32-34),
but that we can't be complacent in intense demonic deception
warning isn't about His coming (salvation), but the times leading up to it (deception)
(if ready = salvation, why watch after we're saved? only for lost)
warned of deception 4 times in first half of Mt 24
verse 15 tells us how to live now to avoid deception (plagues of Chapter 16)
call to prayer, holy lifestyle, not just salvation experience

Chapter 17

Harlot Babylon - Judgement and Destruction

Rebuilt City (Iraq on Euphrates) - counterfeit Israel

Isaiah 13 & Jeremiah 50-51 prophecy Babylon's destruction

Last Days Terms: day of the Lord ((Isa 13:9-10), shake heavens and earth (Isa 13:13), time of the Lord's vengeance (Jer 51:6), plagues (Jer 50:13), golden cup, made earth drunk (Jer 51:7), abundant treasure, dwells by many waters (Jer 51:13), get out of her midst my people (Jer 51:45)

No Historic Fulfillment: gathered kings/nations (Isa 13:4, Jer 50:9, 41), sudden (Jer 51:8), desolate, never inhabited (Isa 13:20, Jer 50:13, 26, 39, 51:26)

Worldwide (1, 15 many waters) Religious and Economic System

Counterfeit Bride/Message (Rev 14:6-8)

image of beast: Worship, mark of beast: Economic (Rev 13:14-17)

Satan (Ezek 28:11-19) - Beauty, Worship, Trading (violence)

(1Ti 6:9-10) ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

People seduced, but kings willingly partner (2)

Carried (empowered) by antichrist (3,7)

in history through 7 antichrist kingdoms (where she sits) (9-11) (2 Thes 2:7)

Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, revived Rome (Dan 2, 7)

in Last Days through 10 king/nation antichrist confederation (12-14) (Dan 7:7, 20, 24)

war against Lamb (14), overcome (last battle)

called, chosen, faithful with Him (Mt 22:14)

Power, Wealth, Immorality (4) - lifestyle of the elite (kings), Seductive

Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth (5) - source of false religions

Tower of Babel (Gen 11): reach heavens, name for ourselves - scattered

Hebrew = "confusion", Babylonian = "gate of heaven" (ancient religious significance)

counterfeit Jacob's Ladder (Gen 28, Jn 1:51)

they were seeking interaction with heaven without God = witchcraft (demons)

scattered to slow progression toward "fullness of transgression" (Dan 8:23)

reached before flood (Gen 6) - wickedness, violence

demonic interaction? (sons of God with daughters of men)

last days compared to this time (Mt 24:37) - unprecedented demonic interaction

two tools of witchcraft (6): Intimidation and Seduction

joyfully kills those who would expose her lies (6) (Mt 24:9, Jn 16:2)

John Marvels, people of earth marvel (6-8) - counterfeit resurrection (Rev 1:18)

Don't Underestimate the Seduction of this World System!

name in Book of Life from founding of world vs Rev 3:5 (overcome)

falling away (2 Thes 2:3), endure to the end (Mt 24:9-13)

(1Ti 4:1) ¹Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
 (2Ti 3:1-5) ¹But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!
 (2Ti 4:3-4) ³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.
 (2Th 2:9-10) ⁹The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
 ten king/nation confederation turns on the harlot (16-18) - burned with fire (why!?)
 probably the city early in 3 ½ years of tribulation
 also end? (7th bowl Rev 16:19) - Religious then Economic?
 stage one: loosen men's commitment to moral/religious absolutes
 3 ½ years of peace: counterfeit justice - Tolerance (religious)
 social justice movement - preparation for end time economic dependence?
 stage two: worship the beast or die (Rev 13:14-15) - extreme intolerance
 the harlot has controlled the kings of the earth (18), now antichrist will directly

Chapter 18

Babylon is fallen (1-2) - fulfillment of Isa 13, Jer 50-51 (desolate)
 Power, Wealth, Immorality (3)
 Call for God's People to come out of the Harlot Babylon System (4)
 lest we share in her judgement
 her judgement is Just (5-7) and Sudden (8, 10, 17, 19) (1 Thes 5:3)
 kings mourn their loss of luxury, distance themselves for fear of torment (9-10)
 mighty but judged (10)
 merchants mourn loss of revenue, distance themselves for fear of torment (11-19)
 included human trafficking (13) - social justice (play both sides)
 wealthy but judged (17, 19)
 Rejoice over God's Vengeance on our behalf (20)
 violence for violence (21)
 desolate, no life in this city anymore (22-23) (system?)
 deceived the nation with sorcery (23)
 killed the saints (24)
 Rejoicing: no more life in the tools of witchcraft: Intimidation and Seduction

Chapter 19:1-10

Rejoicing in Heaven (1-6)

for His Righteous Judgement of the Harlot who Corrupted Earth (2)

and His Vengeance for the blood of the Saints (2)

that she will never again influence earth (3)

and that the Lord God All Powerful Reigns (6) - multitude: sound of many waters

focus shifts from counterfeit to Rejoicing over His Bride (7-9)

Marriage of Lamb has come, wife made herself ready (7)

worthy by faithfulness through tribulation, clothed in righteous acts (8) (Rev 17:14)

marriage supper (9) - blessed: true pleasures (Ps 16:11, 36:8)

(Heb 11:24-26) ²⁴By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

Exodus parallel: power, pleasure, treasure vs rewarded affliction

John worships the angel (10)

“the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy”

it's always about the full testimony of Jesus (1 Jn 4:1-3)

He is the One Worthy of Worship