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*WALK THROUGH THE  
NEW TESTAMENT  
WITH PASTOR JIM REESE*

**Lesson 10**

**The Revelation  
of Jesus Christ**

# **WALK THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT**

## **TEN LESSONS:**

- 1. Overview and Relationship of the Old and New Testaments**
- 2. The Life of Christ: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John**
- 3. The Life of Christ – The 4 Gospels: Part 2**
- 4. The Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles**
- 5. The Epistle to the Romans**
- 6. The Epistles to the Corinthians and the Galatians**
- 7. The Prison Epistles (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon) and I and II Thessalonians**
- 8. The Pastoral Epistles (I and II Timothy and Titus) and Hebrews**
- 9. The General Epistles: James to Jude**
- 10. The Revelation**

# INTRODUCTION TO REVELATION

- Revelation is the grand climax of the 66 books of the Bible.
- It reveals God's plans for the amazing wrap-up of history and entrance into eternity.
- But above all, it is “The revelation (Greek: apocalypse) of Jesus Christ”:
  - Not just a revelation from Him,
  - But a revelation about Him.
- Above all that the student discovers in these 22 chapters, may we see Jesus!

# Revelations of Jesus in Revelation

- He is the Faithful witness 1:5
- He is the Firstborn from the dead 1:5, 18
- He is the Ruler of the kings of the earth 1:5
- He is the Alpha and Omega 1:8, 21:6, 22:13
- He is the Glorious one 1:12 – 16
- He is the First and the Last 1:17, 22:13
- He is the Lion and the Lamb (29 times) 5:5 – 6

## Revelations of Jesus in Revelation (Continued)

- He is the Child snatched up to God 12:5
- He is the Rider on the white horse 19:11 – 16
- He is the Judge on the white throne 20:11–15
- He is the Lamb who is heaven's temple 21:22
- He is the Lamb who is heaven's lamp 21:23
- He is the Lamb on heaven's throne 22:3
- He is the root and offspring of David 22:16
- He is the bright Morning Star. 22:16

# SIMPLE OUTLINE OF REVELATION

- John was commissioned to write about the past, the present and the future:
- Rev. 1:18 *“Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now, and what will take place later.”*
- So, the simple 3 point outline for Revelation is:
  1. Past: What you have seen Chapter 1
  2. Present: What is now Chaps 2 - 3
  3. Future: What will take place later. Chaps 4-22

## **Note the use of “seven” in Revelation (54 times)**

- **Seven churches** 1:4, 11,
- **Seven spirits (The Holy Spirit)** 1:4, 3:1, 5:6
- **Seven golden lampstands** 1:12, 20, 2:1, 3:1
- **Seven stars** 1:16, 20, 2:1, 3:1
- **Seven seals** 5:1, 5, 6:1
- **Seven horns, seven eyes** 5:6
- **Seven angels** 8:2,6, 15:1,6,7,8,16:1,17:1,21:9
- **Seven trumpets** 8:2,6
- **Seven thunders** 10:3,4
- **Seven crowns on seven heads (Satan)** 12:3
- **Seven last plagues** 15:1,6,8, 21:9
- **Seven bowls** 15:6,7,16:1, 17:1, 21:9
- **Seven heads, hills, kings** 17:3,7,9



## THE RELATION OF DANIEL AND REVELATION

Both Daniel and John were “beloved” by God and were given detailed visions of the end times.

- The prophecies in Daniel are foundational to the prophecies in Revelation.
- Daniel speaks of 70 sevens of years (Dan. 9:20-27)
  - The first 69 sevens (483 years) climax at the death of Christ who “shall be cut off” (v.26).
  - Revelation expands on the 70<sup>th</sup> seven of 7 years (v.26-27)

# HOW SHOULD WE INTERPRET THE BOOK OF REVELATION?

- Revelation is filled with imagery and symbolism.
- Some of it is to be understood figuratively.
- The rest is to be understood literally.
- Hermeneutics is the study of how to interpret Scripture.
- “Hermeneuo” is the Greek word for “interpret.”
- There are three basic systems of interpretation about the end times:
  - Amillennial, Premillennial and Postmillennial

# WHAT ARE THE MILLENNIAL VIEWS?

- “Amillennialism” is the belief that there is no future literal 1,000 year reign of Christ on earth (see Rev. 20:1-6). Rather, The Church has replaced Israel, and Christ now reigns through his Church till his return to judge and make all things new.
- “Premillennialism” teaches that, following the 7 year tribulation and Christ’s visible return, there will be a literal 1,000 year reign of Christ on earth, prior to the final judgment and the eternal state of the new heaven and new earth.
- “Postmillennialism” believes that the Church is making the world a better place, and that it will finally be ready for Christ to come at the end of a present figurative millenium.

# WHEN DOES THE RAPTURE OCCUR?

- I Thessalonians 4:17 teaches that living believers *“will be caught up (raptured) with them (resurrected believers) in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”*
- There are different views about when:
  - Pre-tribulation view: before the 7 year tribulation.
  - Mid-tribulation view: at the midpoint of the tribulation.
  - Pre-wrath view: after the midpoint and before the seven bowls of God’s final judgments are poured out.
  - Post-tribulation view: at the end of the tribulation and at the same time as Christ returns to set up his kingdom.
- Revelation does not clearly identify when.
  - So, always be ready, *“Looking for that blessed hope!”*

# THE GOLDEN RULE OF INTERPRETATION

“When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense. Therefore, take each word in its common, ordinary, usual, literal meaning, Unless the context, taken in the light of all other Scripture, indicates clearly otherwise.”

-Anon

# DETAILED OVERVIEW OF REVELATION

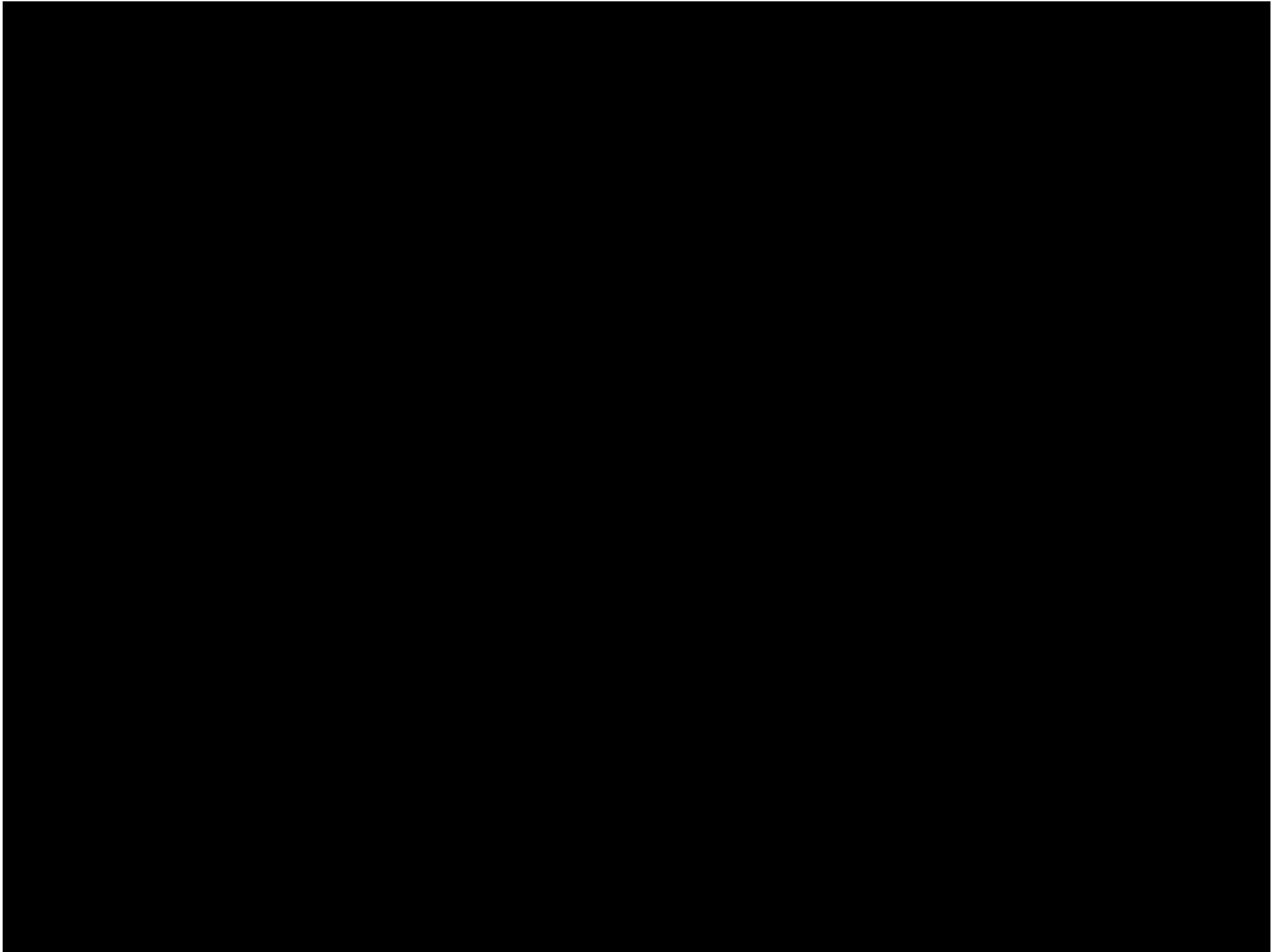
## PART I. WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN

### Revelation 1

- The prologue 1:1-2
- The blessing for reading and heeding 1:3
- The doxology 1:4-8
- The time and location of John's vision 1:9-10
- The receivers of this book (7 churches) 1:11
- The vision of the glorified Savior 1:12-16
- The response of John: he fell 1:17a
- The touch and announcement of Jesus 1:17b-18
- The commission to write the revelation 1:19
- The explanation of the stars and lamps 1:20

# The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ was written to seven churches







# OVERVIEW OF REVELATION

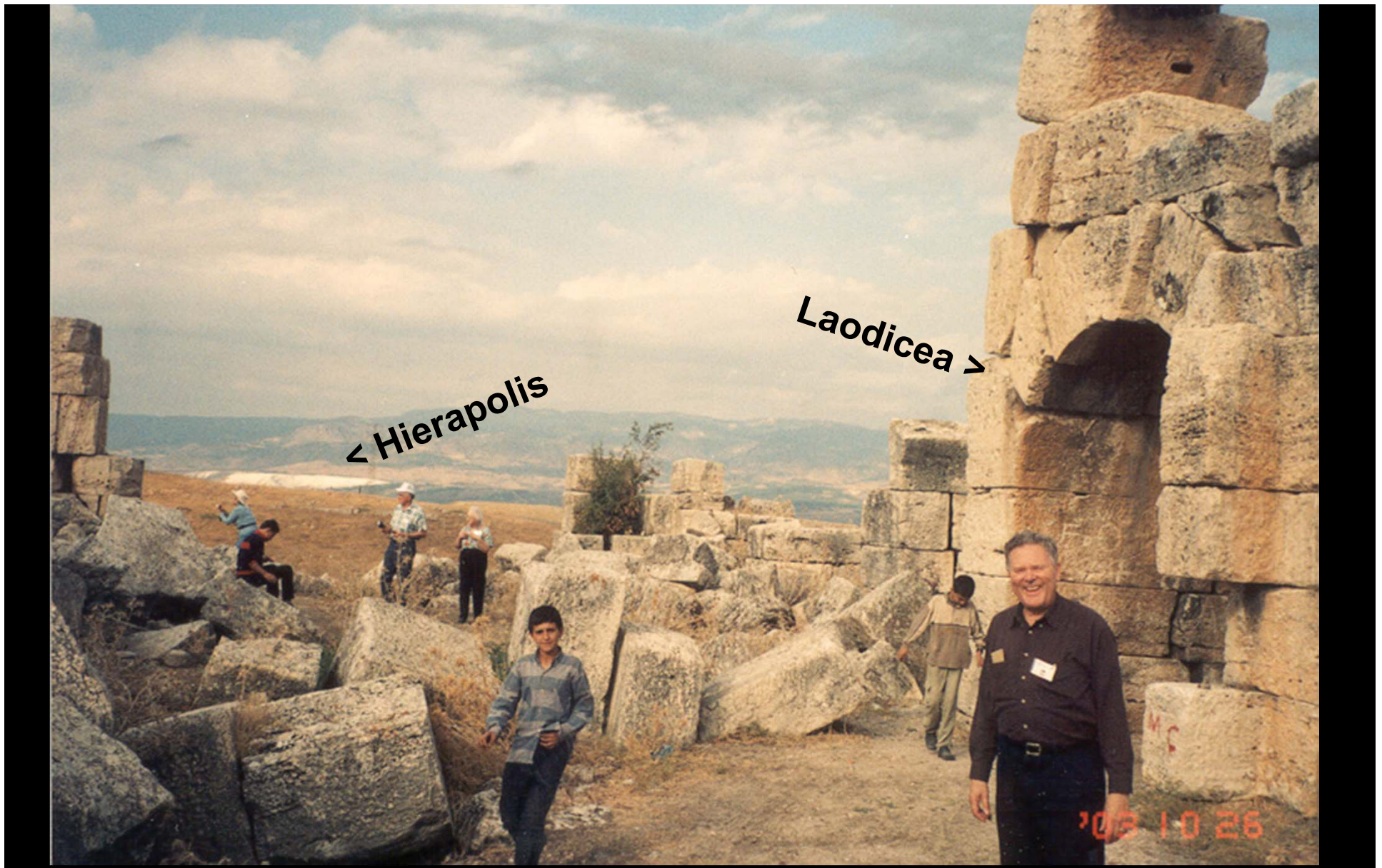
## II. WHAT IS NOW

### Revelation 2 - 3

#### The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches

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|----|--------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| 1. | Ephesus      | The <u>Loveless</u> Church     | 2:1-7   |
| 2. | Smyrna       | The <u>Persecuted</u> Church   | 2:8-11  |
| 3. | Pergamum     | The <u>Compromising</u> Church | 2:12-17 |
| 4. | Thyatira     | The <u>Corrupt</u> Church      | 2:18-29 |
| 5. | Sardis       | The <u>Dead</u> Church         | 3:1-6   |
| 6. | Philadelphia | The <u>Faithful</u> Church     | 3:7-13  |
| 7. | Laodicea     | The <u>Lukewarm</u> Church     | 3:14-22 |

Descriptive titles from the New King James Version



**Laodicea brought hot water 7 kms through clay tiles from the thermal springs at Hierapolis. But on arrival, it was lukewarm.**

**OVERVIEW OF REVELATION**  
**III. WHAT WILL TAKE PLACE LATER**  
**Revelation 4 - 22**

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|--|-----------------------|
| <b>A. Worship in <u>Heaven</u></b>                 | <b>Chapters 4-5</b>   |
| <b>B. The <u>Great</u> Tribulation</b>             | <b>Chapters 6-18</b>  |
| <b>C. The <u>Return</u> of King Jesus</b>          | <b>Chapter 19</b>     |
| <b>D. The Millennium and <u>Final</u> Judgment</b> | <b>Chapter 20</b>     |
| <b>E. The <u>Eternal</u> State</b>                 | <b>Chapters 21-22</b> |

# A. WORSHIP IN HEAVEN

1. **The Throne Room in Heaven** **Chapter 4**
  - John is invited to enter Heaven v.1
  - God the Father is seated on the throne vs.2-3
  - The Holy Spirit is before the throne v.5
  - A sea of glass is before the throne v.6a
  - 24 elders are around the throne & worship vs.4,10-11
  - The four living creatures worship vs.6b-9
  
2. **The Lamb Opens the Scroll** **Chapter 5**
  - The search for One worthy to open the scroll v.1-5
  - Jesus, The Lion-Lamb, is given the scroll v.6-8
  - The living creatures and elders worship Him v.8-10
  - Millions of angels join them to worship Jesus v.11-12
  - All created beings join to worship Father & Son v.13-14

# B. THE GREAT TRIBULATION

## Revelation 6 – 18

1. The opening of the seven seals. 6:1 – 8:1
  1. A White Horse: False world peace 6:1-2
  2. A Red Horse: Peace becomes holocaust 3-4
  3. A Black Horse: Famine 5-6
  4. A Pale Horse: Death 7-8
  5. The Cry of Martyrs 9-11
  6. Supernatural Disasters 12-17
    - Interlude to seal 144,000 Jews (7:1-8) and to see worshiping saints rescued from Great Trib.
  7. Introduction of the Seven Trumpets 8:1-6
    - The prayers of the saints 8:3-5

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## Revelation 6 – 18

2. The sounding of the seven trumpets 8 – 11
  - 1st Trumpet: Vegetation struck 8:7
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet: The seas struck 8:8-9
  - 3rd Trumpet: The fresh waters struck 8:10-11
  - 4th Trumpet: The heavens struck 8:12
  - Note: Three woes coming (8:13):
  - 5th Trumpet: Woe 1 – Locusts from pit 8:1-12
  - 6th Trumpet: Woe 2 – Large eastern army 13-21
  - Interlude: John eats book of judgment Chapter 10
  - Interlude: Two witness killed and resurrected 11:1-14
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet: Woe 3 – Kingdom proclaimed 11:15-19



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## Revelation 6 – 18

3. Interlude before the pouring out of the seven bowls of God's Wrath. Chapters 12-14
- The Woman and the Dragon Chapter 12
  - The Beast out of the Sea (The Antichrist) 13:1-10
  - The Beast out of the Land (False Prophet) 13:11-17
  - The Mark of the Beast: 666 13:18
  - The Lamb and the 144,000 14:1-5
  - Three angelic announcements 14:6-13
  - Reaping the earth's harvest 14:14-16
  - Reaping the grapes of wrath 14:17-20

# **B. THE GREAT TRIBULATION**

## **Revelation 6 – 18**

- 4. The pouring out of the seven bowls of God's wrath. Chapters 15 – 18**
- Prelude to the bowl judgments Chapter 15**
  - 1st Bowl: Ugly, painful sores 16:2**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Bowl: Sea turns to blood 16:3**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Bowl: Fresh waters turn to blood 16:4-7**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Bowl: People are scorched by the sun 16:8-9**
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Bowl: Darkness and pain 1 6:10-11**
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Bowl: Euphrates dried up, armies come 16:12f**
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Bowl: Earth violently shaken 16:17-21**
  - Fall of Harlot & Babylon (religion/commerce) 17 – 18**



# C. THE RETURN OF KING JESUS

## Revelation 19

1. Heaven rejoices over the victory vs. 1-6
  - Hear the roar of shouting multitudes 1 & 6
  - Note four hallelujahs 1,3,4,6
2. Heaven prepares for the wedding of the Lamb and his bride vs. 7-9
  - The Lamb is Jesus, the bride is the Church
3. The Rider on the White Horse vs.10-21
  - The armies of heaven follow him v.14
  - He is “King of Kings and Lord of Lords” v.16
  - Note 2 suppers: The wedding supper v.9
    - The great supper v.17-21

# D. THE MILLENNIUM AND FINAL JUDGEMENT

## Revelation 20

1. Satan will be bound a thousand years. 20:1-3
2. Tribulation martyrs, along with believers of all ages (I Co 6:2, Ii Tim 2:12), will reign with Christ a thousand years. 20:4-6
3. Satan will be released and then judged, along with the Beast (Antichrist) and False Prophet, the “Unholy Trinity.” 20:7-10
4. The unsaved of all ages are raised and judged at the Great White Throne. 20:11-15
5. *“If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”* 20:15

# E. THE ETERNAL STATE

## Revelation 21 - 22

1. The new heaven and new earth 21:1
2. The new Jerusalem, the Holy City 21:2-27
  - Its great size (about 2,200 kms cubed) v. 16
  - Its 65 meter walls and 12 foundations v.17-20
  - Its 12 gates never shut, its streets are gold v.21,25
  - God and the Lamb are its temple and light v.22-26
  - No sin or curse in Heaven v.27,22:3
  - The river of life and the tree of life 22:1-2
  - God's servants will see Him and serve Him v.3-4
3. Jesus promises 3 times to come soon 22:7,12,20
4. The Spirit and the bride say, "Come" 22:17
5. The final prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 22:21

# FINAL THOUGHTS

- Having studied these ten lessons, you have now completed your “Walk Through the New Testament.”
- Congratulations!
- May this overview of these 27 books whet your appetite to go deeper into God’s amazing truth.
- Some helpful websites:
  - [www.BibleGateway.com](http://www.BibleGateway.com)
  - [www.gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org)
  - [www.bibleplaces.com](http://www.bibleplaces.com)
- May Psalm 119:97 be your experience: *“Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.”*