

Introduction to the Book of Revelation - Part 6

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Pt 1 — Prologue, vision of Jesus, 7 churches (Rev 1-3)

Pt 2 — “Before the Wrath” Docudrama (check out copy church office)

Pt 3 — Rapture (1 Thes 4), Heaven’s Throne (Rev 4)

Pt 4 — Simultaneous events in heaven and on earth

Heaven: A. Bema seated judgement B. Marriage supper of the lamb

Earth: A. Rise of the antichrist B. Tribulation

Pt 5 —The Lamb and the Scroll (Rev 5,6)

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10 Point Review of chapters 1-6

1. REVEL-ation means to reveal.

2. A blessing is promised to the reader

3. Bible prophecy prepares us for the coming of Jesus

- 1st coming
- 2nd coming (Rev 19)
- Rapture (in between 1st and 2nd coming is the rapture)

4. The 7 churches represent the church age

The church is mentioned 19 times in chapter 1-3, then in Revelation 4, the church disappears and is not mentioned again until chapter 19. Where is the church at that time? It is not found in chapters 4-18 and those same chapters 4-18 describe the time of the great tribulation.

5. The rapture is depicted in 4:1

Rev 4:1 (NIV)

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

1 Thes 4 (NIV)

16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. **18** Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Rev 3 (NIV)

7 "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. **8** I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. **10** Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. **11** I am coming soon.

6. Heaven is an amazing place (Rev 5-6)

7. The events of earth are controlled by heaven

8. Before the antichrist is revealed, the church must be removed

2 Thessalonians 2:1-7 NIV

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, **2** not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. **3** Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness[a] is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. **4** He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. **5** Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? **6** And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. **7** For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; **but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.**

2 Thessalonians 2:3-5 1599 Geneva Bible (GNV)

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: [a]for that day shall not come, except there come a departing first, and that [b]that man of sin be disclosed, even the son of perdition.

9. The antichrist is currently a spirit that will culminate in a person

1 John 2 (NASB)

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

10. The tribulation begins with a covenant between the antichrist and others.

Daniel 9:27 (NIV)

He (antichrist) will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' [a]

Chart of Daniels 70th Week (see color handout)

There are a number of terms associated with this timeframe

1. Daniels 70th week (Daniel 9:26-27)
2. The time of Jacob's trouble" (Jeremiah 30:7)
3. Great tribulation period (common vernacular)

Daniel says the Tribulation will last seven years (Daniel 9:27). This seven year period will be divided into two halves. The first half lasts 1,260 days (Revelation 11:3). This is equal to 42 thirty-day months or 3½ lunar years. The second half will also last 42 lunar months (Daniel 7:25; Daniel 12:7; Revelation 12:14; Revelation 13:5). The first and second half of the Tribulation will be separated by a detestable act Jesus called "the abomination of desolation" (Matthew 24:15). Daniel says this desecration of the Jewish Temple (Daniel 9:27) will launch the second half of the Tribulation. This is a time period known as "the Great Tribulation." (Daniel 9:20-27).

A. What Happens During the Tribulation?

1. The 7 Seal Judgments

2. The 7 Trumpet Judgments

3. The 7 Bowl Judgments

B. What is the purpose of the Tribulation?

1. Judgement

2. Bring Israel to Jesus

3. Save the Lost

4. Announce the 2nd Coming of Jesus