

Review of Revelation 1-11

Revelation 1

- God gave this revelation to his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ
- Jesus is God's last word to mankind and the message from God through his only begotten Son reaches a final climax in this book
- The purpose of this book is to show his servants things which must shortly come to pass
- John was in the Spirit on the Lord's day; he was told to write the things he saw in a book and send it to the churches
- Jesus declares himself to be Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end!
- Jesus walks among the seven golden candlesticks; Christ walks among his church and knows the condition of the church in every region of the world

Revelation 2 and 3

- The church at Ephesus: you have left your first love
- The church at Smyrna: I know your tribulation and poverty, but thou art rich
- The church at Pergamos: I know thou dwellest even where Satan's seat is, and thou are faithful to my name and hast not denied my faith
- The church at Thyatira: That which ye have hold fast until I come
- The church at Sardis: Thou hast a name that you live, but you are dead
- The church at Philadelphia: Thou hast a little strength
- The church at Laodicea: Because you are lukewarm I will spue you out of my mouth

Revelation 4

- Come up here and I will show you things that must be hereafter
- And immediately I was in the Spirit
- A throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne
- Round about the throne were 24 elders sitting
- Before the throne was a sea of glass like unto crystal
- Round about the throne were four living creatures (special angelic beings)
- 4:11 - *Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

Revelation 5

- He that sat upon the throne held a book sealed with seven seals
- No man was able to open the book and read the book
- Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.
- In the midst of the throne stood a Lamb as it had been slain
- And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Revelation 6

- Opening of the first seal and the rise of antichrist
- The opening of this first seal signals the approach of Daniel's famous 70th week of prophecy determined upon Israel. It begins when antichrist signs a seven year agreement with Israel
- Opening of the second seal – the rider of the red horse takes peace from the earth
- Opening of the third seal – the rider of the black horse brings forth world-wide famine
- Opening of the fourth seal – the rider of the pale horse brings forth the death of one fourth of the world population
- Opening of the fifth seal shows the souls of those who died for the Word of God and the testimony they held
- Opening of the sixth seal – a great earthquake occurs along with other supernatural manifestations signaling the great day of his wrath is come and who shall be able to stand!

Revelation 7

- Sealing of the 144,000 servants of God from the 12 tribes of Israel
- A great multitude comprised of people from every nation and kindred stand before the throne and before the Lamb
- These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb

Revelation 8

- Opening of the seventh seal is accompanied by silence in heaven
- The contents of the unsealed book can now be revealed by the Lord Jesus. The first trumpet sounds and one third of the earth's trees and green grass are burned up

- The second trumpet sounds and one third of the seas become blood and one third of all marine life in the seas die and one third of all the ships in the sea are destroyed
- The third trumpet sounds and one third of the world's supply of fresh water becomes wormwood and many men die because the water is bitter
- The fourth trumpet sounds and a third part of the sun, moon, and stars are smitten such that a third of the normal day-night cycle is darkened

Revelation 9

- The fifth trumpet sounds releasing locusts from the bottomless pit which proceed for five months to torment those who do not have the seal of God in their forehead
- Men shall seek death but be unable to find it!
- The sixth trumpet sounds releasing the four angels bound in the Euphrates river prepared to destroy the third part of men by means of a 200 million man army
- Those not killed still refuse to repent of the works of their hands and the idolatry of their hearts

Revelation 10

- Seven thunders utter their voices but John is not permitted to write down the messages contained in those voices!
- John eats the little book which is sweet in his mouth but bitter in his stomach

Revelation 11

- John sees the Jewish temple rebuilt in Jerusalem
- Two witnesses prophesy for 1260 days (during the first half of the tribulation)
- They minister in the city of Jerusalem and cannot be killed or censored during those days
- They appear at the exact time Israel enters into a relationship with the antichrist and they will proceed to preach against the lies of the antichrist as they call Israel to repent
- The two witnesses are put to death after 1260 days, but three and one-half days later the whole world watches their resurrection and ascension into heaven!
- Since their ministry spans the first half of the tribulation period and since the antichrist desecrates the temple at the end of the first 1260 days, we can conclude that the two witnesses die the same day the antichrist enters the temple declaring himself to be God.
- God's first response to the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet is to raise his two witnesses from the dead and call them to heaven in the sight of the whole world! Great fear will fall upon all who see this great event.
- And in the same hour a great earthquake kills seven thousand in the city of Jerusalem