THE REVELATION OF JESUS

1a OPENING

ASIA MINOR

LETTER (1:4, 22:21)
SENT TO: 7 CHURCHES
ITS MEANING FOR **US** MUST BE ANCHORED IN JOHN'S MEANING FOR **THEM**.

APOCALYPSE (1:1) GREEK: αποκαλυψις
- A TYPE OF JEWISH LITERATURE (EZEKIEL, DANIEL, 4 EZRA, 1 ENOCH)
- **SYMBOLIC VISIONS** THAT REVEAL A *HEAVENLY PERSPECTIVE* ON HISTORY IN LIGHT OF ITS FINAL OUTCOME

MEANINGFUL IMAGES DRAWN FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

PROPHECY (1:3)
- GOD'S WORD THROUGH A PROPHET
- BRINGS OLD TESTAMENT PROPHESY TO ITS CLIMAX

JOHN
THE BELOVED DISCIPLE?
ANOTHER JOHN?

SECRET PROPHECY CODE!

A SYMBOLIC VISION FOR EVERY GENERATION OF THE CHURCH

HISTORY'S PATTERN: ALL HUMAN KINGDOMS BECOME BABYLON & MUST BE RESISTED

THAT REVEALS

GOD'S PROMISE: JESUS WILL RETURN TO *REMOVE EVIL* FROM HIS WORLD

1b-3 MESSAGE TO THE 7 CHURCHES

THE SEVEN CHURCHES (SEE ZECHARIAH 4)

EPHESUS, SMYRNA, PERGAMUM, THYATIRA, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA & LAODICEA

"TRIBULATION" (2:9-10)
PERSECUTION
APATHY
AFFLUENCE
IMMORALITY

COMPROMISE
DOMITIAN
FAITHFULNESS
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THE CONQUERORS ARE REWARDED *in the* NEW CREATION (chs.21×22)

6-16 3 SETS OF 7 DIVINE JUDGMENTS

LITERAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (PAST, PRESENT, OR FUTURE) **BUT NOTICE:**
- BOWLS CONTAINED WITHIN 7th TRUMPET, TRUMPETS WITHIN 7th SEAL
- EACH SET CONCLUDES WITH FINAL JUDGMENT (1 2 3)

THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN JESUS' RESURRECTION & RETURN FROM THREE PERSPECTIVES

6-8a SEVEN SEALS

1 WAR, 2 CONQUEST, 3 FAMINE, 4 DEATH (SEE ZECHARIAH ch.1)
5 HOW LONG, O LORD? REST A LITTLE LONGER...
6 THE DAY OF THE LORD! (ISAIAH 2, JOEL 2) WHO CAN STAND?!
7 8:5

ch.7 THE LAMB'S ARMY

MARK GOD'S SERVANTS: the 144,000 MILITARY CENSUS OF 12 TRIBES (SEE NUMBERS 1)
HEARS
SEES
THEY CAN!
(SEE GENESIS 17:4)
THE MESSIANIC ARMY OF GOD'S KINGDOM FROM ALL NATIONS

8b-11 SEVEN TRUMPETS

EAT THIS & PROPHESY. OKAYYYY...

THE EXODUS PLAGUES (SEE EXODUS ch.7-11)
6 THE FOUR HORSEMEN
1 HAIL, 2 BLOOD, 3 POISON WATER, 4 DARK, 5 DEMON LOCUSTS
THE NATIONS DON'T REPENT (9:20-21)

10:1-11:13 THE LAMB'S SCROLL
MEASURE THE TEMPLE... "PROTECTION" (SEE ZECHARIAH 2)
...BUT EXCLUDE THE COURTS.

A) LITERAL DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM
B) NEW TEMPLE = SYMBOL of GOD'S PEOPLE
(1 CORINTHIANS 3:16, HEBREWS 3:6, 1 PETER 2:4-5)

TWO WITNESSES PROPHESY... (SEE ZECHARIAH 4)
"LAMPSTANDS" = CHURCHES (11:4 1:20)
A 2 LITERAL PROPHETS
B SYMBOLS OF THE CHURCH'S PROPHETIC ROLE

...& ARE KILLED... (SEE DANIEL 7)
...BUT THEN VINDICATED...
GLORY TO GOD!
...& THE NATIONS DO REPENT (11:13)

THE SCROLL REVEALS THE CHURCH'S MISSION:
- IMITATE THE LOVING SACRIFICE OF THE LAMB
- GOD'S MERCY BRINGS REPENTANCE

7 11:19

12-14 SEVEN SIGNS (=SYMBOLS)

12 THE COSMIC BATTLE (BASED ON GENESIS 3:15)
THE MESSIAH & HIS PEOPLE
THE DRAGON
THEY CONQUER THE DRAGON THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB (12:11)
†=👑 NOT THE REAL ENEMY

13 THE EARTHLY BATTLE (BASED ON DANIEL 7-12)
MILITARY POWER, 666, ECONOMIC MACHINE, BABYLON, PERSIA, GREECE, ROME, etc.....
1.) THE ANTI-SHEWA: PRAYER OF ALLEGIANCE FROM DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9 WRITTEN ON FOREHEAD & HAND (THOUGHTS) (ACTIONS)
MARK of the BEAST = ALLEGIANCE
2.) THE NUMBER 666 = נרון קסר (NERO CAESAR) = (BEAST)

14a THE LAMB'S ARMY
THE ETERNAL GOSPEL (14:6)
BABYLON HAS FALLEN!
FEAR GOD & GIVE HIM GLORY!
THE NEW JERUSALEM

14b FINAL JUSTICE
THE GRAIN HARVEST of GOD'S PEOPLE
THE GRAPE HARVEST of HUMANITY'S EVIL

THE CHOICE
RESIST BABYLON TO FOLLOW THE LAMB
OR
FOLLOW THE BEAST & SUFFER ITS DEFEAT

15-16 SEVEN BOWLS

THE EXODUS PLAGUES (AGAIN!)
1 SORES, 2 BLOOD, 3 BLOOD, 4 FIRE, 5 DARKNESS

ARMAGEDDON:
LOCATION OF MANY ISRAELITE BATTLES (JUDGES 5:19, 2 KINGS 23:29)
SYMBOL OF REBELLIOUS NATIONS (EZEKIEL 38-39)

7 16:17-21

4-5 THE THRONE OF GOD & THE LAMB

HOLY! HOLY! HOLY! (SEE ISAIAH 6, EZEKIEL 1, DANIEL 7)
MESSAGE OF THE PROPHETS (ISAIAH 8:16, EZEKIEL 2-3, DANIEL 12) ABOUT **HOW** GOD'S KINGDOM WILL COME ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
WHO CAN OPEN THE SCROLL?
THE LION OF JUDAH! (GENESIS 49:9) THE ROOT OF DAVID! (ISAIAH 11:1)
SEES
HEARS

THE SACRIFICED LAMB
- GOD'S KINGDOM WAS INAUGURATED THROUGH THE CRUCIFIED MESSIAH WHO DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES.
- HIS DEATH WAS CONQUEST OVER EVIL.

17-19a THE FALL OF BABYLON

BABYLON → ROME'S MILITARY & ECONOMIC POWER → ARCHETYPE OF HUMANITY'S REBELLION AGAINST GOD
GAP
BLOOD OF THE INNOCENT (18:24)
WOE!
BLEND OF OLD TESTAMENT IMAGES DESCRIBING BABYLON, TYRE & EDOM (ISAIAH 13, 23, 34, 47; JEREMIAH 50-51; EZEKIEL 26-27)

19b-20 THE FINAL BATTLE

19:11-21 THE FINAL BATTLE I
ISAIAH 11:4, 49:2
JUSTICE
ARMAGEDDON IS NOT A BLOODBATH
JESUS DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES & NOW HOLDS THEM ACCOUNTABLE.

20:1-7 THE MARTYRS VINDICATED
THE MARTYRS REIGN...
...FOR 1,000 YEARS!

20:8-15 THE FINAL BATTLE II (SEE DANIEL 7)

A LITERAL SEQUENCE: JESUS' RETURN → 1,000 YEAR KINGDOM → FINAL JUDGEMENT
B THOUSAND YEARS = SYMBOL OF JESUS' PRESENT VICTORY
TWO BATTLES = JESUS' RETURN FROM TWO ANGLES

THE POINT: JESUS WILL RETURN AS A KING TO DEAL WITH EVIL & VINDICATE HIS FOLLOWERS

THE DRAGON, BABYLON & ALL WHO CHOOSE THEM ARE ETERNALLY QUARANTINED

21-22 THE MARRIAGE OF HEAVEN & EARTH

THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB
I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW. (21:5)
ALL CREATION IS THE TEMPLE OF GOD & THE LAMB
HUMANITY RULES AS GOD'S IMAGE (GENESIS 1:27-28)

KALEIDOSCOPE OF OLD TESTAMENT PROMISES
- NEW HEAVEN & EARTH (ISAIAH 65:17)
- NEW GARDEN OF EDEN (GENESIS 2, EZEKIEL 47)
- NEW JERUSALEM (ISAIAH 2, ZEPHANIAH 3)

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