



“The Structure of the Revelation”

The Apocalypse

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INTRODUCTION:

1. Finding the structure of the Revelation.

19 "Therefore write "the things which you have seen,"

1) The _____ Theme.

7 BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen. [Rev 1:7 NASB95]

2) The things which _____ soon happen

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, **the things which must soon take place**; and He sent and communicated [it] by His angel to His bond-servant John, [Rev 1:1]

1) “The things which _____” (1:1-20) -

✳ The _____ Christ - PAST

11 saying, "Write in a book **what you see**, and **send** [it] to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." [Rev 1:11 NASB95]

19 "Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things. [Rev 1:19 NASB95]

2) “The things which **are**” (2 & 3)-

✳ The _____ Church - PRESENT

20 "As for **the mystery** of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches. [Rev 1:20 NASB95]

24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of **His body, which is the church**, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions. 25 Of [this church] I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the [preaching of] the word of God, 26 [that is,] **the mystery which has been hidden from the [past] ages and generations**, but has now been manifested to His saints, 27 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. [Col 1:24-27]

3) “The things which _____” (4 -22)

✳ The _____ of His Coming. - FUTURE

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it [is] called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. ... 14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white [and] clean, were following Him on white horses. ...

19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. [Rev 19:11, 14, 19 NASB95]

(1) The _____ Worship (4-5)

✳ The inauguration of Daniel's _____.

1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door [standing] open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like [the sound] of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you **what must take place after these things**." [Rev 4:1 NASB95]

(2) The _____ (6-18)

✿ The _____ of the Seals. (6-7)

1 Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." [Rev 6:1 NASB95]

✿ The _____ of the Trumpets. (8-15)

1 When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. ... 6 And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them. [Rev 8:1-2, 6 NASB95]

15 Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven saying: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever." [Rev 11:15 NET]

✿ The _____ of the Bowls Containing God's Wrath. (16-18)

1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple declaring to the seven angels: "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls containing God's wrath." [Rev 16:1 NET]

✿ The _____ Coming of Christ. (19)

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(3) The _____ Kingdom on Earth. (20)

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he threw him into the abyss, and shut [it] and sealed [it] over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time. [Rev 20:1-3 NASB95]

6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years. [Rev 20:6 NASB95]

(4) The _____ State A New Heaven and New Earth. (21-22)

1 Then I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer [any] sea. 2 And I saw **the holy city, new Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of **God is among men**, and **He will dwell among them**, and **they shall be His people**, and God Himself will be among them, [Rev 21:1-3 NASB95]

2. The Revelation's Prophetic _____.

| Chapters | Age | Years |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1) Chapters 1–3 | Church Age | Unknown Years |
| 2) Chapters 4–19 | Tribulation Age | 490th Year |
| 3) Chapter 20 | Kingdom Age | 1000 Years |
| 4) Chapters 21–22 | Eternal Age | Endless Years |

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3. Things to _____ in your study of the Revelation.

1) What you learn you are to _____ not add or take away from it.

- 3 Blessed is he who **reads** and those who **hear** the words of the prophecy, and **heed** [guard] the things which are written in it; for the time is near. [Rev 1:3 NASB95]. {τηρέω - **keep** the commandments}
- 18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book. [Rev 22:18-19 NASB95]

2) You are given a vision of _____ activity.

1 After these things I looked, and **behold, a door [standing] open in heaven**, and the first voice which I had heard, like [the sound] of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you **what must take place after these things**." [Rev 4:1 NASB95]

3) The Revelation alternates _____ between heaven and earth.

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4) 4 Points determines if your eschatology is _____ Christianity.

- 1) A bodily _____.
- 2) A literal, visible, bodily _____ of Jesus Christ.
- 3) A final _____ for all mankind.
- 4) A _____ heaven and hell

4. The revelation of Jesus Christ. [chapter 1]

1) The _____ is sent from heaven. (1-3)

✳ Sent - Father to Son to angel to Apostle John to bondservants.

2) The _____ is from the Trinity. (4-8)

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, **from Him who is and who was and who is to come**, and **from the seven Spirits who are before His throne**, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood-- [Rev 1:4-5 NASB95]

✳ Grace and Peace from...

- 1) **The Father...**from Him who is and who was and who is to come
- 2) **The Holy Spirit...**from the seven Spirits who are before His throne
- 3) **Jesus Christ...**and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood

3) The _____ to write a book for the seven churches. (9-11 & 19)

11 saying, "**Write** in a book what you see, **and send** [it] to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." [Rev 1:11 NASB95]

4) The heavenly vision of the _____ Christ. (12-20)