

Book of Revelation in Chronological Order

Ch. 1	Chs. 2-3	Chs. 4-5	Ch. 6	Ch. 7	Chs. 8-9	Ch. 10:1-11:13	Ch. 11: 14-19
Introduction	Seven Churches	The scene In Heaven	6 Seal Judgments	1st. Parenthesis -144,000 Sealed -Great multitude Coming out of the Great Tribulation	7th. Seal Six Trumpet Judgments	2nd. Parenthesis Ch. 10 Angel and little scroll Ch. 11:1-13 The Two Witnesses	7th. Trumpet Judgment

Chs. 12-14	Chs. 15-16	Ch. 17:1-19:10	Ch. 19:11-21	Ch. 20	Ch. 21	Ch. 22
3rd. Parenthesis Ch. 12 -Woman and Dragon -Dragon thrown to earth Ch. 13 -The Two Beasts Ch. 14 -Lamb and 144,00 -Angels proclaim Gospel -Harvest of the earth	7 Bowl Judgments	4th. Parenthesis Ch. 17 -The Great Prostitute and The Beast Ch. 18 The Fall of Babylon Ch. 19:1-10 Rejoicing in Heaven	-2nd. Advent of Christ -Beast and False Prophet thrown into Lake of Fire	20:1-6 1,000 years -Satan bound -The reign of Christ 20:7-10 -Release and Defeat of Satan 20:11-14 -Great White Throne Judgment -Lake of Fire	21:1-9 -New heaven and earth 21:9-27 -New Jerusalem	22:1-9 -River of Life 22:10-21 Jesus is coming soon

Condensed Outline of Revelation

I. The Saviour and the Servant: chapter 1

1. The Servant of God 1:1-10

- a. Introduction of the Servant 1:1-3
- b. Invocation of the Servant 1:4-7
- c. Identity of the Servant's God 1:8
- d. Incarceration of the Servant 1:9-10

2. The Son of God 1:11-20

- a. The Churches of Christ 1:11
- b. The Characterization of Christ 1:12-18
- c. The Chronology of Christ's Message 1:19
- d. The Communication of Christ's Mysteries 1:20

II. The Letters to the Seven Churches: Chapters 2-3

1. Ephesus	The Loveless Church	2:1-7
2. Smyrna	The Laudable Church	2:8-11
3. Pergamum	The Lawless Church	2:12-17
4. Thyatira	The Languishing Church	2:18-29
5. Sardis	The Lifeless Church	3:1-6
6. Philadelphia	The Loyal Church	3:7-13
7. Laodicea	The Lukewarm Church	3:14-22

III. The Scene in Heaven: Chapters 4-5

1. The Vision of the Sovereign	4:1-11
2. The Vision of the Son	5:1-14

IV. The Tribulation: Chapters 6-19

1. The First Six Seal Judgments: 6:1-17
2. The Sealed and the Saved 7:1-17
3. The Seventh Seal: 8:1-5
4. First Six Trumpet Judgments: 8:6-9:21
5. The Angel and the Little Scroll: 10:1-11
6. The Two Witnesses: 11:1-14
7. The Seventh Trumpet Judgement: 11:15-19
8. The Woman and the Dragon: 12:1-17
9. The First and Second Beasts: 13:1-18
10. The Lamb and the 144,000: 14:1-5
11. The Sayings of the Three Angels: 14:6-13
12. The Harvesting of the Earth: 14:14-20
13. Prequel to the Bowl Judgements: 15:1-8
14. The Seven Bowl Judgements: 16:1-21
15. The Prostitute and the Beast 17:1-18
16. The Destruction of Babylon: 18:1-24
17. Rejoicing in Heaven 19:1-5
18. Marriage Supper of the Lamb 19:6-10
19. The Victory of the King of kings 19:11-21

V. The Two Kingdoms: Chapters 20-22

1. The Thousand Year Kingdom: 20:1-6
2. The Final Destination of Satan: 20:7-10
3. The Final Destination of Sinners: 20:11-15
4. The Eternal Kingdom: 21:1-22:21

Summary of Four Views on Revelation

Interpretive Approach	Basic Thesis
Preterist	All the events of Revelation were fulfilled during the period of the Roman Empire.
Historical	Revelation is a panorama of church history from the apostolic era until the consummation.
Idealist	Revelation is not a representation of actual events, but is rather a symbolic depiction of the spiritual warfare between good and evil.
Futurist	Beginning with ch. 4, Revelation describes the future events accompanying the end of the age.

Thomas Nelson Publishers, *Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps & Charts: Old and New Testaments*, Rev. and updated ed. (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1996). Page 488.

Views of the Return of Christ and the Millennium

View	Christ Returns	Characteristics	Interpretation
Premillennialism	Before the 1,000 year kingdom.	Christ returns <i>before</i> establishing His literal kingdom on earth. He will reign with his saints in fulfillment of OT and NT prophecy. The reign on earth will last for 1,000 years.	Futurist
Postmillennialism	After a golden age on earth.	Christ will return <i>after</i> the 1,000 years which represent a golden age of unspecified duration. This age is ushered in by the triumph of the gospel as the world converts, in large part, to Christianity through the efforts of the church.	Idealist or Preterist
Amillennialism	(No literal earthly kingdom.)	There is <i>no</i> literal reign of Christ over an earthly kingdom. Christ is <i>presently</i> reigning over a <i>spiritual kingdom</i> in either: (1) the hearts of men; (2) heaven, or (3) the church. The 1,000 years is a symbol representing an extended period of time. Many amillennialists believe that the fullness of the kingdom has already arrived on earth and we are presently in the age between the first and second resurrections. “Generally speaking, this view holds that Christ will return in His second coming and immediately usher in the new heaven and the new earth with no intervening thousand-year reign. This view interprets many passages in the Old and New Testaments that refer to the millennial kingdom as being fulfilled in a nonliteral way, either in the present experience of the church on earth or the experience of the church in heaven.” For example, Jerome: “The saints will in no wise have an earthly kingdom, but only a celestial one; thus must cease the fable of one thousand years.”	Idealist or Preterist

Symbols Used in the Book of Revelation That the Book Itself Interprets

1. The seven lampstands (1:12) are seven churches (1:20).
2. The seven stars (1:16) are seven angels or messengers (1:20).
3. The morning star (2:28; 22:16), the male child (12:5), and the root and offspring of David (22:16) are Jesus Christ (19:15; 22:16).
4. The Lamb (17:14) is Lord of lords and King of kings (17:14) and Jerusalem's lamp (21:23).
5. The white horse rider (19:11) is Faithful and True (19:11), the Word of God (19:13), and King of kings and Lord of lords (19:16).
6. The city of my God (3:12), the Lamb's bride (19:7; 21:9), and the holy city (21:10) are the New Jerusalem (3:12; 21:10; cf. 21:2).
7. The seven lamps of fire (4:5) and the seven eyes (5:6) are the seven spirits of God (4:5; 5:6).
8. The incense in the golden bowls (5:8) is the prayers of the saints (5:8).
9. The fallen star (9:1) is the angel or messenger of the abyss (9:11).
10. The great city (11:8), Sodom (11:8), and Egypt (11:8) are Jerusalem (11:8).
11. The stars of heaven (12:4) are the angels or messengers of Satan (12:9).
12. The great dragon (12:9), the old serpent (12:9), and the devil (12:9) are Satan (12:9).
13. Time, times, and half a time (12:14) are 1260 days (12:6).
14. The beast out of the earth (13:11) is the false prophet (19:20).

15. The three unclean sprits (16:13) are spirits of demons (16:14).
16. The waters (17:1) are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues (17:15).
17. The woman (17:3) is Babylon the great (17:5), the great city (18:10) that reigns over the kings of the earth (17:18).
18. The seven heads (17:9) are seven mountains (17:9) which are seven kings (17:10).
19. The beast (17:11) is the eighth king (17:11).
20. The ten horns (17:12) are ten kings (17:12).
21. The fine linen (19:8) is the righteous acts of the saints (19:8).
22. The faithful souls come to life (20:4) is the first resurrection (20:5).
23. The lake of fire (20:14) is the second death (20:14).
24. The Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb (21:22) are the temple in Jerusalem (21:22).

Comparison of Words: Chapter 1 with Chapter 22

Jesus Christ	1:1	22:21
servants	1:1	22:3, 6
soon / shortly	1:1	22:6
angel	1:1	22:8
bore witness / testify	1:2	22:16, 18, 20
blessed	1:3	22:7, 14
prophecy	1:3	22:7, 10, 18, 19
keep (heed)	1:3	22:7, 9
time	1:3	22:10
near (is at hand)	1:3	22:10
churches	1:4	22:16
grace	1:4	22:21
spirits	1:4	22:6, 17
alpha and omega	1:8	22:13
John	1:4, 9	22:8
brother	1:9	22:9
book	1:11	22:7, 9, 10, 18, 19
sun	1:16	22:5
the first and the last	1:17	22:13
write (written, described)	1:19	22:18, 19
stars	1:20	22:16

COMPARATIVE TITLES OF CHRIST: REVELATION CHAPTERS 1-3 NIV

Titles from Chapter 1	Titles in Chapters 2-3
<p>I saw seven golden lampstands and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man. 1:12-13, 20. In his right hand he held seven stars. 1:16, 20.</p>	<p>The Church in Ephesus These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. 2:1</p>
<p>I am the first and the last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever. 1:17-18</p>	<p>The Church in Smyrna These are the words of him who is the first and the last, who died and came to life again. 2:8</p>
<p>And out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. 1:16</p>	<p>The Church in Pergamum These are the words of him who has the sharp double-edged sword. 2:12</p>
<p>To serve His God and Father. 1:6 And his eyes were like blazing fire. 1:14 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace. 1:15</p>	<p>The Church in Thyatira These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. 2:18</p>
<p>And from the seven spirits before his throne. 1:4 In his right hand he held seven stars. 1:16</p>	<p>The Church in Sardis These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. 3:1</p>
<p>I hold the keys of death and hades. 1:18</p>	<p>The Church in Philadelphia These are the words of him who is holy and true and holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut and what he shuts no one can open. 3:7</p>
<p>And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness. 1:5 And the ruler of the kings of the earth. 1:5</p>	<p>The Church in Laodicea These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. 3:14</p>

Parallels Between the Olivet Discourse and the Seal Judgments of Revelation

Event	Revelation 6	Matthew 24	Mark 13	Luke 21
False messiahs, false prophets.	Rev. 6:2	Mat. 24:5, 11	Mark 13:6	Luke 21:8
Wars.	Rev. 6:2-4	Mat. 24:6-7	Mark 13:7	Luke 21:9
International discord.	Rev. 6:3-4	Mat. 24:7	Mark 13:8	Luke 21:10
Famines.	Rev. 6:5-8	Mat. 24:7	Mark 13:8	Luke 21:11
Pestilences.	Rev. 6:8			Luke 21:11
Persecution, martyrdom.	Rev. 6:9-11	Mat. 24:9	Mark 13:9-13	Luke 21:12-17
Earthquakes.	Rev. 6:12	Mat. 24:7	Mark 13:8	Luke 21:11
Cosmic phenomena.	Rev. 6:12-14	[Mat. 24:29]	[Mark 13:24-25]	Luke 21:11

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TRIBULATION JUDGMENTS

	Seals (ch. 6)	Trumpets (chs. 8-9)	Bowls (ch. 16)
1	Antichrist	Storm	Sores
2	War	Meteor	Bloody Seas
3	Famine	Bitterness	Bloody Springs
4	Death (1/4 of Population)	Darkness	Fire
5	Imprecations	Locusts	Darkness
6	Earthquake	Horses (1/3 of Population)	Invasion
7	7 Trumpets	7 Bowls	Earthquake and Hail

Thomas Constable, *Notes on Revelation*, 2025, page 260.

Major Themes of the Book of Revelation

<p>Revelation of Jesus Christ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -the risen, glorified Son of God ministering among the churches (1:10ff.) -the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth (1:5) -the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End (1:8) -the one “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty” (1:8) -the First and the Last (1:11) -the Son of Man (1:13) -the one who was dead, but now is alive forevermore (1:18) -the Son of God (2:18), -the one who is holy and true (3:7) -the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God (3:14) -the Lion of the tribe of Judah (5:5) -the Lamb in heaven, with authority to open the title deed to the earth (6:1ff.) -the Lamb on the throne (7:17) -the Messiah who will reign forever (11:15) -the Word of God (19:13) -the majestic King of kings and Lord of lords, returning in glorious splendor to conquer His foes (19:11ff.) -the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star (22:16) <p>John MacArthur Jr., ed., The MacArthur Study Bible, electronic ed. (Nashville, TN: Word Pub., 1997), 1990.</p>
<p>Sovereignty of God</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -the alpha and the omega: 1:8; 21:6; 22:13 -the first and the last 1:17; 22:13 -the beginning and the end: 21:6; 22:13 -the One who is, was and is to come; 1:8; 4:8; 11:17 -the Almighty: 1:8, 4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7, 14; 19:6, 15; 21:22
<p>Perseverance of the Saints</p>	<p>Saints from the churches: 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21. Saints victorious over Satan: 12:11 Saints victorious over the beast and its image: 15:2 Saints victorious to the end: 21:7</p>

<p>Defeat of Satan and his kingdom</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Through the tribulation Judgments of God: chapters 6-19 -Through angelic warfare: Satan and his angels thrown down to earth: 12:7-10 -Through the blood of the lamb and the word of the saint's testimony: 12:11 -Through the overthrow of Babylon (world system): 17:14; 18:1-24 -Through the final judgment upon the beast and false prophet: 19:20 -Through the final judgment of Satan: 20:10 -Through the final judgment of the wicked: 20:14-15
<p>Worship</p>	<p>Songs and Praises to the Father and the Lamb:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To God the Father: 4:8, 11; 7:12; 11:16-18; 16:5-6, 7; 19:1-3, 4, 6-8 -To the Lamb: 5:9-10, 12 -To the Father and the Lamb: 5:13; 7:10; 15:3-4
<p>Kingdom</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Saints called a kingdom: 1:6, 5:10 -kingdom of God: 1:9 -kingdom of the world has become kingdom of our Lord and Christ: 11:15 -kingdom of God and Christ has come: 12:10 -judgment of Satan's kingdom: 16:10 -millennial kingdom of Christ: 20:1-6 -eternal kingdom (heaven): Chapters 21-22