

A Quick High-Level Summary of the Book of Revelation

1a OPENING
APOCALYPSE (אָפּוֹקָלִיפְטִישׁ) GREEK: ἀποκαλύπτω
• A TYPE OF JEWISH LITERATURE (EZEKIEL, DANIEL, EZRA, JEREMIAH)
• SYMBOLIC VISIONS THAT REVEAL A HEAVENLY PERSPECTIVE ON HISTORY IN LIGHT OF ITS FINAL OUTCOME
• MEANINGFUL IMAGES DRAWN FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT
• JOHN THE BELOVED DISCIPLE? ANOTHER JOHN?
• LETTER (1+9, 22-21) SENT TO 7 CHURCHES
• ITS MEANING FOR US MUST BE ANCHORED IN JOHN'S MEANING FOR THEM!
• PROPHECY (1+3) - GOD'S WORD THROUGH A PROPHET
• BRINGS OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY TO ITS CLIMAX

1b-3 MESSAGE TO THE 7 CHURCHES
THE SEVEN CHURCHES (SEE ZECHARIAH 4)
EPHESUS, SMYRNA, PEARGAMUM, THYATIRA, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA, LAODICEA
• APATHY
• PERSECUTION
• TRIBULATION (2+9-10)
• IMMORALITY
• COMPROMISE
• FAITHFULNESS
• THE CONQUERORS ARE REWARDED in the NEW CREATION (John 21+22)

4-5 THE THRONE OF GOD & THE LAMB
HOLY! HOLY!
MESSAGE OF THE PROPHECIES (ISAIAH 6, EZEKIEL 23, DANIEL 7)
ABOUT HOW GOD'S KINGDOM WILL COME ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN
WHO CAN OPEN THE SCROLL?
THE LION OF JUDAH! THE ROOT OF DAVID! (ISAIAH 11)
SEES HEARS

6-8a SEVEN SEALS
• 1) WAR
• 2) Famine
• 3) DEATH
• 4) HOW LONG O LORD?
• 5) REST A LITTLE LONGER.
• 6) THE DAY OF THE LORD! (ISAIAH 2, JOEL 2)
• WHO CAN STAND?
• THEY CAN!
• THE MESSIANIC ARMY OF GOD'S KINGDOM FROM ALL NATIONS

6-8b SEVEN TRUMPETS
THE EXODUS PLAGUES (SEE EXODUS 4-11)
1) HAIL
2) BLOOD
3) DARKNESS
4) HOT
5) DEMON LOCUSTS
6) THE NATIONS DON'T REPENT (9+10-11)
• THE LAMB'S SCROLL
• A) LITERAL DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM
• B) NEW TEMPLE = SYMBOL OF GOD'S PEOPLE
• TWO WITNESSES PROPHECY...
• ...AND ARE KILLED...
• BUT THEN VINDICATED...
• THE SCROLL REVEALS THE CHURCHES' MISSION...
• INITIATE THE LOVING SACRIFICE OF THE LAMB
• THE NATIONS DO REPENT (11-13)
• THE DRAGON, BABYLON & ALL WHO CHOOSE THEM ARE ETERNALLY GUARANTEED

10-11-13 THE SIGNS (=SYMBOLS)
THE COSMIC BATTLE (BASED ON GENESIS 3:15) 12
THEY CONQUER THE DRAGON THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB (12:11)
THE REAL ENEMY
THE EARTHLY BATTLE (BASED ON DANIEL 7:12) 15
MILITARY POWER 666 ECONOMIC MACHINE
BABYLON
PERSIA
GREECE
THE ANTI-SHEMIA PRICES OF ALLEGIANCE FROM DEUTERONOMY 17 WRITTEN IN FOREHEAD & HAND (THOUGHTS) (ACTIVITIES)
2) THE NUMBER 666 = נרדק (NARDOK) (BEAST) רמ"ו (RAMO) (ROMANS) (ROMA)
ROME, etc...

12-14 THE SIGNS (=SYMBOLS)
THE ETERNAL GOSPEL (1+6)
THE NEW JERUSALEM
THE GRAPES 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) BLOOD
2) FIRE
3) DARKNESS
4) HOT
5) DEMON LOCUSTS
6) THE NATIONS DON'T REPENT (9+10-11)

16-17-21
ARMAGEDDON:
LOCATION OF MANY ISRAELITE BATTLES (JUDGES 5-9, 2 KINGS 23-24)
SYMBOL OF REBELLIOUS NATIONS (EZEKIEL 38-39)

17-19a THE FALL OF BABYLON
A SYMBOLIC VISION FOR EVERY GENERATION OF THE CHURCH
HISTORY'S PATTERN THAT REVEALS GOD'S PROMISE
ALL HUMAN KINGDOMS BECOME BABYLON & MUST BE RESISTED
JESUS WILL RETURN TO REMOVE EVIL FROM HIS WORLD
BABYLON → ROME'S MILITARY & ECONOMIC POWER → ARCHETYPE OF HUMANITY'S REBELLION AGAINST GOD
BLEND OF OLD TESTAMENT IMAGES DESCRIBING BABYLON, TYRE & EDOM (ISAIAH 15, 23, 34, 47; JEREMIAH 50-51; EZEKIEL 26-27)

19b-20 THE FINAL BATTLE
THE FINAL BATTLE I (ISAIAH 34, 64)
JUSTICE
THE MARTYRS VINDICATED
FOR 1,000 YEARS
THE FINAL BATTLE II (SEE DANIEL 7)
ARMAGEDDON IS NOT BLOODBATH
JESUS DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES & WHO HOLDS THEM ACCOUNTABLE.
LITERAL SEQUENCE 1,000 YEAR KINGDOM
JESUS RETURN FINAL JUDGEMENT
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

21-22 THE MARRIAGE OF HEAVEN & EARTH
THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB
I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW. (21)
ALL CREATION TEMPLE OF GOD & THE LAMB
HUMANITY RULES AS GOD'S IMAGE (GENESIS 1:27-28)
KALEIDOSCOPE OF OLD TESTAMENT PROMISES
• NEW HEAVEN & EARTH (ISAIAH 65-67)
• NEW GARDEN OF EDEN (GENESIS 2, EZEKIEL 47)
• NEW JERUSALEM (ISAIAH 2, ZEPHANIAH 3)