



COMING UP... OCT 13: Rev part 2 (chs. 6-22) OCT 20: Ezra OCT 27: Haggai NOV 3: Zechariah NOV 10: Esther NOV 17: Nehemiah NOV 24: NO CLASS (T-giving) DEC 1: Malachi (END)

THE TIMES

About 60 years ago, the young apostle John had lain his head on Jesus' breast at the Last Supper; this was the Jesus John knew

Now in his eighties, John has been sent to the penal island of Patmos for his faith/preaching

In a vision he meets the risen, glorified Lord Jesus Christ ... causing him to fall on his face

John has just met the Jesus he never knew!

REVELATION SUMMARIZED IN A WORD OR PHRASE: "The Lord Jesus Christ"

THE BASICS ...

Who: the apostle John **When:** during Domitian's reign (AD 81-96) **Where:** to seven representative churches in Asia Minor

Why: "The stated purpose of the book is to reveal Jesus Christ (1:1). It reveals His person, His power, and His plan for the future." –Dr. Mark Bailey

WHAT HE BRINGS TO A CONCLUSION

The heavens and the earth

Man: his creation, fall, salvation, sanctification, glory

Sin: its origin, penalty, power, presence

Satan: his character, fall, doom

Israel: her election, blessing, discipline, blessing

Nations: disobedience, religions, final disposition

Messiah: His Person, work, mission, rule

Kingdom: its promises and its program*

*Adapted from Hampton Keathley III,
Studies in Revelation
(www.bible.org: Biblical Studies Press, 1997), 16.

THE BIG IDEA OF REVELATION

Jesus Christ, revealed as Lord over all creation, time and eternity, brings everything into submission to His lordship.

LESSON THEME: Accountability

Outline of Revelation

1. Jesus Christ, revealed as Lord of the Church, judges His Church. (1:1–3:22)
2. Jesus Christ, revealed as Lord of the universe, prepares to judge His entire creation. (4:1–5:14)
3. Jesus Christ, revealed as Lord over history, judges His creation by omnipotently executing the Old Testament "Day of the Lord" upon it. (6:1–20:15)
4. Jesus Christ, revealed as Lord of the new heaven and earth, unveils a safe and secure place where He dwells with His people. (21:1–22:5)
5. Jesus Christ calls everyone to submit to His lordship today! (22:6-21)

(see "The Island of Patmos and the Seven Churches of Asia" map, p. 3)

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... revealed as Lord of the Church, judges His Church. (1:1–3:22)

Lord of the Church (1)

The churches are represented as lampstands, bearing His light to an otherwise dark world

The sovereign High Priest is walking among them, inspecting and evaluating

As required, He'll fill them with oil, trim their wicks ... or be forced to snuff them out

Judges His Church (2–3)

Even though these churches are secure in their relationship with Jesus (as a result of His finished work) they are nonetheless accountable for their choices and deeds

(see "The Seven Churches" map, p. 4)

Ephesus

Right beliefs and right service cannot compensate for a cold heart toward Jesus and others
Passionately pursue Jesus

Smyrna

Confidence in God, leading to faithfulness under pressure, will be rewarded
Stand your ground—even alone—with Jesus

Pergamum

Compromising with the world ultimately leads to Jesus' correcting discipline
Don't compromise; be undefiled/unstained

Thyatira

Tolerating evil within a church ultimately leads to Jesus' correcting discipline
Don't tolerate sin in your life

Sardis

Until Jesus comes it's not too late for a dying church to experience revival
Get up and get back in the game!

Philadelphia

Faithfulness and obedience bring blessing as well as further spiritual outreach opportunities
Be courageous even in times of difficulty

Laodicea

Self-sufficiency and self-reliance shut Jesus out of our lives and out of our churches
Be dependent ,not indifferent and complacent

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John is caught up to heaven, perhaps as a picture of the rapture of the Church
He's caught up into the throne room of the heavenly Tabernacle
There's a worship service going on!
Jesus is revealed to be the uniquely qualified and worthy Judge of the universe
He receives the "title deed" to all creation
And prepares to execute His Father's will for the final destiny of all creation

Accountability

This is the Jesus we never knew in the Gospels
He's the tender, gracious, benevolent yet terrifyingly holy Examiner of all things
As Christ followers we're accountable for how we're living our lives today (2 Cor 5:10) ...
Is your light shining?
Do you love Him more this month than last?
Is your life increasingly characterized by holiness?

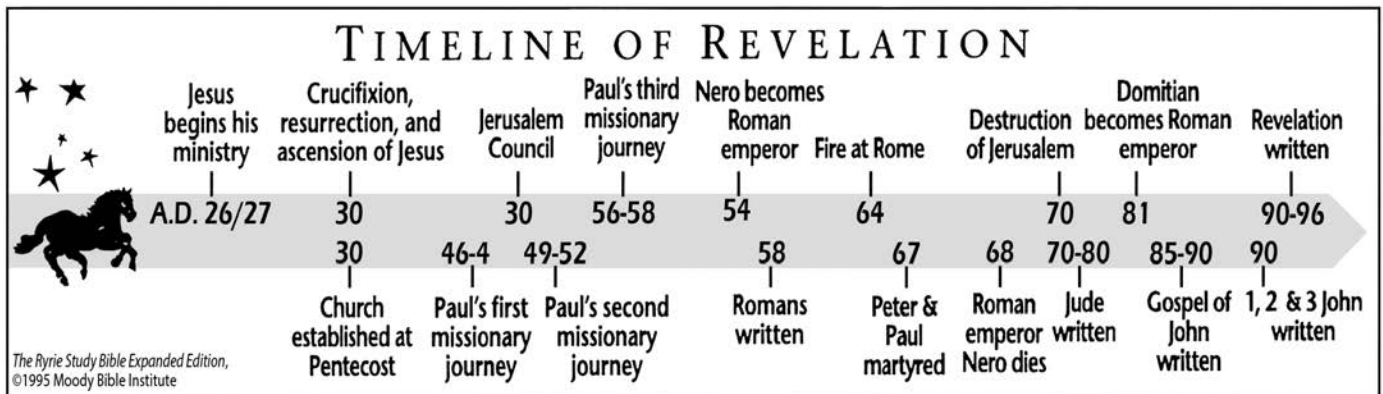
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Revelation: The Island of Patmos and the Seven Churches of Asia



THE SEVEN CHURCHES REVELATION 2-3

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1 EPHESUS (2:1-7)

Positives = toil and patient endurance for Jesus' sake, abhorrence of evil and false teaching
Negatives = abandoned first love
Command = remember, repent and return to previous good works
Disobedience = will have their lampstand removed
Obedience = will eat from the tree of life

2 SMYRNA (2:8-11)

Positives = enduring opposition and slander and being spiritually rich
Negatives = none
Command = be faithful to the point of death
Disobedience = none
Obedience = will be given the crown of life and will not be hurt by the second death

3 PERGAMUM (2:12-17)

Positives = holding fast to Jesus' name and not denying his faith
Negatives = some have accepted false teaching
Command = repent
Disobedience = will face war from the sword of Jesus' mouth
Obedience = will be given hidden manna and a white enscripted stone

4 THYATIRA (2:18-29)

Positives = love, faith, service and faithful endurance
Negatives = toleration of false teaching, idolatry and sexual immorality
Command = reject false teaching and hold fast to Jesus
Disobedience = tribulation and death
Obedience = will be given authority over the nations and given the morning star



5 SARDIS (3:1-6)

Positives = none
Negatives = spiritually dead and incomplete in works
Command = wake up, strengthen faith and repent
Disobedience = will be opposed by Jesus who will come like a thief
Obedience = will walk with Jesus, be clothed in white, will have names in the book of life and confessed by him before the Father and angels

6 PHILADELPHIA (3:7-13)

Positives = kept Jesus' word, not denied his name and patiently endured
Negatives = none
Command = hold fast
Disobedience = none
Obedience = will be kept from the hour of trial, made a pillar in the temple of God and have the name of God, New Jerusalem and Jesus written on them

7 LAODICEA (3:14-22)

Positives = none
Negatives = spiritually lukewarm, wretched, pitiable, poor and blind; need to buy spiritual gold and salve to become spiritually rich, clothed and seeing
Command = be zealous, repent and hear Jesus' voice
Disobedience = (spat out)
Obedience = will eat with Jesus and sit with him on his throne

PATMOS (1:9)

An Aegean island south of Samos, where prisoners were exiled by the Roman authorities. John was sent here 'on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus' (1:9) and received his prophetic revelation during this stay.

**THE BEGINNING
AND THE END**

<i>Genesis</i>	<i>Revelation</i>
The sun is created.	The sun is not needed.
Satan is victorious.	Satan is defeated.
Sin enters the human race.	Sin is banished.
People run and hide from God.	People are invited to live with God forever.
People are cursed.	The curse is removed.
Tears are shed, with sorrow for sin.	No more sin, no more tears or sorrow.
The garden and earth are cursed.	God's city is glorified; the earth is made new.
Paradise is lost.	Paradise is regained.
People are doomed to death.	Death is defeated; believers live forever with God.

The Bible records for us the beginning of the world and the end of the world. The story of mankind, from beginning to end—from the fall into sin to redemption and God's ultimate victory over evil—is found in the pages of the Bible.

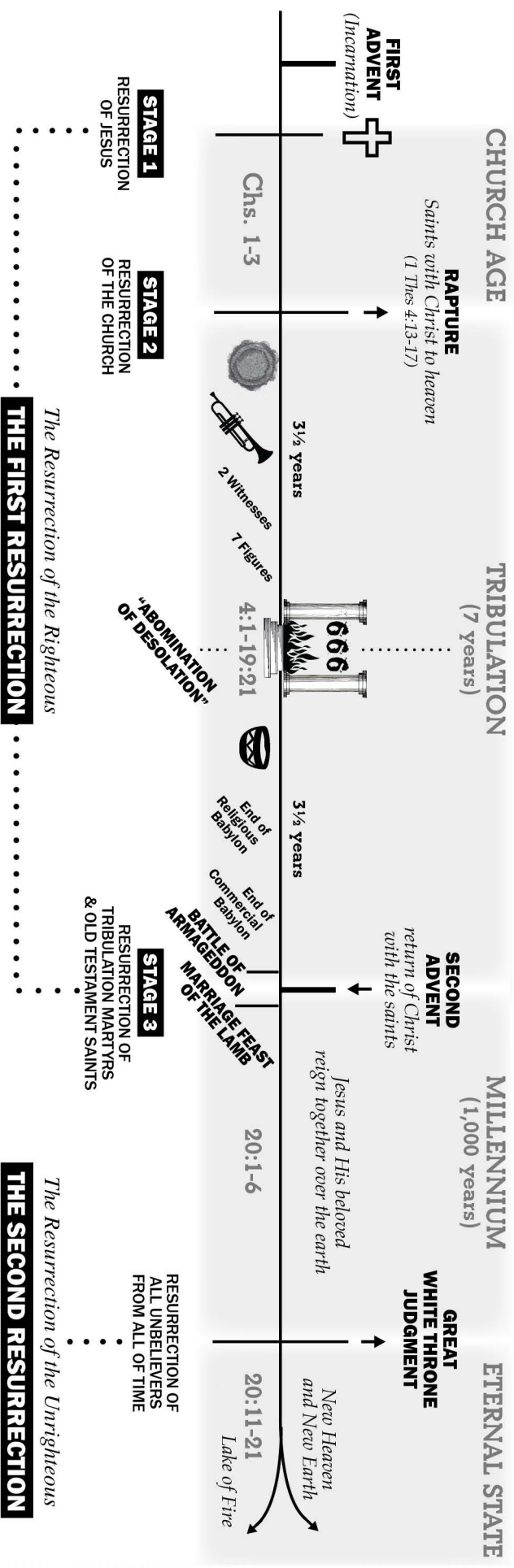
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CHRONOLOGY OF REVELATION

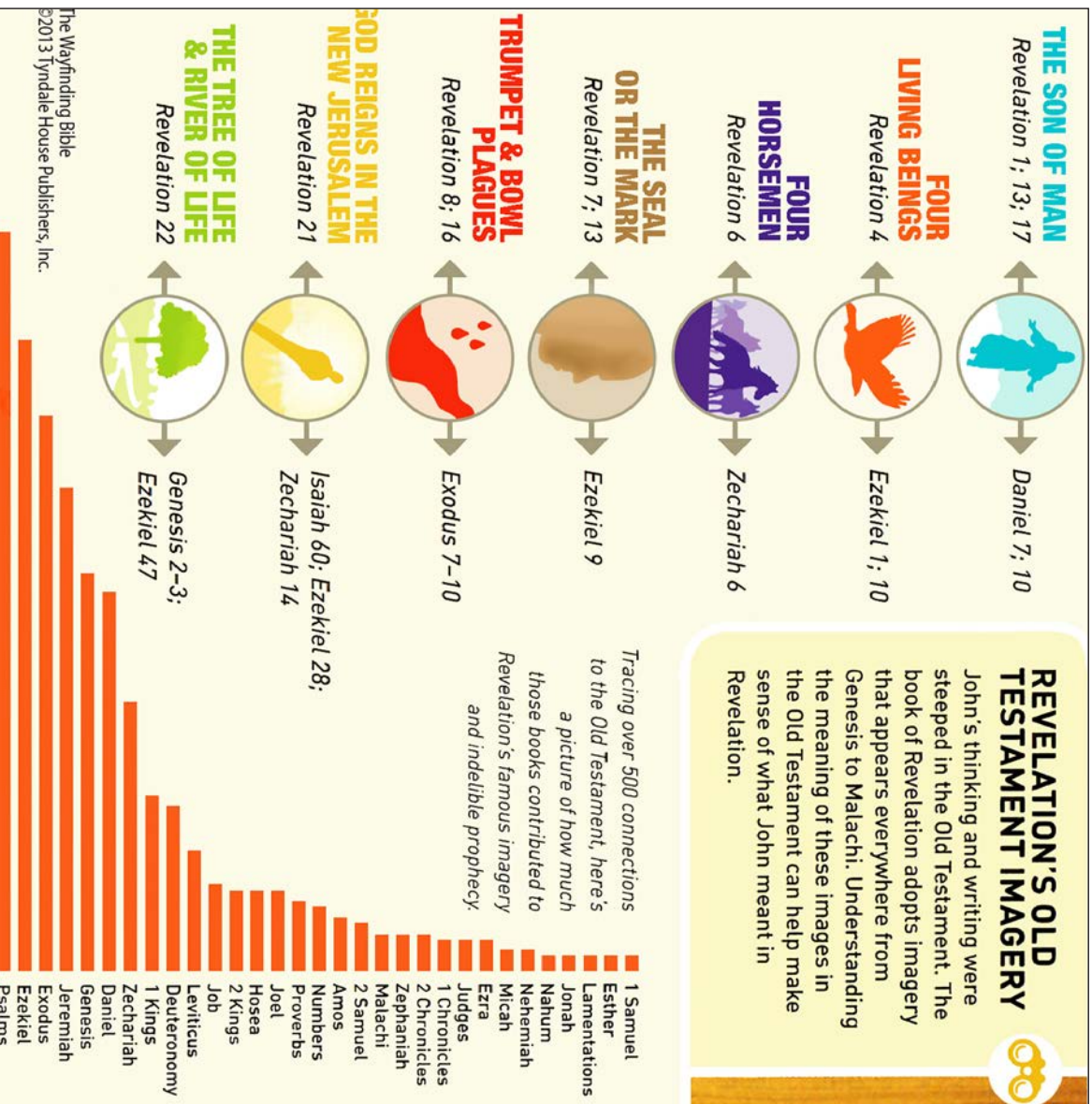


Revelation -- "Accountability"

Jesus Christ--Revealed As Lord Over All Creation, Time And Eternity--Brings Everything Into Submission To His Lordship.

Jesus Christ is
my Lord now!

Ultimate Judgment										Ultimate Blessing											
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Lord of His Church		Judges His Church		Lord and Resurrected Redeemer of His Creation		Begins Judging the Earth: Seal Judgments		Judging the Earth Intensifies: Trumpet Judgments		Judging the Earth Culminates: Bowl Judgments		Destroys the Enemy's Political, Economic and Religious Systems		Returns to Earth and Establishes His 1,000 Year Kingdom		Disposes of Satan and the Unrighteous		Provides New Life, Peace and Safety to All Who are His		Provides New Life to All Who Will Come to Him Now	
1:1-20		2:1-3:22		4:1-5:14		6:1-7:17		8:1-14:20		15:1-16:21		17:1-19:10		19:1-20:6		20:7-15		21:1-22:5		22:6-21	
Rapture						Tribulation						Millennial Kingdom		Eternal State		Today!					



14 Doxologies in the Book of Revelation		
Reference	The One(s) Giving the Praise	The One(s) Receiving
4:8	4 living creatures	God the Father
4:11	24 elders	God the Father
5:9-10	24 elders and 4 living creatures	The Lamb (Christ)
5:12	Many angels	The Lamb
5:13	Every creature	God the Father and the Lamb
7:10	Tribulation martyrs	God the Father and the Lamb
7:12	Angels, 24 elders, and 4 living creatures	God the Father
11:16-18	24 elders	God the Father
15:3-4	Tribulation saints	God the Father and the Lamb
16:5-6	Angel	God the Father
16:7	"The altar"	God the Father
19:1-3	A great multitude	God the Father
19:4	24 elders and 4 living creatures	God the Father
19:6-8	A great multitude	God the Father

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EVENTS IN REVELATION DESCRIBED ELSEWHERE IN THE BIBLE

<i>Other Reference</i>	<i>Revelation Reference</i>	<i>Event</i>
Ezekiel 1:22-28	4:2, 3; 10:1-3	Glowing rainbow around God's throne
Isaiah 53:7	5:6-8	Christ is pictured as a Lamb
Psalms 96	5:9-14	New song
Zechariah 1:7-11; 6:1-8	6:1-8	Horses and riders
Isaiah 2:19-22	6:12; 8:5; 11:13	Earthquake
Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:14-21	6:12	Moon turns red as blood
Mark 13:21-25	6:13	Stars falling from the sky
Isaiah 34:1-4	6:14	Sky rolled up like a scroll
Zephaniah 1:14-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3	6:15-17	God's inescapable wrath
Jeremiah 49:35-39	7:1	Four winds of judgment
Luke 8:26-34	9:1, 2; 17:3-8	Bottomless pit
Joel 1:2-2:11	9:3-11	Plague of locusts
Luke 21:20-24	11:1, 2	Trampling of the holy city of Jerusalem
Zechariah 4	11:3-6	Two olive trees as witnesses
Daniel 7	13:1-10	A beast coming out of the sea
2 Thessalonians 2:7-14	13:11-15	Astounding signs and miracles done by the evil beast
Jeremiah 25:15-29	14:9-12	Drinking the cup of God's wrath
Isaiah 21:1-10	18:2, 3	"Babylon" falls
Matthew 22:1-14	19:5-8	Wedding feast of the Lamb
Ezekiel 38, 39	20:7-10	Conflict with Gog and Magog
John 5:19-30	20:11-15	Judging of all people
Ezekiel 37:21-28	21:3	God lives among his people
Isaiah 25:1-8	21:4	Our tears will be wiped away forever
Genesis 2:8-14	22:1, 2	Tree of life
1 Corinthians 13:11, 12	22:3-5	We will see God face to face
Daniel 7:18-28	22:5	Believers will reign with God forever

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WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT ETERNITY

<i>Description</i>	<i>Reference</i>
A place prepared for us	John 14:2, 3
Unlimited by physical properties (1 Corinthians 15:35-49).	John 20:19, 26
Like Jesus	1 John 3:2
New bodies	1 Corinthians 15
A wonderful experience	1 Corinthians 2:9
A new environment	Revelation 21:1
A new experience of God's presence (1 Corinthians 13:12)	Revelation 21:3
New emotions	Revelation 21:4
No more death	Revelation 21:4

The Bible devotes much less space to describing eternity than it does to convincing people that eternal life is available as a free gift from God. Most of the brief descriptions of eternity would be more accurately called hints, since they use terms and ideas from present experience to describe what we cannot fully grasp until we are there ourselves. These references hint at aspects of what our future will be like if we have accepted Christ's gift of eternal life.