

Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapters 1-22

To whom is this written?

- As we read, we will clearly see that the Lord Jesus Christ revealed this prophetic information to John so that...
 - not only the holy-people living during this age
 - (between the giving of holy-spirit on the day of Pentecost and the gathering together of all holy-people with him in the air)
 - but also the people living during the next age
 - (between the gathering-together of all holy-people away from the earth and the return of the Lord Jesus Christ back on earth)
- ...will be able to read and understand what the Lord Jesus Christ is doing now and what he will do in the future with reference to the realm of mankind and the spirit realm. It includes prophecy regarding events occurring during the past, the present, and the future.

Where did it originate?

- God gave this information to the Lord Jesus Christ
 - Revelation 1:1 and 2:
 - ^{1:1}Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to him to point-out to His slaves, which-things are necessary to come-to-pass in quickness, and he signified having apostled by means of his angel to his slave John, ^{·2}who witnessed the word of God and the witness of Jesus Christ as-many-things-as he saw.

Seven Churches

- John addressed the 7 churches
 - Revelation 1:4, 5 and 11:
 - ⁴John - to the seven churches, the (*churches*) in Asia; grace to you and peace from the (*One*) being and the (*One Who*) used-to-be and the (*One*) coming, and from the seven spirits which (*are*) before His throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the witness, the believer, the firstborn of dead-people, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
 - ¹¹..."That-which you observe you must write into a book and you must send to the seven churches - into Ephesus, and into Smyrna, and into Pergamos, and into Thyatira, and into Sardis, and into Philadelphia, and into Laodicea."

The Lord Jesus Christ is alive

- Christ tells John who he is
 - Revelation 1:17-20:
 - .¹⁷And when I saw him I fell towards his feet as a dead-person, and he put his right (*hand*) on me saying,
 - "You must not be fearful; I am the first and the last; .¹⁸and the (*one*) living, even I became dead and look!, I am living into the ages of the ages; and I have the keys of the death and the gravedom. .¹⁹Therefore you must write which-things you saw, even which they are and which are about to come-to-pass after these-things.
 - .²⁰The mystery of the seven stars which you saw on my right (*hand*) and the seven lamp-stands, the golden (*lamp-stands*) - the seven stars are angels of the seven churches, and the lamp-stands, the seven (*lamp-stands*) are seven churches."

Christ reveals information

- Christ makes known details for each of the 7 churches
 - Revelation 2:7:
 - .⁷The *(person)* having an ear must hear what the spirit says to the churches.
 - To the *(person)* being-victorious I will give to him to eat out-from the tree of the life which is in the Paradise of God.'

To the angel of the church in Thyatira

- Time given for people to repent
 - Revelation 2:20 and 21:
 - .²⁰But I have against you that you leave the woman Jezabel, the (*woman*) saying herself (*to be*) a prophetess, and she teaches and she causes my slaves to-wander, to fornicate, and to eat idol-sacrifices - .²¹and I gave to her time in order that she may repent and she does not intend to repent out-from her fornication.

Victorious people

- Christ refers to the book of the life and the throne of his Father
 - Revelation 3:5 and 21:
 - .⁵The (*person*) being-victorious thus will clothe-himself in white outer-garments, and I will never wipe-out his name from the book of the life, and I will express-agreement (*regarding*) his name before my Father and before His angels.
 - .²¹The (*person*) being-victorious - I will give to him to sit-down with me in my throne, as I also was-victorious and I sat-down with my Father in His throne.

Events in Heaven

- John continues writing about events occurring during the past, the present, and the future - but in chapters 4 and 5 the events take place in heaven
 - Revelation 4:1:
 - 4:1 After these-things I saw, and look!, a door having been opened² in the heaven and the sound, the first (*sound*) which I heard as of a trumpet uttering-forth with me, saying, "You must ascend here and I will point-out to you which-things are necessary to come-to-pass after these-things."

The book with 7 seals

- A little lamb represents the Lord Jesus Christ
 - Revelation 5:6 and 7:
 - ⁶And I saw - in (*the*) midst of the throne and the four living-beings and in (*the*) midst of the elders - a little-lamb having stood², as having been slaughtered², having seven horns and seven eyes which are the seven spirits of God having been apostled² into all the earth; ⁷and he came and took² (*the book*) out-from the right (*hand*) of the (*One*) sitting-down on the throne.

Events on Earth

- The details written in Revelation 6:1 - 7:8 pertain to effects or events taking place on earth as a result-of and corresponding-to the previous events which took place in heaven (refer to Revelation chapters 4 and 5).
 - Revelation 6:2:
 - .²And I saw, and look!, a white horse and the (*one*) sitting-down on it having a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he went-out being-victorious and in order that he may be-victorious.

Approaching the 7th Seal

- Who is able to be caused to stand during the time of the seventh seal?
 - Revelation 7:4:
 - .⁴And I heard the number of the (*slaves*) having been sealed² - hundred forty four thousands having been sealed² out-from every tribe of (*the*) sons of Israel:

Events in Heaven

- Revelation 7:9 changes to John writing about events which take place in heaven and span from Revelation 7:9 - 8:6.
 - Revelation 7:10 and 14:
 - .¹⁰...shouting with a great sound saying, "The salvation (*is*) with our God, the (*One*) sitting-down on the throne, and with the little-lamb."
 - .¹⁴And I said² to him, "My Lord, you knew²." And he said to me, "Those-people are the (*people*) coming out-from the pressure, the great (*pressure*), and they washed their robes and whitened them in the blood of the little-lamb;

Opening the 7th Seal

- Revelation chapter 8 begins with the opening of the seventh (7) seal of the book in heaven by the little-lamb which is representing the Lord Jesus Christ. This takes place after the 144,000 people were sealed.
 - Revelation 8:1, 2 and 6:
 - 8:1 And whenever he opened the seal, the seventh (*seal*), there became silence in the heaven as half-an-hour; ·²and I saw the seven angels who stood² before God and seven trumpets were given to them.
 - ·⁶And the seven angels, the (*angels*) having the seven trumpets, prepared themselves in order that they may trumpet.

Events on Earth

- The details written in Revelation 8:7 - 11:14 pertain to effects or events taking place on earth as a result-of and corresponding-to the previous events which took place in heaven.
 - Revelation 8:10 and 11:
 - .¹⁰And the third angel trumpeted; and a great star fell out-from heaven burning as a torch, and it fell on the third of the rivers and on the springs of the waters, .¹¹and the name of the star is said (*as*) Wormwood; and the third of the waters became into wormwood - even many of the men died from the waters because they were made-bitter.

Woe, woe, woe

- After the first 4 angels blow their trumpets – Revelation 8:13 marks the effects or events following the last 3 angels blowing their trumpets as being especially woeful to/for the recipients.
 - Revelation 8:13:
 - .¹³And I saw and heard one flying eagle in mid-heaven saying with a great sound, "Woe, woe, woe - the (*people*) dwelling-down on the earth - from the remaining sounds of the trumpet of the three angels, the (*angels*) being about to trumpet."

The fifth angel trumpeted

- Revelation chapter 9 continues with the details of the effects or events which will follow the last 2 of 3 angels blowing their trumpets.
 - Revelation 9:1-3:
 - ^{9:1}And the fifth angel trumpeted; and I saw a star having fallen² out-from heaven into the earth; and the key of the well of the abyss was given to him ·²and he opened the well of the abyss; and smoke ascended from the well as smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air was darkened from the smoke of the well, ·³and locusts came-out from the smoke into the earth and authority was given to them as the scorpions of the earth have authority.

The sixth angel trumpeted

- The second woe spans from Revelation 9:13 to 11:13.
 - Revelation 9:13 and 14:
 - .¹³And the sixth angel trumpeted; and I heard one sound out-from the horns of the sacrificial-altar, the golden (*sacrificial-altar*), the (*sacrificial-altar*) before God, .¹⁴saying to the sixth angel, the (*angel*) having the trumpet, "You must loosen the four angels, the (*angels*) having been bound² on the river, the great Euphrates."

The men did not repent

- The remaining-people of the men who were left alive did not repent.
 - Revelation 9:20 and 21:
 - .²⁰And the remaining-people of the men, the (*remaining-people*) not killed in these strokes, neither repented out-from the works of their hands in order that they will not worship the devils and the idols - the golden and the silver and the copper and the stony and the wooden (*idols*), which neither are able to observe nor to hear nor to walk - .²¹and they did not repent out-from their murders neither out-from their sorceries nor out-from their fornication nor out-from their thefts.

The second Woe continues

- In Revelation chapter 10 John continues with details of the effects or events that will follow the sixth angel blowing his trumpet, which is during the second of three woes referred to in Revelation 8:13.
 - Revelation 10:5 and 11:
 - .⁵And the angel whom I saw having stood² on the sea and on the earth lifted his hand, the right (*hand*) into the heaven
 - .¹¹And they say to me, "It is necessary (*for*) you again to prophesy on peoples and nations and tongues and many kings."

The Two Witnesses

- In Revelation 11:1-14 John specifically writes according to the instructions he received in Revelation 10:11 - "...to prophesy on peoples and nations and tongues and many kings." Revelation chapter 11 includes part of the details of the effects or events that will follow the sixth angel blowing his trumpet, which is during the second of three woes referred to in Revelation 8:13.
 - Revelation 11:7 and 11:
 - ⁷And whenever they may complete their witness - the wild-animal, the (*wild-animal*) ascending out-from the abyss, will make war with them and it will be-victorious-over them and it will kill them;
 - ¹¹And after the three days and a half (*the*) spirit of life out-from God went into them and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell on the (*people*) viewing them with-attention;

Review of the time of the 3 Woes

- The first woe spans Revelation 9:1-11.
- The second woe spans Revelation 9:13 - 11:13.
- The third woe spans Revelation 11:15-19 and chapters 15-18.
 - Revelation chapters 12-14 provide additional details of events leading up to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ on earth (refer to Revelation chapters 19 and 20).
- Revelation chapters 15-18 include seven bowls as part of the seventh trumpet blowing.

Events in Heaven

- Revelation 11:15-19(a) records what John saw regarding the events that will take place in heaven.
 - Revelation 11:15:
 - .15(a) And the seventh angel trumpeted;
 - .15(b) and there became a great sound in the heaven saying, "The kingdom of the world became (*the kingdom*) of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign-as-king into the ages of the ages."

Events on Earth

- Revelation 11:19(b) pertain to effects or events that will take place on earth as a result-of and corresponding-to the previous events which take place in heaven following the 7th angel blowing his trumpet.
 - Revelation 11:19(b):
 - .19(b) and there became lightnings and sounds and thunders and quakes and great hail.

Signs in Heaven

- Revelation 12:1-12 records what John saw regarding the events that take place in heaven. These verses continue to reveal the full scope of redemption and salvation that is written in the stars and the constellations.

(http://www.truebiblestudy.com/Stars_Constellations.htm)

– Revelation 12:1-4:

- ^{12:1}And a great sign was seen in the heaven - a woman having been clothed² (*with*) the sun, and the moon down-under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars, ²and having in (*her*) womb, and she shouts being in-the-pangs-of-birth and being tormented to bring-forth.
- ³And there was seen another sign in the heaven - and look!, a great fiery-red dragon having seven heads, and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems, ⁴and his tail hauls the third of the stars of the heaven and he threw them into the earth.

War in Heaven

- A war occurred in heaven.
 - Revelation 12:7-9:
 - ⁷And there became a war in the heaven: Michael and his angels (*went*) to war with the dragon, and the dragon warred and his angels ⁸and he was not strong nor was their place yet found in the heaven, ⁹and the dragon, the great (*dragon*), the snake, the old (*snake*), was thrown - the (*one*) being called devil and satan, the (*one*) causing the whole inhabited-area to-wander - he was thrown into the earth, and his angels with him were thrown.

Events on Earth

- The details written in Revelation 12:13 - 13:18 pertain to effects or events taking place on earth as a result-of and corresponding-to the previous events which took place in heaven.
 - Revelation 12:13 and 14:
 - .¹³And when the dragon saw that he was thrown into the earth he persecuted the woman, she-who brought-forth the male. .¹⁴And there was given to the woman two wings of the eagle, the great (*eagle*), in order that she may fly into the desert-place into her place where she is nourished there a time and times and a half of time away-from (*the*) face of the snake.

The first wild-animal

- In Revelation 12:18 (some texts put this phrase as the beginning of Revelation 13:1) we read that the dragon was caused to stand on the sand of the sea and the continuation of the actions which the dragon carries out via his various methods - during the final 3½ years - is provided by John in Revelation chapter 13, with additional explanation given in Revelation 17:8-13.
 - Revelation 13:1 and 2(b):
 - ^{13:1}And I saw a wild-animal ascending out-from the sea having ten horns, and seven heads, and on its horns ten diadems, and on its heads names of blasphemy;
 - ^{.2(b)}and the dragon gave to it his ability and his throne and great authority;

The second wild-animal

- This second wild-animal is the same one also known as the lying/false prophet referred to in Revelation 16:13, 19:20, and 20:10. It promotes itself as a religious leader.
 - Revelation 13:11 and 12:
 - .¹¹And I saw another wild-animal ascending out-from the earth, and it used-to-have two horns like a little-lamb, and it used-to utter-forth as a dragon; .¹²and it does all the authority of the first wild-animal before it, and it makes the earth and the (*people*) dwelling-down in it in order that they will worship the wild-animal, the first (*wild-animal*) whose stroke of its death was attended-to;

Events in Heaven

- Revelation 14:1-5 records what John saw regarding the events that take place in heaven.
 - Revelation 14:1:
 - ^{14:1}And I saw, and look!, the little-lamb having stood² on the mountain of Sion and with him a hundred forty four thousands having his name and the name of his Father having been written² on their foreheads.

Events on Earth

- The details written in Revelation 14:6-20 pertain to effects or events taking place on earth as a result-of and corresponding-to the previous events which took place in heaven.
 - Revelation 14:7 and 8:
 - ⁷saying in a great sound, "You must be caused-to-fear God and you must give glory to Him because the hour of His judgment came, and you must worship the (*One*) having made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."
 - ⁸And another angel, a second (*angel*), followed saying, "It fell, fell - Babylon the great, which gave² all the nations to-drink out-from the wine of the rage of her fornication."

Events in Heaven

- Revelation 15:1-8 records what John saw regarding the events that take place in heaven. It corresponds to Revelation 11:15-19(a) when the seventh angel blew his trumpet and prepares for the implementation of the third woe on earth.
 - Revelation 15:1:
 - ^{15:1}And I saw another sign in the heaven - great and marvelous: seven angels having the last seven strokes, because in them the rage of God will be completed.

Events on Earth

- The details written in Revelation 16:1 - 18:24 pertain to effects or events taking place on earth as a result-of and corresponding-to the previous events which took place in heaven. It records the implementation of the third woe on earth following the 7th angel blowing his trumpet in Revelation 11:15.
 - Revelation 16:1:
 - ^{16:1}And I heard a great sound out-from the interior-temple saying to the seven angels, "You must go and you must pour-out the seven bowls of the rage of God into the earth."

The sixth bowl

- The spirits of devils do signs and gather at Armagedon.
 - Revelation 16:12-14 and 16:
 - .¹²And the sixth poured-out his bowl on the river, the great (*river*), the Euphrates; and its water was dried in order that the way of the kings may be prepared, the (*kings*) from (*the*) rising sun. .¹³And I saw out-from the mouth of the dragon and out-from the mouth of the wild-animal and out-from the mouth of the lying-prophet three unclean spirits as frogs .¹⁴for they are spirits of devils doing signs which journey-out on the kings of the whole inhabited-area to gather them together into the war of the day, the great (*day*) of God the All-Strong-One,
 - .¹⁶and they gathered them together into the place, the (*place*) being called in-Hebrew Armagedon.

The seventh bowl

- The locations of idolatry and those exercising the devil's lie and power – fell.
 - Revelation 16:19:
 - .¹⁹and the city, the great (*city*), became into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and Babylon the great was remembered before God to give to her the cup of the wine of the rage of His wrath;

Babylon and her children

- Revelation chapters 17 and 18 provide additional details regarding the interaction and fall of the wild-animal and Babylon referred to in Revelation 14:8 and 16:19.
 - Revelation 17:1 and 2:
 - ^{17:1}And one from the seven angels, the (*angels*) having the seven bowls, came and he uttered-forth with me saying, "Come-this-way, I will point-out to you the judgment of the female-fornicator, the great (*female-fornicator*), the (*female-fornicator*) sitting-down on many waters ^{·2}with whom the kings of the earth fornicated, and the (*people*) dwelling-down (*on*) the earth were made-drunk out-from the wine of her fornication."

Babylon will be totally destroyed

- The physical city of Babylon (also known as Babel in Genesis 10:9 and 10, 11:1-9), with her effects on those willing to adhere to her abominations using various methods, has not yet been totally destroyed, but this will occur at a future time in accordance with the prophecy written.
 - Revelation 18:15-17(a):
 - ^{.15}The merchants of these-things, the (*merchants*) having been wealthy from her, will stand-themselves from a distance because of the fear of her torment, crying and mourning, ^{.16}saying, 'Woe, woe, the city, the great (*city*), the (*city*) having been clothed² (*with*) fine-linen and purple and crimson, and having been made-golden² with gold and honorable stone and pearl - ^{.17(a)}because in one hour so-much wealth was deserted.'

Christ returns on earth

- Revelation chapters 19 and 20 record the completion of the final judgments being implemented following the blowing of the 7th trumpet with its 7 bowls. These chapters also include details of the Lord Jesus Christ's return on earth.
 - Revelation 19:11-14:
 - .¹¹And I saw the heaven having been opened², and look!, a white horse and the (*one*) sitting-down on it being called (*the*) believer and true-one, and in righteousness he judges and wars; .¹²but his eyes as a flame of fire, and on his head many diadems, having a name having been written² which not-one knew² except himself, .¹³and having been clothed² (*with*) an outer-garment having been dipped² in blood, and his name was called² the word of God; .¹⁴and the companies-of-soldiers in the heaven used-to-follow him on white horses, having clothed-themselves-with² white clean fine-linen;

The devil is bound 1,000 years

- The angel bound the dragon for a thousand years (a millennium) and cast him into the abyss.
 - Revelation 20:1-3:
 - ^{20:1}And I saw an angel descending out-from heaven having the key of the abyss and a great chain on his hand, ²and he strongly-held the dragon - the snake, the old (*snake*), who is the devil and satan - and he bound him a thousand years ³and threw him into the abyss, and he shut and sealed (*it*) over him in order that he may not yet cause the nations to-wander continuously-until the thousand years may be completed; after these (*years*) it is necessary (*for*) him to be loosened a small time.

The final judgment and resurrection

- The final judgment on earth of mankind and of the devil.
 - Revelation 20:12, 14 and 15:
 - .¹²And I saw the dead-people, the great and the little (*dead-people*), having stood² before the throne - and books were opened, and another book was opened which is (*the book*) of the life - and the dead-people were judged out-from the-things having been written² in the books according to their works;
 - .¹⁴and the death and the gravedom were thrown into the lake of the fire; this is the death, the second (*death*) - the lake of the fire; .¹⁵and if someone was not found having been written² in the book of the life he was thrown into the lake of the fire.

The new heaven and new earth

- Following the completion of the final judgments being implemented as recorded in Revelation chapter 20, John next records information regarding the new heaven and the new earth – together, and the new Jerusalem.
 - Revelation 21:1 and 2:
 - ^{21:1}And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth went-away, and the sea yet is not.
 - ²And I saw the city, the holy (*city*) - new Jerusalem - descending out-from heaven from God, having been prepared² as a bride having been orderly-arranged² for her adult-male.

The new Jerusalem

- The throne of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ will be within the city of the new Jerusalem.
 - Revelation 22:1-3:
 - ^{22:1}And he pointed-out to me (*the*) river of water of life shining as crystal journeying-out from the throne of God and of the little-lamb. ²In (*the*) midst of her wide-street and of the river from-here and from-here (*is the*) tree of life making twelve fruits, according to each month giving-away the fruit of it, and the leaves of the tree (*are*) with-a-view-to attendance of the nations; ³and every curse yet will not be.

The Conclusion

- Revelation 22:6-21 corresponds to Revelation chapter 1. This section clearly indicates that the information should be made known to be heard by all people since the time of John's writing of this book.
 - Revelation 22:10, 11 and 16:
 - .¹⁰And he says to me, "Let you not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. .¹¹The (*person*) treating-unrighteously must yet treat-unrighteously; and the filthy-person must yet be made-filthy; and the righteous-person must yet do righteousness; and the holy-person must yet be made-holy."
 - .¹⁶"I Jesus sent my angel to witness these-things to you, on the churches. I am the root and the genus of David - the star, the shining (*star*), the early (*star*)."

Questions and Answers

- Why does John write to the angels of the churches in chapters 2 and 3?
 - Revelation 1:1, 2 and 20:
 - ^{1:1}Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to him to point-out to His slaves, which-things are necessary to come-to-pass in quickness, and he **signified** having apostled by means of his angel to his slave John, ²who witnessed the word of God and the witness of Jesus Christ as-many-things-as he saw.
 - ^{.20}The mystery of the seven stars which you saw on my right (*hand*) and the seven lamp-stands, the golden (*lamp-stands*) - the seven stars are **angels of the seven churches**, and the lamp-stands, the seven (*lamp-stands*) are seven churches.

Questions and Answers

- To the “angel”
 - literally refers to the spirit-being whose office and character is one of a messenger in official service via words and/or actions - the guardian or messenger **assigned-to and representative-of** this church of holy-people
 - figuratively refers in a prophetic sense to the human guardian or messenger of/from the Judean/Israeli assembly of people offering up prayers to God during old covenant times, and also during the next age which will be between the gathering-together of all holy-people away from the earth and the return of the Lord Jesus Christ back on earth
- Each of these 7 angels, assigned-to and representative-of a specific church of people, received the revelation by John writing it down and sending the information received to the churches at that time

Questions and Answers

- The angel who was apostled to signify to John tells a little about himself in chapter 22
 - Revelation 22:8 and 9:
 - ·⁸And I - John, the (*person*) hearing and observing these-things, even when I heard and observed - fell to worship in-front-of the feet of the angel, the (*angel*) pointing-out these-things to me, ·⁹and he says to me, "You must see not (*to do that*); I am a slave-together with you and your brothers, the prophets, and the (*people*) keeping the words of this book - you must worship God."
- Several of the events prophesied in chapters 2 and 3 have already occurred, and the judgments prophesied to/for the angels and their churches by the Lord Jesus Christ have been implemented - but the final judgment and implementation is still future to us today, as recorded in Revelation chapters 19 and 20.

Questions and Answers

- Why are some words in your translation different to the King James Version (KJV)?
 - Revelation 1:8: (KJV)
 - I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the **Lord**, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.
 - Revelation 1:8: (TBS)
 - "I am the Alpha and the Omega" says the **Lord God**, the *(One)* being and the *(One Who)* used-to-be and the *(One)* coming - the All-Strong-One.
- Greek texts include the word for Lord and the word for God

Questions and Answers

- Why are some words in your translation different to the King James Version (KJV)?
 - Revelation 2:23: (KJV)
 - ...and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the **reins** and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.
 - Revelation 2:23: (TBS)
 - ...And all the churches will know that I am the (*one*) searching **kidneys** and hearts and I will give to you each according to your works.
- The word in the Greek texts is literally “kidneys” when translated into English – the area in the physical body that helps in purifying it, flushing out things that the body does not need; figuratively the kidneys refer to the seat of the inner purposes, desires, and passions of people which influence or guide their actions. The English word “reins” refers to a restraint as the reins used on horses, and therefore may not communicate to the reader as well as the word “kidneys”.