



The

Revelation of **Jesus Christ**

An overview

10. A door standing open...

The main message
of Revelation

Behold, **He is coming** with the clouds,
and every eye will see Him,
even those who pierced Him,
and all tribes of the earth will wail
on account of Him.

(Revelation 1:7)

Are you ready?

Who is Revelation meant for? Who can benefit from it?

“What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia...”



“He who has an ear to hear...”

Ephesus

Repent and do the first works...

Smyrna

Be faithful until death...

Pergamum

You **hold fast** to My name...

Thyatira

Hold fast what you have till I come.

Sardis

Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain...

Philadelphia

You have kept My command to **persevere**...

Laodicea

Be zealous and repent.

Revelation so far...

1:1-8

Prologue

Behold, He is
coming with clouds
(Revelation 1:7)

I know your works...

1:9 – 3:22

The vision of Christ, and His messages to the seven churches

He who
has an ear,
let him hear...

He who
overcomes...

The second section...

4:1 – 8:1

The vision of God's throne and of the Lamb and the opening of the seven seals



Understanding the visions

Apokalypsis = disclosure,
manifestation, unveiling

✓ “The revelation of Jesus Christ...” (Revelation 1:1)

✓ The first vision

▪ “...out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword...” (Revelation 1:16)

▪ “The mystery of the seven stars...” (Revelation 1:20)

Symbolism

✓ Chapters 4-5

Also Revelation 1:10

▪ “Immediately **I was in the Spirit**; and behold...” (Revelation 4:2)

▪ “Seven lamps of fire ... **which are** the seven Spirits of God.” (Revelation 4:5)

Symbolism

Understanding the visions

I was in the Spirit
on the Lord's Day...
(Revelation 1:10)

X NOT like space travel to another place

Rather:

- ✓ Unveiling the spiritual truth of things
- ✓ Using images shown to earlier prophets
- ✓ Using symbols – some of them are explained

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4:1 – 5:14

The Throne

(Part 1)

*...and behold, **a throne** set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.*

The Scroll

And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne
a scroll written inside and on the back, **sealed with seven seals.**

The Lamb

Behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David,
has conquered to open the scroll...

A door standing open in heaven...

*“Come up here,
and I will show you things
which must take place **after this**.”*
(Revelation 4:1)

*“Write therefore the things that you have seen,
those that **are** and
those that are to take place **after this**.”*
(Revelation 1:19)

To what does **after this** refer?

- ? During the whole of the time from Pentecost up to the Lord's return?
- ? During some particular time or times during the church age?
- ? At or after the end of the church age?

The first sight...

...who dwells in unapproachable light,
whom no one has ever seen or can see.
(1 Timothy 6:16)

[New Jerusalem]
...having the glory of God.
Her light was ...
like a **jasper** stone,
clear as crystal.
(Revelation 21:11)

The Throne of God

- Jasper
 - Carnelian
 - Emerald
- (See Revelation 4:3)

Red

Green

And from the throne came
lightnings, thunderings,
and **voices.**
(Revelation 4:5)

The first sight...

The Throne of God

*You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and
honour and power...*

(Revelation 4:11)

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is
and is to come!*

(Revelation 4:8)

What about the elders?

Around the throne were twenty-four thrones,
and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders,
clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.

(Revelation 4:4)

Crowns of victory
and/or honour

Who are these elders?

- People (not angels)
- They represent the Lord's people
- They have been victorious in life

What about the four living creatures?

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind:

- the first living creature like a **lion**,
- the second living creature like an **ox**,
- the third living creature with **the face of a man**, and
- the fourth living creature like **an eagle in flight**.

...each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within...

(Revelation 4:6-8)



Ezekiel 1:10:

As for the likeness of their faces,
each had the face of a **man** ... the face of a **lion** ...
the face of an **ox** ... the face of an **eagle**.

The Throne of God is the centre...

You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honour and power
for You created all things,
and by Your will
they existed and were created.

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In the beginning,
God created
the heavens and the earth.

(Genesis 1:1)

The scroll...

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of Him who sat on the throne
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(Revelation 5:1)



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Daniel 12:4

- It is in the **right hand** of the One on the throne
- It is written on both sides
- It is **sealed**
- It is very important that someone can open it
- **The Lamb alone** is worthy to open it



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The Lion

of the tribe of Judah,
the Root of David
has conquered...

And between the throne
and the four living creatures
and among the elders
I saw **a Lamb** standing,
as though it had been slain,
with seven horns and with seven eyes...

(Revelation 5:6)

A sacrifice

Matthew 28:18

...the seven spirits of God
sent out into all the earth.



And when He had taken the scroll...

...the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and **golden bowls full of incense**...

(Revelation 5:8)

The prayers of the saints.

What is written in the scroll concerns the redeemed...

 *You are worthy ...* 
for You were slain, and by Your blood
You ransomed people for God
... and You have made them
a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.

(Revelation 5:9-10)

*You shall be to Me
a kingdom of priests
and a holy nation.*

(Exodus 19:6)

And when He had taken the scroll...

I heard ... the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice...

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and might
and honour and glory and blessing!*

(See Revelation 5:11-12)

And when He had taken the scroll...

I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying...

*Blessing and honour
and glory and power
be to Him who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb, forever and ever!*

(See Revelation 5:13)

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Revelation chapters 4 and 5

So, what have we seen?

- ✓ The **throne** of God – the Creator reigns
- ✓ The **scroll** in God's hand – His eternal purpose or plan
- ✓ The **Lamb** – the conquering Saviour who fulfills God's plan
- The beginning of the completion of "*the mystery of God*"

Revelation 10:7

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Revelation chapters 6 and 7

Next:

What happens when the seals are broken
and the scroll is opened...

