

Chapter 1			
Chapter:	God gave Revelation to Jesus who sent an angel to reveal it to John		
Primary Message:			
Verses:	Vs. 1-3	Vs. 4-8	Vs. 9-20
Verse Topic:	Introduction, greetings, and blessings	Grace and peace to John and the churches and praise to God.	John sees Jesus and receives instruction.
Key Points:	<p>Time is near for events in Revelation to occur</p> <p>Blessed is the one who reads aloud; Blessed are those who hear and take to heart....</p> <p>...blessed are those who keep the things that are written within the book of Revelation.</p>	<p>Blessings of grace and peace from God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Jesus recognized here as the "first begotten of the dead". The first to have been resurrected.</p> <p>Through Jesus' sacrifice, He hath made us kings and priests unto His Father.</p>	<p>John describes instruction to write to the 7 churches</p> <p>John sees that Jesus is the one instructing him</p> <p>Jesus instructs to write past, present, and future detail</p>
Major Events & Purpose:	<p>Explanation of who gave us this word; the Almighty Lord God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>God is speaking, and John is witnessing and writing, to the 7 churches of Asia</p>	<p>Announcing "...He is coming with the clouds..."</p> <p>"...every eye will see Him...all peoples on earth will mourn because of Him."</p> <p>"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord...."</p>	<p>7 Stars are angels of 7 churches; 7 Lampstands are the 7 churches</p> <p>Jesus is among the lampstands and has the keys of hell and of death.</p> <p>Descriptions of Christ defining His Holy Nature</p>

Chapter:

Chapter 2

Primary Message:

Praise, correction, warning, encouragement, and promised reward to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum and Thyatira

Verses:
Verse Topic:

Vs. 1-7	Vs. 8-11	Vs. 12-17	Vs. 18-26
Letter to the church in Ephesus	Letter to the church in Smyrna	Letter to the church in Pergamum	Letter to the church in Thyatira

Key Points:

Jesus knows of deeds and hard work; Have endured hardships for Jesus name; not grown weary	Afflicted and poor - yet rich!	You live where Satan rules, yet you remain faithful	Love, faith, service, and perseverance acknowledged; you are now doing more than you did at first
They cannot tolerate wicked people; tested those that claim to be apostles and found them false	You are going to suffer more, but do not be afraid	Some among you have eaten food sacrificed to idols, commit sexual immorality	Tolerate sin and immorality as lead by the false prophet Jezebel
Forsaken first love; repent and do what they first had done	Testing and persecution from the devil will continue	Some among you hold to the teachings of Balaam and/or the Nicolaitans	Those who are not sinning; "Hold on to what you have until I come"

Major Events & Purpose:

Overcomer: right to eat from the tree of life in the paradise of God	Be faithful even to death and you will receive life as your victor's crown	Overcomer; receive some of the hidden manna. (Be with God in heaven)	Overcomer; will receive authority over the nations
	Overcomer: will not be hurt at all by the second death	Overcomer: receive white stone with a new name written on it. (Found innocent)	Overcomer: will also receive the "Morning Star" (Jesus)

*See 7-Churches Ref. Chart

Chapter 3			
Chapter:	Chapter 3		
Primary Message:	Praise, correction, warning, encouragement, and promised reward to Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea		
Verses:	Vs. 1-6	Vs. 7-13	Vs. 14-22
Verse Topic:	Letter to the church in Sardis	Letter to the church in Philadelphia	Letter to the church in Laodicea
Key Points:	<p>Reputation for being alive, but are dead.</p> <p>Deeds are unfinished in the sight of God.</p> <p>Remember what has been received and heard; hold it fast and repent.</p>	<p>Have placed before you a door that no one can shut</p> <p>Have little strength but have kept the word of Jesus and not denied him</p>	<p>Because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I am about to spit you out of my mouth.</p> <p>You do not realize you are: wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.</p> <p>Physically rich but spiritually poor.</p>
Major Events & Purpose:	<p>There are some that have not soiled their clothes and will walk with Jesus in righteousness.</p> <p>Overcomer: will be dressed in white, their name in the book of life, Jesus will acknowledge them before God.</p>	<p>"... you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial..."</p> <p>Overcomer: pillar in temple of God, write on them name of God, new Jerusalem, new name of Jesus.</p>	<p>"Those whom I love I rebuke ... I stand at the door and knock. If anyone...opens the door...I will come in..."</p> <p>Overcomer: right to sit on throne with Jesus</p>
*See 7-Churches Ref. Chart			

Chapter:		Chapter 4			
Primary Message:		John called up to heaven to witness the throne of God prior to the opening of the seals and the beginning of the tribulation.			
Verses:		Vs. 1-3	Vs. 4-6	Vs. 6-8	Vs. 9-11
Verse Topic:		John called up by God and sees Him on His throne	24 elders explained	Four living creatures explained	Heavenly praise
Key Points:		<p>"After This" speaks to what came next in John's vision; cannot be referenced to a specific event.</p> <p>John is told "Come up here..." by a voice like a trumpet. Voice like trumpet also in Rev. 1:10.</p> <p>Stone colors speak of divine wisdom and love. The rainbow is a reminder of God's promise to us.</p>	<p>24 other thrones surrounding God's throne in heaven and seated there: 24 elders.</p> <p>Lightning, rumblings, and thunder speak of judgement.</p>	<p>Covered with eyes represents all seeing and knowing. Nothing escapes them. God is all knowing.</p> <p>6 x 4 = 24 wings. The number 24 is assoc. with priesthood and is a multiple of 12: completeness and perfection</p> <p>"Living creatures" represents that Christ's nature is alive and before God.</p>	<p>Whenever 4 living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to God...</p> <p>...24 elders fall down before God and worship Him.</p> <p>Creation is the topic of this praise.</p>
Major Events & Purpose:		<p>"Voice like a trumpet" is perceived by many to be the rapture of saints. *See "Chapter Review" for detail.</p> <p>The significance of the trumpet is to command attention; powerful and loud.</p>	<p>24 Elders already crowned and robed and reigning with God in heaven, prior to John arriving.</p> <p>"Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing." speaks of the Holy Spirit in His fulness.</p> <p>"Sea of glass, clear as a crystal" could represent the surface of heaven; calmness.</p>	<p>Christ is represented in the 4 faces: Lion - messiah, gospel of Matthew. Ox - servant, gospel of Mark.</p> <p>Man - Son of Man, gospel of Luke. Eagle - divinity; Son of God, gospel of John.</p> <p>Lead praise and worship to God day and night.</p>	<p>Laying down of crowns shows absolute submission to God.</p> <p>Recognizing God as the absolute authority is imperative for being allowed in His presence.</p>

Chapter 5			
Chapter:			
Primary Message:	In heaven around the throne, who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll that begins the tribulation? Only the Lamb slayed for our sins is worthy: Christ Jesus.		
Verses:	Vs. 1-5	Vs. 6-10	Vs. 11-14
Verse Topic:	Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?	Jesus takes the scroll and receives praise from 4 living creatures and 24 elders.	Angels and every other creature in heaven and on earth join the worship.
Key Points:	<p>In the right hand of God, sitting on the throne, was the scroll with writing on both sides.</p> <p>No one but Christ was found worthy to break the seal and open the scroll.</p>	<p>Jesus resembling the Lamb slain, was encircled by the 4 living creatures and the 24 elders.</p> <p>Jesus, accompanied by the Holy Spirit, took the scroll from the right hand of God.</p> <p>4 living creatures and 24 elders fell down to worship Jesus and sing a new song.</p>	<p>Millions of angels encircled the throne and began worshipping Jesus.</p> <p>Every creature in heaven and on, under, or in the earth and sea said:</p> <p>"To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise, honor, glory and power for ever and ever!"</p>
Major Events & Purpose:	Because Jesus, the Lamb, triumphed over death, and bought us a new life, he alone is worthy.	<p>With Jesus' blood we were purchased for God.</p> <p>"You have made "them" to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God...."</p> <p>"...and "they" will reign on the earth".</p> <p>*See "Rapture Notes"</p>	"The 4 living creatures said amen and the 24 elders fell down and worshiped."

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Chapter 6

Primary Message:

The opening of the first 4 seals of 7. We do not know the exact timing of these seals or the duration of time for each seal. We only know the order in which they will be opened.

Verses:
Verse Topic:

Vs. 1-2	Vs. 3-4	Vs. 5-6	Vs. 7-8
1st seal; white horse and rider	2nd seal; fiery red horse and rider	3rd seal; black horse and rider	4th seal; pale horse, rider is death and Hades following close behind him.

Key Points:

Called by 1 of the 4 living creatures; voice like thunder, "come". This starts at the exact moment God intends. "Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest."	Called by 2nd living creature saying "come" to the next rider at the determined moment. "Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other....given large sword."	Called by 3rd living creature saying "come" to the next rider at the determined moment. "Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hands."	Called by 4th living creature saying "come" to the next rider at the determined moment. "They" were given power to reduce the population by 1/4 over the earth.
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Major Events & Purpose:

This is the Antichrist being loosed upon the earth. Bow and crown signifies power and authority. Note no arrows; he will do his work through others. Antichrist will be very determined; he isn't going to let anything stand in his way.	Power is given by God for this 2nd rider to create war among the people on the earth. This will be a world war leading to much death and ushering in future riders. "Large sword" could signify this rider could be part of a large country, perhaps the instigator, of the conflict.	There will be a time of great famine following the war. The poor will be very poor and have to work a whole day for just that day's meal. "Do not damage the oil and wine" would signify there will be rich people; probably slavery will again exist.	Death will be by: violent act, starvation, disease and wild beasts.
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Chapter 6	
Chapter:	Chapter 6
Primary Message:	The opening of seals 5 and 6
Verses:	Vs. 9-11
Verse Topic:	5th seal; Souls under the alter; given white robes. (Tribulation martyrs)
Key Points:	<p>Jesus opened the 5th seal and John saw the souls slain for believing in God and Jesus.</p> <p>These are people killed during the tribulation, so far, for proclaiming Christ as their savior.</p> <p>They are told to wait a little longer until everyone who is going to be martyred has been.</p>
Major Events & Purpose:	<p>White robe would indicate they have been found righteous in God's sight.</p> <p>They are waiting, to be resurrected, for the remainder of those who are yet to be martyred. Rev. 20</p> <p>Mass killing of Christians during this time may be from the Antichrist blaming Christians for events.</p>
Verses:	Vs. 12-17
Verse Topic:	6th seal; cataclysmic events
Key Points:	<p>Jesus opened the 6th seal. These events as described will most likely be literal.</p> <p>"...great earthquake, sun turns black, whole moon turns blood red, stars in the sky fall to earth..."</p> <p>"The heavens receded like a scroll....every mountain and island was removed from its place."</p>
Major Events & Purpose:	<p>All men will be affected by these events. This may be used to bring unbelievers even closer together.</p> <p>People will hide in caves to try and escape the horrors of this judgement.</p> <p>Everyone remaining on earth will be effected but still will not repent; even after acknowledging this is of God.</p>

Chapter:	Chapter 7	
Primary Message:	The sealing of the 144,000 from the 12 tribes of Israel and the Great Multitude arrives in heaven.	
Verses:	Vs. 1-8	Vs. 9-17
Verse Topic:	The 144,000 being sealed	Great multitude arrives in heaven. *See Rapture Notes
Key Points:	<p>4 angels at the 4 corners of the earth holding back the 4 winds of the earth; no wind will be blowing at this time.</p> <p>Another angel coming from the east, with the seal of God, instructs angels who have power over land and sea.</p> <p>"Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God."</p>	<p>John saw "...a great multitude no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language..."</p> <p>seen standing before the throne and Jesus, they are in white robes and holding palm branches.</p> <p>"...they are before the throne of God and serve Him night and day in His temple..."</p>
Major Events & Purpose:	<p>12,000 people from each of the 12 tribes of Israel are to be sealed.</p> <p>These are "...servants of our God." These are Jewish people.</p> <p>This group of 144,000 remain on earth still for a period of time.</p>	<p>"These are they who have come out of the great tribulation..."</p> <p>Raptured believers, in their glorified bodies, from the tribulation.</p> <p>Jesus will be their shepherd and they will have everything they need. The troubles of the past will be gone.</p>

Chapter:**Chapter 8****Primary Message:**

Opening of the 7th seal ushering in the 7 trumpets. This brings judgment on physical nature and God is showing his dominion over the heavens and earth by using creation to destroy creation.

**Verses:
Verse Topic:**

Vs. 1-5	Vs. 6-9	Vs. 10-12	Vs. 13
7th seal; silence and the 7 angels with 7 trumpets. Angel with golden censor	1st and 2nd trumpets	3rd and 4th trumpets	Eagle calling out 3 woes for the next 3 trumpet blasts

Key Points:

Jesus opens the 7th seal and there is silence in heaven for about a half-an-hour.	"1st angel sounded...hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth..."	"3rd angel sounded...great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on 1/3 of the rivers...springs of waters..."	"As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in mid-air call out in a loud voice: ..."
7 angels standing before God are given the 7 trumpets.	"2nd angel sounded... something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea..."	"4th angel sounded...1/3 of the sun was struck, 1/3 of the moon and 1/3 of the stars..."	"...Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded"
Angel with a golden censor stood at the alter and was given much incense to offer with prayers of God's people.	The "sea" here is really referring to the salt water bodies of the earth.	The "springs of water" here is referring to the fresh water bodies of the earth.	"...by the other 3 angels."

Major Events & Purpose:

Silence, prayers, and offerings for the people on earth and the judgments about to happen.	1st trumpet result; 1/3 of the earth and trees are burned up and all the green grass burned up.	3rd trumpet result; 1/3 of the waters turned bitter and many people died.	This could be a literal eagle or a figurative eagle, angel, or other entity, making this announcement...
"Then the angel took the censor, filled it with fire...hurled it on the earth..." Sign of judgment to come.	2nd trumpet result; 1/3 of the sea turned to blood, 1/3 of living creatures in the sea died, 1/3 of ships destroyed.	4th trumpet result; 1/3 of sun, moon and stars turned dark. 1/3 of day without light and 1/3 of night as well.	...the important thing is the message. God is giving a warning and opportunity to repent to those who will.

Significance of 1/3 could be:

- Jesus is 1/3 of the Holy Trinity. 1/3 of creation is being destroyed to symbolize what sin took from God.
- God destroying 1/3 of His creation is demonstrating that he has power and authority, but has mercy on those who will acknowledge Him as God and repent. He has plans for a future earth and is choosing not to completely destroy it.

Chapter 9			
Chapter:			
Primary Message:	The 5th and 6th trumpet blasts, the opening of the abyss and the killing of another 1/3 of mankind.		
Verses:	Vs. 1-12	Vs. 13-19	Vs. 20-21
Verse Topic:	5th trumpet	6th trumpet	Repentance and coming to Christ
Key Points:	<p>The "fallen star" (Satan) is allowed to unlock and open the Abyss releasing locusts (demons) upon the earth.</p> <p>Demons are allowed to torment the people on the earth, but not to kill.</p> <p>This is allowed to happen for a period of 5 months.</p>	<p>Instruction came from the 4 horns of the golden altar before God: sacrificial altar.</p> <p>6th angel released the 4 angels, (fallen angels), that were bound by the Euphrates river.</p> <p>"...4 angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year..."</p>	<p>"The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands..."</p> <p>Idol worship, witchcraft, murder, theft, and sexual immorality are sins of these days.</p>
Major Events & Purpose:	<p>They may only torment those that do not have the seal of God on their foreheads: the 144,000.</p> <p>"During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them."</p> <p>Abaddon-Hebrew, Apollyon-Greek (Destroyer); probably allowed to attack unbelieving Jews and Gentiles.</p>	<p>1/3 of mankind will be destroyed by the plagues of fire, smoke, and sulfur from this great army.</p> <p>200,000,000 mounted troops in this great army. Could be mix of demons and men.</p> <p>Further reduction in population and preparing the earth to receive Israel as the head of nations.</p>	<p>God is still willing to show mercy on those who will repent and follow Christ.</p>

Chapter 10	
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Primary Message:	There will be no more delay in the sounding of the 7th trumpet. There will be some mystery around the time prior to the sounding of the 7th trumpet that we do not know. It is sweet to hear, but terrible to witness.
Verses:	Vs. 1-7 Vs. 8-11
Verse Topic:	Another mighty angel, messenger, and the little scroll are seen by John. John reads the little scroll
Key Points:	Another mighty angel is proclaiming what is suspected to be further judgment. Voice from heaven instructs John to read the little scroll. Since "sea" and "land" is referenced, could mean this is for Jew and Gentile alike. John is instructed to take in the information and to understand it.
Major Events & Purpose:	John is instructed, by a voice from heaven, not to write what the Holy Spirit said. The information on the scroll is good news and pleasurable to read. "Sweet as honey", in his mouth. "....when the 7th angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished...." The news is terrible in the sense of what must happen still to obtain the outcome. "bitter in his belly". John is instructed to prophesy again to people, nations, tongues, and Kings.

Chapter:

Chapter 11

Primary Message:

The 2 witnesses prophesying and giving testimony. Power is given them to stand before the Antichrist. Satan will come out of the abyss and kill them and they will be resurrected. Then the 7th trumpet.

**Verses:
Verse Topic:**

Vs. 1-2	Vs. 4-6	Vs. 7-14	Vs. 15-19
Measuring the temple, altar and the number of worshipers.	2 Witnesses prophesying for 42 months at the tabernacle of God in Jerusalem.	2 witnesses killed, presence of the Holy Spirit is gone, the witnesses are resurrected.	The 7th trumpet

Key Points:

Outer court is given to the Gentiles, rest of the tabernacle is for the Jewish people.	2 witnesses prophesy for 42 months (1260 days), clothed in sackcloth, (grieving for and ministering to sinners).	When they have finished their testimony, Satan will attack them and kill them.	Load voices from heaven announce; "...the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord..."
The act of measuring signifies getting ready to take possession of and establishing boundaries...	They will have power to defend themselves, work miracles and initiate plagues against the people.	They lay in the city dead and no one will bury them. Everyone will see them and celebrate their deaths.	The 24 elders seated on their thrones fall on their faces before God and worshiped God.
...Antichrist will later take over the tabernacle and set up his own image and "trample..." for 42 months.	"They stand before the Lord of the earth..." They are doing God's work and empowered by God.	After 3.5 days God resurrects them and they stand. God calls them to heaven and they go up in a cloud.	God's temple in heaven is opened and the ark of the covenant is seen.

Major Events & Purpose:

Measuring the altar may signify that the Jewish people are going to go back to sacrificing animals.	Olive Trees represent the witnesses being filled with the Holy Spirit. Lampstands putting light in a dark world.	God allows His witnesses to be killed so that he may again prove His power over death by giving them new life.	"The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets..."
Sacrificing animals is no longer received as forgiveness of sins; only through Christ are we saved.	Anyone who tries to harm them will be consumed by fire coming from their mouths, (the word of God.)	2 witnesses prophesy for 1260 days which is the midway point of the tribulation.	"...and your people who revere your name, both great and small...destroy those who destroy the earth."
This is prophecy of the return of the Jewish people to the tabernacle and worshipping God through sacrifice.	Don't know who they will be: Elijah is likely one of them. Enoch or Moses may be the other. *See Other Notes	Severe earthquake strikes, 1/10 of the city collapses and 7,000 people are killed. Survivors gave glory to God.	On earth; lightning, rumblings, thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.

Chapter:		Chapter 12		
Primary Message:	Satan will attack and attempt to kill the people of God: the 144,000 sealed of Israel specifically. God will help them to flee from Satan and remain protected against him. Satan will turn his fury towards other believers.			
Verses:	Vs. 1-6	Vs. 7-12	Vs. 13-17	
Verse Topic:	The woman and the dragon; Israel and Satan.	There is a war in heaven and Satan and his followers are hurled to the earth.	God helps Israel to flee from Satan and be protected during this tribulation.	
Key Points:	"A great sign appeared in heaven..." speaks a figurative meaning. There is much symbolism in this chapter.	Michael and God's angels fight against Satan and the fallen angels.	God will prepare a place for Israel during this 3 1/2 yr. period and help her escape Satan's fury.	
	The woman represents Israel and the child is Jesus.	Michael and God's angels overpower Satan.	Satan still tries to attack the 144,000 sealed Israelites, but God intervenes and protects them.	
	The enormous red dragon is Satan who controls the world government, 10 kings and 7 systems of the new Empire.	Satan and the fallen angels are hurled down to the earth and are filled with fury as they know time is short.	Satan then attacks those on the earth that he has access to, the ones who aren't sealed.	
Major Events & Purpose:	Satan took 1/3 of the angels when he was kicked out of heaven; they became fallen angels.	Loud voice proclaims that salvation, power, the kingdom of God, and authority of Jesus has come.	God has always shown mercy and protection to Israel when they repent and obey.	
	God will prepare a place for Israel to be safe and God will provide for the sealed, as he has always done.	Rejoice heaven for "the accuser", Satan, has been cast out of heaven and won't return.	These events happen during the last 3 1/2 years of the tribulation.	
	Israel will spend 1,260 days hiding from Satan's fury.	Woe to the earth and sea, Jews and Gentiles, because Satan and his fallen angels are now among you.	Those who believe in God and follow Christ will be severely punished by Satan, but win eternity with Christ.	

Chapter:

Chapter 13

Primary Message:

Introduction to the beast out of the sea (Antichrist) and the beast out of the earth (False prophet).

Verses:

Verse Topic:

Vs. 1-4 Antichrist description and world government during tribulation; last 3 1/2 yrs.	Vs. 5-8 The Antichrist's roles and authority.	Vs. 11-14 False Prophet introduction and description.	Vs. 15-18 False Prophet's roles and authority.
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Key Points:

10 horns are the 10 rulers that reign with the Antichrist.	Will have authority for 42 months; the last 3 1/2 yrs. of the tribulation.	"...2 horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon"; trying to appear Christ-like, but he is Satanic in nature.	Has the power to bring the image of the Antichrist to life; or life-like.
7 heads could represent the 7 systems of government of an Empire. Also Reference Rev. 17:9; ... the 7 mountains.	Will openly slander God, Jesus, heaven and the people that believe in God.	Has power to perform great signs and deceive the people of earth.	Mark of the beast will be the number of a man, 666, and be required on the right hand or forehead.
10 crowns are the 10 divisions of this new world order (Empire) during the tribulation.	Will boast on himself and require people to worship him and Satan.	Will force the people of earth to set up an image of the Antichrist and require people to worship it.	

Major Events & Purpose:

The Antichrist will be mortally wounded or killed and will appear to be resurrected.	The Antichrist will have power to wage war and conquer the people of God on earth; except the sealed.	False Prophet will receive his power from Satan, but will use it to build up the Antichrist.	False Prophet will require everyone to receive the mark of the beast in order to buy or sell anything.
Satan gives the Antichrist his power and authority and people will worship both Satan and the Antichrist.	The Antichrist will be the ruler of the new world government.	The False Prophet will be the leader of the only accepted world religion; worshipping the Antichrist and Satan.	All who refuse to worship the image will be killed.
"..coming out of the sea..." most likely represents the Antichrist coming from a Gentile nation.	All inhabitants of the earth will be forced to pick; worship God, or worship the Antichrist.	"coming out of the earth..." could represent the False Prophet coming out of the Jewish nation.	Satan, the Antichrist and the False Prophet form the "unholy trinity".

Chapter 14

Chapter:

Primary Message:

Jesus seen with the first fruits; close followers of Christ, the 3 angels calling out the last warnings, the harvest of the earth and trampling in the winepress. This chapter is anticipating, foreshadowing, events at the end of the tribulation and is not in the sequence of events.

Verses:
Verse Topic:

Vs. 1-5 144,000 redeemed Christ followers appearing with Jesus and hearing from God.	Vs. 6-13 Three angels proclaiming the gospel, fall of Babylon and warning of God's wrath.	Vs. 14-16 Christ gathering the remaining believers from the earth. *See Rapture Notes	Vs. 17-20 Antichrist followers being trampled by the wrath of God.
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Key Points:

Jesus is seen standing on Mount Zion with 144,000. "...having His father's name written on their foreheads."	1st angel proclaims: "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgement has come...."	"harvest of earth is ripe" is saying that it is time to pull any remaining Christ Followers out of the earth.	Another angel came out of the temple having the sickle.
"...voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters..." is God speaking to this group of redeemed people.	2nd angel proclaims: "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great, which made all the nations drink her adulteries."	The angel came out of the temple, from the presence of God, to tell Jesus it is time; God's timing is perfect.	The angel in charge of the fire came from the altar and instructed the other angel to gather the clusters of grapes.
"...these are they that follow the Lamb..." speaks to those that were the closest and most loyal to Jesus.	3rd angel warns; anyone that worships the Antichrist or image and receives the mark, will suffer God's wrath.		"Trampled in the winepress...." refers to Armageddon.

Major Events & Purpose:

"..these were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb."	God is using these 3 angels to spread the gospel and allow people to repent and worship God; He is showing mercy.	"White cloud" could signify righteous judgement. Crown on His head shows His sovereignty.	These clusters of grapes are coming from the "earth's vine" referring to the Antichrist's followers.
This group of believers are the most righteous in God's eyes and have no fault. They truly followed Jesus.	The Christ followers that remain must show patient endurance at this time.	This is Christ gathering the remaining believers from the earth prior to the bowl judgements.	The word "ripe" in this passage actually refers to the state of being "over-ripened"; judgement is overdue.
I believe this to be a different group than the 144,000 of Israel previously mentioned. *Discussed in detail later.	John is instructed by a voice from heaven to write: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."		Jesus first harvests his followers from earth, then what remains are crushed by God's wrath.

Chapter 15			
Chapter:	Chapter 15		
Primary Message:	The 7 angels preparing to pour out the 7 last plagues of God's wrath. God is in the tabernacle of the covenant law during this time.		
Verses:	Vs. 1	Vs. 2-4	Vs. 5-8
Verse Topic:	7 angels with the 7 last plagues	Believers coming out of the tribulation appearing in heaven.	Seven golden bowls are given to the angels from 1 of the living creatures.
Key Points:	Introducing the coming of the 7 bowls of God's wrath.	<p>"Sea of glass ..." could signify the floor of heaven and the calm and peacefulness..."</p> <p>"...glowing with fire..." could signify coming out of the time of judgment upon the earth that they came out of.</p> <p>They sing the song of God's servant Moses and of the Lamb and are worshipping and praising God.</p>	<p>Angels exit the tabernacle of the covenant law with the 7 last plagues.</p> <p>They leave God's presence in righteousness ready to do His work.</p>
Major Events & Purpose:	This will complete the pouring out of God's wrath upon the earth.	<p>They are victorious over the beast, it's image and didn't receive the mark.</p> <p>"...held harps given them by God..." shows they have received their rewards.</p> <p>These are most likely the ones spoken of in Chapter 14: 14-16.</p>	<p>"...temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God..." means God is in the tabernacle at this time...</p> <p>...no one could enter until these last 7 plagues were completed.</p>

Chapter:

Chapter 16

Primary Message:

The 7 Bowls of God's wrath poured out on the earth. The gathering of the kings of the whole world to Armageddon.

**Verses:
Verse Topic:**

Vs. 1-2	Vs. 3-7	Vs. 8-16	Vs. 17-21
God's instruction to the angels to begin and the 1st bowl.	2nd and 3rd bowls poured out.	4th, 5th and 6th bowls poured out.	7th bowl poured out.

Key Points:

Great voice coming from the temple was the voice of God instructing the angels to begin.	2nd angel poured bowl on the sea and it became blood; every living thing in the sea died.	4th bowl poured on the sun and it was allowed to scorch people with intense heat.	7th bowl poured out into the air and God proclaims "It is done".
1st bowl poured out on the land; ugly festering sores on people.	3rd angel poured bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.	5th bowl poured on the throne of the beast and his kingdom was plunged into darkness.	Flashes of lightning, rumblings, thunder and a severe earthquake; the greatest ever.
Only the people with the mark of the beast and worship his image, get the sores.		6th bowl poured out on the great river Euphrates and its waters were dried up.	Babylon splits into 3 parts and cities of the nations collapse. Every island and mountain cannot be found.

Major Events & Purpose:

Everything happens in God's perfect timing and under His instruction. Creation is His to Destroy in His time.	The angel in charge of the water and the altar proclaim to God that He is just in these judgments.	People will understand that it is God that is in control of this, but will still not repent nor give glory to God.	Huge hailstones, each weighing about 100 lbs., fall on the Earth and people.
There are still people on earth without the mark and not worshipping the Antichrist.	No more food coming from the waters of the earth for man; it is all dead.	6th bowl was to prepare the way for the kings from the east to bring their armies to Armageddon.	People are still cursing God and not repenting.
Not certain who all remain on the Earth that are either Christian or Jewish people; Group/s of 144,000.	Water to drink from the earth is all no longer available; not sure what people will drink.	Demonic spirits from Satan, Antichrist and the False Prophet are sent out to gather Kings and armies.	Babylon is still a great city at the end of the 7th bowl judgment, so her destruction comes after.

Chapter:	Chapter 17		
Primary Message:	Babylon the Great. The mother of prostitutes and of the abominations of the earth. The city that rules over the kings of the earth.		
Verses:	Vs. 1-2	Vs. 3-4	Vs. 5-7
Verse Topic:	Angel tells John about Babylon and her punishment.	The angel shows John Babylon and where she sits.	Explaining who the woman is on the beast; "Mystery Babylon"
Key Points:	<p>1 of the 7 bowl judgment angels is speaking to John.</p> <p>"Sits by many waters..." represents the fact that many nations, peoples and tongues will come to her.</p> <p>She "Sits by" speaks to her having influence over and being supported by them.</p>	<p>The "woman", Babylon, was sitting on the "scarlet beast", which is the Antichrist.</p> <p>"7 heads ..." could represent the 7 systems of government within an empire and/or 7 hills where she is physically.</p> <p>"... and 10 horns..." represent the 10 kings the Antichrist controls during this 7 year reign.</p>	<p>This city will breed and nurture the evil beliefs and practices of 1-world religion, government and finances.</p> <p>Christian persecution will be enormous in this city. "Drunk with the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus."</p> <p>May be the birthplace and primary location for the torture and public execution of Christians.</p>
Major Events & Purpose:	<p>"Kings of the earth committed adultery with her..." the leaders of the world are influenced by her.</p> <p>"...Inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated..." people will come to her desiring all the worldly things she offers.</p> <p>Essentially the rulers and people of all nations will join in her sin and the persecution of Christians.</p>	<p>Dressed in purple and scarlet, with gold and jewels indicates wealth and royalty. She will have great influence.</p> <p>Golden cup in her hand is full of alluring and seductive "evil practices", that she gets the whole world to drink from.</p> <p>Golden cup in her hand could represent a false communion. Instead of the blood of Christ, drinking to the worldly ways.</p>	<p>"Mystery Babylon"; we are not told the name of the city or it's location, but it is likened to ancient Babylon.</p> <p>To support a population of today's size, it will likely be an enormous city; fulfilling all of one's worldly desires.</p> <p>The angel asks John "why are you astonished" by the woman? The angel tells John he will explain.</p>

Chapter: Chapter 17	
Primary Message:	From Babylon will stem the ideas of 1 world religion, 1 world government and global trade. Other nations of the world will do everything they can to emulate her.
Verses:	Vs. 8 & 11 Explaining who the beast is.
Verse Topic:	Vs. 9-14 Explaining where the woman sits, the heads and the horns.
Key Points:	Vs. 15-18 The Antichrist and 10 kings will turn on Babylon.
Major Events & Purpose:	<p>"...once was, now is not, and yet will come up..." speaks to the Antichrist and his "apparent" resurrection.</p> <p>He will be part of the revived Roman Empire that is the 7th king. He supposedly will die and then be resurrected....</p> <p>.... Then he would become the 8th king of the empire since in the world's eyes he actually dies.</p> <p>Non-believers will be amazed by how the Antichrist is alive after suffering an apparent fatal wound.</p> <p>The Antichrist will use Babylon and her evil, to help draw people away from God and the redemption in Christ.</p> <p>Babylon is used by the Antichrist and he supports Babylon; at least as long as she is useful.</p>
	<p>7 heads are the 7 hills. Some believe these "hills" are literal and that this speaks of Rome; having 7 hills.</p> <p>Since later in the scripture it speaks to "7 kings", the "hills" could be reference to their kingdoms.</p> <p>10 Kings will be the rulers of the divisions of earth, along with the Antichrist, during the tribulation.</p> <p>7 kings: Past - Assyrian, Medo-Persian, Greek, Egyptian, Babylonian, Roman. Future - Revived Roman "Empires"</p> <p>These "kings" will give all their authority to the Antichrist and will rule with 1-mind.</p> <p>Christians everywhere will suffer persecution at the hands of the 10 kings, Babylon and the Antichrist.</p>
	<p>Up until about 1/2 way through the tribulation, Babylon will greatly influence all people of the world.</p> <p>The Antichrist and 10 kings will turn on Babylon and force her to worship the Antichrist.</p> <p>This is after "the abomination that causes desolation" (Idol of the Antichrist) is set up in the temple.</p> <p>When the Antichrist and False Prophet require worship of the Antichrist, there will no longer be a...</p> <p>...need for religion that allows for worship of anything else. Everyone will be forced to worship the Antichrist.</p> <p>These evil men will do God's work and utterly destroy the previous ideals/religion that Babylon lead the way in.</p>

Chapter 18

Chapter:

Primary Message:

Profession of Babylon's fall, a warning to escape and the destruction of Babylon the Great.

Verses:

Verse Topic:

Vs. 1-3	Vs. 4-8	Vs. 9-20	Vs. 21-24
Professing the fall of Babylon	A call of warning for any of God's people to leave.	The world is in anguish over Babylon's destruction and heaven rejoices.	Babylon is no more.

Key Points:

<p>Another angel from heaven came down with great authority and shouted with a mighty voice...</p> <p>"... Fallen is Babylon the Great... haunt for every impure spirit, unclean bird, unclean-detestable animal."</p> <p>All nations have taken part in the evil and corruption that Babylon had to offer.</p>	<p>Another voice from heaven proclaims a warning for God's people to leave to escape Babylon's destruction.</p> <p>God is going to pay back twice as much grief as she gave to God's people.</p> <p>Babylon is boastful and full of pride. She will see herself being incapable of destruction.</p>	<p>The kings of the earth, that shared her luxury and worldly practices, will mourn for the loss of Babylon.</p> <p>Merchants who had built great wealth from Babylon mourn; their largest customer is destroyed.</p> <p>Sea captains and sailors had created wealth from Babylon; this will bring them to ruin.</p>	<p>"Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea..."</p> <p>In such a violent manner, this great city of Babylon will be wiped out.</p>
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Major Events & Purpose:

<p>The kings and rulers of the earth share in building the one world system and sharing in her abominations.</p> <p>Merchants and all the professions supporting buying and selling have grown rich from Babylon.</p> <p>Not just a physical place but these "systems" are what the world have come to rely on...they are soon to cease.</p>	<p>God has always provided a means of escape to those who are His. "...come out of her my people..."</p> <p>Babylon's destruction will be quick but painful. Death, mourning, famine and consumed by fire.</p> <p>An assumption could be that Jewish people that haven't accepted Christ may be slaves and/or residing there.</p>	<p>The physical Babylon will likely be millions of people destroyed, along with their possessions.</p> <p>The "figurative" Babylon is the 1-world system and the idea that men are gods and can create and do as God has.</p> <p>Heaven and the people of God rejoice as God judges Babylon and avenges them for how they were wronged.</p>	<p>Any remnants not consumed by the fire will be washed away by this act.</p> <p>Nothing will ever be able to happen in Babylon ever again.</p> <p>Babylon slaughtered many Christians, and this is the final act of God's wrath directed at her.</p>
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Chapter 19

Chapter:

Primary Message:

Praise and worship over the fall of Babylon, the wedding of the Lamb and the battle of Armageddon.

Verses:

Verse Topic:

Vs. 1-5 Threefold hallelujah over the fall of Babylon.	Vs. 6-10 Wedding of the Lamb.	Vs. 11-16 Jesus in the Heavenly Warrior that defeats the Antichrist and his armies.	Vs. 17-21 The defeat of the Antichrist and his armies.
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Key Points:

<p>A great multitude in heaven shouts hallelujah and praises God for avenging the blood of His servants.</p> <p>24 elders and 4 living creatures fall down and worship God and cried, "amen, hallelujah".</p> <p>Voice from the throne instructs everyone great and small to praise our God.</p>	<p>A great multitude shouts the offering of praise and announces the wedding of the Lamb.</p> <p>John was so overjoyed by this that he fell to worship the messenger.</p> <p>The angel quickly corrected John and reminded him we are all servants of God; worship God alone!</p>	<p>Jesus is riding a white horse and called "Faithful and True". He has kept His promises to His people.</p> <p>He has another name which nobody knows but Himself and another name which is the Word of God.</p> <p>He will strike down the nations by merely speaking it and will rule them with an iron scepter.</p>	<p>Angel announces to the birds: prepare to eat the flesh of those opposing Jesus. "Great Supper of God".</p> <p>The Antichrist and kings of the earth with their armies are gathered together to wage war against Jesus.</p>
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Major Events & Purpose:

<p>Smoke from Babylon rises up for ever and ever....</p> <p>...symbolizing the eternal punishment of those who reject Christ and worship Satan.</p>	<p>"...for the wedding of the Lamb has come and the bride has made herself ready".</p> <p>"Fine linen, bright and clean, was given to her to wear." this represents the righteous acts of God's holy people.</p> <p>"Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb." Not everyone will be there!</p>	<p>The armies with Jesus are on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean; not "dipped in blood".</p> <p>Jesus' robe is "dipped in blood". Could speak to "vengeance is mine". Jesus, will do all the fighting.</p> <p>"On His robe is written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS". There is no one greater!</p>	<p>Everyone that goes against Jesus at this battle will be killed except the Antichrist and False Prophet.</p> <p>"The beast", Antichrist, and False Prophet are captured and thrown into the lake of fire.</p> <p>Everyone else following the beast were killed by the words of Jesus, and birds ate them.</p>
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Chapter:		Chapter 20			
Primary Message:		Satan is bound for a thousand years in the bottomless pit. He will then be loosed for a short time to deceive. Then there will be a final conflict and the great white throne judgment.			
Verses:					
Verse Topic:		Vs. 1-3 Satan is captured and put in the abyss.	Vs. 4-6 The resurrection of the martyrs from the tribulation.	Vs. 7-10 Satan is loosed to deceive again.	Vs. 11-15 The judgment of the dead; death is no more.
Key Points:		An angel from heaven seizes Satan and throws him in the abyss. Satan is referred to by 4 separate names in this passage. Like Christ he tries to have many names... "...the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan..."	These tribulation Christians had been killed and did not worship the beast or receive the mark of the beast. The remaining dead will not raise from the dead until the 1,000 yrs. has ended, and they will face judgment. "Blessed and holy are those that share in the first resurrection." Death can't touch them; glorified bodies.	When the 1,000 yrs. has ended, Satan will be released from his prison. There will be a very large army of men that Satan will be able to turn against God and His people. They will surround the city of God's people after marching across the earth.	Jesus is seated on the great white throne, the earth and heavens are not present. He alone has this right to judge. All the dead are to be judged according to their works. Works cannot get a person into Heaven though. This is called the second resurrection; those being raised, judged, and sent to the lake of fire.
Major Events & Purpose:		The abyss is locked and sealed to prevent the devil from influencing and deceiving the nations. This period of time will be 1,000 yrs., then he will be loosed ..."for a short time". Ch. 9, Satan has the key to the abyss. Ch. 12 he is cast out of heaven; likely where the key is taken from him.	The "ones who had been given authority to judge" were already seated on their thrones. These martyrs receive their glorified bodies and reign with Christ during these 1,000 yrs. These are the martyred souls under the alter from Ch. 6, that were told "...to wait a little longer..."	He will again be allowed to deceive the nations of the earth. Gog and Magog are spoken of specifically. Fire will come down from heaven and consume these people that go against God. Satan will be cast into the lake of fire for the remainder of eternity.	Death and Hades are thrown into the lake of fire. There will no longer be any need for them. Anyone whose name is not found in the book of life will be thrown into the lake of fire. No matter how "good" a person is; rejection of Jesus and salvation through Him is the only way to eternal life.

Chapter:		Chapter 21			
Primary Message:	Eternity; New heaven, new earth and new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. God's dwelling place is now among His people.				
Verses:	Vs. 1-8	Vs. 9-14	Vs. 15-21	Vs. 22-27	
Verse Topic:	New heaven, earth, Jerusalem and God dwelling with His people.	New Jerusalem, the bride of the Lamb, description.	More description and measurements of the New Jerusalem.	The glory of God and the Lamb are it's light and temple.	
Key Points:	<p>First heaven and first earth pass away. There is no longer any sea. The sea is violent and unpredictable.</p> <p>Those who thirst for God will receive the reward of drinking from the spring of the water of life.</p> <p>"Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children."</p>	<p>One of the bowl judgement angels takes John, in the Spirit, to show him what the New Jerusalem will look like.</p> <p>"It shone with the glory of God..." There is reference to precious jewels and material used to describe the wonder.</p> <p>"...great high wall with twelve gates..." could speak of the security and impenetrability of the city.</p>	<p>City laid out like a square. The width, depth and height are equal lengths; 1,400-1,500 miles (Bible version)</p> <p>Unsure if length reference is of one side, or the total circumference.</p> <p>Wall is 216 feet thick or 144 cubits. 144 cubits divided by 12, 12 times; again speaking of perfection.</p>	<p>There is no need for a sun, moon or any kind of lighting as the glory of God and the Lamb will light everything.</p> <p>The gates will never be shut and nothing impure will ever enter in because nothing impure will still exist.</p> <p>There is no need for a temple to go to; God and the Lamb will constantly be present.</p>	
Major Events & Purpose:	<p>God's dwelling place will be among His people and there will be no more cause for pain or weeping.</p> <p>Death and sin will no longer exist for they are in the lake of fire. There will never be a return of Satan in any form.</p> <p>God says to John, "I am making everything new" and "It is done. I am the Alpha and Omega..."</p>	<p>12 gates and 12 angels on the gates speak of perfection and 3 on each side speaks of balance or symmetry.</p> <p>12 gates with the names of the 12 tribes of Israel speak to who God was originally going to build Jerusalem for.</p> <p>12 foundations with the names of the apostles represent them as the foundation of the church.</p>	<p>Measuring rod of gold. Only a glorious measuring rod would be fitting to measure this glorious city.</p> <p>John references many types of stones as examples of what he saw and how glorious it will be.</p> <p>The gates are made of pearl and the streets are made of gold.</p>	<p>"...the bride of the lamb..." Vs. 9, could speak to the group of believers that make up the "bride"</p> <p>... residing in the Jerusalem. The nations are believers that hadn't "made themselves ready".</p> <p>People from the nations will visit New Jerusalem. Those nations will be lit by the glory of God and Jerusalem.</p>	

Chapter 22

Chapter:

Primary Message:

The river of the waters of life and the tree of life in New Jerusalem. The final invitation and warning from God about our decisions and eternity. God expressing that he wants us to understand what is being revealed.

Verses:

Verse Topic:

Vs. 1-5 River and the tree of life, flowing from God's throne in New Jerusalem.	Vs. 3-5 No more curse, no more night; and we will reign with God forever.	Vs. 6-10 Overwhelmed by this revelation, John again bows to the angel-messenger.	Vs. 11-21 Final statements of Revelation to John from Jesus.
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Key Points:

<p>The river of the waters of life flow from the throne of God and the Lamb down the middle of the street.</p> <p>"On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing 12 crops of fruit....each month..."</p> <p>"...leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations." No sickness; Jesus provides for all remaining creation.</p>	<p>No more curse; we will all have glorified bodies and in righteousness be able to be in God's presence.</p> <p>The glory of God being indescribable, yet the servants of God will still be able to look upon His face.</p> <p>The nature and presence of sin will be gone.</p>	<p>The angel reminds John that these words are from God and are trustworthy and true.</p> <p>The angel rebukes John and reminds John that he is also a servant of God.</p> <p>John is told not to seal the words of Revelation because the time is near.</p>	<p>There are people that will continue doing as they have done. "...Let the holy person continue to be holy."</p> <p>Blessed are the ones who are found righteous and have the right of eternal life.</p> <p>A stern warning is given not to add or remove from this word of God. It is as real today as when It was written.</p>
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Major Events & Purpose:

<p>12 types of fruit speaks to a perfect variety in the source of nourishment available for the people.</p> <p>"...yielding its fruit each month..." speaks to the ample supply of food that there will be.</p> <p>"Throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him."</p>	<p>"... servants shall serve Him ..." everyone will have jobs in eternity. Everyone will gladly serve the King.</p> <p>There will be no night and no need for artificial light. Light will be from the glory of God.</p>	<p>"Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll." ...</p> <p>...as previously instructed, "...whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches..." ...</p> <p>...we must only listen to the word, hear what is being said, and apply it to our lives to receive this blessing.</p>	<p>"Look, I am coming soon!" is stated by Jesus, 3 times in this last chapter of the Bible. We are called to be ready.</p> <p>"The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!". The bride is shown here with Christ speaking as one!</p> <p>"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches." This Revelation is for all believers.</p>
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