

Analytical Outline of the Book of Revelation

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1) The book is introduced and the Almighty God is acknowledged. 1:1-8

- a) The book is introduced as a revelation of Jesus Christ that God gave to John. 1:1-3
- b) John gave a blessing of grace to the seven churches in Asia. 1:4-5a
- c) John gives glory to God who is coming to earth. 1:5b-7
- d) The Lord declares that he is the beginning and the end. 1:8

2) A message from the Lord is given to the seven churches. 1:9-3:22

- a) A loud voice gave John instructions to write this vision for the seven churches. 1:9-11
- b) John saw a vision of the Lord as the Son of Man. 1:12-20
 - i) He saw an awe-inspiring vision of the Son of Man. 1:12-16
 - ii) The Son of Man reaffirmed for John to write this vision to the seven churches. 1:17-20
- c) The Son of Man speaks to the church at Ephesus. 2:1-7
- d) The Son of Man speaks to the church at Smyrna. 2:8-11
- e) The Son of Man speaks to the church at Pergamum. 2:12-17
- f) The Son of Man speaks to the church at Thyatira. 2:18-29
- g) The Son of Man speaks to the church at Sardis. 3:1-6
- h) The Son of Man speaks to the church at Philadelphia. 3:7-13
- i) The Son of Man speaks to the church at Laodicea. 3:14-22

3) The worthy Lamb of God opens the seven seals of God's judgment. 4:1-16:21

- a) John sees the throne of God and the Lamb who is worshiped because he is worthy. 4:1-5:14
 - i) John saw a heavenly vision of the one seated on the throne. 4:1-6a
 - ii) He saw the four living creatures before the throne. 4:6b-11
 - iii) The lion of the tribe of Judah is worthy to open the scroll with seven seals. 5:1-5
 - iv) All the angels worship the one on the throne and the worthy Lamb of God. 5:6-14
- b) The seven seals of God's judgment are released upon the earth. 6:1-16:21
 - i) The Lamb opened the first seal and the white horse went out. 6:1-2
 - ii) The Lamb opened the second seal and the red horse went out. 6:3-4
 - iii) The Lamb opened the third seal and the black horse went out. 6:5-6
 - iv) The Lamb opened the fourth seal and the pale horse went out. 6:7-8
 - v) The Lamb opened the fifth seal and the martyrs asked God how long until vengeance. 6:9-11
 - vi) The Lamb opened the sixth seal and there was a great earthquake and the day of God's wrath. 6:12-17
 - vii) God secures his people from Israel and the nations before the seventh seal is opened. 7:1-17
 - (1) God sealed 144,000 from the 12 tribes before the four angels harmed the earth. 7:1-8
 - (2) A great multitude from all nations worshiped God and the Lamb. 7:9-12
 - (3) This multitude is composed of those who came out of the great tribulation, washed in the blood of the Lamb. 7:13-17
 - viii) The seventh seal is opened, which is composed of the seven trumpets of judgment. 8:1-16:21
 - (1) The Lamb opened the seventh seal, which contained seven trumpets. 8:1-5
 - (2) The first angel blew his trumpet and one third of the earth was burned up. 8:6-7
 - (3) The second angel blew his trumpet and one third of the sea was destroyed. 8:8-9
 - (4) The third angel blew his trumpet and one third of river waters were poisoned. 8:10-11

- (5) The fourth angel blew his trumpet and one third of the heavenly bodies were destroyed. 8:12
- (6) An angel gave warning to those on earth regarding the severity of the last three trumpets. 8:13
- (7) The fifth angel blew his trumpet and thus released the first of three ‘Woes’. 9:1-12
 - (a) The fifth angel blew his trumpet and locusts from bottomless pit tortured those without the seal of God. 9:1-6
 - (b) The locusts looked part human, part beast, with the angel from the bottomless pit as their leader. 9:7-11
 - (c) This was the end of the first of three woes. 9:12
- (8) The sixth angel blew his trumpet and thus released the second of three ‘Woes’. 9:13-11:14
 - (a) The sixth angel blew his trumpet and one third of humankind was killed by fire from the mouths of lion-headed horses. 9:13-19
 - (b) The rest of humankind did not repent of idolatry and sinful deeds. 9:20-21
 - (c) John prophesies about the holy city, the two witnesses, and further judgment. 10:1-11:13
 - (i) A strong angel with a little scroll called out and seven thunders sounded. 10:1-7
 - (ii) John ate the little scroll, which was sweet in his mouth, but bitter in his stomach. 10:8-11
 - (iii) John was told to measure the temple of God, but that the nations would trample the holy city for 42 months. 11:1-3
 - (iv) Two prophets will send plagues, then be killed and raised from the dead. 11:4-13
 - (d) This was the end of the second of three woes. 11:14
- (9) The seventh angel blew his trumpet and thus released the third ‘Woe’ to complete God’s judgment. 11:15-16:21
 - (a) The seventh angel blew his trumpet and those in heaven worshiped God for reigning and judging. 11:15-18
 - (b) God’s temple in heaven was opened and the Ark of the Covenant was seen. 11:19
 - (c) The dragon is cast out of heaven and persecutes the woman, her son, and all her children. 12:1-17
 - (i) John saw the signs of the woman giving birth to a son and the dragon who tried to devour him. 12:1-6
 - (ii) Michael and his angels cast the dragon (the devil) and his angels out of heaven onto earth. 12:7-12
 - (iii) The dragon failed to devour the woman so he went to make war on the rest of her offspring. 12:13-17
 - (d) The dragon and the beast blaspheme God and are worshiped by people. 13:1-18
 - (i) The dragon gave his authority to the beast, whom the world then worshiped. 13:1-4
 - (ii) The beast blasphemed God for 42 months and made war against the saints. 13:5-7a
 - (iii) The beast was given authority over the nations. 13:7b-10
 - (iv) A second beast arose and did miracles to deceive people into worshiping the first beast. 13:11-18
 - (e) On Mt. Zion stood the Lamb and 144,000 pure people with him as first fruits. 14:1-5
 - (f) Angels make announcements regarding the gospel, Babylon, and the beast. 14:6-12
 - (i) Another angel flew in heaven and proclaimed the eternal gospel to those on earth. 14:6-7

- (ii) A second angel proclaimed that Babylon the Great had fallen. 14:8
- (iii) A third angel warned about worshiping the beast or receiving his mark. 14:9-12
- (iv) Another voice from heaven said, “Blessed are those who die in the Lord”. 14:13
- (g) The fruit of the earth is reaped. 14:14-20
 - (i) A person like the Son of Man, seated on a cloud, reaped a harvest from the earth. 14:14-16
 - (ii) Another angel reaped the vintage from the earth for God’s wrath. 14:17-20
- (h) The seven bowls are released, which make up the seventh trumpet (the third ‘Woe’) of God’s final judgment. 15:1-16:21
 - (i) Preparation is made for the seven bowls to be poured out. 15:1-16:1
 1. John saw the last sign of God’s wrath, seven angels with seven plagues. 15:1
 2. Those who conquered the beast worship God before the sea of glass in preparation for the seven bowls. 15:2-4
 3. The seven angels in the heavenly temple were given the seven bowls of God’s wrath. 15:5-8
 4. A voice told the seven angels to pour out their bowls of wrath on the earth. 16:1
 - (ii) The seven bowls of judgment are poured out. 16:2-21
 1. The first angel poured out his bowl in which sores came on people who had the mark of the beast. 16:2
 2. The second angel poured out his bowl and the sea become blood. 16:3
 3. The third angel poured out his bowl and all rivers and water became blood. 16:4-7
 4. The fourth angel poured out his bowl and the sun scorched humans, who still did not repent. 16:8-9
 5. The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast. 16:10-11
 6. The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the river Euphrates, to prepare for war. 16:12-16
 7. The seventh angel poured out his bowl and there was the greatest earthquake and the plague of giant hailstones. 16:17-21

4) The mystery of the great harlot Babylon revealed and then she is judged. 17:1-19:4

- a) John sees the vision of Babylon and her wicked deeds. 17:1-18
 - i) One of the seven angels showed John the great harlot, Babylon, riding on a beast on many waters. 17:1-6a
 - ii) The angel explained the mystery of the woman and the beast. 17:6b-14
 - iii) The angel explained the waters on which the woman was seated. 17:15-18
- b) When Babylon is judged, those on earth mourn, but those in heaven praise God. 18:1-19:4
 - i) Another angel from heaven declared that Babylon had fallen, and an angel told God’s people to come out of her. 18:1-8
 - ii) The kings of the earth will wept at Babylon's judgment. 18:9-10
 - iii) The merchants of the earth mourned at Babylon's judgment. 18:11-17a
 - iv) The seafarers mourned at Babylon's judgment. 18:17b-20
 - v) A mighty angel pronounced judgment on Babylon because she deceived the nations and murdered the saints. 18:21-24

- vi) The heavenly multitude praised God for his righteous judgment of Babylon. 19:1-4
- 5) The marriage of Lamb and his bride can now take place. 19:5-10**
- a) The heavenly multitude praised God because the marriage of the Lamb had come. 19:5-8
 - b) The angel told John to write words of blessing to those invited to the marriage supper. 19:9-10
- 6) The King of Kings defeats the armies of the beast. 19:11-21**
- a) The King of Kings rides on a white horse and leads a heavenly army to smite the nations. 19:11-16
 - b) The rider on the white horse slew the armies of the beast and they were eaten by birds. 19:17-21
- 7) For 1,000 years the serpent is bound and the martyred saints reign with Christ. 20:1-10**
- a) An angel bound the serpent for 1,000 years. 20:1-3
 - b) The martyrs came to life and reigned with Christ for 1,000 years. 20:4-6
 - c) At the end of the 1,000 years the devil was defeated in battle and thrown into the lake of fire. 20:7-10
- 8) God judged all people from the Great White Throne. 20:11-15**
- 9) The New Jerusalem as the bride of Christ comes down out of heaven onto the new earth. 21:1-22:5**
- a) The New Jerusalem came down to the new heaven and new earth. 21:1-4
 - b) God pronounced blessing to the righteous and judgment on the wicked. 21:5-8
 - c) John saw a vision of the Lamb's Bride, the New Jerusalem. 21:9-14
 - d) The angel measured the city, which was made of gold, pearl, and precious stones. 21:15-21
 - e) John saw that God and the Lamb are the temple and the light of that city. 21:22-27
 - f) John saw the river of life and the tree of life coming from the throne in the midst of the city. 22:1-5
- 10) The words of this prophecy are true and must not be sealed since they will soon take place. 22:6-11**
- a) The angel told John that the words of this prophecy are true and must soon take place. 22:6-7
 - b) John fell down to worship the angel who showed this to him, but was forbidden. 22:8-9
 - c) The angel told John not to seal up this prophecy since the time was near. 22:10-11
- 11) The Triune God gives testimony to the urgency of this message. 22:12-17**
- a) God said he was coming soon to judge everyone according to what they had done. 22:12-13
 - b) Only the pure, who wash their robes, may enter the city; outside are the wicked. 22:14-15
 - c) Jesus declared that he sent this testimony to John for the churches. 22:16
 - d) The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come". 22:17
- 12) John gives a final warning and a blessing to the believers. 22:18-21**
- a) People are warned not to add to or take away from this prophecy. 22:18-19
 - b) Surely the Lord Jesus is coming quickly. 22:20
 - c) John gives a final blessing of grace for all the believers. 22:21