NEW TESTAMENT · PROPHECY · BOOK 66 OF 66

Revelation

The Lamb that was slain reigns, and God makes all things new

404	John	Patmos	c. A.D. 95
Verses in 22 Chapters	Apostle and Author	Where John Saw It (1:9)	Written on Patmos

STRUCTURE

The Book in Four Parts



Each bar shows that part's share of the 404 verses.

I 1–3 · 71 verses

Christ and His Churches

The risen Christ and letters to seven churches.

II 4–11 · 123 verses

Seals and Trumpets

The throne, the Lamb, seven seals and seven trumpets.

III 12–16 · 84 verses

The Great Conflict

The dragon, two beasts, the Lamb on Sion, seven vials.

IV 17–22 · 126 verses

All Things New

Babylon falls, Christ returns, the new heaven and new earth.

CHAPTER 1:19

What Was, What Is, What Shall Be

> *"Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter"*
>
> Revelation 1:19 (KJV)

I CHAPTER 1

Things Thou Hast Seen

John sees the risen Christ in the midst of seven golden candlesticks.

"I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore"
1:18

II CHAPTERS 2–3

Things Which Are

Seven letters to seven real churches in the province of Asia.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches"
2:7

III CHAPTERS 4–22

Things Hereafter

The throne, seals, trumpets, vials, Babylon's fall, Christ's return, the new creation.

"Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter."
4:1

Revelation 1:19 gives the book's own outline: what John had seen, the churches of his day, and the things that shall be hereafter.

Letters to Seven Churches

CHAPTERS 2–3

Letters to Seven Churches

The seven cities lie on a circular road in what is now western Turkey, in the order a messenger from Patmos would visit them.

Each Letter Follows a Pattern

1. **A Title of Christ** — From the vision in chapter 1
2. **"I Know Thy Works"** — He sees each church
3. **Praise** — What they do well
4. **Correction** — What must change
5. **A Call** — To repent or to hold fast
6. **"He That Hath an Ear"** — Hear what the Spirit saith
7. **A Promise** — "To him that overcometh"

The Seven Churches

1 EPHESUS · 2:1–7
Praised: labour and patience
Corrected: left their first love
Promise: the tree of life

2 SMYRNA · 2:8–11
Praised: rich in poverty and tribulation
Corrected: nothing
Promise: not hurt of the second death

3 PERGAMOS · 2:12–17
Praised: held fast His name
Corrected: false doctrine allowed
Promise: hidden manna, a white stone

4 THYATIRA · 2:18–29
Praised: charity, service, faith
Corrected: suffered "that woman Jezebel"
Promise: the morning star

5 SARDIS · 3:1–6
Praised: a few names undefiled
Corrected: a name that lives, but dead
Promise: clothed in white raiment

6 PHILADELPHIA · 3:7–13
Praised: kept His word
Corrected: nothing
Promise: an open door; a pillar in the temple

7 LAODICEA · 3:14–22
Praised: nothing named
Corrected: lukewarm and self-satisfied
Promise: to sit with Christ in His throne

> *"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me."*
>
> Revelation 3:20 (KJV)

Smyrna and Philadelphia, both small and under pressure, receive no correction. The letters were written to real first-century churches, and "he that hath an ear" in every age is called to hear them.

REVELATION AT A GLANCE · PART 3 OF 5

Seals, Trumpets, Vials and Titles of Christ

CHAPTERS 6–16

Seven Seals, Seven Trumpets, Seven Vials

6:1–8:1

Seven Seals

1. White horse: conquest
2. Red horse: war
3. Black horse: famine
4. Pale horse: death
5. Souls under the altar
6. The great earthquake
7. Silence in heaven

Pause in chapter 7: the 144,000 sealed and a great multitude before the throne

8:2–11:19

Seven Trumpets

1. Hail and fire on the earth
2. A great mountain burning cast into the sea
3. The star called Wormwood
4. Sun, moon and stars darkened
5. Locusts out of the bottomless pit
6. An army from the Euphrates
7. “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord”

Pause in 10:1–11:14: the little book and the two witnesses

CHAPTERS 15–16

Seven Vials

1. A noisome and grievous sore
2. The sea becomes as blood
3. Rivers become blood
4. The sun scorches men
5. Darkness on the seat of the beast
6. The Euphrates dried up
7. “It is done”

Before: the song of Moses and of the Lamb (15:3–4)

The judgments grow more severe with each series, and the seventh vial brings the cry, “It is done” (16:17).

WHO JESUS IS

Titles of Christ in Revelation

The Faithful Witness 1:5	**Alpha and Omega** 1:8; 22:13	**The First and the Last** 1:17	**The Lion of the Tribe of Juda** 5:5
The Lamb That Was Slain 5:6, 12	**Faithful and True** 19:11	**King of Kings, Lord of Lords** 19:16	**The Bright and Morning Star** 22:16

CHAPTER 5:5–6

A Lion, and a Lamb

John is told to behold the Lion of the tribe of Juda, and he turns to see “a Lamb as it had been slain.” The conqueror wins by His sacrifice.

The Songs of Heaven and the Order of Coming Events

HEAVEN SINGS

The Songs of Revelation

Again and again the visions pause for worship. Many of these words are still sung in churches today.

4:8 · THE FOUR BEASTS

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."

4:11 · THE ELDERS

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things"

5:12 · THE ANGELS

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

11:15 · GREAT VOICES IN HEAVEN

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever."

15:3 · THE SONG OF MOSES AND THE LAMB

"Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints."

19:6 · A GREAT MULTITUDE

"Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

THINGS HEREAFTER

The Order of Coming Events

From chapter 4 on, John is shown "things which must be hereafter" (4:1). The events unfold in this order.

1 CHAPTERS 4–5

The Throne and the Lamb

Heaven worships God on His throne and the Lamb who alone is worthy to open the sealed book.

2 CHAPTERS 6–18

The Great Tribulation

Seals, trumpets and vials of judgment fall on the earth; the beast and false prophet rise; Babylon falls.

3 CHAPTER 19

Christ Returns

The KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS comes from heaven and defeats the beast and his armies.

4 CHAPTER 20:1–6

The Thousand Years

Satan is bound, and Christ reigns on the earth with His saints for a thousand years.

5 CHAPTER 20:7–15

The Final Judgment

Satan is cast into the lake of fire, and the dead are judged at the great white throne.

6 CHAPTERS 21–22

All Things New

A new heaven and a new earth, and the holy city, new Jerusalem, where God dwells with His people.

> *"and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years"*
>
> Revelation 20:4 (KJV)

This page reads chapters 4–22 as events still to come, ending with Christ's return, His thousand-year reign on the earth, and the new creation.

Eden to New Jerusalem, Themes and Key Verse

THE WHOLE BIBLE STORY

From Eden to the New Jerusalem

Revelation's last chapters answer the first chapters of Genesis.

IN GENESIS	IN REVELATION
God created the heaven and the earth Genesis 1:1	A new heaven and a new earth Revelation 21:1
The way of the tree of life is kept by cherubims Genesis 3:24	The tree of life, for the healing of the nations Revelation 22:2
"cursed is the ground for thy sake" Genesis 3:17	"And there shall be no more curse" Revelation 22:3
"unto dust shalt thou return" Genesis 3:19	"there shall be no more death" Revelation 21:4
They hid from the presence of the LORD God Genesis 3:8	"the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them" Revelation 21:3

> *"Behold, I make all things new."*
> Revelation 21:5 (KJV)

BIG IDEAS

Key Themes

God Reigns
The throne in heaven is never empty.
4:2; 19:6

The Lamb Overcomes
Victory comes through Christ's sacrifice.
5:5–6; 17:14

Faithful Endurance
Hold fast, even when it costs.
2:10; 13:10; 14:12

Worship
All creation praises God and the Lamb.
4:8–11; 5:9–14

Justice for the Wronged
Evil is judged and the martyrs heard.
6:10; 16:5–7; 20:12

All Things New
God dwells with His people for ever.
21:1–5; 22:1–5

KEY VERSE

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Revelation 21:4 (KJV)