Overview of the book of Revelation, telling of things which must shortly come to pass.

## Chapter 1: *(introduction to the book)*

# Blessed *is* he that reads, and hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand.

The revelation of Jesus Christ by His servant John, to the 7 churches and from the 7 Spirits and Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first begotten, and the prince of the kings of the earth. I heard a great voice, as of a trumpet saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: The 7 stars are the angels of the 7 churches: and the 7 candlesticks are the 7 churches. He held the 7 churches in His right hand: and out of His mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and His countenance *was* as the sun shines in its might.

Chapter 2: (letters to the 7 churches, 5 of the 7 were told to repent).

# To the church of Ephesus:

I know your works, you have labored and have rightly judged and have not fainted. However, you have left you first love, *REPENT* and do the first works. He that overcomes I will give to eat of the tree of life.

To the church of Smyrna:

I know your works, sufferings and persecutions, (but you are rich) fear not. Be faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life.

# To the church of Pergamos:

I know thy works, and where you dwell, even where Satan's seat is However, you have compromised your doctrine, through <u>Balaam and the Nicolaitans</u>, <u>*REPENT*</u>. He that overcomes, I will give him manna and a white stone with a new name

To the church of Thyatira:

I know you works, love, service, faith, patience, and your end is greater than your beginning. However, you tolerate Jezebel, she will be judged, lest you be judged, *REPENT*. He that overcomes, I will give him power over the nations and the morning star.

## Chapter 3:

To the church of Sardis:

I know you works, and your pride, you think you have a name but you are dead your works are not perfect before God, therefore *REPENT*. He that overcomes, shall be clothed in white raiment, and I will confess his name before the Father.

# To the church of Philadelphia:

I know your works, I have set before you an open door, for you have not denied My name. hold fast that no man take thy crown, I will make you a pillar of the temple and write the city of God.

## To the church of Laodiceans:

I know you works, you are neither cold nor hot, you say you need nothing, but you are poor and naked. therefore, *REPENT* and buy gold tried of Me, and white raiment that you may be clothed. He that overcomes, I will grant to sit with Me in My throne.

## Chapter 4: *(the throne room of heaven)*

v1 - A door was opened in heaven, voice sounding as a trumpet saying "come up hither", *(The Rapture)* I saw a throne and a rainbow around it and one sitting on it with 24 seats / elders around it, and lightens came out of it and the seven lamps, which are the seven Spirits of God.

v6 - Before it was a sea of glass, (the multitude of the saints), and there was an atmosphere of worship. The 24 elders fell down before Him that sat on the throne, and worship Him that lived forever casting their crowns before Him, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

#### Chapter 5:

God who sat on the throne had a book sealed with 7 seals, but the Lion of the tribe of Judea, (Jesus) has prevailed to open it, and I beheld a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes. And there was great worship in heaven, saying: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

## Chapter 6: *(the 7 seals are opened and released)*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Seal: A white horse, he had a bow and a crown was given to him and he went forth to conquer.
- $2^{nd}$  Seal: A red horse, power was given him to take peace from the earth, and they killed one another.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Seal: A black horse, and he brought famine, wheat and barley were costly.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Seal: A pale horse, and his rider was Death and Hell followed him, having power over 1/4 of earth.
- $5^{\text{th}}$  Seal: I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God. (more saints).
- <u>6<sup>th</sup> Sea</u>: There was a great earthquake; the sun became black, and the moon became as blood; the stars of heaven fell to earth, the heaven departed and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And men said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from him that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

## Chapter 7: (144,000 sealed, of the 12 tribes of Israel, to minister on the earth)

I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth holding back the winds, but an angel said: hurt not the earth and the sea until the 144,000 are sealed, 12,000 from each tribe.

v9 - After that I saw a multitude, of all nations, and people, before the throne, clothed with white robes. v14 - These are they that came out of the great tribulation, *(collection of the mid-tribulation saints)*, having washed their robes, making them white in the blood of the Lamb.

## Chapter 8: (Seventh seal gives way to the 7 trumpets)

<u>7<sup>th</sup> Seal</u>: silence for ½ hour, and 7 angels were given 7 trumpets and an angel had a golden censer and much incense and offered it with the prayers of all the saints and cast it into the earth and there were thundering, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

<u>1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet</u>: hail and fire mingled with blood cast on the earth, 1/3 of the trees burnt and all the grass. <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet</u>: burning mountain cast in the sea, 1/3 of the sea became blood, 1/3 of fish and ships. <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet</u>: A star, (WormWood), fell on the rivers and the fountains: and turned waters bitter. <u>4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet</u>: A 1/3 part of the sun, moon and stars were smitten.

I heard an angel, saying, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth, for the trumpets yet to sound!

## Chapter 9:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet: The bottomless pit was opened, and a smoke and what appeared as locusts came out they had power to torture men, without the seal of God, for 5 months, and their king was Abaddon. in those days men shall seek death, but death shall flee from them. {1<sup>st</sup> WOE is past}
- *6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet*: 4 angels bound in the river Euphrates were loosed, with an army of 200 million horsemen to kill 1/3 part of men. But the rest of men yet repented not.

## Chapter 10:

I saw a mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow upon his head with a little book, his right foot was on the sea and left on the earth. When he cried, seven thunders uttered their voices, but I was told not to write them.

This angel then acknowledged God as creator, that time shall be no longer and the mysteries are finished. He told me to take the little book and eat it, for you must prophesy before many peoples

## chapter 11: *(the two witnesses)*

An angel gave me a rod to measure the temple with, and they that worship therein, but not the outer court. He then gave power to the two witnesses to prophecy 3.5 years, who were the two olive trees. After their prophecy the beast shall kill them, and they arose and ascend 3.5 days after. And there was a earthquake, 1/10 of the city fell and 7,000 men and the remnant gave glory to God. **{2<sup>nd</sup> WOE is past}** <u>7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet</u>: Voices in heaven said, The kingdoms of the world are the Lord's; forever. And the nations were angry, for the time of their judgment has come. The temple in heaven was opened, and there was the ark of his testament: lightnings, and voices, and thundering, and an earthquake, and great hail. **{start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> WOE}** 

#### Chapter 12:

- There appeared a woman clothed with the sun and a crown of 12 stars, being with child. There appeared a red dragon and he cast a 1/3 part of the stars of heaven to earth and stood before the woman.
- She brought forth a man child, who was caught up to God and she fled in the wilderness, 3.5 years. There was war in heaven, Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. And the dragon and his angels called the Devil, and Satan, were cast out into the earth.
- Then a voice said; Now is come salvation of our God, for the accuser is cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. Therefore **REJOICE**.
- **Woe** to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has but a short time. When the dragon saw he was cast into the earth, he persecuted the woman, but the earth (the creation), helped the woman, And the dragon went forth to make war with her seed that believe in God, (the men who believed).

#### Chapter 13:

- And I saw a beast <u>rise up out of the sea</u>, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. The beast was like a leopard, feet as a bear, with the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power and authority. One of his heads was wounded to death, and healed, and all the world wondered after the beast.
- They worshiped both the dragon and the beast and power was given him for 3.5 years, as the beast blasphemed God, and made war with the saints and overcame them,
- I saw another beast <u>rise up out of the earth</u>, having two horns as a lamb, exercising the power of the first beast, causing the world to worship the first beast. This beast did great wonders and deceived the people to make an image of the beast, and he had power to give life to the image of the beast, that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.
- And he caused all men, (rich, poor, bond or free), to get the mark of the beast, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name, to be able to buy and trade. Let him understand that the number of the beast is the number of a man; it is 666. (this is when the **mark of the beast** is given), during the second half of the tribulation.

#### Chapter 14:

- Then I saw a Lamb standing on Mt. Zion with 144,000, they sung a new song that only they could learn, they followed the Lamb, being without guile, for they were without fault before God.
- And I saw an angel who had the Gospel to preach before men, saying fear the creator God and give Him glory, for His judgment is come.
- There followed another angel, saying, that great city Babylon is fallen,
- And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, if any man worship and receive the mark of the beast, he shall drink of God wrath and be tormented with fire in the Lord's presents.
- And the smoke of their torment ascended up for ever and ever, and they had no rest.

I heard a voice saying, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord, they may rest from their labors. Then I saw one sit on a white cloud like the Son of man, having a golden crown, and a sharp sickle.

Another angel cried out, Thrust in thy sickle; for the harvest of the earth is ripe, and the earth was reaped. And another angel came out of the temple in heaven, also having a sharp sickle,

Another angel came out having power over fire; saying, Thrust in thy sickle, gather the vine of the earth And the vine of the earth was gathered, and cast into the winepress of God's wrath, and the

blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses bridles for a space of a 1600 furlongs.

## Chapter 15

I saw 7 angels having the 7 last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

- And I saw what appeared as a sea of glass mingled with fire: them that had gotten the victory over the beast, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sang the song of Moses. (these are the saints that were kill in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the tribulation for not taking the mark).
- After that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: 7 angels came out of the temple, having 7 plagues, and they were given golden vials of God's wrath,
- The temple was filled with the glory of God, and no man could enter into the temple till the 7 plagues were fulfilled.

#### Chapter 16:

1<sup>st</sup> Vial: Was poured on the earth; there were sores on the men which had the mark of the beast.

 $2^{nd}$  Vial: Was poured out on the sea; and it became as the blood and every living soul died.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vial: Was poured out on the rivers and fountains of waters became blood;
- And it was spoken by the angel and another, that God's righteous judgments are true.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Vial: Was poured out on the sun; and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.
- And men blasphemed God, and repented not.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Vial: Was poured out on the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; And men blasphemed God because of their pains and their sores, and repented not.
- <u>6<sup>th</sup> Vial</u>: Was poured out on the great river Euphrates; and the water was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast and the false prophet to go forth and gather all of the people to great battle. Behold, I, the Lord come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watches, and keeps his garments.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Vial: Was poured out into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple, saying, It is done. there were voices, thunders, and lightnings; and a great earthquake, as never see before, the great city was divided into three parts, and God remembered Babylon to set His wrath on. every island vanished, and the mountains were no more, And hail fell on men weighing about 100 pounds, and men blasphemed God, for the plague thereof was exceeding great

#### Chapter 17:

- One of the angels said to me, I will show you the judgment of the great whore, that has defiled the people. I was carried away into the wilderness, And saw a woman on a scarlet beast, full of names of blasphemy. MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS and she was drunken with the blood of the saints and the martyrs: and I wondered with admiration. And the angel said, Why didst you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast. The beast was and is not and shall go into perdition, and they on the earth shall wonder whose names are not written in the book of life. Here is wisdom, the 7 heads on the beast are 7 kingdoms that the woman influences. 5 kings have fallen,
- one is and the other one is not yet. And the 10 horns you saw are 10 kings, that have not received their kingdom yet, be will reign for 1 hour. All of these have one mind, and give their power to the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them.
- The waters that you saw, where the whore sits are multitudes and nations of people. And the 10 horns shall hate the whore and burn her with fire.

## Chapter 18: (Babylon is fallen)

- After these things, an angel came down from heaven, with great power and glory saying Babylon is fallen, and has become the home of every foul spirit. For all nations and peoples have been defiled by her. And I head a voice, saying; Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins,
- and that ye receive not of her plagues.
- For her sins have reached up to heaven, for she has lived deliciously, Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, mourning and famine. People shall bewail her, when they see her burning.
- The merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn; for no man will buy her merchandise, nether gold, silver, precious stones, fine linen, precious wood, iron, marble, cinnamon, frankincense, wine, and oil. The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

## Chapter 19: (Christ on a white horse, to conquer and rule)

- After this I heard many people in heaven saying, Alleluia; Salvation, glory, honor and power to our God: true and righteous are His judgments, for He judges the great whore.
- There was great worship in heaven, for the marriage of the Lamb is come and his wife made herself ready. she was arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.
- And I saw heaven opened, and a white horse; and He that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness does He judge and make war. His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, on His head *were* many crowns; and his name is called The Word of God.
- The armies in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: He shall rule them with a rod of iron: for His name is, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**.

An angel standing in the sun said to all the fowls that fly in heaven, gather yourselves unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, captains, mighty men, and of horses.

I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against God. And the beast and the false prophet and them that had received the mark of the beast, were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of God: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

#### Chapter 20: (the Millennium, 1,000 year reign)

- Then I saw an angel having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain, he laid hold on the dragon, and bound him a thousand years, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled.
- I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, which had not received *the* mark of the beast and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
- But the rest of the dead lived not again till the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. Blessed and holy *is* he that has part in the first resurrection: they shall be priests of God and shall reign with him a thousand years.
- When the thousand years are expired, Satan will be loosed. And shall deceive the nations, Gog and Magog, gathering them together to battle: a number as the sand of the sea.
- And they went up on the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, the beloved city: and fire came down from God and devoured them. And the devil was cast into the lake of fire where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.
- And I saw a great white throne, (**the great white throne judgment, of the unbelivers**), and Him that sat on it, and there was found no place for them.
- I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and the book of life was also opened: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. The sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.
- Death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

#### Chapter 21: (the New Jerusalem)

I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away. I, John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, from heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with

- them, and they shall be His people, And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, for the former things are passed away.
- He that sat on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcomes shall inherit all things; I will be his God, and he shall be My son. But the fearful, unbelieving, the abominable, murderers, whoremongers, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.
- An angel came to me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.
- Having the glory of God: and her light *was* like unto a stone most precious, and a wall great and high, *and* had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:
- 3 gates on each side, east, north, south and west, And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. The city was twelve thousand furlongs square. the wall was a hundred *and* forty *and* four cubits.
- The building of the wall was *of* jasper: and the city pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall *was* jasper, sapphire, a chalcedony; emerald, sardonyx, sardius, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprasus, jacinth, and an amethyst.
- The twelve gates *were* twelve pearls: and the street of the city *was* pure gold, as transparent glass. I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.
- The city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof.

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

The gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And there shall in no wise enter any thing that defiles it: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Chapter 22:

- He shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.
- There shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him: they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.
- There shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God gives them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keeps the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

- The angel then saith to me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.
- Behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.
- (*this is thought of, as being the Bema seat, of Christ, 'the rewards given out to the believers'*). Blessed *are* they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.
- For without *are* dogs, sorcerers, whoremongers, murderers, idolaters, and whosoever makes a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright and morning star.
- And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.
- For I testify unto every man that hears the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and the holy city
- He which testifies these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

