

STUDY OUTLINE  
John's Revelation of Jesus Christ

- I. Prologue (1:1–8)
  - A. Title, transmission, promise of blessing (1:1–3)
  - B. Epistolary opening (1:4–6)
  - C. Announcement of the coming King (1:7–8)
  
- II. Body (1:9–22:5)
  - A. “Things that are”:  
Christ's presence with and knowledge of His churches (1:9–3:22)
    - 1. The Son of Man among His churches (1:9–20)
    - 2. Christ's edict-letters to His seven churches (2:1–3:22)
      - a) To Ephesus (2:1–7)
      - b) To Smyrna (2:8–11)
      - c) To Pergamum (2:12–17)
      - d) To Thyatira (2:18–29)
      - e) To Sardis (3:1–6)
      - f) To Philadelphia (3:7–13)
      - g) To Laodicea (3:14–22)
  - B. “Things that shall take place after this”:  
Christ's defense of His church and destruction of its enemies (4:1–22:5)
    - 1. The Lamb and the scroll: current and coming woes, precursors of the end (4:1–8:1)
      - a) Heaven opened: the Lamb receives the scroll (4:1–5:14)
      - b) The Lamb opens the scroll's seven seals (6:1–8:1)

*Interlude: the sealing of God's (international) Israel (7:1–17)*
    - 2. The angels and the trumpets: warnings of coming wrath (8:2–11:18)
      - a) Heaven's incense altar: the saints' prayers and fire flung to earth (8:2–5)
      - b) Angels sound seven trumpets (8:6–11:18)

*Interlude: the safety and suffering of God's city-sanctuary, His witnessing church (10:1–11:14)*

3. The woman, her son, the dragon, and the beasts: the cosmic conflict between Christ and Satan (11:19–14:20)
  - a) Heaven's temple opened (11:19)
  - b) The woman's son defeats the dragon (12:1–6)
  - c) Michael and heaven's armies defeat the dragon (12:7-17)
  - d) The beast from the sea (13:1–10)
  - e) The false prophet from the land (13:11–18)
  - f) The Lamb and His sealed victors (14:1–5)
  - g) Angelic announcements of judgment (14:6–13)
  - h) Harvests of earth and vine (14:14–20)
4. The bowls of God's final wrath (15:1–16:21)
  - a) Heaven's sanctuary filled with glory (15:1–8)
  - b) Angels pour out seven bowls (16:1–21)
5. Babylon the prostitute (17:1–19:10)
  - a) Babylon's power and luxury (17:1–15)
  - b) Babylon's fall lamented and celebrated (17:16–19:10)
6. The defeat and destruction of the beasts, the dragon, and death (19:11–20:15)
  - a) Christ defeats and destroys the beast, the false prophet, and their gathered armies (19:11–21)

*Interlude: the thousand years of the dragon's binding and the martyrs' reign (20:1–6)*

- b) God defeats and destroys the dragon and its gathered armies (20:7–10)
  - c) The last judgment and the destruction of death, the last enemy (20:11–15)
7. "All things new" (21:1–22:5)
  - a) The new heaven and earth, home of the Lamb's bride (21:1–8)
  - b) The new Jerusalem, the Lamb's pure bride (21:9–22:5)

III. Epilogue (22:6–21)

- A. Transmission and trustworthiness of the Revelation, promise that Jesus is coming soon, promise of blessing (22:6–9)
- B. Prohibition of sealing the book, promise that Jesus is coming soon, promise of blessing (22:10–15)
- C. Transmission of the Revelation (22:16–17)
- D. Prohibition of altering the book, promise that Jesus is coming soon, and final pronouncement of blessing (22:18–21)

