

Title: apocalypse - unveiling = revelation - uncovering revelation is right approach. Four different approaches (1) Practerists = already fulfilled in early history of Church (2) Historists = ^{reformation} covers whole history from 1st Century to end time (3) Idealists = sets forth spiritual truths by symbols (4) Futurists = major party book refers to what is still future - Outline - Entitled X

Title is key to its content

THE REVELATION OF JOHN

I X Enthroned in Heaven - 1-5, 14-5
 II X Enthroned on Earth 6-20
 III X Enthroned in new Creation - 21-22

15 or 16 AD

REVELATION OF JOHN

- II - X Enthroned on Earth - 6-20 → 6-11 + 12-19 are parallel - repeats - 6-11 - 7 Trumpets; 12-19 - 7 Vials
- 6-11
 - 6-7 seals
 - 7 - Parenthetical
 - 8 - Israel Remnant sealed
 - 9 - Blessedness of saints in heaven
 - 10-11 - Parenthetical Jerusalem in Great Tribulation
 - 12-19
 - 12-13 - 7 persons
 - 14 - Parenthetical
 - 17-18 - Parenthetical Babylon in "Wrath"
 - 19 - after 7th vial
 - 20 - Lord reigns
 - 21 - 24 elders worship
 - 22 - Armageddon

I - X Enthroned in Heaven - (1) - X in heaven operating thru the church on earth. (2) (3) - the church on earth functions for the X in heaven (4) X in place of Supreme ~~Control~~ authority (5) X in Supreme Control

III - X Enthroned in new Creation 21, 22 - "all things new"

1. not heaven = describes new earth 2. not millennium - chapt 20

[Purpose of Satan based in 20: 7-10 - to finally demonstrate the utter incurability of Satan - the inemendable failure of human nature - even after 1000 yrs of perfect government. Chapt 4-22 all future

WHY I AM FUTURIST 1. Many of things in Rev. have never been fulfilled. 2. Resurrections 3. called Book of Prophecies

WRITTEN 95/96 AD - DOMITIAN, emperor of Rome - Great Persecution - Why Christians Persecuted? 1. MILITARY - WON CONVE NOT CONFUSED W/ JUDISM 2. WOULD NOT WORSHIP CAESAR 3. REFUSED TO BOW TO IDOLS 4. CANNIBALS 5. COMMERCIAL - 100% BUSINESS 6. SLAVES, POOR - LOOKED DOWN UPON.

Values: 1 - It is an unveiling of X
 2 - It is the inspiration to faithful
 3 - It is a revelation of the issues of history

It's gift to X - what John to see all these things - Books of Symbols

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show unto his servants, even the things which must shortly come to pass: and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John; 2 who bare witness of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, even of all the things that he saw. 3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things that are written therein: for the time is at hand.

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from him who is and who was and

¹ Or, gave unto him, to show unto his servants the things
² Gr. bondservants.
³ Or, them

certainly & speedily

hand seven stars: and out of his mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. 17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as one dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying, Fear not; I am the first and the last, 18 and the Living one; and I ^{was} dead, and behold, I am alive ^{for evermore}, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. 19 Write therefore the things which ^{thou sawest}, and the things which are, and the things which shall come to pass hereafter; 20 the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest ^{in my right hand}, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the ^{angels} of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks are seven churches.

2 To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, he that walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks: 2 I know thy works, and thy ^{toil} and ^{patience}, and that thou canst not bear evil men, and didst try them that call themselves apostles, and they are not, and didst find them false; 3 and thou hast ^{patience} and didst bear for my name's sake, and hast not grown weary. 4 But I have ^{this} against thee, that thou didst leave thy first love. 5 Remember therefore whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I come to thee, and will move thy candlestick out of its place, except thou repent. 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. To him that overcometh, to him will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the ^{Paradise} of God.

8 And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

¹ Gr. became. ¹⁰ Gr. unto the ages of the ages.
² Gr. upon. ¹¹ Gr. lampstand.
³ Or, garden: as in Gen. 2. 8.

"X in right hand"
 "I know"

3 Reasons applicable to us
 1- Seven = fulness, complete
 2- One = church
 3- Books of prophecy

Outline of 7 churches
 1- X's character
 2- X's commendation
 3- X's condemnation
 4- X's counsel

Ephesus: Lovelessness
 I - Character = Holds Men, watches them
 II - Commendation = Know - Service, works & labor
 on other church

Separated
 fundamental

III - Condemnation (Left) first love
 not lose, but leave

IV - Counsel 1- Remember
 2- Repent
 3- Repeat

To print
 2-2

3 on the throne - Jasper - holiness
 Sardius = magnificence
 Rainbow = symbol of mercy in midst of Judgment

24 elders = 12 is number of religion - 12 Patriarchs
 + 12 apostles - They represent the redeemed
 of mankind - seated victoriously
 Thrones - reigning
 - together they make up O's redeemed society
 - 24 - all - don't lose a one - in heaven

Living Creatures 200 - our word zoo - Cherubim
 to carry out O's purpose in earth - have to do by
 & creation, execute His will

worship -
 O's Queen Victoria
 wanted to lay her
 throne at His feet

heaven, and one sitting upon the throne; 3 and he that sat was to look upon like a jasper stone and a sardius: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, like an emerald to look upon. 4 And round about the throne were four and twenty thrones: and upon the thrones I saw four and twenty elders sitting, arrayed in white garments; and on their heads crowns of gold. 5 And out of the throne proceed lightnings and voices and thunders. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; 6 and before the throne, as it were a sea of glass like unto crystal; and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, four living creatures full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face as of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four living creatures, having each one of them six wings, are full of eyes round about and within: and they have no rest day and night, saying,

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.

9 And when the living creatures shall give glory and honor and thanks to him that sitteth on the throne, to him that liveth for ever and ever, 10 the four and twenty elders shall fall down before him that sitteth on the throne, and shall worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and shall cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 Worthy art thou, our Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power: for thou didst create all things, and because of thy will they were, and were created.

5 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne

- without power control

1 Or, glassy sea 2 Or, before See ch. 7. 17; comp. 5. 8.
 3 Or, who cometh 4 Or, unto the ages of the ages.
 5 Or, on.

filled w/ important - So many judgments, pressed for space!

a book written within and on the back, close sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a great voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? 3 And no one in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, or to look thereon. 4 And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open the book, or to look thereon: 5 and one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not; behold, the Lion that is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath overcome to open the book and the seven seals thereof. 6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent forth into all the earth. 7 And he came, and he taketh it out of the right hand of him that sat on the throne. 8 And when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sing a new song, saying,

Worthy art thou to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and didst purchase unto God with thy blood men of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, 10 and madest them to be unto our God a kingdom and priests; and they reign upon the earth.

11 And I saw, and I heard a voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 saying with a great voice, Worthy is the Lamb that hath

⁶ Or, between the throne with the four living creatures, and the elders. ⁷ Some ancient authorities omit seven. ⁸ Gr. hath taken.

sealed down - how securely sealed
7 = complete - profound secrecy
I has -

Book of Human Destiny = secret sealed = the impossibility of anyone explaining destiny
Man -
- on D's hand

Tears = appears mysteriously would always be unresolved - stand of tears of all who have not stood dumb before mystery of life
yet unnecessary: most of our weeping is unnecessary, unjustified knowledge

violent word - Throat cut - still bears marks of death

w/out hesitation = authority of X
Human destiny explained only thru death of X

Prophet promise = comfort
24 elders bring to D's remembrance all the promises & prayers of His people = our prayers aren't lost

Redeemed speak directly to Lamb

- worthy because of:
1 - the death he bore
2 - the deliverance he brought
3 - the dominion he bestows

angels (inferior to Redeemed) speak about the Lamb

morally worthy

Reverend like mission Victory

power

bearden of intercession

Angels don't sing!

Wills not in some fact kind

those are referred to as saints, not "Church"

How can people be saved after Spirit received - Sanctified

before Pentecost

REVELATION 7.1-7.10 [588]

Chapter 7 - a parenthesis, pause in action -

in Tribes, Dan isn't mentioned, guilt & idolatry -

Deut 29:21 - 10 tribes separated from rest

Jer 24:11; Judges 18:1,2; 30-31; 1 Kings 12:28-30

- Dan's place, Manasseh, Joseph's son -

etc - in Rabinic symbolism Dan stands for idolatry & that which is to spring from Dan Jer 18:16

The Seal = mark of Divine possession, protection & preservation - Names now are sealed immediately in conversion.

These are sealed to be preserved & protected from tribulation. In Rev 14, all present & accounted for

of Rev 9:10, 11
"Comment"

7 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that no wind should blow on the earth, or on the sea, or upon any tree. 2 And I saw another angel ascend from the sunrising, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a great voice to the four angels to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we shall have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads. 4 And I heard the number of them that were sealed, a hundred and forty and four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the children of Israel:

Temporary

- 5 Of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand;
 - Of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand;
 - Of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand;
- 6 Of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand;
 - Of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand;
 - Of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand;
- 7 Of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand;
 - Of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand;
 - Of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand;
- 8 Of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand;
 - Of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand;
 - Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

1000 Gentiles = 10's order, "Jew just" - pm 1116

9 After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 and they cry with a great voice, saying,

sign of victory & deliverance

Salvation unto our God who

¹ Gr. bondservants.

When Israel returned from Babylon, they made booths of palm branches

sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels were standing round about the throne, and about the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, 12 saying,

Amen: ²Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God ³for ever and ever. Amen.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, These that are arrayed in the white robes, who are they, and whence came they? 14 And I ⁴say unto him, My lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they that come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God; and they serve him day and night in his ⁵temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat: 17 for the Lamb that is in the midst ⁶of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

8 And when he opened the seventh seal, there followed a silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. 2 And I saw the seven angels that stand before God; and there were given unto them seven trumpets.

3 And another angel came and stood ⁷over the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should ⁸add it unto the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, ⁹with

² Gr. The blessing, and the glory &c.
³ Gr. unto the ages of the ages.
⁴ Gr. have said. ⁵ Or, sanctuary
⁶ Or, before See ch. 4, 6; comp. 5, 8.
⁷ Or, at ⁸ Or, give. ⁹ Or, for

Revelation from
 1 - Peace
 2 - War
 3 - Famine
 4 - Pestilence
 5 - Persecution of people
 6 - Warning sign
 7 - final visitation from above
 1000 yr reign

Two Great Events - Capture & return - between these two lie the Great Tribulation

7th Seal includes 7 trumpets
 Judgment Resumed - Trumpets lead to consummation of presence, worship, warfare

Angel of the Presence = high ranking angel
 Each angel holds a trumpet - the 7 trumpets tell of the great final intervention of G in Judgment

prayer of vindication - O answers now
 Incense = merit & virtue of lips of X
 our prayers are added to merit of X, men & of them do they ascend to the throne

Why this interlude? Why? 1 - The great & final Judgment of earth is in answer to prayers of G's people
 2 - G is revealing to us the Judgment, justice, perdition & nothing other than the trouble of rejected faith & love.

attention -
 Guide before storm

Why Silence? 1 - Silence of love & intense expectancy
 this is the last drama of the ultimate mystery of almsight, G.

2 - Silence of foreboding

2 - on sea, creatures in sea & commerce 3 - fountain of rivers & rivers
4 - stiller sky in heavens above us [] & are general judgement
on earth 5 - Breaking of partition, opening of door between earth &
hell. 6 - loosening of & restraining angels army of 200,000,000
horsemen & 7 Thunders & test of 10, 100, 1000

7 - Great Battle of Armagedon.

us = that are the beginning
of terrible calamities which
follow the sounding of the trumpets

1st Trumpet - 1/3 of all vegetation burned

2nd Trumpet = Serious effect upon commerce

of the plague in Egypt
Ex. 9

the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. 5 And the angel 'taketh the censer; and he filled it with the fire of the altar, and cast it ²upon the earth: and there followed thunders, and voices, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

6 And the seven angels that had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

7 And the first sounded, and there followed hail and fire, mingled with blood, and they were cast ²upon the earth: and the third part of the earth was burnt up, and the third part of the trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; 9 and there died the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, even they that had life; and the third part of the ships was destroyed.

10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell from heaven a great star, burning as a torch, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of the waters; 11 and the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; that the third part of them should be darkened, and the day should not shine for the third part of it, and the night in like manner.

13 And I saw, and I heard ²an eagle, flying in mid heaven, saying with a great voice, Woe, woe, woe, for them that dwell on the earth, by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, who are yet to sound.

¹Gr. hath taken ²Or. into ³Gr. one eagle.

The judgements following are so intense & worse first.