

Revelation²²

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Key Verse: 1:19,

“Write therefore the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall take place after these things.”

I. THERE IS MENTION OF “THE THINGS WHICH *HAVE BEEN*” (1:1-20).

1. The Prologue Marks The Purpose and Plan of the Communication (1:1-3).
2. The Salutation Notes the Trinitarian Blessing (1:4-7).
3. Jesus Christ, The Central Person, Speaks (1:8).
4. Jesus Christ is Revealed in Glory (1:19-20).
 - (1) John gives the background to Jesus Christ's Revelation (1:9-11).
 - (2) John gives the picture of the Glorified Christ (1:12-20).

II. THERE IS MENTION OF “THE THINGS WHICH *ARE*” (2:1-3:22).

➤ The Seven Churches

1. Here is Christ's Message to the Church at Ephesus (2:1-7).
2. Here is Christ's Message to the Church at Smyrna (2:8-11).
3. Here is Christ's Message to the Church at Pergamum (2:12-17).
4. Here is Christ's Message to the Church at Thyatira (2:18-29).
5. Here is Christ's Message to the Church at Sardis (3:1-6).
6. Here is Christ's Message to the Church at Philadelphia (3:7-13).
7. Here is Christ's Message to the Church at Laodicea (3:14-22).

III. THERE IS MENTION OF “THE THINGS WHICH *SHALL BE HEREAFTER*” (4:1-22-21).

1. Scene One Occurs In Heaven (4:1-5:14)
 - (1) The Church is Raptured from the Earth and domiciles with the Lord in Glory (4:1-11).
 - A. John is witness to these things by invitation (4:1-2a).
 - B. John is witness to the Son and His Heavenly entourage (4:2b-11).
 - a. He sees the glory of the Son (4:2b-3).

- b. He sees the gathering about the Son (4:4-7).
 - c. He sees the activity of the creatures before the face of the Son (4:8-11).
 - (2) Christ Receives "Title Deed" (5:1-14).
 - A. The book is preserved for its owner (5:1-4).
 - B. The Son of God alone is owner of the book (5:5-8).
 - C. The Son's reception of the book occasions rejoicing and worship (5:9-14).
- 2. Scene Two Occurs On Earth (6:1-18:24)
 - The Great Tribulation!
 - (1) The Seven Seals are opened (6:1-8:1).
 - A. The Lamb alone opens the Seals (6:1).
 - B. The Lamb's Seals are significant (6:2-17).
 - a. Seal One: the White Horse provokes war on the Earth (6:1-2).
 - b. Seal Two: the Red Horse removes peace from the Earth (6:3-4).
 - c. Seal Three: the Black Horse promotes famine upon the Earth (6:5-6).
 - d. Seal Four: the Ashen Horse plagues the Earth with death (6:7-8).
 - e. Seal Five: the souls of those slain because of the Lamb reside beneath the altar (6:9-11).
 - f. Seal Six: the wrath of the Lamb is displayed (6:12-17).
 - C. Look more closely at the Sixth Seal (7:1-17).
 - a. The Lord's people are sealed (7:1-9).
 - (a) There is preparation for the sealing (7:1-3).
 - (b) Jewish believers are sealed (7:4-8).
 - (c) Gentile believers are sealed (7:9).
 - b. The Lord is praised by the Heavenly throng (7:10-12).
 - (a) Note who the throng is (7:10-11).
 - (b) Note what the throng says (7:12).
 - c. The identity of the redeemed is revealed (7:13-14).
 - d. The service of the redeemed is revealed (7:15).
 - e. The security of the redeemed is revealed (7:16-17).
 - D. The Seventh Seal is opened (8:1-5).
 - a. There is preparation for the angelic work (8:1-2).
 - (a) The preparation includes silence (8:1).
 - (b) The preparation includes trumpets (8:2).

- b. There is angelic service at the altar (8:3-5).
- (2) The Seven Trumpets sound and the angels commence their work (8:6-11:18).
 - A. First Trumpet: Botanical Judgment (1/3 grass, trees are burned) (8:6-7).
 - B. Second Trumpet: Marine Judgment (1/3 sea became blood) (8:8-9).
 - C. Third Trumpet: Geological Judgment (1/3 rivers & springs are polluted) (8:10-11).
 - D. Fourth Trumpet: Astral Judgment (1/3 sun, moon, stars smitten) (8:12-13).
 - E. Fifth Trumpet: Anthropological Judgment (physical human torture via locusts) (9:1-12).
 - F. Sixth Trumpet: Mental/Spiritual Judgment (mental and spiritual torture via demons; 1/3 mankind is killed) (9:13-11:14).
 - G. Seventh Trumpet: to the End of the Great Tribulation (11:15-18).
- (3) The Seven Personalities are revealed (11:19-13:18).
 - A. The Woman is Israel (11:19-12:2).
 - B. The Red Dragon is Satan (12:3-4).
 - C. The Male Child is Christ (12:5-6).
 - D. Michael is the Archangel (12:7-12).
 - a. He wages victorious war with the Dragon (12:7-9).
 - b. His victory evokes a note of praise (12:10-12).
 - E. The Dragon persecuted the Woman (12:13-16).
 - F. The Remnant is the Sealed of Israel (12:17).
 - G. The Wild Beast out of the Sea is the Antichrist (13:1-10).
 - H. The Wild Beast out of the Land is the False Prophet (13:11-18).
- (4) The Lamb stands on Mount Zion (14:1-15:1).
 - A. He stands in the midst of a multitude (14:1).
 - B. He stands under a voice from Heaven (14:2).
 - C. He stands among the blameless (14:3-5).
 - D. Angel One comes preaching (14:6-7).
 - E. Angel Two comes pronouncing (14:8).
 - F. Angel Three comes proclaiming (14:9-12).
 - G. The Holy Trinity speaks and acts from Heaven (14:13).
 - a. The Father speaks (14:13a).
 - b. The Spirit speaks (14:13b).

- c. The Son emerges to exercise judgment (14:14).
 - H. Angel Four comes in temporal judgment (14:15-16).
 - I. Angel Five comes in eternal judgment (14:7).
 - J. Angel Six comes in timely judgment (14:18-15:1).
 - (5) The Seven Bowls are emptied (15:2-16:21).
 - A. The Lord is victorious (15:2-4).
 - a. He is victorious over the Beast (15:2).
 - b. His victory is celebrated with song (15:3-4).
 - B. Preparations commence for the Seven Last Plagues (15:5-16:1).
 - C. Bowls of God's wrath are poured out on the Earth (16:2-21).
 - a. The First Bowl produces sores on the men with the Beast's mark (16:2).
 - b. The Second Bowl produces blood in the sea (16:3).
 - c. The Third Bowl produces blood in the rivers and springs (16:4-7).
 - d. The Fourth Bowl produces scorching fire upon men (16:8-9).
 - e. The Fifth Bowl produces darkness upon the Beast's kingdom (16:10-11).
 - f. The Sixth Bowl produces dryness in the River Euphrates (16:12-16).
 - g. The Seventh Bowl produces a cataclysmic Earthquake (16:17-21).
 - (6) The Burdens of Babylon are revealed (17:1-18:24).
 - A. Mystery Babylon is ecclesiastical (17:1-18).
 - a. John sees the judgment of the great harlot (17:1-5).
 - b. John is made to understand the judgment of the great harlot (17:6-18).
 - B. Commercial Babylon is economical (18:1-24).
 - a. There is sound basis for her judgment (18:1-3).
 - b. There is great expanse to her sin (18:1-3).
 - c. There is certainty and finality to her destruction (18:21-24).
- 3. Scene Three Occurs In Heaven (19:1-21).
 - Christ's Second Coming!
 - (1) Great rejoicing ensues following the Lord God's victorious judgments (19:1-6).
 - (2) The Marriage Supper of the Lamb occurs (19:7-10).
 - (3) The Lord Jesus returns to Earth to fight the Battle of Armageddon (19:11-16).
 - (4) The victory completed, the Great Supper commences (19:17-18).

- (5) The destruction of the Antichrist and the False Prophet are realized (19:19-21).
- 4. Scene Four Occurs On Earth (20:1-15).
 - The Millennial Reign of Christ!
 - (1) Christ reigns on the Throne of David for a millennium (20:1-10).
 - A. Satan is bound for 1,000 years (20:1-3).
 - B. The nations are judged (20:4-6).
 - C. At the end of the millennium, Satan is released and the Battle of Gog and Magog is fought (20:7-10).
 - (2) Christ judges from the Great White Throne (20:11-15).
 - A. No one to be judged can escape (20:11).
 - B. All judgment will be just (based on written evidence) (20:12-13).
 - C. Judgment ends in eternal banishment and punishment (20:14-15).
- 5. The Final Scene Is All Things New (21:1-22:21).
 - (1) New Heavens and a new Earth exist (21:1).
 - (2) The New Jerusalem descends from Heaven (21:2).
 - (3) A new relationship exists between God and man (21:3).
 - (4) A new freedom exists for man (21:4).
 - (5) A new inheritance exists for redeemed mankind (21:5-8).
 - A. There is bliss for the redeemed (21:5-7).
 - B. There is banishment for the unredeemed (21:8).
 - (6) The New Jerusalem is described (21:9-22:5).
 - (7) The Revelation closes with a sense of urgency! (22:6-21).