

**1a OPENING**  
**APOCALYPSE (a-1)** GREEK: αποκαλυψις  
 \* A TYPE OF JEWISH LITERATURE (EZEKIEL, DANIEL, HEBRA, TENOK)  
 \* SYMBOLIC VISIONS THAT REVEAL A HEAVENLY PERSPECTIVE ON HISTORY IN LIGHT OF ITS FINAL OUTCOME  
**JOHN** THE BELOVED DISCIPLE? ANOTHER JOHN?  
 MEANINGFUL IMAGES DRAWN FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT  
**LETTER (1:4-22:21)** SENT TO 7 CHURCHES  
 ITS MEANING FOR US MUST BE ANCHORED IN JOHN'S MEANING FOR THEM!  
**PROPHECY (1:3)** GOD'S WORD THROUGH A PROPHET  
 BRINGS OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY TO ITS CLIMAX

# THE REVELATION OF JESUS



A SYMBOLIC VISION FOR EVERY GENERATION OF THE CHURCH  
 HISTORY'S PATTERN: ALL HUMAN KINGDOMS BECOME BABYLON & MUST BE RESISTED  
 THAT REVEALS GOD'S PROMISE: JESUS WILL RETURN TO REMOVE EVIL FROM HIS WORLD

**1b-3 MESSAGE TO THE 7 CHURCHES**  
 THE SEVEN CHURCHES (SEE REVELATION 1)  
 EPHESUS, SMYRNA, PERGAMUM, THYATIRA, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA & LAODICEA  
 TRIBULATION (2:9-10)  
 PERSECUTION  
 APOATHY  
 AFFLUENCE  
 IMMORALITY  
 COMPROMISE  
 FAITHFULNESS  
 THE CONQUERORS ARE REWARDED in the NEW CREATION (ch. 21&22)

**6-16 3 SETS OF 7 DIVINE JUDGMENTS**  
 LITERAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (A) (PAST, PRESENT, OR FUTURE) BUT NOTICE: GOD'S CONTAINER CONTAIN 7x TRUMPET, TRUMPETS CONTAIN 7x SEAL  
 EACH SET CONCLUDES WITH FINAL JUDGMENT (B) THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN JESUS' RESURRECTION & RETURN FROM THREE PERSPECTIVES

**6-8a SEVEN SEALS**  
 1. WAR  
 2. COMBUSTION  
 3. DARKNESS  
 4. DEATH  
 5. HOW LONG O LORD?  
 6. THE DAY OF THE LORD! (ISAIAH 2, JOEL 2)  
 WHO CAN STAND?  
 REST A LITTLE LONGER  
 THEY CAN!  
 (SEE ZECHARIAH 4:1)

**ch. 7 THE LAMB'S ARMY**  
 MARK GOD'S SERVANTS - the 144,000 MILITARY CENSUS - 12 TRIBES (SEE NUMBERS 1)  
 HEARS  
 SEES  
 THE MESSIANIC ARMY OF GOD'S KINGDOM FROM ALL NATIONS  
 8:5  
 11:19

**17-19a THE FALL OF BABYLON**  
 BABYLON → ROME'S MILITARY & ECONOMIC POWER → ARCHETYPE OF HUMANITY'S REBELLION AGAINST GOD  
 BLEND OF OLD TESTAMENT IMAGES DESCRIBING BABYLON, TYRE & EDOM (ISAIAH 13, 23, 39, 47; JEREMIAH 50-51; EZEKIEL 26-27)

**4-5 THE THRONE OF GOD & THE LAMB**  
 HOLY!  
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 MESSAGE OF THE PROPHECY (ISAIAH 54:6; EZEKIEL 43:1; DANIEL 12)  
 ABOUT HOW GOD'S KINGDOM WILL COME ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN  
 WHO CAN OPEN THE SCROLL?  
 THE LION OF JUDAH!  
 THE ROOT OF DAVID! (ISAIAH 11:1)  
 SEES  
 HEARS  
**THE SACRIFICED LAMB**  
 GOD'S KINGDOM WAS INAUGURATED THROUGH THE CRUCIFIED MESSIAH WHO DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES.  
 HIS DEATH WAS CONQUEST OVER EVIL

**8b-11 SEVEN TRUMPETS**  
 THE EXODUS PLAGUES (SEE EXODUS 4-7:12)  
 THE FOUR HORSEMAN  
 THE NATIONS DON'T REPENT (1:9-11)  
 10-11-13

**THE LAMB'S SCROLL**  
 MEASURE THE TEMPLE  
 PROTECTION OF REBELLIOUS  
 BUT EXCLUDE THE CHURCH  
 A) LITERAL DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM  
 B) NEW TEMPLE = SYMBOL OF GOD'S PEOPLE (1 CORINTHIANS 3:16; HEBREWS 3:6; 1 PETER 2:5)  
 TWO WITNESSES PROPHECY...  
 LAMPSTANDS = CHURCHES  
 2 LITERAL PROPHECY  
 SYMBOLS OF THE CHURCH'S PROPHECY ROLE  
 ... & ARE KILLED...  
 ... BUT THEN VINDICATED...  
 THE SCROLL REVEALS THE CHURCH'S MISSION: IMITATE THE LIVING SACRIFICE OF THE LAMB  
 GOD'S MERCY DEMANDS REPENTANCE (11-13)  
 11-19

**19b-20 THE FINAL BATTLE**  
 17-18-21 THE FINAL BATTLE I  
 ARMAGEDDON IS NOT BLOODBATH  
 JESUS DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES & NOW HOLDS THEM ACCOUNTABLE.  
 JUSTICE  
 20-7 THE MARTYRS VINDICATED  
 THE MARTYRS RECAL... FOR 1,000 YEARS  
 20-8-15 THE FINAL BATTLE II (SEE DANIEL 7)  
 LITERAL SEQUENCE  
 1,000 YEAR KINGDOM  
 JESUS' RETURN  
 FINAL JUDGEMENT  
 THOUSAND YEARS = SYMBOL OF JESUS' PRESENT VICTORY  
 TWO BATTLES = JESUS' RETURN FROM TWO ANGLES  
 THE DRAGON, BABYLON & ALL WHO CHOOSE THEM ARE ETERNALLY QUARANTINED  
 THE POINT: JESUS WILL RETURN AS A KING TO DEAL WITH EVIL & VINDICATE HIS FOLLOWERS

**12-14 SEVEN SIGNS (=SYMBOLS)**  
 THE COSMIC BATTLE (BASED ON GENESIS 3:15) 12  
 THEY CONQUER THE DRAGON THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB (12:11)  
 NOT THE REAL ONES!  
 13 THE EARTHLY BATTLE (BASED ON DANIEL 7:1-2)  
 MILITARY POWER  
 ECONOMIC MACHINE  
 RABBIT  
 BEAST  
 FLESH  
 GREEK  
 ROME, etc...  
 1) THE MID-EVIL  
 PRAYER OF ALLEGIANCE FROM REBELLIOUSITY 6-9  
 WRITTEN ON FOREHEAD & HAND (CHANGING) (12:15)

**14a THE LAMB'S ARMY**  
 THE ETERNAL GOSPEL (14:6)  
 BABYLON HAS FALLEN  
 FEAR GOD & GIVE HIM GLORY!  
 THE NEW JERUSALEM  
**14b FINAL JUSTICE**  
 THE GRAIN HARVEST & GOD'S PEOPLE  
 THE GRAPE HARVEST OF HUMANITY'S EVIL  
**THE CHOICE**  
 RESIST BABYLON TO FOLLOW THE LAMB OR FOLLOW THE BEAST & SUFFER ITS DEFEAT

**21-22 THE MARRIAGE OF HEAVEN & EARTH**  
 THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB  
 I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW. (21:5)  
 ALL CREATION OF THE TEMPLE OF GOD & THE LAMB  
 HUMANITY RULES AS GOD'S IMAGE (GENESIS 1:27-28)  
 KALEIDOSCOPE OF OLD TESTAMENT PROMISES  
 NEW HEAVEN & EARTH (ISAIAH 65-67)  
 NEW GARDEN OF EDEN (GENESIS 2, EZEKIEL 47)  
 NEW JERUSALEM (ISAIAH 2, ZEPHANIAH 3)

**15-16 SEVEN BOWLS**  
 THE EXODUS PLAGUES (AGAIN!)  
 BLOOD  
 FIRE  
 DARKNESS  
 HAIL

**ARMAGEDDON:**  
 LOCATION OF MANY ISRAELITE BATTLES (JUDGES 5:19, 2 KINGS 23:29)  
 SYMBOL OF REBELLIOUS NATIONS (EZEKIEL 38-39)  
 16:17-21