

1a OPENING

APCALYPSE (α) GREEK: αποκάλυψις
 • A TYPE OF JEWISH LITERATURE
 • MEANINGFUL IMAGES DRAWN FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

SYMBOLIC VISIONS
 THAT REVEAL A HEAVENLY PERSPECTIVE ON HISTORY IN LIGHT OF ITS FINAL OUTCOME

JOHN
 THE BELIEVED DISCIPLE? ANOTHER JOHN?

LETTER (1-4, 21-22)
 SENT TO 7 CHURCHES
 ITS MEANING FOR US MUST BE ANCHORED IN JOHN'S MEANING FOR THEM.

PROPHECY (1-3)
 • GODS WORD THROUGH A PROPHET
 • BRINGS OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY TO ITS CLIMAX

THE REVELATION OF JESUS



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

1b-3 MESSAGE TO THE 7 CHURCHES

THE SEVEN CHURCHES (SEE ZECHARIAH 4)
 EPHESUS, SMYRNA, PEARGAMUM, THYATIRA, SADEIRA, PHILADELPHIA, LAODICEA

TRIBULATION (2-7-6)
 PERSECUTION
 APATHELY
 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 (PAST, PRESENT, OR FUTURE) BUT NOTICE: 7 BOWLS CONTAINED WITHIN 76 TRUMPETS, TRUMPETS WITHIN 76 SEALS - EACH SET CONCLUDES WITH FINAL JUDGMENT - THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN JESUS' RESURRECTION & RETURN FROM THREE PERSPECTIVES

6-8a SEVEN SEALS

ch 7 THE LAMB'S ARMY
 MARK GOD'S SERVANTS: the 144,000
 MILITARY CENSUS = 12 TRIBES (SEE NUMBERS 3)
 THEY CAN! THE MESSIANIC ARMY OF GOD'S KINGDOM FROM ALL NATIONS

6 THE DAY OF THE LORD!
 HOW LONG A LOOK? BEST LITTLE LONGER. WHO CAN STAND? (ISAIAH 2, JEREM 2)

4-5 THE THRONE OF GOD & THE LAMB

HOLY! HOLY!
 MESSAGE OF THE PROPHECY (ISAIAH 6, EZEKIEL 2, DANIEL 7)
 HOLY! HOW GODS KINGDOM WILL COME ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

WHO CAN OPEN THE SCROLL?
 THE LION OF JUDAH (GENESIS 49:10) THE ROOT OF DAVID (ISAIAH 11:1)

THE SACRIFICED LAMB
 • GODS KINGDOM WAS INAUGURATED THROUGH THE CRUCIFIED MESSIANIC LAMB WHO DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES.
 • HIS DEATH WAS CONQUEST OVER EVIL.

8b-11 SEVEN TRUMPETS

THE EXODUS PLAGUES (SEE EXODUS 4-12)
 6 THE FOUR HORSEMEN
 THE NATIONS DON'T REPENT (1-20-1)

9-11 THE LAMB'S SCROLL
 A) LITERAL DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM
 B) NEW TEMPLE = SYMBOL OF GODS PEOPLE (1 CORINTHIANS 3:16, HEBREWS 9:8, 1 PETER 2:5)
 C) LITERAL PROPHECY
 D) SYMBOLS OF THE CHURCH'S PROPHETIC ROLE (SEE DANIEL 7)

TWO WITNESSES PROPHECY... ARE KILLED... BUT THEN VINDICATED...
 THE SCROLL REVEALS THE CHURCH'S POSITION: IMITATE THE LOVING SACRIFICE OF THE LAMB & THE NATIONS DO REPENT (11-13)
 GODS MERCY BRINGS REPENTANCE

12-14 SEVEN SIGNS (=SYMBOLS)

12 THE COSMIC BATTLE (ON GENESIS 3:15)
 THEY CONQUER THE DRAGON THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB (12:11)

13 THE EARTHLY BATTLE (BASED DANIEL 7:12)
 MILITARY POWER = 666 = ECONOMIC MACHINE
 1) THE ABOLISHMENT OF ALL LAWS (FROM PROPHETIC ORPHIC WRITER OR PHARISEAN & HINDU (THIRUVALLUVA) RETURN)
 2) THE NUMBER 666 = TOP 1773 (MESSIAH) = 1773 (BEAST)
 ROME, etc...

14a THE LAMB'S ARMY
 THE ETERNAL GOSPEL (14:6)
 THE NEW JERUSALEM

14b FINAL JUSTICE
 THE GRAIN HARVEST OF GODS PEOPLE
 THE GRAZE HARVEST OF HUMANITY'S EVIL

THE CHOICE
 RESIST BABYLON TO FOLLOW THE LAMB OR FOLLOW THE BEAST & SUFFER ITS DEFEAT

15-16 SEVEN BOWLS

THE EXODUS PLAGUES (AGAIN!)
 1) 2) 3) 4) 5) 6) 7)

ARMAGEDDON:
 LOCATION OF MANY ISRAELITE BATTLES (JUDGES 5:14, 2 KINGS 13:24)
 SYMBOL OF REBELLIOUS NATIONS (EZEKIEL 38-39)

17-19a THE FALL OF BABYLON

BABYLON → ROMES MILITARY & ECONOMIC POWER → ARCHTYPE OF IMPATIENTS RECKLESS AGAINST GOD
 BLEND OF OLD TESTAMENT IMAGES: DESCENDING BATHYON, TITUS & ROMY (ISAIAH 13, IS. 17, 34, 47, JEREMIAH 50-51, EZEKIEL 26-27)

19b-20 THE FINAL BATTLE

17-19 THE FINAL BATTLE I
 ARMAGEDDON = NOT BLOODBATH
 JESUS DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES & NOW HELD THEM ACCOUNTABLE.

20-17 THE MARTYRS VINDICATED
 THE MARTYRS REEL
 1000 YEAR KINGDOM
 JESUS RETURN FINAL JUDGEMENT

20-9-15 THE FINAL BATTLE II (SEE DANIEL 7)
 THOUSAND YEARS = SYMBOL OF JESUS PRESENT VICTORY
 TWO BATTLES - JESUS RETURN FROM TWO ANGLES

THE POINT: JESUS WILL RETURN AS A KING TO DEAL WITH EVIL & VINDICATE HIS FOLLOWERS
 THE DRAGON, BABYLON & ALL WHO CHOOSE THEM ARE ETERNALLY DAMNED

21-22 THE MARRIAGE OF HEAVEN & EARTH

THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB
 I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW. (21:5)

ALL CREATION OF GOD & THE LAMB
 HUMANITY RULES AS GODS IMAGE (GENESIS 1:26-27)

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 • NEW HEAVEN & EARTH (ISAIAH 65-67)
 • NEW GARDEN OF EDEN (GENESIS 2, EZEKIEL 47)
 • NEW JERUSALEM (ISAIAH 2, ZEPHANIAH 3)