

# A Survey of the New Testament

## Lesson 28: Revelation

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### “An Apocalyptic Tableau”

**Summary:** John witnessed and recorded a heavenly demonstration of end-time events for instruction of believers throughout history.

**Purpose:**

- John identified three purposes in his introduction (1:1-3).
  - Information: The majority of this books content is new information about \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1).
  - Instruction: Instruction about future judgments should motivate \_\_\_\_\_ (1:3).
  - Warning: “The time is at hand” (1:3).
- Revelation was *not* written for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Revelation *does* give a lot of new information about the end of the world.
  - Some of this information is obscured through the use of apocalyptic \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Forcing symbols to match current events to satisfy personal curiosity will likely result in mistaken conclusions.

**Author:** The apostle \_\_\_\_\_.

- He wrote a \_\_\_\_\_ (1:2).
- He ministered in the churches of Asia Minor at the end of his life making the beginning comments addressed to these churches appropriate.
- Church fathers testified to his authorship.

**Recipient:** The recipients of Revelation are divided into three groups.

- Recipients defined by \_\_\_\_\_: the seven churches in Asia (1:4).
- Recipients defined by \_\_\_\_\_: the angels of the seven churches (2:1, etc.)
- Recipients defined by time: \_\_\_\_\_ from the Church Age and beyond

**Date:** Late 1<sup>st</sup> century, AD

- This was the \_\_\_\_\_ book written (22:18).
- Church fathers like Irenaeus claimed it was written before the end of Emperor Domitian’s reign (AD 96).
- Probably around AD \_\_\_\_\_

**Key Theme:** The “Apocalypse of Jesus Christ” (1:1) shows the primary theme: Jesus Christ is revealed as the King and Judge of the world.

- Apocalypse in Greek means “\_\_\_\_\_” (1:1).
- Apocalypse in English means: “the complete final \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.”

## Book Content Overview:

- Introduction and Purpose (1:1-3)
- The things that \_\_\_\_\_: a vision of Jesus (1:4-20)
  - Jesus takes John to give him a vision (1:4-9).
  - Jesus gives the vision of the candlesticks and the stars (1:10-18).
  - Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the vision (1:19-20)
- The things that \_\_\_\_\_: the letters to the churches (2:1-3:22)
  - The church at Ephesus (2:1-7)
  - The church at Smyrna (2:8-11)
  - The church at Pergamos (2:12-17)
  - The church at Thyatira (2:18-29)
  - The church at Sardis (3:1-6)
  - The church at \_\_\_\_\_ (3:7-13)
  - The church at \_\_\_\_\_ (3:14-22)
- The things that \_\_\_\_\_: End Time Events (4:1-22:5)
  - The heavenly throne room (4:1-11).
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ takes the book for He alone is worthy (5:1-14).
  - The Lamb opens the seven seals (6:1-7:17)
    - The first seal: a rider on a white horse (6:1-2)
    - The second seal: a rider on a red horse (6:3-4)
    - The third seal: a rider on a black horse (6:5-6)
    - The fourth seal: a rider on a pale horse (6:7-8)
    - The fifth seal: the \_\_\_\_\_ cry for justice (6:9-11)
    - The sixth seal (6:12-7:17)
      - A great earthquake (6:12-17)
      - Sealing 144,000 Israelites (7:1-8)
      - A multitude worships God (7:9-17)
  - The seventh \_\_\_\_\_: The sounding of seven trumpets (8:1-11:14)
    - The first trumpet: hail and fire cast down upon the earth (8:1-7)
    - The second trumpet: mountain cast into the sea; third of shipping and third of sea creatures killed (8:8-9)
    - The third trumpet: a star from heaven, \_\_\_\_\_, turns one third of the water bitter (8:10-11)
    - The fourth trumpet: one third of the sun, moon, and stars darkened (8:12-13)
    - The fifth trumpet (first woe): a plague of demonic \_\_\_\_\_ released from the bottomless pit (9:1-11)
    - The sixth trumpet (second woe):
      - Horsemen from the east kill one third of men (9:12-21).
      - An angel cries for the end of time (10:1-7).
      - John eats the bitter book (10:8-11).
      - The two witnesses in Jerusalem (11:1-14)
  - The seventh \_\_\_\_\_ (the third woe): The beginning of the end and the seven bowls (11:15-18:24).

- Heaven opened (11:15-19).
- Israel sheltered from the dragon after he was cast out of heaven (12:1-17)
- The beast deceives the world into worshipping the \_\_\_\_\_ (13:1-10).
- A second beast teaches the world to worship the first beast using miracles (13:11-18).
- The Lamb reaps the earth in judgment (14:1-20).
- Seven angels receive the seven vials of God's final judgments (15:1-8).
  - The first vial: a grievous sore (16:1-2)
  - The second vial: the sea became as \_\_\_\_\_ and everything in the sea died (16:3)
  - The third vial: rivers and fountains become blood (16:4-7)
  - The fourth vial: the sun scorches men (16:8-9).
  - The fifth vial: the Beast's kingdom darkened (16:10-11)
  - The sixth vial: Euphrates dried up, and the kings of the earth gathered to Armageddon (16:12-16).
  - The seventh vial: \_\_\_\_\_ is destroyed by a great earthquake and lamented by all the earth (16:17-18:24).
- The Battle of \_\_\_\_\_ (19:1-21)
- The Millennium (20:1-10)
- The Great White Throne (20:11-15)
- New heaven and new earth (21:1-8)
- The New \_\_\_\_\_ (21:9-22:5)
- Conclusion (22:6-21)

**Application for unbelievers: Repent! So the things that are described in this book do not happen to you.**

**Application for believers: Be a Philadelphian Christian and not a Laodicean Christian.**