

## 4. HOW TO READ THE BOOK OF REVELATION

**CHAPTER 1:** Who is this book addressed to? Let's jump ahead to v. 9. "John, your brother and **companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience** of Jesus Christ." Why would he count himself a partner (and companion) in the tribulation and the kingdom, and the patience of Jesus? This makes us pause and dig deeper! I believe John is telling us the exact truth, he is part of, or a companion, in the Tribulation or what the scriptures sometimes call Jacob's Trouble, which is not to be confused with the GREAT Tribulation of the end times, which are the Trumpets and Bowls. His patience is for Christ to return for his Millennial Reign (1000 year reign), which can be called the kingdom (not to be confused with God's Kingdom, which is the end time kingdom). Therefore, he is a partner in Jacob's Trouble or tribulation, patience of Christ to return for his Millennial Reign and being a part of the Millennial Reign.

In verse 5, the scriptures describe Yeshua as the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. Both statements are in the same sentence and present tense. It goes on to say that He loves us and freed us (of the curses) of our sins in His blood, (now we get to present tense again in v.6), and has made us **kings and priests** to His God and Father, to Him be glory and a kingdom forever and ever. Amen. This, I believe is speaking of the Kingdom of God.

In v.7 we get future tense. "Behold, He is coming with the **clouds**, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. **This is when the dead are risen – after the 1,000 year reign, this is NOT Yeshua's second coming, which happens BEFORE the 1000 year reign** "Coming" does not mean from heaven - it means he is coming for the people who are here when the Millennial Reign is over. The people who pierced him are sinners, and sinners are not risen from the dead until the end of time. And all the tribes of the **earth** will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen."

The rest of the chapter describes Yeshua giving John instructions to write to the ANGELS of the seven churches (I believe these will be the people who will reign with Christ in the Millennial reign, but must first work on some things!) These people will go through Tribulation or Jacob's Trouble. The Greek cities of this realm where the House of Israel is scattered will be included in Jacob's Trouble or what is called Tribulation. This is a very small percentage of the House of Israel. Jacob's Trouble will predominantly affect the House of Judah. We know by verbiage in Revelation that there is a period where believers will go through tribulation from the Beast (Jacob's Trouble), until Jesus (second coming), where he comes to reign for 1,000 years, and then Satan will be bound for 1000 years. These letters are to prepare the new believers for this tribulation and what is expected to gain access to the Millennial Reign, which is to not take the first mark of the Beast.

**CHAPTER 2-3:** Letters to the churches. They go out to the angels who oversee these people to prepare them for the Millennial reign. If the letters were for the end times people, they would have been closer to the end of the Book of Revelation. But their location is another clue as to who they are meant for. The letters deal with this realm (Greece – all the letters are cities in what was once Greece) because unlike the other realm, they are new to the gospel. The gospel has just gone out. Therefore, Jesus wants to help prepare them by telling them what they are

doing right and what they need to work on. He also warns them of the Tribulation that will happen.

**CHAPTER 4:** The Throne Room: After being raised from the dead and then walking the earth for 40 days, Jesus ascends for His “coronation” where he enters the Throne Room.

**CHAPTER 5:** Immediately we see the Seals, and no one was worthy to open them – until Yeshua defeated death here on earth, fulfilled the divorce certificate which exiled us into this realm and redeemed us back to God as sons and daughters. Yah becomes our Father, instead of a Husband and Yeshua now will become the Husband –the Bride Groom for now – until the banquet, which is after the Trumpets and Bowls. What is the importance of the Seals? They start the beginning of the end times where Yahweh brings us back to the Garden of Eden and puts an end to this fallen world or realm where we have been exiled. Yeshua will be King of Kings and Lord of Lords in the New Kingdom. Why? The entire theme of the Bible is lawlessness in the land. Why? The enemy always gets God’s people to sin against Him with his beguiling words, starting in the Garden, to win over the people AND the land. He then convinced all of God’s people in this realm that Yahweh did away with the law through theology and organized religion. The globalization of religion has been the number one weapon for mass deception and government funded education system to deceive the masses.

**CHAPTER 6:** Here we find the Seals from 1-6 which encapsulate the beginning and the end of this realm. **Seals 1-4** are the horses (angelic army). Let’s look at The 7’s in Chronological Order Sheet.

**Seal 5** The 7’s Chronological Order Sheet

**Seal 6** The 7’s Chronological Order Sheet

**Seal 7** The 7’s Chronological Order Sheet

**CHAPTER 7:** Here we see a pause to explain ‘behind the scenes’. We will see that there are a few pauses, just as Yahweh does in the Old Testament with the Book of Chronicles. He stops and does a recap up to that point in the OT. Chapter 7 tells us who is preparing for the Millennial Reign, with Yeshua (the 144,000) on Mt. Zion and Chapter 14 goes into greater detail.

Chapter 7 also speaks about AFTER the **Bowls** because the people who went through Great Trib. are permitted inside the temple in heaven, which we are told in chapters to come is not permissible until after the **Bowls** are completed. Chapter 7 ends the **Seals** which is a description of those who went through Jacob’s Trouble (Satan’s short time) and the Great Tribulation (Satan’s little season), with a pause for the 1000 year reign. The Great Tribulation are the **Trumpets** and **Bowls**.

**CHAPTER 8-9:** **Trumpets 1-6** – The 7’s Chronological Order Sheet

**CHAPTER 10:** The little Book and the Angel that stands on BOTH this realm and Hades, to declare when the last angel sounds (7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet/Harvest of the earth), the mystery of God will be over. Again – we have not gotten to the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet yet in scriptures. We see another break. Remember, 1-6 are consecutively written, but there is information that is put between Trumpets 6 and 7 or a “commercial break” message before the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet. For the Trumpets, the behind the scenes includes the Little Book.

**CHAPTER 11:** This describes the Two Witnesses during the 3 ½ yr. Great Trib. At the end of this, it details the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet/harvest of the earth - according to the law of GOD, in order to convict someone as guilty, you need two witnesses. The earth will be found guilty through their “trial”. This is how we know the martyrdom of the two witnesses will be the straw that broke the earth’s back! The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet will sound off when the witnesses are resurrected! The Witnesses are in the other realm, where they are seen in the temple, which is the second temple, which is still standing. We are still in the 6<sup>th</sup> Seal – where everyone who belongs to GOD and came through the Great Trib is standing with white robes. The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet takes the people from this world – which happens inside the 6<sup>th</sup> Bowl, there is a great pause, and we get a history of Creation and what will happen during the 3 ½ year Great Tribulation!

**6<sup>th</sup> Seal:** The 7’s Chronological Order Sheet

**CHAPTER 12:** History Lesson: God does a recap of time and the battle that has always been on earth, Satan’s short time (before the Millennial Reign) and Satan’s little season (after the Millennial Reign), when Satan makes war with her “offspring” which are GOD’s people – which is the Beast System.

**CHAPTER 13:** God gives us a description of the beast system before and after the Millennial Reign and also of the Beast, who will be thrown in the lake of fire along with the False Prophet and Satan.

**CHAPTER 14:** The pause continues, and we get a more detailed description of the 144,000 which includes being on Mount Zion with Jesus – this is before Millennial reign. We know this because it mentions a ‘new song’. When we read the prophecies in the Old Testament that mention a ‘new song’, it matches the Millennial Reign. We also know it is the Millennial Reign because this chapter describes the gospel going out to the world and THEN the end will come. Therefore, the Millennial reign must occur BEFORE the gospel goes out. When the Millennial Reign begins, we are told the gospel goes out to every nation, tribe, tongue and people. This is both realms. This is when the realms are closed off to each other - and they won’t be open again until the Euphrates River dries up and a way for the ‘kings’ of the east is prepared to get to the other realm. Then this chapter tells us about Babylon falling and warns about worshipping the Beast. It speaks about the patience of the saints (those who are exiled over here and patiently wait to be taken out of this realm when the Millennial Reign is finished). Next, it mentions the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet – which is the harvest of the earth, and exactly what the saints are patiently waiting for. It ends with the winepress outside the city – this is the Battle of Armageddon.

**CHAPTER 15:** Another sign is described in heaven, being the last **7 plagues (Bowls)**. John could see all those who had victory over the beast, having harps of God and singing the song of the Lamb. Then the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened and out comes the 7 angels with the seven plagues or bowls. The temple was filled with smoke and no one could enter until the seven plagues (**Bowls**) of the seven angels were completed. Although this is described after the Trumpets, it is the same time as we see on the 7's Chronological Sheet.

**CHAPTER 16:** The 7 Bowls are described and we see another pause to give us more details, once again with the number 6 (the **6<sup>th</sup> Bowl**), to describe the Battle of Armageddon. Spirits of demons go out to the whole earth to start gathering and preparing for Armageddon (the **6<sup>th</sup> Bowl** - which is the fall of Babylon). The seventh bowl is described: the biggest earthquake ever, and has not been seen before, will happen. The great city is divided in 3, Babylon is "remembered", to give her God's wrath.

**CHAPTER 17:** John is taken in the spirit to see the Mother of Harlots, Babylon the Great, which was defeated during the **6<sup>th</sup> Bowl** and "remembered before God" 16:19.

17:18 "And the woman whom you saw "is that great city" which reigns over the kings of the earth." Death and Hades will be thrown into the **Lake of Fire** as well.

**CHAPTER 18:** The fall of Babylon is described.

18:4 "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues (Bowls)."

18:8 "Therefore her plagues will come in one day-death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly **burned with fire**....."

**CHAPTER 19:** The marriage of the Lamb is described, as well as the Battle of Armageddon.

19:19 "And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Chapter 19 (mentions the same type of people in the 6<sup>th</sup> Seal in Chapter 6: "...that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great". This is the **6<sup>th</sup> Bowl**, the gathering of Armageddon.

19:20 "Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image (the 3 ½ years of Tribulation are over). These two were cast alive into the lake of the fire burning with brimstone. This is the end.

**CHAPTER 20:** Commercial break: Satan is bound for 1,000 years. Here we see a description about the time period of Satan being bound and the people who will reign with Christ in the Millennial Reign.

20:3 “But after these things he must be released for a little season.” \*Here is the testing of everyone EXCEPT the Millennial Reign people - they were already tested during Jacob’s Trouble! Now it’s our turn.

20:4 Describes the people who will reign with Christ during the 1,000 years – \*these are the people who were addressed in the Letters, in Chapters 2 and 3

20:5 “But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

20:7-8 “Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is the number of the sea.” \*This is Armageddon – AFTER the 1,000 yr. reign. Judgment of the wicked is in this chapter as well. \*This must be the time frame of the earth being destroyed after Armageddon.

20:12 “And I saw the **dead**, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is The Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.”

**CHAPTER 21:** New heaven and a new earth, the first had passed away and there was no more “sea”. The holy city comes down from heaven (New Jerusalem), prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. The tabernacle of GOD is with men, He will dwell with them. He will wipe away every tear. “Behold, I make **all things new**”. For the former have passed away. “It is done”. Mentions second death. The bride sits on a great and high mountain (Mount Zion). The city has 12 gates, which are the names of the 12 tribes. All the precious stones of the Ephod are in the walls. The street is pure gold. Nothing that is an abomination or a lie may enter, only those written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

**CHAPTER 22:** Pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of GOD. Mentions the Tree of Life (which was in Eden - therefore, we are given a clue as to where Mount Zion is located. Twelve fruits and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations (other realm). There shall be no more **curse**, and GOD’s servants shall serve Him. Blessed are those who keep the words of this book. He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still, he who is righteous, let him be righteous still, he who is holy, let him be holy still. **‘to give to everyone according to his work.’ Blessed are those who do the commandments. I am the root and offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.** If anyone adds to these things, may GOD add to him the plagues that are written in this book and if anyone takes away, GOD shall take away his part in the Book of Life.