

Introduction to Book of Revelation

6-6-2020

- Book of Revelation - Background
- Themes/ Megathemes
- Where to find “Sign of the Times” Bible Study text
- Completion Genesis and Revelation bookends

END TIME PROPHECY: “SIGNS OF THE TIMES”

(Guide from Wed. BCAMEC Bible Study)

- **CHURCH AGE – Present to Millennial Kingdom**
 - Pentecost until now – Acts 2
 - Pretribulation and Premillennial view - Christ calls the church (all believers) past and present to be caught-up to meet Him in the air to forever be with the Lord Jesus Christ
- **THE RAPTURE** – Christ returns for believers (I Thessalonians 4:13-18)
 - May Happen at Any Time
- **THE GREAT TRIBULATION**
 - First Stage - The Breaking of the Seven Seals (Revelation 6 – 8)
 - Second Stage – The Blowing of the Seven Trumpets (Revelation 8 – 11)
 - Third Stage – The Emptying of the Seven Bowls (Revelation 16)
- **THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS** - No One Knows Exact Timing
 - When All the Nations are gathered to make war on Jerusalem and other prophetic signs
 - The Marriage Feast of the Lamb – Wedding Feast in Heaven (Revelation 19:7-9)
 - Jesus will come back with His Bride
 - Jesus return with His Bride to defeat the Antichrist, the Beast and all his followers (Zechariah 14:3-4; Revelation 17:14; 19:11-16)
- **MILLENNIAL KINGDOM** – Perfect Rule and Reign of Christ for 1,000 years
 - Begins with the defeat of Satan
 - o Satan bound for 1,000 years (Revelation 20:1-33)
 - o Saints reign with Christ 1,000 years (Revelation 20:4-6)
 - o Satan’s rebellion crushed (Revelation 20:7-10)
 - o Great White Throne judgment (Revelation 20:11-15)
 - o Anyone not in the Book of Life is cast into the Lake of Fire and Brimstone.
 - This is the second death.
 - o Satan cast into the Lake of Fire to be tormented day and night forever and ever.
- **ETERNAL KINGDOM / NEW CREATION** – New Heaven and New Earth
 - All Things Made New (Revelation 21:1-8)
 - The New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9-21)
 - The Glory of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:22-27)
 - The River of Life (Revelation 22:1-5)
 - The Time is Near (Revelation 22:6-11)
 - Jesus Testifies to the Churches (Revelation 22:12-17)
 - World Without End (Revelation 22:18-21)
 - Eternity with God
 - o Rule and Reign with Christ forever

Beginning
Genesis

End
Book of Revelation

One complete story

the Book's Glorious Promises. Rationalistic critics do not like this passage, because it condemns them for assuming to themselves the liberty to eliminate whatever portions of Scripture they do not like (Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32). Better accept God's Word, just as it is, and beware of treating any part of it too lightly.

"I Come Quickly," repeated three times in this chapter (7, 12, 20). It is Jesus' Last Recorded Word, His Parting Message to His Waiting Bride, as He passes out of sight. **EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS.**

Revelation and Genesis

The Bible is all One Story. The last Part of the Last Book in the Bible reads like the Close of the Story begun in the First Part of the First Book in the Bible.

The First word in Genesis:

"In the beginning God created the Heavens and Earth" (Genesis 1:1).

Almost the Last word in Revelation:

"I saw a New Heaven and a New Earth" (Revelation 21:1).

"The gathering together of waters He called the Sea" (Genesis 1:10).

"And the Sea is No More" (Revelation 21:1).

"The Darkness He called Night" (Genesis 1:5).

"There shall be No Night there" (Revelation 21:25).

"God made the Two Great Lights (Sun and Moon)" (Genesis 1:16).

"The city has No Need of the Sun nor the Moon" (Revelation 21:23).

"In the day you eat thereof you shall surely Die" (Genesis 2:17).

"Death shall be No More" (Revelation 21:4).

"I will greatly multiply your Pain" (Genesis 3:16).

"Neither shall there be Pain any more" (Revelation 21:4).

"Cursed is the ground for your sake" (Genesis 3:17).

"There shall be No More Curse" (Revelation 22:3).

Satan appears as deceiver of mankind (Genesis 3:1, 4).

Satan Disappears Forever (Revelation 20:10).

They were driven from the Tree of Life (Genesis 3:22-24).

The Tree of Life re-appears (Revelation 22:2).

They were driven from God's Presence (Genesis 3:24).

"They shall See His Face" (Revelation 22:4).

Man's primeval Home was by a River (Genesis 2:10).

Man's Eternal Home will be beside a River (Revelation 22:1).

THROUGH MACEDONIA AND ACHAIA

A riot in Ephesus sent Paul to Troas, then through Macedonia to the region of Achaia. In Achaia he went to Corinth to deal with problems there. Paul had planned to sail from Corinth straight to Antioch of Syria, but a plot against his life was discovered. So he retraced his steps through Macedonia.



Deeper Dive: Revelation Chapter 1

6-13-2020

- **Big Picture View** Relevance of Book of Revelation to “End Time Prophecy”
“Who is John? What is Purpose of Book of Revelation?”
Question break (1-2 questions)
- **Specific Focus** *“Introduction to John’s Vision”*
Revelation 1: 1-8 Prologue/ Preamble
Revelation 1: 9-20 Vision of the Son of Man
- Reading assignment for June 20, 2020
Revelation Chapters 21 and 22 The Eternal Kingdom
- *Open discussion*

Questions to Ponder??

- Who is John?
- Why did John write this book?
- What is major take away from Revelation?
- What are concerns with reading Revelation?
- What is most astonishing so far in this last book of the Bible?

Apocalyptic Vision; Jesus as Conquering Warrior;

Believers assured and warned; The church, Seven; Angels