

## **The Revelation of Jesus Christ: A Section by Section Reading Schedule**

Week 1: **1:1 – 1:20**; The Apostle John's Greeting to the Churches, his Doxology concerning Jesus Christ, and the Risen Christ's Visitation to him.

Week 2: **2:1 – 2:29**; The Glorified Christ's Messages to 4 Churches in Asia.

Week 3: **3:1 – 3:22**; The Glorified Christ's Messages to 3 more Churches in Asia.

Week 4: **4:1 – 4:11**; John's Vision of Heaven's Glory, God's Throne and the Angelic Royal Court.

Week 4: **5:1 – 5:14**; The Lamb before the Throne Receives the Seven-Sealed Scroll. Then "every Creature in Heaven and on Earth Gives Praise to the Lord and the Lamb; and the Elders fall down and Worship" (5:13-14).

Week 5: **6:1 – 6:17**; The Lamb Opens the Seals; each Seal Discloses the Next Step in God's Plan of Final Judgment on Sin and the Salvation of His People.

Week 6: **7:1 – 7:17**; Before God's Great Day of Wrath Falls, 2 Scenes Appear: One an Earthly Scene (144,000 Israelites are Sealed), the Second a Heavenly Scene (a Numberless multitude of Martyred Saints Stand before the Throne and the Lamb clothed in White).

Week 7: **8:1 – 8:13**; The 7 Trumpets of God's Wrath begin; the First 4 Sound.

Week 8: **9:1 – 9:21**; Next, the Final 3 Trumpets are called Woes, 2 more Trumpets Sound. Only the Last Trumpet (7<sup>th</sup>) Remains (see verse 11:15 for the blowing of the 7<sup>th</sup>).

Week 9: **10:1 – 10:11**; A Mighty Angel Descends to Announce that the Kingdom of the World is about to be Overthrown and become the Kingdom of the LORD's!  
From the Angel, John receives a little Scroll with the Frightful Plagues remaining.

Week 9: **11:1 – 11:14**; John's Vision Recounts God's 2 Witnesses, the Hardness of Man's Heart to Fear Him, and Power Given by God to the Beast to Slay the 2 Witnesses and Deceive the World (this vision likely falls chronologically during the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> Seal (see v. 6:9). But God gets the Last Word: His 2 Witnesses Rise and Ascend!

Week 10: **11:15 – 19**; The 7<sup>th</sup> and Final Trumpet Sounds; the Kingdom of this World has NOW become the LORD's. His Last Act of Earthly Judgment will be 7 Bowls of His Fierce Wrath fully Poured Out (see 15:1).

Week 10: **12:1 – 12:17**; John's Vision saw Human History through the Eye's of God. It is one of Spiritual Confrontation: the Great Red Dragon (Satan) relentlessly sought to destroy the

Promised Seed of Eve who was to come through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: Our Lord Jesus Christ. But when Satan's Vile efforts were Thwarted and he became a Defeated Foe, Satan turns his Assault on Mankind through a type of Satanic incarnation: the Beast (the Antichrist).

Week 11: 13:1 – 14:5; Next in John's Vision he sees the Rise of this Beast: the Man of Sin. His vision traces the Beast's rise to Power, also his prophet's rise to power – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Beast, and the Image of the Beast come to Life, that is, who is even given the Ability to Speak. The world, deceived by the Power of the Beast, worships both the Dragon (Satan; 13:4) and the Beast (John's vision and events here, chronologically take place during the 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Seals in chapter 6). BUT again Satan is doomed to fail; for Christ stands Victorious on Zion, His Kingdom will Prevail!!(14:1-5).

Week 12: 14:6 – 20; In this Series of Visions, more new insights are added. Again, these visions chronologically refer back to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> seals of chapter 6. Just before God's Great Day of Wrath begins, 3 angels broadcast messages worldwide: 1) a Loving Appeal to Fear God and turn to Him for His Wrath is very soon to come, 2) a Sobering Announcement: Babylon the Great has already fallen (the Center and Bulwark of False Religion; its Destruction is Expounded more in chs. 17 & 18), and then last, 3) a Desperate Warning: Don't be Deceived by the Beast nor Worship Him! This Series of Visions then ends with the Sickle of God's Judgment Harvesting the Earth (this refers back to the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> seal and the beginning of 7<sup>th</sup> Seal: God's 7 Trumpets of Judgment and Wrath).

Week 13: 15:1 – 16:21; NOW begin the Seven Final Judgments of the Last (7<sup>th</sup>) Trumpet (see 11:15); the Plague or Bowl Judgments. With these final judgments, "the Wrath of God is Finished" (15:1). Eventually, when the 6<sup>th</sup> Angel pours out his Bowl of Wrath, the Armies of the World Assemble for the Great Battle called Armageddon (16:16). Then, the Concluding Judgment of 7<sup>th</sup> Bowl is the Return of the King of kings, and Lord of lords, who comes in Power and Great Glory (see 19:11 for the Lord Jesus' Return and Conquest).

Week 14: 17:1 – 17:18; John's Visions in 17:1 – 19:5 again add more insight into the events of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Seals in chapter 6. The Great Harlot (Babylon the Great) rides the back of the Satanic Beast, doing his bloody work for him by the slaying of the saints. When her usefulness has ended, the Beast devours the Harlot with a Great Fiery Destruction. The Bitter Cry then Goes Out Around the World: "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great!" (see Chapter 18 where the Harlot's Destruction is Detailed).

Week 15: 18:1 – 19:5; John's Vision in chapter 18 is the Fiery Cataclysmic Fall of Babylon the Great (the World Great Harlot of False Religion and Worship). The Kings of the Earth and Merchants wail at her loss, that is, the loss of her luxurious living and of their enormous profits from it. Heaven, however, explodes with three-fold praise and rejoices over God's justice judgment (19:1-5); for the Beast who caused her Swift and Sudden Destruction (see 17:16), he Alone will Now Ascend as the One True and Living God: Ruler of ALL, to be Worship by ALL. All who will not Bear his Mark will be Slain (likely this is earth's situation at the beginning of the 6<sup>th</sup> Seal of chapter 6, which then will end with the coming of the GREAT and AWESOME Day of the LORD's Wrath, 6:17).

Week 16: 19:6 – 19:21; Heaven prepares for the LORD's return. The Bride (the believers already in Glory) makes herself ready to accompany the LORD on His Glorious Battle-Ready Return. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb has finally Arrived! The King of kings Returns In Blinding Awesome Glory (19:11). He comes to Rule and to Reign (19:15), and He also Comes in Judgment. The Beast and False Prophet are Cast Alive into the Lake of Fire, while Birds gorge themselves on the Flesh of the Armies of the Earth (19:19-20).

Week 17: 20:1 – 20:15; Satan is bound for 1000 years (a millennium) while Christ's worldwide Kingdom rules from Zion (And His Followers with Him). After which the Final Defeat of Satan comes at the end of the Millennium, followed by the Great White Throne Judgment and the New Heaven and New Earth.

Week 18: 21:1- 22:5; John's Final Vision Reveals Life in God's Eternal Kingdom on a New Earth and under a New Heaven. The Former things are Passed Away (21:4), and the Throne of God and of the Lamb will be there; and with the Lord God, the Saints will Reign Forever and Ever!! (22:3-5).

Week 19: 22:6 – 22:21; The Book of the Revelation concludes with two blessings, final instructions, Christ's thrice-repeated promise to come soon, three invitations for the unsaved to receive the Gospel, and it ends with a Sever Warning (22:18).

What an Amazing Book, and Capstone to Holy Scripture!!!