

The Book of Revelation

#1 - The Gospel from Patmos

Memory Verse - **Hand out Scriptures to read**

Revelation 1:3 (NKJV) *Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.*

55 sevens, and 5 sevenths total 60 times

Seven churches (1:4, 11, 20). **Seven Spirits** (1:4, 3:1, 4:5, 5:6).
Seven lampstands (1:12-13, 20, 2:1). **Seven stars** (1:16, 20, 2:1, 3:1).
Seven lamps (4:5). **Seven seals** (5:1, 5:5). **Seven horns** (5:6).
Seven eyes (5:6). **Seven angels** (8:2, 6). **Seven trumpets** (8:2, 6).
Seven thunders (10:3, 4). **Seven thousand people** (11:13).
Seven heads (12:3, 13:1, 17:3, 7, 9). **Seven crowns** (12:3).
Seven angels (15:1, 6-8, 16:1, 17:1, 21:9).
Seven plagues (15:1, 6, 8, 21:9). **Seven bowls** (15:7, 17:1, 21:9).
Seven mountains (17:9). **Seven kings** (17:10-11).

Seven Beatitudes (Blessings 1:3, 14:13, 16:15, 19:9, 20:6, 22:7, 22:14).

Seven Attributes Of The Lamb **Revelation 5:12** (NKJV) *saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"*

The number 12 is found 22 times in the book!

Five Epochs in Revelation

1st. **Seven Churches** Revelation 1:1–3:22 employs the situation of the churches of John's day to prophetically address the situation of the church in different periods of history.

2nd. **Seven Seals** Revelation 4:1–8:5 repeats (or recapitulates) and builds on this history of the church, using apocalyptic symbols that add progressively more detail.

3rd. **Seven Trumpets** Revelation 8:5 –11:19

4th. **Seven Heads** Revelation 12:1–14:20 is the thematic center of the book and spans the history of the great controversy from before the time of Jesus to the Second Advent.

5th. **Seven Plagues** Revelation 15:1–22:21 focuses exclusively on the end time. Final birth pains.

The Title of the Book

Revelation 1:1–2 *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw.*

The word "revelation" comes from the Greek word **apokalupsis** (apocalypse), which means "uncovering" or "unveiling."

Revelation 22:16 (NKJV) *"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."*

It Is Revealed

Deuteronomy 29:29 (NKJV) *"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.*

Amos 3:7 (NKJV) *Surely the Lord God does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.*

Proverbs 3:32 (NKJV) *For the perverse person is an abomination to the Lord, But His secret counsel is with the upright.*

***Daniel 2:22** (NKJV) *He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.*

Matthew 13:11 (NKJV) *He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.*

Matthew 13:15–17 *For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.' But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.*

"Let Daniel speak, let the Revelation speak, and tell what is truth. But whatever phase of the subject is presented, uplift Jesus as the center of all hope, 'the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright and morning Star.'"— *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, p. 118.

The Purpose of the Book

Revelation 1:1 (NKJV) *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place.*

Revelation 22:20 (NKJV) *He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!*

The main purpose for prophecy is redemption

John 13:19 (NKJV) *Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.*

***John 14:29** (NKJV) *“And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.”*

John 16:4 (NKJV) *But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.*

Isaiah 46:9–10 (NKJV) *Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,’*

Revelation begins where the Gospels end, with Jesus’ resurrection and ascension into heaven.

The primary purpose of biblical prophecies is to assure us that no matter what the future brings, God is in control.

The Symbolic Language of Revelation

Revelation 1:1 (NKJV) *And He sent and signified [sign-ified] it by His angel to His servant John,*

Revelation has 22 Chapters 404 verses 9852 words. Of the 404 verses, 278 of them can be found first in the Old Testament

Revelation 13:1 (NKJV) *Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.*

Daniel 7:1-3 *In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts. Daniel spoke, saying, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea.³ And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.*

Ezekiel 1:10 (NKJV) *As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle.*

Isaiah 6:2–3 (NKJV) *Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.³ And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!”*

Revelation 4:7, 8 (NKJV) *The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!”*

The Godhead

Revelation 1:4–5 (NKJV) *John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,*

***2 Corinthians 13:14** *“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.”*

Hebrews 9:14 *“How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”*

1 Peter 1:2 *“According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ ...*

The Keynote of Revelation

Revelation 1:7–8 (NKJV) *Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.*

⁸ *“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”*

Daniel 7:13–14 (NKJV) *“I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.*