

IMPORTANCE OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION:

SECTION 1: OUTLINE, GENESIS CONNECTION, & LAST DAYS

OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION:

Church Age -- Rapture ---Tribulation (seals, trumpets, bowls, judgments) ---
Glorious Appearing --- Millennial Reign ---- Judgment --- Eternity...

Overview/Outline:

1. Church Age (Revelation 1-3)
 - a. Introduction to the Letter – (Rev. 1:1-8)
 - b. Christ (Rev. 1:9-20)
 - c. Seven Churches (Rev. 2-3) – Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea.
 - d. RAPTURE – End of Church Age – RAPTURE (Church is no longer spoken of beyond chapter 3)
2. Christ on His Throne in Heaven
 - a. John’s vision of the Throne room in Heaven(Revelation 4)
3. Seven Sealed Scrolls (Revelation 5)
4. Glory in Heaven (Revelation 5)
5. Tribulation Time: 7 years (Rev. 6-18)
 - a. 7 seals (Revelation 6:1-17) (144,000 Jews, 2 Witnesses)
 - b. 7 trumpets (Revelation 8:1-9:21)
 - c. Israel and Satan (Revelation 12)
 - d. Beast, Anti-Christ, False Prophet (Revelation 13)
 - e. Heavenly Visions (Revelation 10, 11:15-19; 12:7-12; 14; 17) (Not sure where these plug in)
 - f. 7 bowls (Revelation 16:1-21)
6. Christ’s Return to Earth
 - a. Marriage & Hallelujah Chorus (Revelation 19:1-10)
 - b. Marriage of the Lamb (Revelation 12:1-17)
 - c. Glorious appearing (Revelation 19:11-21)
 - d. Armageddon (Revelation 19:17-19)
 - e. Millennial Reign (Revelation 20:1-11)
7. Christ’s Judgment seat (Revelation 20:11-15)
8. Christ’s Restoration - New Heaven and New Earth (Revelation 21-22)

CONNECTING THE DOTS BETWEEN GENESIS AND REVELATION: Comparison of Genesis and Revelation

GENESIS

Early Paradise
Tree of Life (Lost – Gen 3:22-24)
Sin (Gen 3-4)
Sorrow, pain
First death (Gen 4:8)
Curse (Gen. 3:15-18)

REVELATION

Paradise to come
Tree of life (Rev. 22:2)
No more sin
No more sorrow or pain (Rev. 21:4)
No more death (Rev. 21:4)
Curse Lifted (Rev. 22:3)

Satan's beginning (Gen. 3:1-18)
Satan bruised (Gen. 3:15)
God's Word – "Did God really say?"

Creation – a beginning (Gen 1)

Satan's End (Rev. 20:10)
Satan's defeated (Rev. 19:20)
God's Word – "Do not take away"
(Rev. 22:19)

Behold I make all things New (Rev 22) New earth,
Heaven, Jerusalem.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

1. Author – John – the beloved disciple of Christ.

- Beloved disciple John 21:20-24
- On of the sons of Zebedee. Mark 3:17
- Sons of Thunder Mark 3:17
- Wrote the Gospel of John, Epistles of John, and Revelation.
- Imprisoned to the rocky island of Patmos in old age.
- Written around 95 A.D. After the Fall of Rome in 70 A.D. * Important
- Original Audience: Persecuted church that was spread throughout Asia and beyond.

2. Types of Interpretation of the book of Revelation (LaHaye, McKim, EDT)

- a. Preterist – Already fulfilled...the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. This view states that John was writing about events that had already happened or happening as he was writing the book of Revelation; therefore, the book is not about future events.
- b. Historic – Major events that have taken place over the history of the church.
- c. Futuristic – Predictions to come true in the future.
- d. Symbolic – Story of good versus evil, not necessarily literal or events.

3. Common Theories and Thoughts pertaining to the book of Revelation

- a. PROPHECY: What is prophecy?
 - i. Proclaiming God's message
 - ii. Predictions or declarations of things to pass.
 - iii. Spiritual gift of prophecy.
 - iv. End Times prophecy is about things that will happen to usher the return of Christ.
 - v. The Second Coming will bring the church age to an end and usher in the End Times up to the final day of Judgment and the New Heaven, New Earth and New Jerusalem.
 - vi. The second coming of Christ is the last Key Event of History...
 1. Creation – God created it all and it was good.
 2. Fall & Flood – Man disobeys God and inherits a fallen nature...God sends a flood to destroy the earth because of their sinfulness.
 3. Chosen People of God – Israel, the Law.
 4. First Coming of Christ – the Cross & Resurrection.
 5. Church Age – establishing God's presence on earth.
 6. Second Coming of Christ – ushers in the end times.
 7. New Heaven, New Earth, New Jerusalem and the Lake of Fire.
- NOTE: Lake of Fire – Gehenna in the Greek – dump place for garbage that was constantly being consumed by flames.

b. LAST DAYS: Biblical view of last days....what does it mean/imply?

- i. Last days, end times, latter days, the end of time etc. all pertaining to the same thing.
- ii. Matthew 24:1-8 – The end shall come.
- iii. Matthew 14 & 15 – Millennial Reign is real.

- iv. Biblical view of Last Days is pertaining to the days immediately leading up to the Rapture, the tribulation, the Glorious appearing of Christ, ushering in the Millennial Reign up unto the final judgment.

c. SIGNS OF THE TIMES: What are the signs of His return?

- i. Jesus said, “These Things” – What are “these things”?
 - 1. Matthew 24:32 -33 “We can know the Season”
 - 2. Matthew 24:36 – “We cannot know the hour”
- ii. Matthew 24 & 25 & Mark 13 & Luke 21
 - 1. Signs of Deception
 - a. Modern Day Deception: False Prophets, False teachers, Cults, other religions, philosophies, Ideologies, New Age, Politics.
 - b. Anti- Christ 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10
 - c. What can we do? Know your Bible, Test the Spirits 1 John 4:1; Seek God, Avoid immorality, share your faith, walk in the Spirit Eph. 5:17-21
 - 2. Signs of Wars - Matthew 24:6-8
 - i. The Great War – WWI – 1914?...all but 7 nations joined the War...was this it?
 - ii. “Beginning of Sorrows” refers to labor pains. This is to tell us He is coming.

4. Biblical Doomsday: What is this about?

- It is about the end of time as we know it here on earth.
- It is about the fall of mankind coming to a conclusion...
 - The tree in the Garden
 - The Flood
 - Moral Decay
 - Day of the Lord.
- Look at the Situation we face today: Abortion, Homosexuality, Terrorism, Genocide, ethnic cleansing, moral relativism, Aids, Population issues, Science as god, world hunger, nuclear weapons, dictators, wars, cancer, divorce, domestic violence, crime rates, hate crimes, murder, molestation, slavery, sex slaves, sexual abuse, pornography, government anti-God, naturalism (evolution), economic failures, Greed, secularism and so much more.
- WE NEED THE PRINCE OF PEACE!!!!

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