

The Book of Revelation

A Timeline of Events — Chapters 1 through 22

OPENING VISION

REVELATION 1:1–20

1

Prologue and Vision of Christ

John, exiled on Patmos, sees the risen Christ among seven golden lampstands and is told to write what he sees.

LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES

REVELATION 2:1–3:22

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Letters to the Seven Churches

Messages of praise, rebuke, and warning sent to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.

HEAVENLY THRONE ROOM

REVELATION 4:1–11

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Vision of the Heavenly Throne Room

John is taken up to heaven and sees God enthroned, surrounded by 24 elders and four living creatures.

REVELATION 5:1–14

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The Scroll and the Lamb

A scroll sealed with seven seals appears; only the slain Lamb (Christ) is worthy to open it.

THE SEVEN SEALS

REVELATION 6:1–2

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First Seal: The White Horse

A rider is given a bow and a crown and rides out 'bent on conquest' — traditionally read as conquest or a conquering spirit.

REVELATION 6:3–4

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Second Seal: The Red Horse

A rider is given a great sword and power to take peace from the earth, so people slay one another — war.

REVELATION 6:5–6

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Third Seal: The Black Horse

A rider holds a pair of scales; a voice names steep prices for wheat and barley, but oil and wine are untouched — famine and scarcity.

REVELATION 6:7–8

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Fourth Seal: The Pale Horse

The rider's name is Death, with Hades following. They are given authority over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine, plague, and wild beasts.

REVELATION 6:9–11

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Fifth Seal: Cry of the Martyrs

Souls of those slain for their faith cry from under the altar, 'How long?' They are given white robes and told to wait a little longer.

THE SEVEN SEALS

REVELATION 6:12–17

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Sixth Seal: Cosmic Upheaval

A great earthquake strikes; the sun turns black, the moon like blood, stars fall, and the sky recedes like a scroll. Kings and the mighty hide in caves.

REVELATION 7:1–17

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Interlude: 144,000 Sealed and the Great Multitude

144,000 from the twelve tribes of Israel are sealed on their foreheads; an uncountable multitude from every nation stands before the throne in white robes.

REVELATION 8:1–5

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Seventh Seal: Silence and Incense

Silence in heaven for about half an hour; an angel offers incense with the prayers of the saints, then hurls fire to earth amid thunder, rumblings, lightning, and an earthquake — introducing the seven trumpets.

THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

REVELATION 8:6–7

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First Trumpet: Hail and Fire Mixed with Blood

Hail and fire mixed with blood are hurled to the earth; a third of the earth, a third of the trees, and all the green grass are burned up.

REVELATION 8:8–9

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Second Trumpet: A Mountain of Fire into the Sea

Something like a huge blazing mountain is thrown into the sea; a third of the sea turns to blood, a third of sea creatures die, and a third of ships are destroyed.

REVELATION 8:10–11

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Third Trumpet: The Star Wormwood

A great star named Wormwood falls on a third of the rivers and springs; the waters turn bitter and many people die from drinking them.

REVELATION 8:12–13

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Fourth Trumpet: Sun, Moon, and Stars Struck

A third of the sun, moon, and stars are struck so a third of the day and night are without light. An eagle cries 'Woe, woe, woe' — warning of the three trumpets still to come.

REVELATION 9:1–11

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Fifth Trumpet — First Woe: Locusts from the Abyss

A star given the key to the Abyss releases smoke and locusts like scorpions. They torment — but do not kill — those without God's seal for five months, led by their king, Abaddon (Apollyon).

REVELATION 9:13–21

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Sixth Trumpet — Second Woe: The 200-Million Army

Four angels bound at the Euphrates are released to kill a third of mankind with an army of 200 million, whose horses breathe fire, smoke, and sulfur. Survivors still refuse to repent.

THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

REVELATION 10:1–7

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The Mighty Angel and the Little Scroll

A mighty angel wrapped in a cloud descends with a little scroll, one foot on the sea and one on the land, and cries out with a loud voice.

REVELATION 10:3–4

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The Seven Thunders

When the angel cries out, seven thunders 'speak' in reply. John is about to write down what they said but is told, 'Seal up what the seven thunders have said; do not write it down.' Their content is never revealed.

REVELATION 11:1–14

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The Two Witnesses

Two prophets testify for 1,260 days in sackcloth, are killed by the beast from the Abyss, lie unburied for three-and-a-half days, then are resurrected and taken up to heaven as their enemies watch.

REVELATION 11:15–19

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Seventh Trumpet — Third Woe: The Kingdom Proclaimed

Loud voices in heaven announce that the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of Christ. The 24 elders worship; God's temple opens, revealing the ark, amid lightning, rumblings, thunder, an earthquake, and severe hail.

COSMIC CONFLICT & THE BEASTS

REVELATION 12:1–17

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The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon

A woman gives birth to a male child; the dragon (Satan) is cast down and pursues her.

REVELATION 13:1–10

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The Beast from the Sea

A blasphemous beast rises from the sea, receives authority from the dragon, and makes war on the saints.

REVELATION 13:11–18

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The Beast from the Earth

A second beast (false prophet) forces worship of the first beast and marks people with '666.'

REVELATION 14:1–5

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The Lamb and the 144,000 on Mount Zion

The redeemed sing a new song before the throne.

REVELATION 14:6–13

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Three Angels' Messages

Angels proclaim the eternal gospel, the fall of Babylon, and warnings against worshiping the beast.

REVELATION 14:14–20

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Harvest and Vintage of the Earth

Christ reaps the earth's harvest; the wicked are trampled in the winepress of God's wrath.

THE SEVEN BOWLS

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REVELATION 15:1–8

Seven Angels with the Seven Last Plagues

Seven angels appear in heaven holding golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, about to be poured out.

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REVELATION 16:2

First Bowl: Festering Sores

Poured on the earth; ugly, festering sores break out on everyone who has the mark of the beast and worships its image.

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REVELATION 16:3

Second Bowl: The Sea Turns to Blood

Poured on the sea; it turns to blood like that of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea dies.

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REVELATION 16:4–7

Third Bowl: Rivers and Springs Turn to Blood

Poured on the rivers and springs; they become blood. The angel of the waters declares the judgment just, since the wicked shed the blood of saints and prophets.

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REVELATION 16:8–9

Fourth Bowl: Scorching Sun

Poured on the sun; it is given power to scorch people with fire. They curse God's name but refuse to repent.

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REVELATION 16:10–11

Fifth Bowl: Darkness on the Beast's Kingdom

Poured on the throne of the beast; his kingdom is plunged into darkness. People gnaw their tongues in agony and curse God, but still do not repent.

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REVELATION 16:12–16

Sixth Bowl: The Euphrates Dried Up / Armageddon

The Euphrates dries up to prepare the way for kings from the East. Three unclean spirits like frogs go out from the dragon, beast, and false prophet to gather the world's kings for battle at Armageddon.

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REVELATION 16:17–21

Seventh Bowl: 'It Is Done'

Poured into the air; a voice from the throne declares, 'It is done!' The worst earthquake in human history splits Babylon into three parts, levels cities, and giant hailstones (about 100 lbs each) fall on people, who curse God.

THE FALL OF BABYLON

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REVELATION 17:1–18

The Great Prostitute and the Scarlet Beast

Babylon, 'Mother of Prostitutes,' rides a seven-headed beast; her corruption and coming destruction are revealed.

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REVELATION 18:1–24

The Fall of Babylon

The great city is destroyed in judgment; kings and merchants mourn her collapse.

CHRIST'S RETURN

REVELATION 19:1–10

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Rejoicing in Heaven and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Heaven celebrates; the bride (the Church) is prepared for Christ.

REVELATION 19:11–21

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The Rider on the White Horse

Christ returns as King of Kings, defeats the beast and false prophet, who are thrown into the lake of fire.

MILLENNIUM & JUDGMENT

REVELATION 20:1–3

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Satan Bound for 1,000 Years

An angel seals Satan in the abyss.

REVELATION 20:4–6

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The Millennial Reign

Christ and the resurrected saints reign for 1,000 years.

REVELATION 20:7–10

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Satan's Final Rebellion and Defeat

Released briefly, Satan deceives the nations one last time before being cast into the lake of fire forever.

REVELATION 20:11–15

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The Great White Throne Judgment

The dead are judged according to their deeds; those not in the Book of Life are cast into the lake of fire.

THE NEW CREATION

REVELATION 21:1–8

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The New Heaven and New Earth

God makes all things new; the old order of sin and death passes away.

REVELATION 21:9–22:5

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The New Jerusalem

The holy city, adorned like a bride, descends from heaven; God dwells with His people forever.

REVELATION 22:6–21

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Epilogue

Christ promises to return soon; final warnings, blessing, and invitation are given.