

REL 1310 – Christian Scriptures

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Revelation

The book of Revelation has very confusing imagery, and scholars are often lost as to what many of the images mean. Nevertheless, this document is an outline of the events of the book of Revelation as they are written in the text. It is not an attempt to interpret or decipher anything written in the book.

- 1:1-8
 - o Introduction
- 1:9-20
 - o A supernatural image of Jesus in heaven
- 2:1-3:22
 - o 7 letters to 7 churches
 - o Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea
- 4:1-5:14
 - o Image of God's throne room in heaven
 - o A scroll with 7 seals is introduced.
 - o A slaughtered lamb (representing Jesus) is discovered as the one who is worthy to open the scroll.
- 6:1-8:1
 - o The first 6 seals are opened.
 - o They include 1) a conqueror on a white horse (likely Jesus, possibly David), 2) war on a red horse, 3) famine on a black horse, 4) death on a pale horse, 5) martyrs, and 6) terror.
 - o Interlude where we are introduced to the image of 144,000 Jewish people, 12,000 from each of Israel's 12 tribes.
- 8:2-11:18
 - o The 7th seal is opened, which is 7 trumpets.

- They are 1) hail and fire with blood, 2) great mourning with fire, 3) a sea of blood, 4) 1/3 of the sun, moon, and stars were made dark, 5) opening of the abyss (which is like a furnace) with the release of locusts and scorpions, 6) 1/3 of humankind is killed, and an army from the east arises.
- 7th trumpet: Looking forward to Christ's eternal reign
- 12:1-14:20
 - Appearance of a woman giving birth, who represents Israel
 - A red dragon, who represents Satan
 - A child, who represents Jesus
 - An angel, whose name is Michael
 - A beast comes up from the sea, with many heads, horns, and crowns.
 - A beast comes up from the earth, with two horns like a lamb and a voice like a dragon.
 - The lamb is with the 144,000 on Mount Zion, where God introduced Himself to Moses in Exodus.
 - Those who worship the beast are doomed.
 - An angel collects a large harvest.
- 15:1-16:21
 - A sea of glass and fire
 - 7 bowls of wrath are poured out on the followers of the beast.
 - They are 1) painful sores, 2) the sea turning to blood, 3) rivers turning to blood, 4) the sun scorches people, 5) the kingdom of the beast becomes dark, 6) the Euphrates is dried up, 7) cities and nations fall.
- 17:1-19:10
 - Babylon (Rome) is judged.
 - The lamb gets married.
- 19:11-22:5
 - Jesus comes to earth.
 - The beast and false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire.
 - Satan is bound for 1,000 years.
 - He is then freed to lead armies against the saints.
 - These armies are destroyed by fire.
 - Satan is cast into the lake of fire.
 - God judges the living and the dead, with those who have their name written in the book of life entering heaven and those who don't being cast into the lake of fire.
 - The new heaven and new earth are revealed, with the new Jerusalem being the main attraction.
 - The emergence of the river and the tree of life
- 22:6-21
 - Jesus says that He is coming back quickly.