

## ~REVELATION, TO JOHN (1345)

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• The last book of the Bible as arranged in most translations, though not the last written. It is also called the Apocalypse of John the Apostle.

### • **Writer, When And Where Written**

• The apostle John names himself as the writer of the book and designates the place of writing as the island of Patmos, where John was in exile at the time for being a preacher of God's Word and a witness of Jesus Christ.

• A **revelation** by Jesus Christ, which God gave him, to show his slaves the things that must shortly take place. And he sent forth his angel and presented it in signs through him to his slave John. (**Revelation 1:1**)

• I John, your brother and a sharer with you in the tribulation and kingdom and endurance in company with Jesus, came to be in the isle that is called Patmos for speaking about God and bearing witness to Jesus. (**Revelation 1:9**)

• The time of writing was possibly about **96 C.E.**

### • **Style And Appropriateness**

• The book is in letter form, detailing a series of visions set forth in a proper order in regular progression, finally coming to the climactic vision. It supplies a fitting conclusion to the entire Bible.

• The book seems to proceed on the basis of series of sevens. Seven seals open into the blowing of seven trumpets, then into seven plagues. There are seven lampstands, seven stars, seven thunders, and many other things by sevens, evidently because the number seven here

**represents completeness, and the book deals with the completion of the sacred secret of God.**

- **But in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to blow his trumpet, the sacred secret of God according to the Good News which he declared to his own slaves the prophets is indeed brought to a finish. ([Revelation 10:7](#))**

**See Also SACRED SECRET**

### **.. Author And Channel**

- **Yehowah God the Almighty is the books author, and the channel of information is Jesus Christ, who sent it to John and presented it to him by means of his angel.**
- **A **revelation** by Jesus Christ, which God gave him, to show his slaves the things that must shortly take place. And he sent forth his angel and presented it in signs through him to his slave John. ([Revelation 1:1](#))**
- **The spirit of God is represented as being sevenfold, hence acting in its fullest capacity to convey this disclosure. John was given divine command to write.**
- **John to the seven congregations that are in the district of Asia; May you have undeserved kindness and peace from, The One who is, and who was, and who is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before his throne. ([Revelation 1:4](#))**
- **Saying; What you see write in a scroll and send it to the seven congregations, in Ephesus and in Smyrna and in Pergamum and in Thyatira and in Sardis and in Philadelphia and in Laodicea. ([Revelation 1:11](#))**

### **.. Purpose**

- **While some of the things seen by John in the vision may seem terrifying the beasts, the woes, the plagues the book was written, not to terrify, but to comfort and encourage those who read it with faith. It can lead the reader to blessings.**

- In fact, the writer of the book states at the outset; Happy or blessed, **KJ**, is he who reads aloud and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and who observe the things written in it.
- Happy is he who reads aloud and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and who observe the things written in it, for the appointed time is near. (**Revelation 1:3**)
- John also says that the book is for the purpose of showing God's slaves the things that must shortly take place.
- A **revelation** by Jesus Christ, which God gave him, to show his slaves the things that must shortly take place. And he sent forth his angel and presented it in signs through him to his slave John. (**Revelation 1:1**)
- Who bore witness to the word God gave and to the witness Jesus Christ gave, even to all the things he saw. (**Revelation 1:2**)

#### ·· Bears Witness To Jesus

- At that I fell down before his feet to worship him. But he tells me; Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who have the work of witnessing to Jesus. Worship God, for the bearing witness to Jesus is what inspires prophesying. (**Revelation 19:10**)
- The angel tells John; The bearing witness to Jesus is what inspires prophesying, literally, **is the spirit of the prophecy**. That is, the intent and purpose of **all prophecy is to point to Jesus Christ**. This does not mean that Yehowah God is bypassed or ignored. Earlier in,
- At that I fell down before his feet to worship him. But he tells me; Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who have the work of witnessing to Jesus. Worship God, for the bearing witness to Jesus is what inspires prophesying. (**Revelation 19:10**)
- The angel had told John, who fell down before him; Worship God, and the apostle Paul had said that God exalted Christ to a superior position and kindly gave him the name that is above every other name, so that in the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven and those on earth and those under the ground, and every tongue

should openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord **to the glory of God the Father.**

- **Magnifying Jesus Christ, therefore, and getting acquainted with the knowledge of him result in a better knowledge of God and His purposes, thereby giving the glory to God above all.**
- **For this very reason also God exalted him to a superior position and kindly gave him the name that is above every other name. (Philippians 2:9)**
- **So that in the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven and those on earth and those under the ground. (Philippians 2:10)**
- **And every tongue should openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:11)**

### **See Also PROPHECY**

- **The reason why prophecy bears witness to Jesus is that Jesus is the one through whom God accomplishes his purposes in sanctifying his name, destroying wickedness, and blessing mankind. Carefully concealed in him Christ are all the treasures of wisdom and of knowledge.**
- **Carefully concealed in him are all the treasures of wisdom and of knowledge. (Colossians 2:3)**
- **He is the Seed of promise, the One in whom the sacred secret is revealed. From the very beginning of God's dealings with men following Adam's rebellion, God has caused Christ to be foretold and foreshadowed and has pointed men to the Kingdom of God in the hands of his Son.**
- **And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. (Genesis 3:15)**
- **And by means of your seed all nations of the earth will certainly bless themselves due to the fact that you have listened to my voice. (Genesis 22:18)**
- **Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. It**

- says, not; And to seeds, as in the case of many such, but as in the case of one; And to your seed, who is Christ. (**Galatians 3:16**)
- **When your days come to the full, and you must lie down with your forefathers, then I shall certainly raise up your seed after you, which will come out of your inward parts, and I shall indeed firmly establish his kingdom. (2 Samuel 7:12)**
  - **He is the one that will build a house for my name, and I shall certainly establish the throne of his kingdom firmly to time indefinite. (2 Samuel 7:13)**
  - **I myself shall become his father, and he himself will become my son. When he does wrong, I will also reprove him with the rod of men and with the strokes of the sons of Adam. (2 Samuel 7:14)**
  - **As for my loving-kindness, it will not depart from him the way I removed it from Saul, whom I removed on account of you. (2 Samuel 7:15)**
  - **And your house and your kingdom will certainly be steadfast to time indefinite before you, your very throne will become one firmly established to time indefinite. (2 Samuel 7:16)**
  - **Saying; I, even I, have installed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain. (Psalms 2:6)**
  - **Let me refer to the decree of Yehowah, he has said to me; You are my son, I, today, I have become your father. (Psalms 2:7)**
  - **Ask of me, that I may give nations as your inheritance and the ends of the earth as your own possession. (Psalms 2:8)**
  - **You will break them with an iron scepter, as though a potters vessel you will dash them to pieces. (Psalms 2:9)**
  - **And now, O kings, exercise insight, let yourselves be corrected, O judges of the earth. (Psalms 2:10)**
  - **Serve Yehowah with fear and be joyful with trembling. (Psalms 2:11)**
  - **Kiss the son, that He may not become incensed and you may not perish from the way, for his anger flares up easily. Happy are all**

- those taking refuge in him. ([Psalms 2:12](#))
- The utterance of Yehowah to my Lord is; Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies as a stool for your feet. ([Psalms 110:1](#))
  - The rod of your strength Yehowah will send out of Zion, saying; Go subduing in the midst of your enemies. ([Psalms 110:2](#))
  - Your people will offer themselves willingly on the day of your military force. In the splendors of holiness, from the womb of the dawn, you have your company of young men just like dewdrops. ([Psalms 110:3](#))
  - Yehowah has sworn, and he will feel no regret; You are a priest to time indefinite according to the manner of Melchizedek! ([Psalms 110:4](#))
  - Yehowah himself at your right hand will certainly break kings to pieces on the day of his anger. ([Psalms 110:5](#))
  - He will execute judgment among the nations, he will cause a fullness of dead bodies. He will certainly break to pieces the head one over a populous land. ([Psalms 110:6](#))
  - From the torrent valley in the way he will drink. That is why he will raise high his head. ([Psalms 110:7](#))
  - A ruin, a ruin, a ruin I shall make it. As for this also, it will certainly become no ones until he comes who has the legal right, and I must give it to him. ([Ezekiel 21:27](#))
  - Men, brothers, it is allowable to speak with freeness of speech to you concerning the family head David, that he both deceased and was buried and his tomb is among us to this day. ([Acts of Apostles 2:29](#))
  - Therefore let all the house of Israel know for a certainty that God made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you impaled. ([Acts of Apostles 2:36](#))
  - Repent, therefore, and turn around so as to get your sins blotted out, that seasons of refreshing may come from the person of Yehowah. ([Acts of Apostles 3:19](#))

- **And that he may send forth the Christ appointed for you, Jesus. (Acts of Apostles 3:20)**
- **Whom heaven, indeed, must hold within itself until the times of restoration of all things of which God spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets of old time. (Acts of Apostles 3:21)**
- **In fact, Moses said; Yehowah God will raise up for you from among your brothers a prophet like me. You must listen to him according to all the things he speaks to you. (Acts of Apostles 3:22)**
- **Indeed, any soul that does not listen to that Prophet will be completely destroyed from among the people. (Acts of Apostles 3:23)**
- **And all the prophets, in fact, from Samuel on and those in succession, just as many as have spoken, have also plainly declared these days. (Acts of Apostles 3:24)**
- **You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God covenanted with your forefathers, saying to Abraham, and in your seed all the families of the earth will be blessed. (Acts of Apostles 3:25)**
- **To you first God, after raising up his Servant, sent him forth to bless you by turning each one away from your wicked deeds. (Acts of Apostles 3:26)**
- **Indeed, the sacred secret of this godly devotion is admittedly great; He was made manifest in flesh, was declared righteous in spirit, appeared to angels, was preached about among nations, was believed upon in the world, was received up in glory. (1 Timothy 3:16)**

### •• **In Simple Language, What Is The Meaning Of Revelation**

- **The opening chapter of the book concluding the Bible introduces us to the One over all, the Originator of the **Revelation** message, Yehowah God the Almighty, the Alpha and the Omega. It gives a vision of the Channel of the communication, Jesus Christ, showing him as having died but now being alive, in great power in heaven.**

- The sharers with him in his tribulation and in the Kingdom are next brought into view, and Christ's interest in them and loving-kindness toward them are displayed in his messages to the angels of the seven congregations. ([Revelation Chapters 1-3](#))
- Then by the spirit of inspiration John is ushered into the heavens to begin seeing the things that must take place. He is given a vision of the throne of God and its surroundings, and he describes the One sitting upon it as glorious, supreme, throning in perfect serenity and composure. ([Revelation Chapter 4](#))
- The glorious position of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, is portrayed as that of the one second only to Yehowah God, the only one in heaven and earth qualified to approach God to open up the **revelation** of God's purpose.
- Attention is given to a warrior-king, apparently also Jesus, riding forth conquering and to complete his conquest. The result to earth, especially to God's enemies, when this king begins his ride is shown and so is God's purpose to avenge the blood of his people upon his enemies. ([Revelation Chapters 5,6](#))
- How God views his servants on earth who have been chosen by him to share in the heavenly Kingdom is shown in his holding up destructive action until these servants are sealed in their foreheads.
- The full number of sealed ones is revealed to be 144,000. Others not sealed, and unlimited as to number, who become servants of God and escape the destructiveness of the great tribulation are then shown. The judgments of God against various sections of his enemies on earth, as well as the fight that these enemies wage against his people, are related.
- This leads up to the efforts of the archenemy, the dragon Satan the Devil, to thwart God's purpose to bring forth the son, a male, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod. Next, wild beasts are seen, symbolizing instrumentalities that this archenemy uses to fight the remaining ones of the seed of the woman and to prevent the completion of the sealing work. ([Revelation Chapters 7-13](#))

**See Also BEASTS, SYMBOLIC**

- All these attempts of Satan utterly fail. The 144,000 are seen victorious, standing with the Lamb upon Mount Zion, displaying the



**name of the Father and of the Lamb on their foreheads, and singing as if a new song before the heavenly ones.**

- **After these and a great crowd of earthly associates are all gathered in the harvest of the earth, the time has arrived for the great vine of the earth to be trodden out in the winepress. ([Revelation Chapters 14](#))**

- **With another symbolism, God's final judgments are portrayed. Seven angels are provided with seven bowls of God's anger. They go forth to carry out this final work. One of the chief foes of God and of the bride of Christ comes in for attention, namely, Babylon the Great, the mother of the harlots, the great city that has a kingdom over the kings of the earth.**

- **Her alliance with the seven-headed beast collapses, the beast becoming enraged with her, eating her flesh, and burning her with fire. The mourning of those who made gain by their dealings with her is great, but heaven rejoices. ([Revelation Chapters 15-18](#))**

- **Babylon the Great, as the mother of the harlots, would logically make every attempt to seduce the bride of Christ to become unfaithful to her promised husband.**

- **For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy, for I personally promised you in marriage to one husband that I might present you as a chaste virgin to the Christ. ([2 Corinthians 11:2](#))**

- **But I am afraid that somehow, as the serpent seduced Eve by its cunning, your minds might be corrupted away from the sincerity and the chastity that are due the Christ. ([2 Corinthians 11:3](#))**

- **Husbands, continue loving your wives, just as the Christ also loved the congregation and delivered up himself for it. ([Ephesians 5:25](#))**

- **That he might sanctify it, cleansing it with the bath of water by means of the word. ([Ephesians 5:26](#))**

- **That he might present the congregation to himself in its splendor, not having a spot or a wrinkle or any of such things, but that it should be holy and without blemish. ([Ephesians 5:27](#))**

- **And thereby make her another harlot. Hence, the heavenly rejoicing is accentuated because Babylon the Greats corrupting efforts have been frustrated.**
- **The great harlot is now out of the way, and the bride has gained the victory. She has prepared herself for her espoused One. Therefore it is time for the Lamb's marriage to take place.**
- **All those invited to the marriage rejoice. Yehowah now begins a new epoch in his reign, the great harlot having disappeared as a rival to pure worship.**
- **After these things I heard what was as a loud voice of a great crowd in heaven. They said; Praise Yah, you people! The salvation and the glory and the power belong to our God. (Revelation 19:1)**
- **Because his judgments are true and righteous. For he has executed judgment upon the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and he has avenged the blood of his slaves at her hand. (Revelation 19:2)**
- **And right away for the second time they said; Praise Yah, you people! And the smoke from her goes on ascending forever and ever. (Revelation 19:3)**
- **And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God seated upon the throne, and said; Amen! Praise Yah, you people! (Revelation 19:4)**
- **Also, a voice issued forth from the throne and said; Be praising our God, all you his slaves, who fear him, the small ones and the great. (Revelation 19:5)**
- **And I heard what was as a voice of a great crowd and as a sound of many waters and as a sound of heavy thunders. They said; Praise Yah, you people, because Yehowah our God, the Almighty, has begun to rule as king. (Revelation 19:6)**
- **Let us rejoice and be overjoyed, and let us give him the glory, because the marriage of the Lamb has arrived and his wife has prepared herself. (Revelation 19:7)**
- **Yes, it has been granted to her to be arrayed in bright, clean, fine**

- linen, for the fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the holy ones. (**Revelation 19:8**)
- **And he tells me; Write! Happy are those invited to the evening meal of the Lambs marriage. Also, he tells me; These are the true sayings of God. (**Revelation 19:9**)**
  - **At that I fell down before his feet to worship him. But he tells me; Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who have the work of witnessing to Jesus. Worship God, for the bearing witness to Jesus is what inspires prophesying. (**Revelation 19:10**)**
  - **But God's other enemies must come in for execution of judgment. The Bridegroom goes forth to complete his conquest, to rid the earth of all foes, political and otherwise.**
  - **The destruction is thorough. Finally, the Devil, having experienced the defeat of all of his agents and instruments, is himself bound for the thousand years of Christ's reign.**
  - **The vision passes over this Millennial Reign for the moment to detail a judgment that comes at the end of the thousand years, the Devil is temporarily loosed, then, together with all those joining his attack on the camp of the holy ones and the beloved city, he is completely annihilated.**
  - **And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A white horse. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. (**Revelation 19:11**)**
  - **And the Devil who was misleading them was hurled into the lake of fire and sulphur, where both the wild beast and the false prophet already were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (**Revelation 20:10**)**
  - **Turning back to events during the thousand years, the vision depicts the resurrection and judgment that take place under the rule of Christ and his bride, the New Jerusalem. The beauty and grandeur of this heavenly city is described, with the healing, life-giving benefits it brings to mankind.**
  - **And I saw a great white throne and the one seated on it. From before him the earth and the heaven fled away, and no place was**

found for them. (**Revelation 20:11**)

- **Also, night will be no more, and they have no need of lamplight nor do they have sunlight, because Yehowah God will shed light upon them, and they will rule as kings forever and ever. (**Revelation 22:5**)**
- **In conclusion, Yehowah God speaks of coming quickly with reward according to each ones work. As the faithful and true witness, Jesus bears testimony to the completion of the sacred secret concerning the kingdom, saying; I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright morning star. He is David's permanent heir, the eternal one in the Kingdom covenant and the one foretold at;**
- **I shall see him, but not now, I shall behold him, but not near. A star will certainly step forth out of Jacob, and a scepter will indeed rise out of Israel. And he will certainly break apart the temples of Moab's head and the cranium of all the sons of tumult of war. (**Numbers 24:17**)**
- **All efforts by Satan, the wild beast, and Babylon the Great.**
- **And a great sign was seen in heaven, a woman arrayed with the sun, and the moon was beneath her feet, and on her head was a crown of twelve stars. (**Revelation 12:1**)**
- **And she was pregnant. And she cries out in her pains and in her agony to give birth. (**Revelation 12:2**)**
- **And another sign was seen in heaven, and, look! A great fiery-colored dragon, with seven heads and ten horns and upon its heads seven diadems. (**Revelation 12:3**)**
- **And its tail drags a third of the stars of heaven, and it hurled them down to the earth. And the dragon kept standing before the woman who was about to give birth, that, when she did give birth, it might devour her child. (**Revelation 12:4**)**
- **And she gave birth to a son, a male, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod. And her child was caught away to God and to his throne. (**Revelation 12:5**)**
- **And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there a thousand two**

hundred and sixty days. ([Revelation 12:6](#))

- **And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled with the dragon, and the dragon and its angels battled ([Revelation 12:7](#))**
- **But it did not prevail, neither was a place found for them any longer in heaven. ([Revelation 12:8](#))**
- **So down the great dragon was hurled, the original serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth, he was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him. ([Revelation 12:9](#))**
- **And I heard a loud voice in heaven say; Now have come to pass the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ, because the accuser of our brothers has been hurled down, who accuses them day and night before our God! ([Revelation 12:10](#))**
- **And he carried me away in the power of the spirit into a wilderness. And I caught sight of a woman sitting upon a scarlet-colored wild beast that was full of blasphemous names and that had seven heads and ten horns. ([Revelation 17:3](#))**
- **And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and was adorned with gold and precious stone and pearls and had in her hand a golden cup that was full of disgusting things and the unclean things of her fornication. ([Revelation 17:4](#))**
- **And upon her forehead was written a name, a mystery. Babylon the Great, the mother of the harlots and of the disgusting things of the earth. ([Revelation 17:5](#))**
- **And I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the holy ones and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. Well, on catching sight of her I wondered with great wonderment. ([Revelation 17:6](#))**
- **And so the angel said to me; Why is it you wondered? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the wild beast that is carrying her and that has the seven heads and the ten horns: ([Revelation 17:7](#))**

- **The wild beast that you saw was, but is not, and yet is about to ascend out of the abyss, and it is to go off into destruction. And when they see how the wild beast was, but is not, and yet will be present, those who dwell on the earth will wonder admiringly, but their names have not been written upon the scroll of life from the founding of the world. (Revelation 17:8)**
- **Here is where the intelligence that has wisdom comes in. The seven heads mean seven mountains, where the woman sits on top. (Revelation 17:9)**
- **And there are seven kings, five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet arrived, but when he does arrive he must remain a short while. (Revelation 17:10)**
- **And the wild beast that was but is not, it is also itself an eighth king, but springs from the seven, and it goes off into destruction. (Revelation 17:11)**
- **And the ten horns that you saw mean ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they do receive authority as kings one hour with the wild beast. (Revelation 17:12)**
- **These have one thought, and so they give their power and authority to the wild beast. (Revelation 17:13)**
- **These will battle with the Lamb, but, because he is Lord of lords and King of kings, the Lamb will conquer them. Also, those called and chosen and faithful with him will do so. (Revelation 17:14)**
- **Have therefore been unable to prevent this **star** from rising out of the house of David to sit down on the throne in the heavens forever.**
- **And he said to me; These words are faithful and true, yes, Yehowah the God of the inspired expressions of the prophets sent his angel forth to show his slaves the things that must shortly take place. (Revelation 22:6)**
- **And, look! I am coming quickly. Happy is anyone observing the words of the prophecy of this scroll. (Revelation 22:7)**
- **Well, I John was the one hearing and seeing these things. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the**

feet of the angel that had been showing me these things.  
([Revelation 22:8](#))

- **But he tells me; Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who are prophets and of those who are observing the words of this scroll. Worship God. ([Revelation 22:9](#))**
- **He also tells me; Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, for the appointed time is near. ([Revelation 22:10](#))**
- **He that is doing unrighteousness, let him do unrighteousness still, and let the filthy one be made filthy still, but let the righteous one do righteousness still, and let the holy one be made holy still. ([Revelation 22:11](#))**
- **Look! I am coming quickly, and the reward I give is with me, to render to each one as his work is. ([Revelation 22:12](#))**
- **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. ([Revelation 22:13](#))**
- **Happy are those who wash their robes, that the authority to go to the trees of life may be theirs and that they may gain entrance into the city by its gates. ([Revelation 22:14](#))**
- **Outside are the dogs and those who practice spiritism and the fornicators and the murderers and the idolaters and everyone liking and carrying on a lie. ([Revelation 22:15](#))**
- **I, Jesus, sent my angel to bear witness to you people of these things for the congregations. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright morning star. ([Revelation 22:16](#))**
- **The spirit, the active force of God, along with the bride, extend the invitation to all hearing to take of life's water free. With a final warning not to add to or take from the words of the prophecy, and a declaration of the nearness of his coming, Jesus closes the **revelation**, and John responds, Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.**
- **And the spirit and the bride keep on saying; Come! And let anyone hearing say; Come! And let anyone thirsting come, let anyone that wishes take life's water free. ([Revelation 22:17](#))**

- I am bearing witness to everyone that hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll. If anyone makes an addition to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this scroll. (**Revelation 22:18**)
- And if anyone takes anything away from the words of the scroll of this prophecy, God will take his portion away from the trees of life and out of the holy city, things which are written about in this scroll. (**Revelation 22:19**)
- He that bears witness of these things says; Yes, I am coming quickly. Amen! Come, Lord Jesus. (**Revelation 22:20**)
- May the undeserved kindness of the Lord Jesus Christ be with the holy ones. (**Revelation 22:21**)
- The book of **Revelation** is of great importance in that it provides spiritual strength and insight for God's people. It highlights God's interest in the congregations of his people and the close and loving care that Jesus Christ exercises toward them as the Fine Shepherd. Jesus knows exactly what conditions prevail and what must be done. This is especially manifest in the first three chapters of the book.
- Some persons view **Revelation** as being so highly symbolic that it cannot be understood, or they view it as being impractical. But Yehowah God wants his people to understand, and he caused the Bible to be written to be understood and to provide guidance for them. The key to understanding **Revelation** is the same as the key to understanding other parts of the Bible.
- The apostle Paul points to that key. After explaining that God reveals the hidden wisdom through his spirit, Paul says; These things we also speak, not with words taught by human wisdom, but with those taught by the spirit, as we combine spiritual matters with spiritual words.
- This wisdom not one of the rulers of this system of things came to know, for if they had known it they would not have impaled the glorious Lord. (**1 Corinthians 2:8**)
- But just as it is written: Eye has not seen and ear has not heard, neither have there been conceived in the heart of man the things that God has prepared for those who love him. (**1 Corinthians 2:9**)



- For it is to us God has **revealed** them through his spirit, for the spirit searches into all things, even the deep things of God. (**1 Corinthians 2:10**)
- For who among men knows the things of a man except the spirit of man that is in him? So, too, no one has come to know the things of God, except the spirit of God. (**1 Corinthians 2:11**)
- Now we received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is from God, that we might know the things that have been kindly given us by God. (**1 Corinthians 2:12**)
- These things we also speak, not with words taught by human wisdom, but with those taught by the spirit, as we combine spiritual matters with spiritual words. (**1 Corinthians 2:13**)
- If we search the Scriptures, and in some cases the customs and practices of those days, we find in them many of the things used as symbolisms in **Revelation**.
- By comparing these Scripture texts, we can often understand what the Revelation symbol means. It should be noted, however, that a term or expression may refer to or symbolize different things, according to the context in which it appears.

### •• Highlights Of Revelation

- A disclosure of God's view of conditions as well as a foreview of what he permits and what he will accomplish through Christ during **the Lords day**.
- A series of visions recorded by the apostle John in about **96 C.E.** The glorified Christ gives loving counsel to fellow Kingdom heirs (**Revelation 1:1**)–(**Revelation 3:22**)
- The Ephesus congregation has endured but has left its first love.
- The spiritually rich Smyrna congregation is encouraged to remain faithful in the face of tribulation.
- The Pergamum congregation has held fast to Christ's name under persecution but has tolerated sectarianism.

- **The Thyatira congregation has a record of increased activity, but it has tolerated a Jezebel influence.**
- **The Sardis congregation is dead spiritually, it must wake up.**
- **The Philadelphia congregation, which has kept Christ's word, is urged to keep holding fast what it has.**
- **The Laodicea congregation is lukewarm, let it obtain from Christ what is needed for spiritual healing.**
- **A vision of Yehowah's heavenly presence. ([Revelation 4:1](#))–([Revelation 5:14](#))**
- **Yehowah is seen in awesome splendor on his throne, surrounded by 24 elders and four living creatures, he holds a scroll sealed with seven seals.**
- **The Lamb is declared worthy to take the scroll and open it.**
- **The Lamb opens six seals of the scroll.**
- **And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice as of thunder; Come! ([Revelation 6:1](#))**
- **And I saw, and, look! A white horse, and the one seated upon it had a bow, and a crown was given him, and he went forth conquering and to complete his conquest. ([Revelation 6:2](#))**
- **And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say; Come! ([Revelation 6:3](#))**
- **And another came forth, a fiery-colored horse, and to the one seated upon it there was granted to take peace away from the earth so that they should slaughter one another, and a great sword was given him. ([Revelation 6:4](#))**
- **And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say; Come! And I saw, and, look! A black horse, and the one seated upon it had a pair of scales in his hand. ([Revelation 6:5](#))**
- **And I heard a voice as if in the midst of the four living creatures**

- say; A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the olive oil and the wine. **(Revelation 6:6)**
- **And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say; Come! (Revelation 6:7)**
  - **And I saw, and, look! A pale horse, and the one seated upon it had the name Death. And Hades was closely following him. And authority was given them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with a long sword and with food shortage and with deadly plague and by the wild beasts of the earth. (Revelation 6:8)**
  - **And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those slaughtered because of the word of God and because of the witness work that they used to have. (Revelation 6:9)**
  - **And they cried with a loud voice, saying; Until when, Sovereign Lord holy and true, are you refraining from judging and avenging our blood upon those who dwell on the earth? (Revelation 6:10)**
  - **And a white robe was given to each of them, and they were told to rest a little while longer, until the number was filled also of their fellow slaves and their brothers who were about to be killed as they also had been. (Revelation 6:11)**
  - **And I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and a great earthquake occurred, and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the entire moon became as blood. (Revelation 6:12)**
  - **And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as when a fig tree shaken by a high wind casts its unripe figs. (Revelation 6:13)**
  - **And the heaven departed as a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and every island were removed from their places. (Revelation 6:14)**
  - **And the kings of the earth and the top-ranking ones and the military commanders and the rich and the strong ones and every slave and every free person hid themselves in the caves and in the rock-masses of the mountains. (Revelation 6:15)**
  - **And they keep saying to the mountains and to the rock-masses;**

**Fall over us and hide us from the face of the One seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. (Revelation 6:16)**

- **Because the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand? (Revelation 6:17)**
- **As he opens the first seal, a rider on a white horse receives a crown and goes forth conquering and to complete his conquest.**
- **The opening of the next three seals introduces three more horsemen, bringing war, famine, and death to mankind.**
- **The fifth seal is opened, those martyred for Christ cry for their blood to be avenged, each is given a white robe.**
- **At the opening of the sixth seal, a great earthquake heralds the day of the wrath of God and of the Lamb.**
- **The four winds of the earth are held back.**
- **After this I saw four angels standing upon the four corners of the earth, holding tight the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow upon the earth or upon the sea or upon any tree. (Revelation 7:1)**
- **And I saw another angel ascending from the sunrising, having a seal of the living God, and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea. (Revelation 7:2)**
- **Saying; Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until after we have sealed the slaves of our God in their foreheads. (Revelation 7:3)**
- **And I heard the number of those who were sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel. (Revelation 7:4)**
- **Out of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand sealed, out of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, out of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand. (Revelation 7:5)**
- **Out of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, out of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, out of the tribe of Manasseh twelve**

- thousand. (**Revelation 7:6**)
- Out of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, out of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, out of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand. (**Revelation 7:7**)
  - Out of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, out of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, out of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand sealed. (**Revelation 7:8**)
  - After these things I saw, and, look! A great crowd, which no man was able to number, out of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white robes, and there were palm branches in their hands. (**Revelation 7:9**)
  - And they keep on crying with a loud voice, saying; Salvation we owe to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb. (**Revelation 7:10**)
  - And all the angels were standing around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell upon their faces before the throne and worshiped God. (**Revelation 7:11**)
  - Saying; Amen! The blessing and the glory and the wisdom and the thanksgiving and the honor and the power and the strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen. (**Revelation 7:12**)
  - And in response one of the elders said to me; These who are dressed in the white robes, who are they and where did they come from? (**Revelation 7:13**)
  - So right away I said to him; My lord, you are the one that knows. And he said to me; These are the ones that come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (**Revelation 7:14**)
  - That is why they are before the throne of God, and they are rendering him sacred service day and night in his temple, and the One seated on the throne will spread his tent over them. (**Revelation 7:15**)
  - They will hunger no more nor thirst anymore, neither will the sun beat down upon them nor any scorching heat. (**Revelation 7:16**)

- **Because the Lamb, who is in the midst of the throne, will shepherd them, and will guide them to fountains of waters of life. And God will wipe out every tear from their eyes. (Revelation 7:17)**
- **John hears that the four winds will be held back until the slaves of God are sealed, the number of those sealed is 144,000.**
- **Then, John sees a great, unnumbered crowd out of all nations, these come out of the great tribulation.**
- **The seventh seal is opened (Revelation 8:1)–(Revelation 11:14)**
- **There is a half-hour silence, fire from the altar is hurled to the earth, seven angels prepare to blow trumpets.**
- **The first four trumpet blasts herald plagues on the earth, the sea, the freshwater sources, as well as on the sun, moon, and stars.**
- **The fifth trumpet calls forth a plague of locusts, and the sixth unleashes a terrifying cavalry attack.**
- **John eats a little scroll and learns he must prophesy some more.**
- **He measures the sanctuary, two witnesses prophecy in sackcloth, are killed, and are raised again.**
- **The seventh trumpet, the Kingdom is born. (Revelation 11:15)–(Revelation 12:17)**
- **The seventh trumpet sounds and the Kingdom of Yehowah and the authority of his Christ are announced.**
- **A woman gives birth to a male child in heaven.**
- **The dragon tries to devour the child, there is war in heaven, Michael casts the dragon and its angels down to earth.**
- **The dragon wages war on the remnant of the woman's seed.**
- **The wild beast from the sea.**
- **And it stood still upon the sand of the sea. And I saw a wild**

- beast ascending out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, and upon its horns ten diadems, but upon its heads blasphemous names. (**Revelation 13:1**)
- Now the wild beast that I saw was like a leopard, but its feet were as those of a bear, and its mouth was as a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave to the beast its power and its throne and great authority. (**Revelation 13:2**)
  - And I saw one of its heads as though slaughtered to death, but its death-stroke got healed, and all the earth followed the wild beast with admiration. (**Revelation 13:3**)
  - And they worshiped the dragon because it gave the authority to the wild beast, and they worshiped the wild beast with the words; Who is like the wild beast, and who can do battle with it? (**Revelation 13:4**)
  - And a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies was given it, and authority to act forty-two months was given it. (**Revelation 13:5**)
  - And it opened its mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name and his residence, even those residing in heaven. (**Revelation 13:6**)
  - And there was granted it to wage war with the holy ones and conquer them, and authority was given it over every tribe and people and tongue and nation. (**Revelation 13:7**)
  - And all those who dwell on the earth will worship it, the name of not one of them stands written in the scroll of life of the Lamb who was slaughtered, from the founding of the world. (**Revelation 13:8**)
  - If anyone has an ear, let him hear. (**Revelation 13:9**)
  - If anyone is meant for captivity, he goes away into captivity. If anyone will kill with the sword, he must be killed with the sword. Here is where it means the endurance and faith of the holy ones. (**Revelation 13:10**)
  - And I saw another wild beast ascending out of the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, but it began speaking as a dragon.

**(Revelation 13:11)**

- **And it exercises all the authority of the first wild beast in its sight. And it makes the earth and those who dwell in it worship the first wild beast, whose death-stroke got healed. (Revelation 13:12)**
- **And it performs great signs, so that it should even make fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the sight of mankind. (Revelation 13:13)**
- **And it misleads those who dwell on the earth, because of the signs that were granted it to perform in the sight of the wild beast, while it tells those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the wild beast that had the sword-stroke and yet revived. (Revelation 13:14)**
- **And there was granted it to give breath to the image of the wild beast, so that the image of the wild beast should both speak and cause to be killed all those who would not in any way worship the image of the wild beast. (Revelation 13:15)**
- **And it puts under compulsion all persons, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the slaves, that they should give these a mark in their right hand or upon their forehead. (Revelation 13:16)**
- **And that nobody might be able to buy or sell except a person having the mark, the name of the wild beast or the number of its name. (Revelation 13:17)**
- **Here is where wisdom comes in. Let the one that has intelligence calculate the number of the wild beast, for it is a man's number, and its number is six hundred and sixty-six. (Revelation 13:18)**
- **A wild beast with seven heads and ten horns comes out of the sea.**
- **The dragon gives the beast its authority, and a beast with two horns like a lamb makes an image to it, many are forced to worship the wild beast and accept its mark.**
- **Yehowah's faithful servants in action.**



- **And I saw, and, look! The Lamb standing upon the Mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads. (Revelation 14:1)**
- **And I heard a sound out of heaven as the sound of many waters and as the sound of loud thunder, and the sound that I heard was as of singers who accompany themselves on the harp playing on their harps. (Revelation 14:2)**
- **And they are singing as if a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders, and no one was able to master that song but the hundred and forty-four thousand, who have been bought from the earth. (Revelation 14:3)**
- **These are the ones that did not defile themselves with women, in fact, they are virgins. These are the ones that keep following the Lamb no matter where he goes. These were bought from among mankind as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. (Revelation 14:4)**
- **And no falsehood was found in their mouths, they are without blemish. (Revelation 14:5)**
- **And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, and he had everlasting Good News to declare as glad tidings to those who dwell on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people. (Revelation 14:6)**
- **Saying in a loud voice; Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of the judgment by him has arrived, and so worship the One who made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters. (Revelation 14:7)**
- **And another, a second angel, followed, saying; She has fallen! Babylon the Great has fallen, she who made all the nations drink of the wine of the anger of her fornication! (Revelation 14:8)**
- **And another angel, a third, followed them, saying in a loud voice; If anyone worships the wild beast and its image, and receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand. (Revelation 14:9)**
- **He will also drink of the wine of the anger of God that is poured out undiluted into the cup of his wrath, and he shall be**

- tormented with fire and sulphur in the sight of the holy angels and in the sight of the Lamb. (**Revelation 14:10**)
- **And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever, and day and night they have no rest, those who worship the wild beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name. (**Revelation 14:11**)**
  - **Here is where it means endurance for the holy ones, those who observe the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. (**Revelation 14:12**)**
  - **And I heard a voice out of heaven say; Write. Happy are the dead who die in union with the Lord from this time onward. Yes, says the spirit, let them rest from their labors, for the things they did go right with them. (**Revelation 14:13**)**
  - **And I saw, and, look! A white cloud, and upon the cloud someone seated like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. (**Revelation 14:14**)**
  - **And another angel emerged from the temple sanctuary, crying with a loud voice to the one seated on the cloud; Put your sickle in and reap, because the hour has come to reap, for the harvest of the earth is thoroughly ripe. (**Revelation 14:15**)**
  - **And the one seated on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped. (**Revelation 14:16**)**
  - **And still another angel emerged from the temple sanctuary that is in heaven, he, too, having a sharp sickle. (**Revelation 14:17**)**
  - **And still another angel emerged from the altar and he had authority over the fire. And he called out with a loud voice to the one that had the sharp sickle, saying; Put your sharp sickle in and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, because its grapes have become ripe. (**Revelation 14:18**)**
  - **And the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and he hurled it into the great winepress of the anger of God. (**Revelation 14:19**)**
  - **And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress as high up as the bridles of the horses, for a**

distance of a thousand six hundred furlongs. ([Revelation 14:20](#))

- **The 144,000 on Mount Zion sing a new song.**
- **Angels flying in midheaven declare vital messages.**
- **Someone like a son of man reaps the harvest of the earth.**
- **An angel treads the winepress of God, with much bloodshed.**
- **Yehowah, from his heavenly sanctuary, commands seven angels to pour out the seven bowls of his anger ([Revelation 15:1](#))–([Revelation 16:21](#))**
- **The first six bowls are poured out into the earth, the sea; and freshwater sources, and upon the sun, the throne of the wild beast, and the Euphrates**
- **God’s servants must stay awake, as demonic propaganda gathers human kings to Har–Magedon.**
- **The seventh bowl is poured out upon the air with devastating results.**
- **Visions of the end of Babylon the Great ([Revelation 17:1](#))–([Revelation 18:24](#))**
- **Babylon the Great, drunk with the blood of the holy ones, sits on a scarlet beast having seven heads and ten horns, the ten horns turn on her and devastate her.**
- **Her fall is announced, God’s people must get out of her.**
- **Her final destruction is mourned by many on earth.**
- **The marriage of the Lamb.**
- **After these things I heard what was as a loud voice of a great crowd in heaven. They said; Praise Yah, you people! The salvation and the glory and the power belong to our God. ([Revelation 19:1](#))**
- **Because his judgments are true and righteous. For he has executed judgment upon the great harlot who corrupted the**

- earth with her fornication, and he has avenged the blood of his slaves at her hand. (**Revelation 19:2**)
- **And right away for the second time they said; Praise Yah, you people! And the smoke from her goes on ascending forever and ever. (**Revelation 19:3**)**
  - **And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God seated upon the throne, and said, Amen! Praise Yah, you people! (**Revelation 19:4**)**
  - **Also, a voice issued forth from the throne and said; Be praising our God, all you his slaves, who fear him, the small ones and the great. (**Revelation 19:5**)**
  - **And I heard what was as a voice of a great crowd and as a sound of many waters and as a sound of heavy thunders. They said; Praise Yah, you people, because Yehowah our God, the Almighty, has begun to rule as king. (**Revelation 19:6**)**
  - **Let us rejoice and be overjoyed, and let us give him the glory, because the marriage of the Lamb has arrived and his wife has prepared herself. (**Revelation 19:7**)**
  - **Yes, it has been granted to her to be arrayed in bright, clean, fine linen, for the fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the holy ones. (**Revelation 19:8**)**
  - **And he tells me; Write! Happy are those invited to the evening meal of the Lamb's marriage. Also, he tells me; These are the true sayings of God. (**Revelation 19:9**)**
  - **At that I fell down before his feet to worship him. But he tells me; Be careful! Do not do that! All I am is a fellow slave of you and of your brothers who have the work of witnessing to Jesus. Worship God, for the bearing witness to Jesus is what inspires prophesying. (**Revelation 19:10**)**
  - **Heavenly voices praise Yah for the destruction of Babylon.**
  - **A thunderous chorus of praise heralds the marriage of the Lamb.**
  - **King of kings triumphant over the nations.**

- **And I saw the heaven opened, and, look! A white horse. And the one seated upon it is called Faithful and True, and he judges and carries on war in righteousness. (Revelation 19:11)**
- **His eyes are a fiery flame, and upon his head are many diadems. He has a name written that no one knows but he himself. (Revelation 19:12)**
- **And he is arrayed with an outer garment sprinkled with blood, and the name he is called is The Word of God. (Revelation 19:13)**
- **Also, the armies that were in heaven were following him on white horses, and they were clothed in white, clean, fine linen. (Revelation 19:14)**
- **And out of his mouth there protrudes a sharp long sword, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron. He treads too the winepress of the anger of the wrath of God the Almighty. (Revelation 19:15)**
- **And upon his outer garment, even upon his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:16)**
- **I saw also an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice and said to all the birds that fly in midheaven; Come here, be gathered together to the great evening meal of God. (Revelation 19:17)**
- **That you may eat the fleshy parts of kings and the fleshy parts of military commanders and the fleshy parts of strong men and the fleshy parts of horses and of those seated upon them, and the fleshy parts of all, of freemen as well as of slaves and of small ones and great. (Revelation 19:18)**
- **And I saw the wild beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage the war with the one seated on the horse and with his army. (Revelation 19:19)**
- **And the wild beast was caught, and along with it the false prophet that performed in front of it the signs with which he misled those who received the mark of the wild beast and those who render worship to its image. While still alive, they both were hurled into the fiery lake that burns with sulphur. (Revelation 19:20)**

- **But the rest were killed off with the long sword of the one seated on the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth. And all the birds were filled from the fleshy parts of them. (Revelation 19:21)**
- **The Word of God goes to war against the nations, the wild beast and the false prophet are hurled into the lake of fire, all of God's enemies are killed off, animals eat their fleshy parts.**
- **Satan abysed, Christ rules for 1,000 years. (Revelation 20:1)–(Revelation 21:8)**
- **Satan is abysed for 1,000 years.**
- **Jesus fellow rulers judge with him for 1,000 years, after which, Satan is released, he sets out to mislead mankind again, but finally he and all who follow him are destroyed.**
- **All those in death, Hades, and the sea are raised and judged before the One seated on the great white throne, death and Hades are cast into the lake of fire.**
- **John sees a new heaven and a new earth.**
- **The New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9)–(Revelation 22:21)**
- **The glorious New Jerusalem comes down from heaven, illuminating the nations, a river of water of life flows through it, with trees for healing on each bank.**
- **Revelation closes with final messages from Yehowah and Jesus, the spirit and the bride invite anyone thirsting to take lifes water free.**