

# REVELATION

*The CHURCH TRIUMPHANT  
Through CHRIST  
(the LAMB of GOD)*

*Based upon Jim McGuigan's work on the book of Revelation*

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*Lesson Nine*  
Chapters One - Five

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# Historical Setting of Revelation

## **“SHORTLY TAKE PLACE”**

- *1:1 – Must shortly come to pass*
- *1:3 – ... for the time is near*
- *22:6 – Must shortly take place*
- *22:7 – Behold, I come quickly*
- *22:10 – Time is at hand*
- *22:12 – I am coming quickly*
- *22:20 – Surely I am coming quickly*

# Authors of Revelation

**From Revelation 1:1,4**

**GOD and Holy Spirit**



**CHRIST**



**ANGEL**



**JOHN**

# Presentation Method of Revelation

## John's "In the Spirit" Visions

- **Vision One (1:9 – 3:22) – Island of Patmos**  
– *The Lord Among the Lamp Stands*
- **Vision Two (4:1 – 16:21) – “Heaven”**  
– *The Lord and the World*
- **Vision Three (17:1 – 21:8) – “Wilderness”**  
– *The Lord and the Devil*
- **Vision Four (21:9 – 22:5) – “High Mountain”**  
– *The Lord and His Own*

# The Description of Jesus

- **Clothed like the Son of Man (13) – Human Form**
- **Clothed with a long garment (13) – Rank**
- **Golden girdle about His breast (13) – Royal Rank**
- **Head and hair are white as wool (14) – Holiness**
- **Eyes like a flame of fire – Penetrating**
- **Feet like fine brass burned in a furnace – Strength**
- **Voice like many waters – Overwhelming**



# The Description of Jesus

- **He is the Alpha and the Omega – Beginning/End**
  - **He is the First and the Last – He is God**
  - **Had seven stars in His right hand – Authority**
- **Sharp two-edged sword in His mouth – Judgment**
  - **Face as the sun shines in its strength – Glory**
    - **He is the Living One – Resurrected Lord**
    - **He has the keys of Hades and death ...**

**Don't Be Afraid!**

# Letters to the Seven Churches



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**Each Letter shares a 7-part pattern**

**Salutation “*To the angel ...*”**

**Christ’s Description**

**Commendation “*I know ...*”**

**Condemnation “*... things against you*”**

**Counsel: change (if - ) continue (if +)**

**Promise: overcome and I will give**

**Invitation “*He who has an ear ...*”**

# Letters to the Seven Churches

**Together, these seven churches are seen as representative examples of the good and bad attributes of the churches of that day**

**Question: can these attributes be applied to today's churches?**

# Chapter 4 - The Reigning God

- **The Radiance of He who sat on the throne**
  - *Jasper* - Crystal Clear (Holy)
  - *Sardius* - Red (Righteous Judgment)
  - *Emerald Rainbow* – (God's Mercy)
- **7 lamps of fire that are the 7 Spirits of God**
  - **Holy Spirit: omniscient revealer of truth/wisdom**
- **Four Living Creatures**
  - **Possibly cherubim who execute God's will**
- **24 Elders**
  - **Eternal Priesthood (2 Chronicles 24:7-18)**
  - **12 Patriarchs + 12 Apostles = God's People**

# Chapter 4 - Song of Praise

- **God is worthy to be worshiped!**
  - He is holy
  - He is almighty
  - He has always existed
  - He will always exist
- **God Receives all glory, honor, and power**
  - Because He created all things
  - All things exist because He wills it so
- **Therefore GOD IS IN CONTROL!!!**
  - He created Rome, and He can destroy Rome

# Chapter 5 - The Redeeming Lamb

- **Scroll (little book) full of vital information**
  - No one “worthy” to open
  - John cries - God’s justice, and saints’ destiny will not be revealed
- **The “Lion” / “Lamb” has “Overcome”**
  - Christ conquered, prevailed and IS worthy
  - Christ defeated Satan
  - He and only He can open the seals and reveal God’s will for His people

# “Worthy is the Lamb Who was Slain”

## The Seven-fold Attributes (5:12,13)

- ***Power*** - Authority
- ***Riches*** - Unsearchable Spiritual Riches
- ***Wisdom*** – Infinite and Eternal
- ***Strength*** – Omnipotent Ability
- ***Honor*** - Integrity
- ***Glory*** - Perfection
- ***Blessing*** - Worthy of Praise



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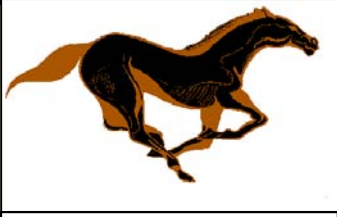
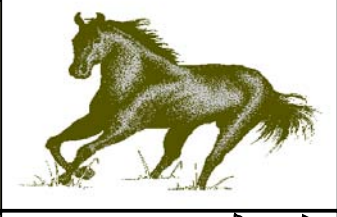
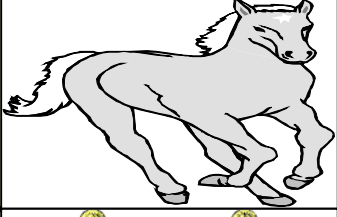
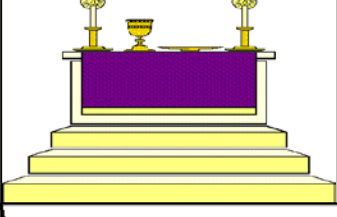

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# THE SEVEN SEALS (REV. 6 & 7)

<b>WHITE HORSE</b>		Anti-Christ	PARTHIANS Militarism	ROME Conquest	CHRIST The Gospel
<b>RED HORSE</b>		War	War	External Invasion	Persecution
<b>BLACK HORSE</b>		Famine	Food Rationing	Internal Corruption	Economic Hardship
<b>PALE HORSE</b>		Death	Judgment	Natural Calamity	Common Woes
<b>MARTYRS</b>		"The" Tribulation	Killed Christians	Internal Unrest	Killed Christians
<b>EARTHQUAKE</b>		Catastrophes	Judgment	Natural Calamity	God's Judgments



# Interlude: God's People Are Assured

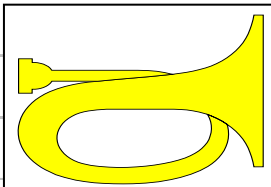
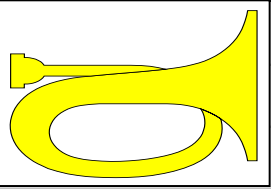
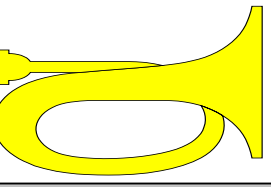
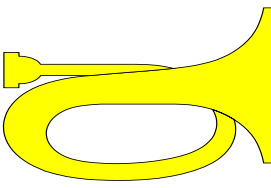
- **An earthquake and all kinds of cosmic disturbances indicate judgment is coming**
- **All the earth dwellers seek to hide from “He who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb”**
- **Who is able to stand? (reference 6:17)**
- **Before the seventh seal is revealed God's people are assured during an Interlude**



# Interlude: Sealing of the 144,000

- **An angel calls for time for sealing 7:1-3**
- **The number of the sealed ones 7:4-8**
- **A great multitude and the angels and the elders and the four living creatures all worship God and the Lamb 7:9-12**
- **The great multitude identified 7:13-17**
- **Opening of the 7th seal 8:1-5**
  - 8:1-2 Seventh seal opened, silence in heaven**
  - 8:3-5 Incense on the altar, coals from the altar**
- **Prayers of the Saints are heard**

# THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

TRUMPET	WHAT HAPPENS?	REPRESENTS?
	<p><b>TRUMPET #1 (8:7)</b></p> <p>Hail and Fire, Mingled With Blood They were thrown down to earth 1/3 of the trees &amp; grass burn up</p>	<p>Food Supply Destroyed Material &amp; Physical destroyed Hail destroys Gods enemies God demands Blood for Blood</p>
	<p><b>TRUMPET #2 (8:8-9)</b></p> <p>Great Mt. Burns &amp; is thrown into sea 1/3 of sea became blood 1/3 of the sea creatures died 1/3 of ships destroyed</p>	<p>Denotes fall of great govt. Jer. 51:25 - Babylon destroyed Psa 46:2 - Christians - no fear Commerce, Economy Struck</p>
	<p><b>TRUMPET #3 (8:10-11)</b></p> <p>Great Star fell on 1/3 of inland waters Star is named Wormwood Wormwood made the water bitter Many men died</p>	<p>Fresh water supply attacked Star = Fallen Ruler (Isa 14:12) Star = God controls everything Wormwood Suffering for Evil Jer 23:15 - Rebellious</p>
	<p><b>TRUMPET #4 (8:12)</b></p> <p>1/3 of Sun, Moon, &amp; Stars are struck 1/3 of them are darkened 1/3 of day did not shine, or night</p>	<p>Heavenly Bodies Struck Light = Understanding Darkness = No Understanding God's Judgment</p>

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TRUMPET	WHAT HAPPENS?	REPRESENTS?
	<b>TRUMPET #5 (9:1-12)</b>	Satan, the deceiver of men
	Star falls from Heaven	Pit = Lower depths of evil
	He (Star) is given key to pit	Blindness, deception, delusion
	Smoke comes out - Darkens Sun / Air	The hurt, pain assoc. with Sin
	Locusts as scorpions come out of pit	God's people are protected
	Harm only those without Seal of God	Incompleteness, partial jdgmt
	Men desire to die, tormented 5 mos.	Satan (John 8:44)
	Their King is named "DESTROYER"	
	<b>TRUMPET #6 (9:6-21)</b>	Euphrates= Threat, Military
	Angels at Euphrates are released	External Attack (Parthians)
	1/3 of Mankind are killed	Under God's Control
	Cavalry of 200,000,000 soldiers	An Awesome number!!
	Breastplates -Red, Blue, Yellow	God's wrath, punishment
	<b>TRUMPET #7 (11:15ff)</b>	Eruption of Joy
	Loud voices in heaven	Victory is Ours!!!
	24 Elders worshipped God	The Lord will take Vengeance
	Praise is given to God for His Jdgmt	

# Interlude: The Angel & The Little Book

- **Prior to the sounding of the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet**
- **10:1-4 The Little Book & the Seven Thunders**
- **10:5-7 Warning: Judgment is at hand**
  - will come soon
  - when the 7th trumpet sounds
- **10:8-11 John to eat the little book (bittersweet)**
  - He must prophesy again concerning many peoples, nations, tongues and kings
- **Compare with Isaiah 6 message to Israel**

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