**Revelation – Bible Study Outline**

**Title meaning – Apokalypsis – the removal of a veil so that something can be seen**

27th book of the New Testament

66th book of the Bible

22 chapters in the book

Book of Prophecy – only book of prophecy in the new testament

Genre - epistle

Written by Apostle John – through Jesus Christ

Written – 90-95 AD

Overview – This epistle was written by John the Apostle after his exile to the Island of Patmos. His epistle is divided into two parts: the first addressed the Seven Churches of Asia and events at the time it was written, and the second part prophesied of future days and the end of the world. Almost exclusively prophecy, Revelation mirrors Old Testament prophets such as Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, and Ezekiel in intriguing ways. While seemingly radical and highly symbolic, the book can be relevant and welcome by believers of the millennium

The book primarily addresses the end of times surrounding the coming of Jesus back to earth.

Famous verses:

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them, and they with me. – Revelation 3:20 (from Letter, Church in Laodicea section)

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. – Revelation 21:1 (from New Heavens, New Earth section)

Important points about the book:

Apostle John is very old by the time he wrote this book. In fact, he was the only disciple who hadn’t died. He was in prison on an island called Patmos, which is like an ugly giant rock in the middle of the Adriatic Sea.

While there, he experienced the visions that are contained in the Book of Revelation. They concern the end times and all the good and bad things that will happen. The book is full of symbols and visions that are hard to understand. That’s because it isn’t time to understand them yet.

The book shows visions about a seven-year tribulation or “hard time” that will come upon the earth, and after that, Jesus will return. He invites everyone to be part of his new heaven and new earth who want to be with him.

**Seven Major Sections of the book of Revelation**

**Introduction**

 *Revelation 1*

 John details how he received his vision from an angel of the Lord and gives a description of Jesus Christ. He ascribes his message to the church as having been delivered from Jesus himself.

 Revelation 1:1-8 – Greetings

 Revelation 1:9-20 – John Sees Christ

**Letters to the Churches**

 *Revelation 2-3*

 John gives seven churches in Asia Minor correction and commendation, promising exaltation for those that overcome.

 Revelation 2:1-7 - Letter, Church of Ephesus

 Revelation 2:8-11 - Letter, Church of Smyrna

 Revelation 2:12-17 - Letter, Church of Pergamum

 Revelation 2:18-29 - Letter, Church of Thyatira

 Revelation 3:1-6 – Letter, Church of Sardis

 Revelation 3:7-13 – Letter, Church of Philadelphia

 Revelation 3:14-21 – Letter, Church in Laodicea

**Seven Seals, Trumpets, Bowls (Judgments)**

 *Revelation 4-11*

 John sees a book sealed with seven seals and seven judgments where only the Lamb is found worthy to open the judgment scrolls. John sees two prophets who die, are resurrected, and ascend into heaven.

 Revelation 4:1-11 – Throne room; What Must take place

 Revelation 5:1-14 – The Lamb Can Open Scroll with 7 Seals

 Revelation 6 – 6 Seals; 4 Horses, Martyrs, Heavens Fall

 Revelation 7 – 144000 Jews, Multitude in White Robes

 Revelation 8 – 7th Seal; Trumpets 1-4 of Judgments

 Revelation 9 – 7th Seal; Trumpets 5-6 of Worse Judgment

 Revelation 10 – The Angel and Scroll that Tastes Sweet

 Revelation 11:1-14 – The Two Witnesses Die, Resurrect, Ascend

 Revelation 11:15-19 – 7th Trumpet: Kingdom in Heaven Revealed

**The Prophets and the Beasts**

 *Revelation 12-13*

 John sees a woman with child threatened by a dragon and describes a beast with 10 horns and 7 heads rising from the sea. Another beast is numbered as 666.

 Revelation 12 – Woman gives birth; Red Dragon Pursues Her

 Revelation 13:1-10 – Beast from the Sea/10 horns/7 Heads/10 Crowns

 Revelation 13:11-18 – Beast from the Earth; Many signs, 666

**God’s Wrath Completed**

 *Revelation 14-16*

 John sees the redemption of 144,000, angels preaching the gospel, the fall of Babylon, and the harvest of the earth. Those with the mark of the beast are compared to grapes in a vineyard. John describes seven plagues, seven bowls, and seven angels.

 Revelation 14:1-5 – The Lamb and 144,000

Revelation 14:6-13 – Messages from 3 Angels/a voice from Heaven

Revelation 14:14-20 – Angels told to reap the harvest

Revelation 15:1-7 – Seven angels with seven plagues

Revelation 16:1-17 – Seven bowls of god’s wrath

**Babylon, The Beast, the Smaller Beast**

 *Revelation 17-19*

 John prophesies of the Saints’ removal from Babylon and its subsequent ruin. John describes the rejoicing the heaven that will happen. There is rampant debate among bible scholars concerning the location of this mention of Babylon and the method of its destruction.

 Revelation 17:1-18 – Babylon/The Great beast and prostitute

 Revelation 18-19 – All about Babylon

**All Things Made New**

 *Revelation 20-22*

 John reveals that Satan will be bound for a thousand years followed by a resurrection of the dead. He then prophesies that Satan will be released and a last battle will occur. In the end, God will cast Judgment on the dead. John then describes a new heaven and earth and God drying all tears. He testifies of the truthfulness of his vision.

Revelation 20:1-6 – Thousand Years

Revelation 20:7-10 – Judgment of Satan

Revelation 20:11-15 – Judgment of the Dead

Revelation 21:1-8 – New heavens, new earth

Revelation 21:9-27 – New Jerusalem, the bride

Revelation 22:1-5 – A new Eden

Revelation 22:6-11 – The angel speaks to John

Revelation 22:12-21 – I come quickly…Amens

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