



the “BLUF” (bottom line up front) – *God has warned us.*

Four instructions from God as we face the end:

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**1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ – Your \_\_\_\_\_ v. 1-7, 10-13**

**1) Of God’s Promises**

- ⇒ Jesus is Coming Again v. 4
- ⇒ This Earth Will be Destroyed v. 10, 12
- ⇒ There Will Be a New World v. 13

**2) Of Man’s Ridicule**

- ⇒ His Question v. 4a
  - ⇒ His Claim v. 4b
  - ⇒ His Motivation v. 3b
  - ⇒ God’s Response v. 5-7
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**2. Be Not \_\_\_\_\_ (Uninformed) – Your \_\_\_\_\_ v. 8-9**

**1) God’s Calendar v. 8**

**2) God’s Compassion v. 9**

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**3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ – Your \_\_\_\_\_ v. 14-16**

**1) With the Word v. 15-16**

**2) With Your Lifestyle v. 14, 11**

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**4. \_\_\_\_\_ – Your \_\_\_\_\_ v. 17-18**

**1) Don’t Follow Error v. 17**

**2) Study Jesus v. 18**

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# Revelation Simplified

## **The Book of Revelation has three parts:**

1. Past – vision of the majestic Christ – Revelation 1
2. Present – work of churches worldwide since Jesus' resurrection – Revelation 2-3
3. Future – God's dealing with a world that rejected Him – Revelation 4-22

## **The Future has three main events:**

1. Tribulation Period (7 years)
2. Millennium (1,000 years)
3. Eternity

## **The Tribulation Period** occupies the majority of the book of Revelation.

1. What happens in heaven during the Tribulation Period – chapters 4-5
2. What happens on earth during the Tribulation Period – chapters 6-19

Parts of chapters 6-19 are chronological and other parts are parenthetical. The chronological parts tell the story of the Tribulation Period. The parenthetical parts, like large parenthesis, are sections that give additional info about a topic relevant to the Tribulation Period rather than continuing a record of chronological events. The outline shows the chronological section as an outline. The parenthetical sections are in boxes.

The chronology of the Tribulation Period consists of 7 “seal” judgments. Think of a letter telling of God's judgment of earth. The letter is in an envelope that is sealed. The opening of a “seal” is the opening of an announcement of a judgment. The 7<sup>th</sup> seal judgment is 7 trumpet judgments (trumpets announcing seven judgments). The 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet judgment SEEMS to consist of 7 bowl (vial) judgments (seven bowls containing God's wrath that are poured out). The following outline shows this unfolding of judgment.

## Regarding chapters 10 forward....

The Tribulation Period ends at 11:17. It ends as the result of the sounding of the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet.

11:18 states that the sounding of the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet and ending of the Tribulation Period will trigger four things – the summary of the end:

- 1) The nations of the world are angered.
- 2) The lost will be judged
- 3) The saved will be rewarded
- 4) The rejecters will be destroyed

**Suggestion** – read the *Book of Revelation* using the following outline *skipping the portions that are in boxes*. Then go back and read what is in each box to learn more about the topic it deals with.

That is what you often do with a parenthesis. You read the sentence *without what is in the parenthesis* to understand the main statement being made. Then, you go back and read what is in the parenthesis to see what information is added.

## The Book of Revelation Outlined:

Introduction 1:1-8

- I. **The Past...** a Vision of the Glorified Christ 1:9-20
- II. **The Present...** an Understanding of the Present Day Work of God 2 & 3
- III. **The Future...** a Revelation of End Time Events 4:1-22:21

An Introduction to the Tribulation (what is happening in heaven?) 4:1-5:14

### A. **Tribulation** 6:1-19:21

Seven Seal Judgments are Opened 6:1-11:19

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| 1. Anti-Christ Revealed 6:1-2 | 4. Death 6:7-8                |
| 2. War 6:3-4                  | 5. Martyrdom 6:9-11           |
| 3. Famine 6:5-6               | 6. Physical Upheavals 6:12-14 |

### *EVANGELISM DURING THE TRIBULATION (CHAPTER 7)*

### 7. **7<sup>th</sup> Seal = Seven Trumpet Judgments** 8:1-11:19

Opening the 7<sup>th</sup> Seal 8:1-6

- 1) Vegetation 8:7
- 2) Ocean 8:8-9
- 3) Fresh Water 8:10-11
- 4) Light 8:12
- 5) Locusts (**Woe #1**) 8:13-9:12
- 6) Devil's Calvary (**Woe #2**) 9:13-21
- 7) Final Trumpet Judgment Ends Tribulation Period (**Woe #3**)  
10:1-11; 11:14-19. The blowing of the trumpet does not occur until 11:15a. However, the trumpet is mentioned in 10:7a.

- (1) Prelude to Trumpet 10:1-11 – Note that the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet will mark the end of the Tribulation Period (10:6b-7).

### *TWO WITNESSES (CHAPTER 11:1-13)*

- (2) 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet Sounds 11:14-15a
- (3) Jesus Wins! Tribulation is Over! 11:15b-19

### *SATAN AT WAR (CHAPTER 12)* *TWO BEASTS (CHAPTER 13)* *VARIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS (CHAPTER 14)*

### **SEVEN BOWL JUDGMENTS (CHAPTER 15-16)**

Here are further details regarding the nature of the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet judgment which occurred at 11:15.

15:1, 7 – Seven bowls of judgment are the final judgments.

16:17 – When the 7<sup>th</sup> bowl is poured out “It is done.”

Note: the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet judgment occurred without recording what the judgment was (11:15). The 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet judgment ended the Tribulation Period. Therefore, the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet judgment is the final package of judgment. What was in that package of judgment was not explained until chapter 16 where the seven bowls of judgment are poured out in rapid succession to complete God's wrath.

1. Prelude to the Seven Bowls 15:1-8

2. The Seven Bowls 16:1-21

(1) Sores

(2) Sea

(3) Freshwater

(4) Sun

(5) Darkness

(6) Euphrates (Battle of Armageddon 16:16)

(7) Air (Babylon Falls 16:19)

### ***BABYLON IS FALLEN! (CHAPTERS 17 & 18)***

### ***HEAVEN'S REACTION TO EARTH'S COLLAPSE (CHAPTER 19:1-10)***

### ***SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST! (CHAPTER 19:11-21)***

**B. Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ on Earth 20:1-15**

**C. Eternal State 21:1-22:21**

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### **Parenthetical Chapters that provide more details about specific events/themes:**

Chapter 11:1-13 – two witnesses whose ministry lasts 3 ½ years.

Chapter 12 – the history of Satan's conflict with Jesus

Chapter 13 – the work of Satan's human instruments...two beasts

Chapter 14 – various announcements

Chapters 15-16 – details about the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet judgment that ended the Tribulation Period (ends with the fall of Babylon and the Battle of Armageddon – 16:16 & 19; compare 11:19b & 16:18).

Chapters 17-18 – details about Babylon and her fall.

Chapter 19:1-10 – heaven reacts to the news of Babylon's fall & Tribulation end (11:15).

Chapter 19:11-20 – details about Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> coming at close of Tribulation Period (11:15).

*“Even so, come Lord Jesus!”*