



The 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ:

- produces His victory over a created world that has rejected Him,
- reveals Him as the Messiah of Israel,
- enthrones Him as King of kings and Lord of lords on earth.

It is precise, purposeful and understandable (Revelation 1:3).

We are learning seven characteristics of Jesus' 2nd coming. We've learned that 1) It is Desired and 2) It is Delayed. Therefore, *Stay focused while dreaming!* We've learned that it will be 3) Unexpected, yet 4) Visible Globally. Therefore, *Don't be caught off-guard!* We've learned that it will 5) Reveal the Heart and be 6) Divisive – therefore, *You cannot escape His piercing look!*

B.L.U.F. (Bottom Line Up Front): *This is humanity's worst cataclysmic event!*

7. Shockingly _____ v. 37

Jesus' picture – a body and some eagles. Is this a picture of something positive or negative? Here are some positive examples of "eagles"....

Isaiah 40:31 "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Exodus 19:4 "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself."

Yet, in reference to Jesus' 2nd Coming, the picture is negative.

Matthew 24:28 – "For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together."

Jesus pictures world civilization, at the completion of His 2nd Coming, as a "rotting corpse" judged by God.

Study from *Revelation* – the end of the tribulation with it's collapse of culture, economics, military, etc. All that will be left of this Christ-rejecting world will be the corpses to be devoured by birds of prey. The survivors will enter Jesus' Kingdom on earth.

Let's take a glance at it in *Revelation*.



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Revelation Simplified

Revelation has three parts:

Past – vision of the majestic Christ – Revelation 1

Present – work of churches evangelizing the world – Revelation 2-3

Future – God's dealing with a world that rejected Him – Revelation 4-22

The Future has three main events:

1. Tribulation; 2. Millennial Kingdom; 3. Eternity

The Tribulation occupies the majority of the book of Revelation. Chapters 4-19 record this Tribulation Period which lasts seven years.

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 (the Tribulation on earth) are chronological and parts are parenthetical (like a large parenthesis, a parenthetical chapter will 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. ***I like to read Revelation using the following outline, but skipping the parenthetical boxes, so I can get the big picture in my mind. Then I can read the parenthetical sections for details about specific topics.***

Chronological Structure of the Tribulation period – **the chronology of the Tribulation consists of 7 seal judgments**. The seventh seal judgment is the rapid sounding of 7 trumpet judgments. The seventh trumpet judgment SEEMS to include the rapid pouring out of 7 bowl (vial) judgments. The following outline will show this chronology.

Therefore, the Tribulation Period ends at 10:6-7 and 11:15-19 with the judgement of the 7th trumpet which concludes the 7th Seal Judgement. The 7th trumpet is the pouring out of 7 bowls of judgement.

11:18 states that the sounding of the 7th trumpet and ending of the Tribulation Period will trigger four things:

- 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.

Reading 10:6-7; then 11:15-19, and then skipping to chapters 20-22, will connect the basic chronology of the end of the Tribulation to the Millennial Kingdom and Eternity.

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 – some various announcements.

Chapters 15-16 – details about the 7th trumpet judgment that ended the Tribulation Period (i.e. – the fall of Babylon and the Battle of Armageddon in 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 and end of the Tribulation (11:15).

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

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

A. Jesus' Church at Ephesus 2:1-7

B. Jesus' Church at Smyrna 2:8-11

C. Jesus' Church at Pergamos 2:12-17

D. Jesus' Church at Thyatira 2:18-29

E. Jesus' Church at Sardis 3:1-6

F. Jesus' Church at Philadelphia 3:7-13

G. Jesus' Church at Laodicea 3:14-22

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 6:1-11:19

1. Anti-Christ Revealed 6:1-2

2. War 6:3-4

3. Famine 6:5-6

4. Death 6:7-8

5. Martyrdom 6:9-11

6. Physical Upheavals 6:12-14

<i>EVANGELISM DURING THE TRIBULATION (CHAPTER 7)</i>
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7. **7th Seal = Seven Trumpet Judgements** 8:1-11:19

Opening the 7th 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 Concludes the Seven Seals and 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 7th trumpet will mark the end of the Tribulation Period (10:6b-7).

TWO WITNESSES (CHAPTER 11:1-13)

- (2) 7th 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 7th trumpet judgment which occurred at 11:15.

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

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

Note: the 7th trumpet judgment occurred without recording what the judgment was (11:15). The 7th trumpet judgment ended the Tribulation Period. Therefore, the 7th 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 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 16:14b-17)
 - (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 Kingdom** (ends with Great White Throne Judgement) 20:1-15
C. Eternal State 21:1-22:21