

# Jesus & The End Times

## Lesson 5 – The Book of Revelation as it Relates to the End Times

### 1. Various Interpretations and Theological Perspectives

Preterist - Idealist - Historicist - Futurist

97. Interpretations of Revelation			
	REVELATION 1-3	REVELATION 4-19	REVELATION 20-22
<b>Preterist</b>	Historic churches	Symbolic of contemporary conditions	Symbolic of heaven and victory
<b>Idealist</b>	Historic churches	Symbolic of conflict of good and evil	Victory of good
<b>Historicist</b>	Historic churches	Symbolic of historical events: fall of Rome, Muhammadanism, papacy, Reformation	Final judgment; Millennium (?); eternal state
<b>Futurist</b>	Historic churches and/or seven stages of church history	Future tribulation; judgments concentrated on apostate church and Antichrist; coming of Christ	Millennial kingdom; judgment of wicked dead; eternal state

#### Three segments of Revelation

- **Chapters 1-3** - Deal with the Seven Churches. Book originally written to churches.
- **Chapter 4-19** - The bulk of the book. All the judgments are listed here. There are 21 judgments. 7 seals, 7 Trumpets, 7 Bowls.
- **Chapter 20-22** - The Second Coming they call it the eternal state and talks about the Millennial Kingdom. Talks about the New Heaven and the New Earth.

**A. PRETERIST View-** Most prophecies in the book of Revelation were fulfilled during the time of the Roman Empire.

**B. IDEALIST View** – (Spiritual or symbolic). Most prophecies portray the ongoing cosmic conflict of spiritual realities and may have many fulfillments throughout history.

**C. HISTORICIST View** – The prophecies have been fulfilled throughout history and are still being fulfilled today.

**D. FUTURIST View** – Most prophecies beyond Revelation 3 are yet to be fulfilled.

## 2. Letters to the Seven Churches in Asia – Revelation 1-3

### A. Vision of Jesus Revelation 1:9-20

### B. To the angel of Ephesus / Smyrna / Pergamum / Thyatira / Sardis / Philadelphia / Laodicea v.20

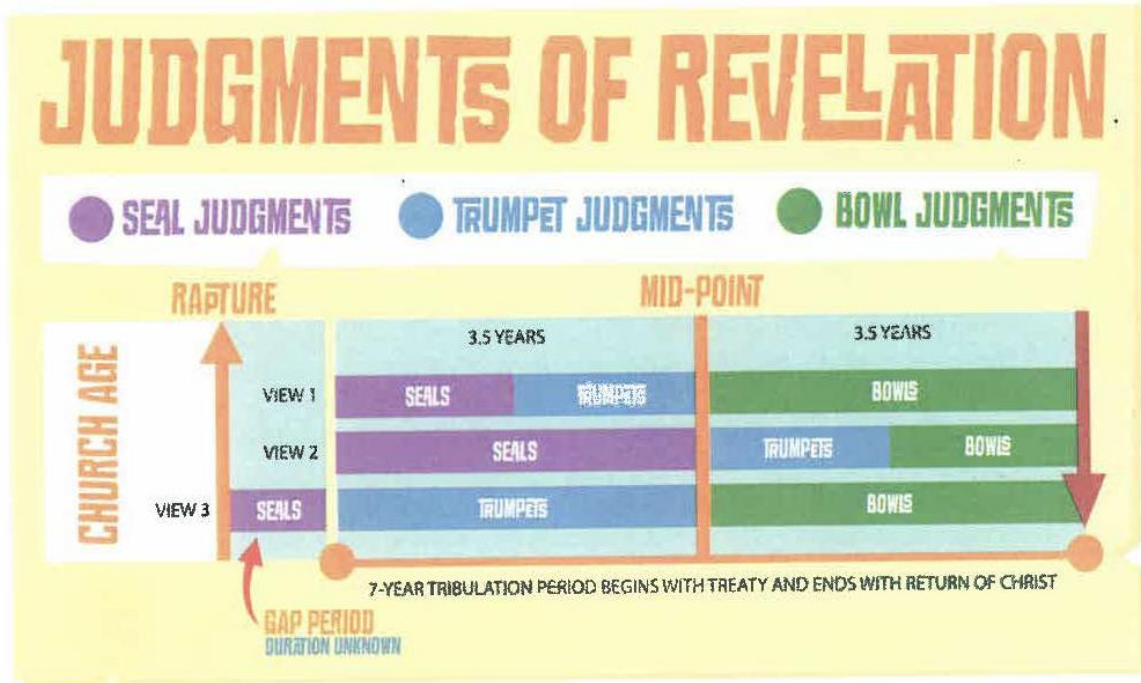
102. The Seven Churches of Revelation							
	PRAISE	REBUKE	COMMAND	PUNISHMENT	REWARD	MEANING	SYMBOLISM
Ephesus	Good works, patience, exposed false apostles, hated the practice of the Nicolaitans	Forsook their first love	Remember the height from which you have fallen; return to your first love.	Removal of the candlestick	Overcomers will eat from the Tree of Life in the midst of the paradise of God.	Desired one	Apostolic church (A.D. 30-100)
Smyrna	Afflicted and poor, yet they were rich	No rebuke	Do not be afraid; be faithful to the point of death.		The faithful will be given the crown of life; overcomers will not be hurt by the second death.	Myrrh	Early church (100-312)
Pergamum	Remained true to the name of Christ; did not renounce their faith	Some held to the teaching of Balaam; yet others to the teaching of the Nicolaitans	Repent.	Christ will come and fight against them with the sword of his mouth.	Overcomers will eat of the hidden manna and will be given a white stone with a new name written on it.	Thoroughly married	Constantine (312-606)
Thyatira	Good deeds, love and faith, service and perseverance; doing more than they did at first	Toleration of Jezebel	Repent.	Jezebel will suffer intensely, along with those who commit adultery with her. Her children will be struck dead. God will repay each one according to his deeds.	Overcomers will be given authority over the nations and will rule with an iron scepter. They will also be given the morning star.	Continuous sacrifice	Roman Catholic Church (606-Tribulation)
Sardis	A few people had not soiled their clothes	Had reputation of being alive, but they were dead	Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die; obey what you have received and heard. Repent.	Christ will come like a thief in the night to those who do not wake up.	Overcomers will be dressed in white, and their names will not be blotted out from the Book of Life. They will be recognized before angels.	Those escaping	The Reformation (1520-Tribulation)
Philadelphia	Kept the Word of God and did not deny his name	No rebuke	Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.		Overcomers will be made pillars in the temple of God. A new name will be given to them.	Brotherly love	Modern church-true (1750-Rapture)
Laodicea	No praise	Lukewarm; false sense of security; wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked	Buy gold that is tried in the fire, white clothes to cover your shameful nakedness, and eye salve to heal your blindness. Invite Christ in.	Christ will spew them out of his mouth.	Overcomers will sit with Christ on his throne.	The people ruling	Modern church-false (1900-Tribulation)

### C. The basic message to the churches is to change what needs to be changed and to remain faithful.

- a. Revelation 2:1-5 – The church in Ephesus
- b. Revelation 2:8-13 - The church in Smyrna
- c. Revelation 2:12-17 - The church in Pergamum
- d. Revelation 2:18-29 - The church in Thyatira

- e. Revelation 3:1-7 - The church in Sardis
- f. Revelations 3:7-13 - the church in Philadelphia
- g. Revelation 3:14-22 – The church in Laodicea

3. The Three Views of the Tribulation Period



104. The Seven Seals			
	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE IN REVELATION	OTHER REFERENCES
First Seal	Appearance of a white horse. The rider held a bow and was given a crown. He rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.	Rev 6:1-2	cf. Rev 19:11-16
Second Seal	Appearance of a fiery red horse. The rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other.	Rev 6:3-4	Zec 1:8
Third Seal	Appearance of a black horse. The rider held a pair of scales in his hand.	Rev 6:5-6	Zec 6:2, 6; Isa 40:12
Fourth Seal	Appearance of a pale horse. The rider's name was death. He was followed by hades. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by wild beasts.	Rev 6:7-8	Zec 6:3; Rev 20:13; Isa 25:8; Jer 16:4
Fifth Seal	Souls of Christians martyrs under the altar questioned when they would be avenged. Each was given a white robe, and they were told to wait until the number of their fellow martyrs was complete.	Rev 6:9-11	Rev 20:4
Sixth Seal	A great earthquake. The sun turned black, and the moon turned blood red. The stars in the sky fell to earth, and the sky receded like a scroll. Every mountain and island was removed from its place. People hid in caves and mountains. They cried out to be hidden from the wrath of the Lamb.	Rev 6:12-17	Mt 27:54; Mt 28:2; Heb 12:27-29
Seventh Seal	Silence in heaven for about half an hour.	Rev 8:1	Hab 2:20; Zec 2:13

#### 4. The Seven Seals – Revelation 6-8

- **1st seal** – Rider on a white horse – sent out to conquer
- **2nd seal** – Rider on a red horse – took peace from the earth – war
- **3rd seal** – Rider on a black horse – world-wide famine
- **4th seal** – Rider on an ashen horse – ¼ of the world dies
- **5th seal** – People martyred for Jesus
- **6th seal** – Global environmental disaster and panic
- **7th seal** – Opens up the beginning of the Seven trumpets

#### 5. The Seven Trumpets – Revelation 8-11

- **1st trumpet** – 1/3 of the earth was burned / 1/3 of the trees and all green grass
- **2nd trumpet** – great mountain burning with fire thrown into the sea and 1/3 of the sea became blood / 1/3 of sea creatures died / 1/3 of ships destroyed
- **3rd trumpet** – star from heaven fell and made 1/3 of all the earth's water undrinkable
- **4th trumpet** – 1/3 of the sun and moon were darkened

- **5th trumpet** – locusts that sting like scorpions to torment mankind for 5 months
- **6th trumpet** – 4 angels released from their prison below the Euphrates River and raise an army of 200 million soldiers – this army kills 1/3 of the earth's population.
- **The two witnesses** Revelation 11:1-14
- **7th trumpet** – Heavenly announcement that the end has come! (Rev.11:15-19)