

TBS DWB 52/52 December 30th
Reading: the book of Revelation

Looking Back

Daily and Chapter Summaries

Thursday: December 23rd

Revelation 1:19 “Write down **what you have seen**—both the things that are now happening and the things that will happen.

Revelation 1-3

Revelation of Jesus Christ...a vision of Christ

1 Prologue, Greetings and Doxology, John’s Vision of Christ

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Message to Seven Churches

Seven **historical churches** that had different characteristics, problems and positive characteristics

Seven **historical conditions** of the church, seven eras

Seven characteristics to different **current churches**

Seven characteristics of **individual Christians**

Revelation of Jesus Christ...the Lord over the church/ the head of the church

2 To the Church in **Ephesus**, To the Church in Smyrna, To the Church in **Pergamum**, To the Church in **Thyatira**

3 To the Church in **Sardis**, To the Church in **Philadelphia**, To the Church in **Laodicea**



THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

CHURCHES:	STRENGTHS:	FAILURES:	INSTRUCTION:	PROMISE TO THE FAITHFUL:
EPHESUS "LOVELESS" REV. 2:1-7	HARD WORK; PATIENT ENDURANCE; REJECTED EVIL; PERSEVERANCE	YOU HAVE FORSAKEN YOUR FIRST LOVE	REPENT AND DO THE WORKS YOU DID AT FIRST	YOU WILL EAT FROM THE TREE OF LIFE
SMYRNA "SUFFERING" REV. 2:8-11	ENDURING YOUR SUFFERING AND POVERTY – YET YOU ARE RICH	NONE	REMAIN FAITHFUL EVEN WHEN FACING PRISON, PERSECUTION OR DEATH	I WILL GIVE YOU THE CROWN OF LIFE; YOU WILL NOT BE HURT BY THE SECOND DEATH
PERGAMOS "WORLDLY" REV. 2:12-17	LOYALTY TO CHRIST; REFUSE TO DENY HIM	TOLERATES CULTS, HERESIES, IDOLATRY AND IMMORALITY	REPENT!	HIDDEN MANNA AND A STONE WITH A NEW NAME ON IT
THYATIRA "WRONG DOCTRINE" REV. 2:18-29	LOVE, FAITH, WORKS; PATIENT ENDURANCE; CONSTANT IMPROVEMENT	TOLERATES PAGAN CULTS, IDOLATRY AND IMMORALITY; JUDGMENT COMING!	REPENT!	FAITHFUL WILL HOLD FAST UNTIL I COME; I WILL GIVE YOU THE MORNING STAR
SARDIS "SPIRITUALLY DEAD" REV. 3:1-6	ONLY A FAITHFUL FEW HAVE KEPT THE FAITH; CHURCH SPIRITUALLY DEAD	REPENT AND TURN BACK TO CHRIST	STRENGTHEN WHAT LITTLE FAITH REMAINS	FAITHFUL WILL WALK WITH JESUS AND NOT BE BLOTTED OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE
PHILADELPHIA "SPIRITUALLY ALIVE" REV. 3:7-13	KEPT MY WORD AND HAVE NOT DENIED MY NAME	NONE	YOU HAVE AN OPEN DOOR; I WILL KEEP YOU FROM THE HOUR OF TRIAL	I WILL MAKE YOU A PILLAR IN THE TEMPLE OF MY GOD
LAODICEA "COMPLACENT" REV. 3:14-22	NONE	NEITHER HOT NOR COLD; YOUR RICHES MAKE YOU IMPOVERISHED	TURN FROM INDIFFERENCE AND REPENT!	I WILL INVITE THOSE WHO OVERCOME TO SIT WITH ME ON MY THRONE

Friday: December 24th

“Write down what you have seen—both the things that are now happening and the things that will happen.

After chapter 3 the **Church** does not appear again until Revelation 22:16 (why? Because the church, the body of Christ, the believers have been raptured or caught up with Jesus and are gone)

Revelation of Jesus Christ...the glorified Lamb of God

Revelations 4-5

Adoration/Worship in Heaven

4 The Throne in Heaven, Worship of the Creator

5 The Lamb Takes the Scroll (Jeremiah 31:9-11), the Lamb Exalted

Saturday: December 25th

Revelation of Jesus Christ...the judge of all the earth (6-19)

Revelations 6-7

Tribulation on earth

Not just a really bad day but...

Jeremiah 30 7In all history there has never been such a time of terror. It will be **a time of trouble for my people Israel**. Yet in the end they will be saved!

Daniel 12 1“At that time Michael, the archangel who stands guard over your nation, will arise. Then there will be **a time of anguish greater than any since nations first came into existence**. But at that time every one of your people whose name is written in the book will be rescued

Matthew 24 21for there will be greater anguish than at any time since the world began. And it will never be so great again. 22In fact, **unless that time of calamity is shortened, not a single person will survive**. But it will be shortened for the sake of God’s chosen ones.

Six Seal Judgment

6 The Lamb Breaks the First **Six Seals**

Chart of Tribulation Judgments

Event	Seal Judgments Rev 6, 8:6	Trumpet Judgments Rev 8:7-9:21	Bowl Judgments Rev 15:1-16:21
1	White Horse (Antichrist)	Hail, fire, blood: one third of vegetation burned	Malignant sores
2	Red Horse (Anarchy, terrorism)	Great "mountain" thrown into sea: one third of sea blood	Sea turned to blood
3	Black Horse (world-wide economy out of control)	"Star" falls into fresh water streams, one third poisoned	Fresh waters turned to blood
4	Pale Green Horse (Death and Hades)	Sun, moon stars dimmed one third	Sun flares up scorching men
5	Martyrs' Prayers 6. sun, moon, stars disturbed.	demonic invasion unloosed	Darkness in the land of the Beast
6	Great earthquake	One third of mankind killed in war	Invasion of armies into the holy land
7	Announcement of Trumpet Judgments	Temple in heaven opened, great earthquake, hailstorm	Great Earthquake, cities fall, topography of earth changed

Paranthesis chapter 7

7 God's People Will Be Preserved...144,000 people (Jews) and vast crowd (Gentiles) *people saved during tribulation period...no believers enter the tribulation period*

Sunday: December 26th

Revelation 8-9

Trumpet Judgments

8 The Lamb Breaks the Seventh Seal, the First Four **Trumpets**

9 The Fifth Trumpet Brings the First Terror, the Sixth Trumpet Brings the Second Terror

Monday: December 27th

Revelation 10-13

Paranthesis 10:1-11:14

10 The Angel and the Small Scroll

11 The Two Witnesses (Elijah and Moses), the Seventh Trumpet Brings the Third Terror

The "Great Parenthesis" (12:1-15:8)

12 The Woman and the Dragon (see Genesis 37:10-11)

Since Genesis 3:15... Cain kills Able, sin in Noah's day, Jacob and Esau, Israelite children in Nile, Israelites at the Red Sea, Saul trying to kill David, Queen Athaliah, Esther and Haman, Herod and infants in Bethlehem, killing of Jesus then anti-Semitic genocide throughout history.

The time of Jacob's trouble Jeremiah 30:7

13 The Beast (the Antichrist) out of the Sea (a Gentile) compare (2 Thessalonians 2:8-12), The Beast out of the Earth (a Jew)

Tuesday: December 28th

Selah

Wednesday: December 29th

Revelations 14-16

14 The Lamb and the 144,000, the Messages of the Three Angels, the Harvest of the Earth

15 The Seven Angels with Seven Plagues

16 The **Seven Bowls** of God's Wrath, The Seventh Bowl

Thursday: December 30th

Revelation 17-19

17 The Great Prostitute and the Beast

18 The Fall of Babylon

Revelation of Jesus Christ...the returning Lord Jesus

Jesus comes from Heaven

19 Rejoicing in Heaven, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the Rider on a White Horse, Battle of Armagedon

Friday: December 31st

Revelation 20-22

Revelation of Jesus Christ...Jesus rules on earth

20 The Thousand Years, the Defeat of Satan, Judgment before the Great White Throne
1,000 years mentioned seven times

Revelation of Jesus Christ...the bridegroom and the illuminator of the New Heavens and New Earth

The New Heaven and New Earth

21 The New Heaven and the New Earth, the New Jerusalem

22 The River of Life, Jesus Is Coming

The events of the last days with the epistles of 1 and 2 Thessalonians/ Revelation

1 Thessalonians 1

[2](#)We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. [3](#)As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring **hope** you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[10](#)And they speak of how you are looking forward to the coming of God's Son from heaven—Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. He is the one who has rescued us **from the terrors of the coming judgment**.

1 Thessalonians 2

[18](#)We wanted very much to come to you, and I, Paul, tried again and again, but Satan prevented us. [19](#)After all, what gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud reward and crown as **we stand before our Lord Jesus when he returns**? It is you! [20](#)Yes, you are our pride and joy.

1 Thessalonians 3

[12](#)And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows. [13](#)May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when **our Lord Jesus comes again** with all his holy people. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 5

[23](#)Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until **our Lord Jesus Christ comes again**.

2 Thessalonians 2

[16](#)Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us **eternal comfort and a wonderful hope**, [17](#)comfort you and strengthen you in every good thing you do and say.

Revelation 1 [19](#)"Write down what **you have seen**—both the things that are **now happening** and the things that **will happen**.

Events	Related Passages from 1 and 2 Thessalonians/ the book of Revelation	Cross References
Anticipating the 2nd coming	<p>1 Thessalonians 5 1Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don't really need to write you. 2For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. 3When people are saying, "Everything is peaceful and secure," then disaster will fall on them as suddenly as a pregnant woman's labor pains begin. And there will be no escape.</p> <p>4But you aren't in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won't be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief. 5For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night. 6So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded. 7Night is the time when people sleep and drinkers get drunk. 8But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation.</p> <p>9For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. 10Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. 11So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.</p> <p>2 Thessalonians 2 1Now, dear brothers and sisters, let us clarify some things about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we will be gathered to meet him. 2Don't be so easily shaken or alarmed by those who say that the day of the Lord has already begun. Don't believe them, even if they claim to have had a spiritual vision, a revelation, or a letter supposedly from us. 7For this lawlessness is already at work secretly</p>	<p>Matthew 24:4-14 1 Timothy 4:1 1 Peter 3:22; 4:7 2 Peter 3:3-9, 11-12a, 14 1 John 4:1-3 2 John 7 Jude 18-19</p>
Believers who die	<p>1 Thessalonians 4 13And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve 14For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 5:1-9 Luke 16:19-31 (Lazarus)</p>
Non-Christians who die	<p>1 Thessalonians 4 13b like people who have no hope.</p>	<p>Luke 16:19-31 (rich man)</p>
Rapture	<p>2 Thessalonians 2 5Don't you remember that I told you about all this when I was with you? 6And you know what is holding him back, for he can be revealed only when his time comes. 7For this lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way.</p> <p>1 Thessalonians 4 15We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. 16For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. 17Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. 18So encourage each other with these words.</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 15:51-54 2 Corinthians 5:10 Romans 14:10 1 Peter 1:5 2 Peter 2:10a</p>
Tribulation	<p>2 Thessalonians 2 8a Then the man of lawlessness will be revealed</p> <p>2 Thessalonians 2 3Don't be fooled by what they say. For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed—the one who brings destruction. 4He will exalt himself and defy everything that people call god and every object of worship. He will even sit in the temple of God, claiming that he himself is God.</p> <p>2 Thessalonians 2 9This man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles. 10He will use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction, because they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them. 11So God will cause them to be greatly deceived, and they will believe these lies. 12Then they will be condemned for enjoying evil rather than believing the truth.</p>	<p>Daniel 7:25; 8:25; 9:26-27; 11:36 Matthew 24:15-36 Revelation 6-19</p>

<p>2nd Advent</p>	<p>2 Thessalonians 1 7b when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven. He will come with his mighty angels, 8in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus. 9They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power. 10When he comes on that day, he will receive glory from his holy people—praise from all who believe. And this includes you, for you believed what we told you about him.</p> <p>2 Thessalonians 2 8b but the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by the splendor of his coming.</p> <p>Revelation 19 11Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. 12His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. 13He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. 14The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. 15From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. 16On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.</p>	<p>Matthew 24:37-51a Matthew 25:31-46 2 Peter 3:10a Jude 14-15 Revelations 19:11-21 Revelations 20:1-2</p>
<p>Millennial Kingdom</p>	<p>Revelation 20 1Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit and a heavy chain in his hand. 2He seized the dragon—that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan—and bound him in chains for a thousand years. 3The angel threw him into the bottomless pit, which he then shut and locked so Satan could not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished. Afterward he must be released for a little while.</p> <p>2 Thessalonians 1 7aAnd God will provide rest for you who are being persecuted and also for us</p> <p>Revelation 20 4Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus and for proclaiming the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.</p> <p>7When the thousand years come to an end, Satan will be let out of his prison. 8He will go out to deceive the nations—called Gog and Magog—in every corner of the earth. He will gather them together for battle—a mighty army, as numberless as sand along the seashore. 9And I saw them as they went up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded God's people and the beloved city. But fire from heaven came down on the attacking armies and consumed them.</p> <p>10Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.</p>	<p>Isaiah 2:1-5, 4:2-6, 11:1-9, 12:1-6, 30:18-26, 35:1-10 Acts 3:19-21 Hebrews 4:9-10</p>
<p>Great White Throne Judgment</p>	<p>Revelation 20 11And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. 12I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. 13The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds.</p>	<p>1 Peter 4:5</p>
<p>Second Death</p>	<p>Revelations 20 14Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. 15And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.</p>	<p>Matthew 24:51b 1 Peter 4:17 2 Peter 3:10b-12</p>
<p>New Heavens and New Earth</p>	<p>Revelation 21 1Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. 2And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.</p>	<p>Revelation 21-22 2 Peter 3: 13</p>

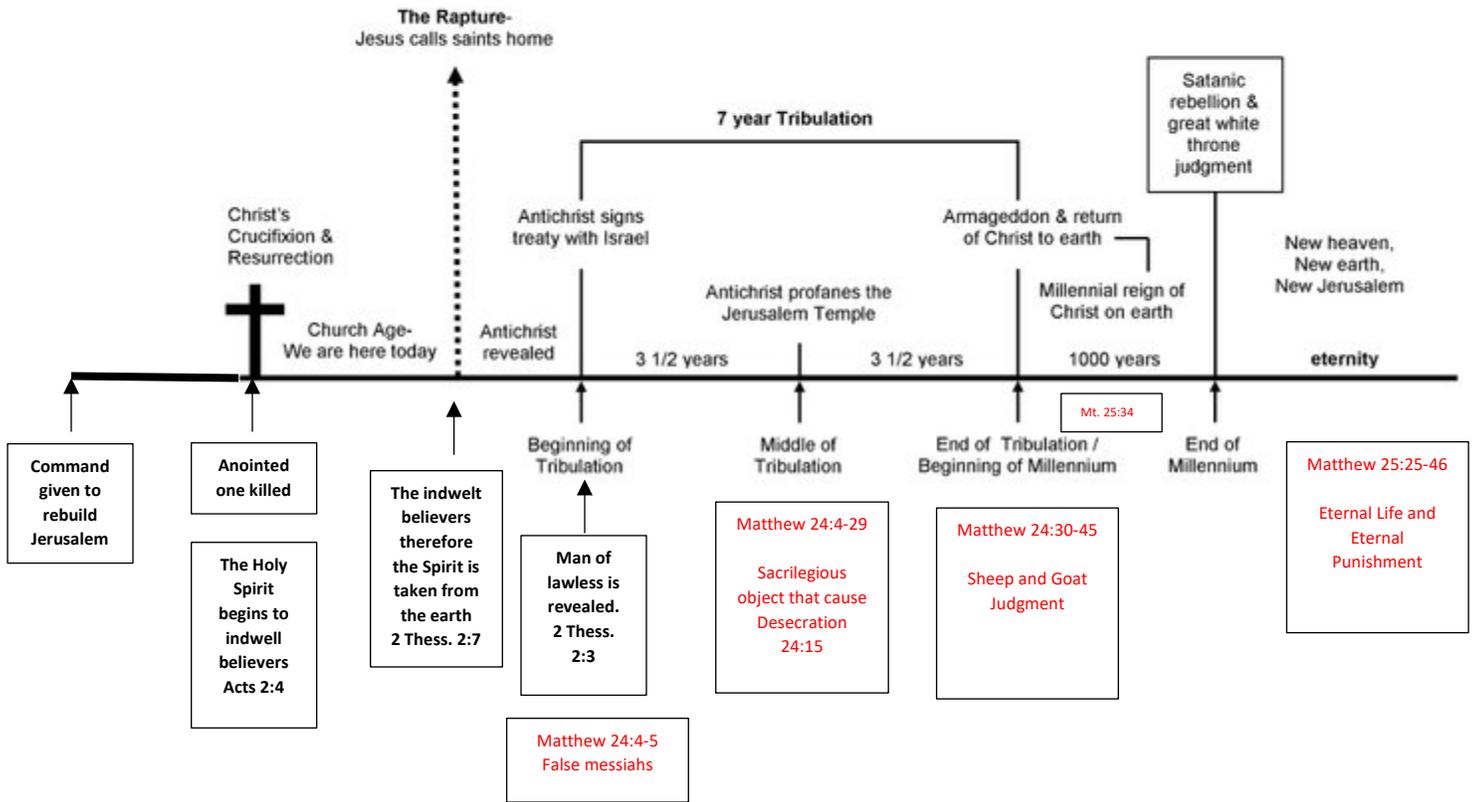
Revelation at a Glance

1	Revelation 1:19 "Write down what you have seen—	A vision of Christ: John (the author), Jesus (the subject), seven churches (the recipients) and their seven angels (ministering spirits)				
2	both the things that are now happening	The Seven Churches: Description of Jesus, strengths, failures, instructions, and promises				
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4		A Vision of Heaven: the one sitting on the throne, twenty four elders, seven spirits, four living beings, the Lamb				
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6	and the things that will happen.	Future Events	The Tribulation Period	The Seven Seals		
7				<i>Paranthesis #1 144,000</i>		
8				The Seven Trumpets		
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10				<i>Paranthesis #2 The small Scroll: mighty angel, small scroll, seven thunders, 7th angel's trumpet, sweet/bitter The Two Witnesses: measuring the temple, two witnesses for 3 ½ years, protect then killed by the beast The Woman and the Dragon: the conflict of the seed of the woman and Satan The Two Beast: the antichrist and his false prophet 144, 000, Three Angels, the sickle judgment</i>		
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15				The Seven Bowls		
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17				<i>Paranthesis #3 Babylon: religion and commerce</i>		
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19				The 2nd Advent of Jesus + the Battle of Armageddon		
20				The time of refreshment and the eternal state	The Millennial Kingdom of Jesus: the binding of Satan, the resurrection of the believing dead from the tribulation, release of Satan, battle, Great White Throne	
21					The Eternal State: the second death (Lake of Fire) and the new heaven and the new earth and the new Jerusalem	
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Points of interest about the book of Revelation

- Four interpretations of the book of Revelation: preterit, historical, allegorical, and futuristic
- Revelation 1:1 “the events that must soon take place” means that when they begin they will develop rapidly (compare Matthew 24:22) A proper view of the end times events is not that they are coming soon but that they could come at any time therefore I must be alert and ready for that time. The next event on God’s prophetic timeline is the rapture of the church (see 1 Thessalonians 4:17 “caught up” to be with the Lord)
- (1) John (the author), Jesus (the subject), seven churches (the recipients) and their seven angels (ministering spirits)
- (2-3) Interpreting the churches: the character of seven historic churches in the 1st century of Asia, the character of seven different eras of the church in church history, the character of seven types of churches at any period or in any location, and/or the character of any believer at any point of time
- (4-5) The characters of the vision of heaven: the one sitting on the throne (God the Father), twenty four elders, seven spirits, four living beings, the Lamb (Jesus Christ)
- (6-19) The tribulation period also called the 70th week of Daniel. This period begins with the breaking of the first seal off the scroll, proceeds through the rest of the Seal, Trumpet and Bowl judgments and ends with the 2nd Advent of Jesus, the Battle of Armageddon and the binding of Satan. Out of the 7th Seal comes the 7 Trumpets, and out of the 7th Trumpet comes the 7 Bowl Judgments.
- (7) Chapter seven describes the people “saved” during the Tribulation period that are both Jews (144,000) and Gentiles “the vast crowd”. No believers will enter the Tribulation period.
- (7) 144,000 and Daniel 7 and Romans 9-11. Jews that will come to faith in Christ, acknowledging Jesus as their Messiah and Savior and being willing to follow Him even to death
- The four parentheses of the book of Revelation: #1 7:1-17 The 144,000 sealed, #2 10:1-14:20 The Little Scroll, the Two Witnesses, the Woman and Satan, The Two Beast, the 144,000, the Three Angels and the Sickle Harvest of the Earth and #3 17:1-19:10 the Prostitute Babylon.
- (10) The scrolls of Revelation chapters 5 and 10...sealed in chapter 5, each seal represented God’s judgment, now the scroll is open (i.e. unsealed), God’s sovereign rule (10:2) is a sweet thing but it comes at a bitter cost to so many that will not bow to His authority (compare Ezekiel 2:8 and 3:3, 14)
- (10) The Jews will build a temple during the tribulation period which will be desecrated at the midpoint of the tribulation period.
- (11) The two witnesses: Moses and Elijah, measure or judge the people for their idolatry (Jews) and immorality (Gentiles) for 3 ½ years and the people are so happy when they are killed they treat the event like a holiday
- (12) Satan’s opposition to the woman in history: Genesis 3:15 (conflict between the seed of the woman and Satan), Cain and Abel, Esau and Jacob, Pharaoh and baby boys, Queen Athaliah and Joash, Haman and Esther, Herod and Jesus, Hitler and the Jews and all anti-Semitic genocide attempts since Jesus’ day
- (13) The unholy trinity: Satan (the dragon), the beast, and the false prophet
- (17-18) Babylon: a perpetuation of Babel (Genesis 11), Babylon in the days of the exile, or Rome=Babylon in the 1st century (see 1 Peter 5:13) is characterized by spiritual rebellion and pride, counterfeit religion, persecution of true believers, followers of Satan, enlightenment, liberation, achievement, wealth, commerce and immorality (see 14:8). Basically a world system of religion and commerce that “thumbs its nose” at the authority of God and its accountability to God.
- (20) The millennial kingdom will be populated by the “sheep” after the sheep and goat judgment from Matthew 25 at Jesus’ 2nd coming as well as the resurrected believers from the tribulation as well as believers from all time that return with Jesus at the 2nd coming. The “goats” will be subjected to eternal punishment, at that point to Hades and then after the Great White throne Judgment the Lake of Fire.
- (20) There are two resurrections of believers: at the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:16) and at the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom (20:4)
- (20) The Millennial Kingdom will be characterized by peace under the rule of Christ. It was described in the Old Testament (Isaiah 2:1-5, 4:2-6, 11:1-9, 12:1-6, 30:18-26, 35:1-10) and promised in Acts 3:20-21
- (20) There is one resurrection of unbelievers: after the Great White Throne judgment
- There are two eternal states: 1st eternal punishment...the 2nd death (the Lake of Fire) and 2nd eternal life...the new heavens and new earth
- (21-22) characteristic of the new Jerusalem and new Heaven and new Earth: (see Eden of Genesis 1 and 2), no Satan, no sorrow or pain, no death, no temple, no sun or moon, no evil practice or person, no curse
- Conduct in the book of Revelation: obeying God’s Word, uncompromising, steadfast endurance, commitment, worshiping God, sexual purity, truthful, loving and bold and courageous

BIBLICAL TIMELINE - The past, the present and the future...



	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Books	Gen - Exodus	Lev -Dt	Joshua - 1 Kings	2 Kings- 2 Chron	Ezra - Job	Psalms	Prov - Isaiah	Jer - Daniel	Hosea - Malachi	Matt - john	Acts - Col	1 Thess- Rev.
Pages	113	125	168	112	94	101	130	152	97	138	112	112
Pages/Day	3.6	4.5	5.4	3.7	3	3.4	4.2	4.9	3.2	4.5	4.1	3.6
Difficult	[Line graph showing difficulty levels across months]											
Easy	[Line graph showing easy levels across months]											
Era	Creation Patriarchs Exodus	Exodus	Conq. Judges King	King Exile	Return Silence Poetry	Poetry	Poetry Prophet	Prophet	Prophet	Gospels	Church Mission Epistles	Epistles

Pentateuch: Genesis -> Deuteronomy (January 1- February 28th)

Historical Books: Joshua -> Esther (March 1 -> May 15th)

Poetical Books Job: -> Song of Songs (May 15th -> July 12th)

Major Prophets: Isaiah -> Daniel (July 13 -> August 31st)

Minor Prophets: Hosea -> Malachi (September 1st -> September 30th)

The Gospels (October)

NT History (November 1st -> November 11th)

Pauline Epistles (November 12 -> December 6th)

General Epistles (December 7th -> December 22nd)

NT Prophecy (December 23rd -> December 31st)

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Genesis Exodus	Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel	1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles	Ezra Nehemiah Esther Job	Psalms	Proverb Ecclesiastes Song of Songs Isaiah	Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel	Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum HABAKUK Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi	Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts Romans 1 Corinthians 1 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians	1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy 2 Timothy Titus Philemon Hebrews James 1 Peter 2 Peter 1 John 2 John 3 John Jude Revelation

Questions

Is God finished with Israel? Up to now in our reading has he given up on them? We will make our decision on “is he finished with Israel” based on reading of the Word of God. These are important passages and concepts... what is the nature of God, what is the nature of man, why did God enter into Covenant or this holy contract with Israel in the first place, what is that Covenant or contract?

Why do we daily read God’s Word?

“...you can have all the right notions in your head without ever tasting in your heart the realities to which they refer; and **a simple Bible reader and sermon hearer who is full of the Holy Spirit** will develop a far deeper acquaintance with his God and Savior than a more learned scholar who is content with being theologically correct. The reason is that the former will deal with God regarding the practical application of truth to his life, whereas the latter will not.”

— J.I. Packer (Knowing God p. 39)

Quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer **Life Together** pp. 54-55 We must learn to know the Scriptures again, as the Reformers and our fathers knew them. We must not grudge the time and the work that it takes...But one who will not learn to handle the Bible for himself is not an evangelical Christian.

SCRIPTURE BEFORE PHONE

The Habit at a Glance:

Refusing to check the phone until after reading a passage of Scripture is a way of replacing the question "What do I need to do today?" with a better one, "Who am I and who am I becoming?" We have no stable identity outside of Jesus. Daily immersion in the Scriptures resists the anxiety of emails, the anger of news, and the envy of social media. Instead it forms us daily in our true identity as children of the King, dearly loved.

WE BECOME WHAT OR WHO WE REFLECT, WHICH IS TO SAY WE BECOME WHAT WE PAY ATTENTION TO

An Excerpt From [The Common Rule](#):

I often turn to work and career in the search for my identity. I hope that by achieving success I will finally become someone who is approved of. This means—as an identity reflector—I have to look at other people’s faces, and my identity is tacked to whether they look happy with me and my work or not.

The habit of checking work emails first thing every morning encouraged this misguided search for identity because it started my day with the questions: What do I need to do to make someone else happy with me? How can I justify my existence in the world today?

Book and Key Word(s)

Matthew...the king of the Jews

Mark...the suffering servant

Luke...the savior of the World

John...God come in the flesh

Acts...the activities of the Holy Spirit from Jerusalem to Rome

Romans...the righteousness of God

1 Corinthians...misconduct in the church

2 Corinthians...Paul’s authority as an apostle

Galatians...free from the law

Ephesians...the mystery of the Gospel

Philippians...the humble example of Jesus

Colossians...the preeminence of Christ

1 Thessalonians...Conduct in the light of a future hope

2 Thessalonians...endurance in the light of a future hope

1 Timothy...problems in Ephesus

2 Timothy...handling and preaching the inspired Word of God

Titus...right living in a corrupt culture

Philemon...a request for forgiveness

Hebrews...the superior Christ

James...New Testament wisdom book

1 Peter...hope in the midst of suffering

2 Peter...rebuking false teachers

1 John... The tests of a person who claims to walk in the light

2 John...walking in the truth

3 John...partnering with true teachers

Jude...exposure of corrupt teachers

Revelation...Apocalyptic

A Summary of the Judgments of the Tribulation Period

Revelation 6

1As I watched, the Lamb broke the first of **the seven seals** on the scroll. **2**I looked up and saw **a white horse** standing there. Its rider carried a bow, and a crown was placed on his head. He rode out to win many battles and gain the victory.

4Then another horse appeared, **a red one**. Its rider was given a mighty sword and the authority to take peace from the earth. And there was war and slaughter everywhere.

5When the Lamb broke the **third seal**, I heard the third living being say, "Come!" I looked up and saw **a black horse**, and its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. **6**And I heard a voice from among the four living beings say, "A loaf of wheat bread or three loaves of barley will cost a day's pay. And don't waste the olive oil and wine."

8I looked up and saw **a horse whose color was pale green**. Its rider was named Death, and his companion was the Grave. These two were given authority over one-fourth of the earth, to kill with the sword and famine and disease and wild animals.

9When the Lamb broke **the fifth seal**, I saw under the altar the souls of all who had been martyred for the word of God and for being faithful in their testimony.

12I watched as the Lamb broke **the sixth seal**, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became as dark as black cloth, and the moon became as red as blood. **13**Then the stars of the sky fell to the earth like green figs falling from a tree shaken by a strong wind. **14**The sky was rolled up like a scroll, and all of the mountains and islands were moved from their places.

Revelation 8

1When the Lamb broke the **seventh seal** on the scroll, there was silence throughout heaven for about half an hour. **2**I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and they were given **seven trumpets**.

7The **first angel blew his trumpet**, and hail and fire mixed with blood were thrown down on the earth. One-third of the earth was set on fire, one-third of the trees were burned, and all the green grass was burned.

8Then the **second angel blew his trumpet**, and a great mountain of fire was thrown into the sea. One-third of the water in the sea became blood, **9**one-third of all things living in the sea died, and one-third of all the ships on the sea were destroyed.

10Then the **third angel blew his trumpet**, and a great star fell from the sky, burning like a torch. It fell on one-third of the rivers and on the springs of water. **11**The name of the star was Bitterness. It made one-third of the water bitter, and many people died from drinking the bitter water.

12Then the **fourth angel blew his trumpet**, and one-third of the sun was struck, and one-third of the moon, and one-third of the stars, and they became dark. And one-third of the day was dark, and also one-third of the night.

Revelation 9

1Then the **fifth angel blew his trumpet**, and I saw a star that had fallen to earth from the sky, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. **2**When he opened it, smoke poured out as though from a huge furnace, and the sunlight and air turned dark from the smoke.

3Then locusts came from the smoke and descended on the earth, and they were given power to sting like scorpions. **4**They were told not to harm the grass or plants or trees, but only the people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. **5**They were told not to kill them but to torture them for five months with pain like the pain of a scorpion sting. **6**In those days people will seek death but will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them!

13Then the **sixth angel blew his trumpet**, and I heard a voice speaking from the four horns of the gold altar that stands in the presence of God. **14**And the voice said to the sixth angel who held the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great Euphrates River." **15**Then the four angels who had been prepared for this hour and day and month and year were turned loose to kill one-third of all the people on earth. **16**I heard the size of their army, which was 200 million mounted troops. **17**And in my vision, I saw the horses and the riders sitting on them. The riders wore armor that was fiery red and dark blue and yellow. The horses had heads like lions, and fire and smoke and burning sulfur billowed from their mouths. **18**One-third of all the people on earth were killed by these three plagues—by the fire and smoke and burning sulfur that came from the mouths of the horses. **19**Their power was in their mouths and in their tails. For their tails had heads like snakes, with the power to injure people.

Revelation 10

7When the **seventh angel blows his trumpet**, God's mysterious plan will be fulfilled. It will happen just as he announced it to his servants the prophets."

Revelation 15

1Then I saw in heaven another marvelous event of great significance. **Seven angels were holding the seven last plagues**, which would bring God's wrath to completion.

5Then I looked and saw that the Temple in heaven, God's Tabernacle, was thrown wide open. **6**The seven angels who were holding the seven plagues came out of the Temple.

Revelation 16

1Then I heard a mighty voice from the Temple say to the seven angels, "Go your ways and pour out on the earth the **seven bowls** containing God's wrath."

2So the **first angel** left the Temple and poured out his bowl on the earth, and horrible, malignant sores broke out on everyone who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue.

3Then the **second angel** poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse. And everything in the sea died.

4Then the **third angel** poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs, and they became blood.

8Then the **fourth angel** poured out his bowl on the sun, causing it to scorch everyone with its fire. **9**Everyone was burned by this blast of heat, and they cursed the name of God, who had control over all these plagues. They did not repent of their sins and turn to God and give him glory.

10 Then the **fifth angel** poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. His subjects ground their teeth in anguish, **11** and they cursed the God of heaven for their pains and sores. But they did not repent of their evil deeds and turn to God.

12 Then the **sixth angel** poured out his bowl on the great Euphrates River, and it dried up so that the kings from the east could march their armies toward the west without hindrance. **13** And I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs leap from the mouths of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. **14** They are demonic spirits who work miracles and go out to all the rulers of the world to gather them for battle against the Lord on that great judgment day of God the Almighty.

17 Then the **seventh angel** poured out his bowl into the air. And a mighty shout came from the throne in the Temple, saying, "It is finished!" **18** Then the thunder crashed and rolled, and lightning flashed. And a great earthquake struck—the worst since people were placed on the earth. **19** The great city of Babylon split into three sections, and the cities of many nations fell into heaps of rubble. So God remembered all of Babylon's sins, and he made her drink the cup that was filled with the wine of his fierce wrath. **20** And every island disappeared, and all the mountains were leveled. **21** There was a terrible hailstorm, and hailstones weighing as much as seventy-five pounds fell from the sky onto the people below. They cursed God because of the terrible plague of the hailstorm.

The Gospel in the book of Revelation

Revelation 1:5a all glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us.

Terror in the book of Revelation

6 **8** I looked up and saw a horse whose color was pale green. Its rider was named Death, and his companion was the Grave. These two were given authority over one-fourth of the earth, to kill with the sword and famine and disease and wild animals.

15 Then everyone—the kings of the earth, the rulers, the generals, the wealthy, the powerful, and every slave and free person—all hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. **16** And they cried to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. **17** For the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to survive?"

8 **13** Then I looked, and I heard a single eagle crying loudly as it flew through the air, "Terror, terror, terror to all who belong to this world because of what will happen when the last three angels blow their trumpets."

16 **10** Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. His subjects ground their teeth in anguish, **11** and they cursed the God of heaven for their pains and sores. But they did not repent of their evil deeds and turn to God.

18 **15** The merchants who became wealthy by selling her these things will stand at a distance, terrified by her great torment. They will weep and cry out,

16 "How terrible, how terrible for that great city!
She was clothed in finest purple and scarlet linens,
decked out with gold and precious stones and pearls!

17 In a single moment
all the wealth of the city is gone!"

Test over the book of Revelation

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18. What are the two locations of the eternal state?

Test over the book of Revelation Answers

1. Who wrote the book of Revelation? **The Apostle John**
2. When was it written? **≈AD 90**
3. From where was the book of Revelation written? **The Island of Patmos**
4. Was is the natural outline of the book? **1:19... "Write down what you have seen—both the things that are now happening and the things that will happen.**
5. What key word or phrase describes this book? **Apocalyptic, the word apocalypse means revelation. That which is uncovered. It comes from the Greek word which literally means to pull the lid off something.**
6. What is the main content of chapter one? **A vision of Jesus Christ**
7. Where were the seven churches of chapters 2-3? **Asia Minor**
8. What is the general outline of all the letters to the seven churches? **Description of Jesus, strengths, failures, instructions, and promises**
9. What is period is described in chapters 6-19? **Tribulation period**
10. How are the judgments pictured? **Seals, trumpets, and bowls**
11. Who are the saved of this period described? **144,000 from each of the tribes of Israel and a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language**
12. Who are the two witnesses? **Moses and Elijah**
13. Who is the woman giving birth and the red dragon? **Israel and Satan**
14. Who are the two beast? **The Antichrist and his False Prophet**
15. What is the unholy Trinity? **Satan, the Antichrist and the False Prophet**
16. What is Babylon? **Representation of false religion and a worldly economic system**
17. List the events that occur at the return of Christ in Revelation 19 to coming down of the new Jerusalem? **The second advent of Jesus-> the Battle of Armageddon-> the bidding of Satan in the bottomless pit-> the resurrection of the believing dead from the Tribulation period-> the Millennial reign of Jesus on the earth-> the release of Satan and his battle against God's people-> Satan, the Beast and false prophet**

are cast into the Lake of Fire->the Great White Throne Judgment-> those whose names are not in the book of life are cast into the Lake of Fire which is the second death-> the coming of the new heavens and new earth and the new Jerusalem to be occupied by those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life

18. What are the two locations of the eternal state? **The Lake of Fire and the new Heavens and new Earth**

25% of the Bible is prophetic material. Therefore the book of Revelation is not an outlier but "part and parcel" with the themes of Scripture.

"In the past the things in Revelation seem hardly possible, today they seem highly probable." Skip Heitzig

404 verses in the book of Revelation and 360 of these have some reverence or allusion to the Old Testament.

Schools of Interpretation of Revelation

Preterist view, teaches that *all* biblical prophecy has been fulfilled, including the second coming of Christ, Satan and the Antichrist being thrown into the lake of fire, the resurrection of the dead, and the full arrival of the kingdom of God.

Idealism (also called the spiritual approach, the allegorical approach, the nonliteral approach, and many other names) in Christian eschatology is an interpretation of the Book of Revelation that sees all of the imagery of the book as non-literal symbols.... It is distinct from Preterism, Futurism and Historicism in that it does not see any of the prophecies (except in some cases the Second Coming, and Final Judgment) as being fulfilled in a literal, physical, earthly sense either in the past, present or future, and that to interpret the eschatological portions of the Bible in a historical or future-historical fashion is an erroneous understanding.

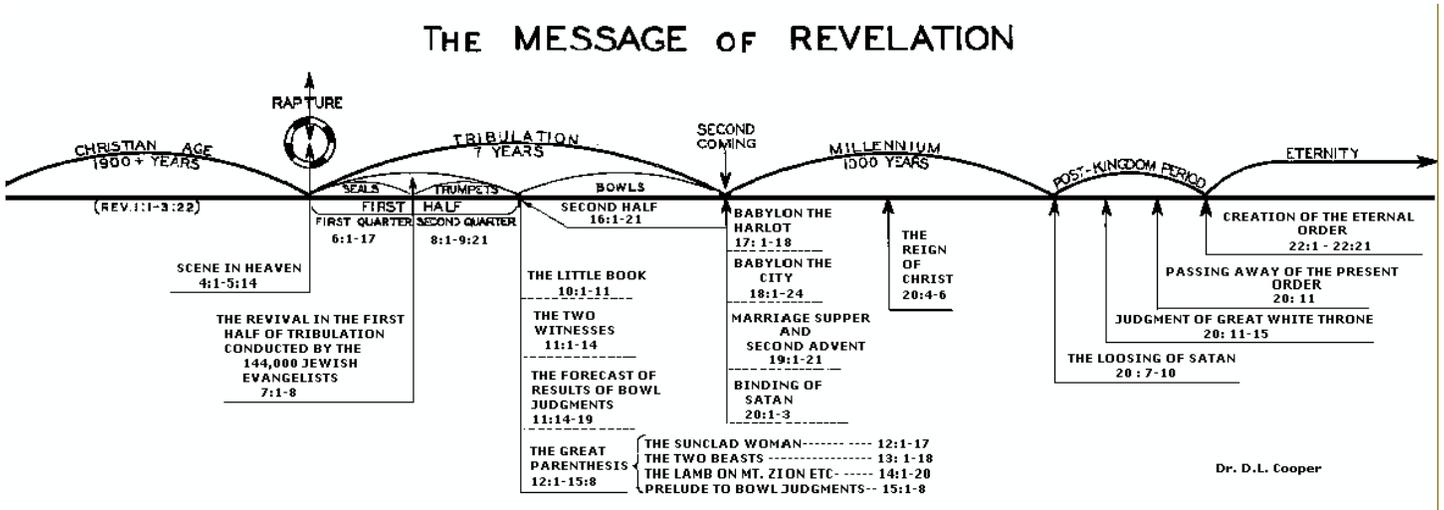
Historicism is a method of interpretation in Christian eschatology which associates biblical prophecies with actual historical events and identifies symbolic beings with historical persons or societies; it has been applied to the Book of Revelation by many writers.

The **futurist** approach basically sees John's vision as a series of chronological events, although some futurists see parallel or cyclical patterns in the visions of [Revelation 4–19](#). The futurist interpretation lends itself to a more literal view than do the other interpretive systems, which tend to allegorize the events of Revelation.



Outline of Revelation

Revelations 1 Grace and peace to you from the **one who is, who always was, and who is still to come**; from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne; **5**and from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world.



The First 100 Years of the First Century

10 BC	Jesus Birth 6 BC	
5 BC	Herod the Great dies at 4 BC	
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5 AD	Jesus visits the Temple 6 BC	
10 AD		
15 AD		
20 AD		
25 AD	John begins ministry 26 Beginning of Jesus' Ministry 27	
30 AD	Jesus Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension 30, Peter preaches at Pentecost 30 in Jerusalem Stephen martyred 34, Paul's Conversion 34, Philip preaches to the Samaritan and to Ethiopian 34	Acts 1-5 Acts 6-8
35 AD	Paul in Arabia 3 years Paul in Jerusalem, Tarsus, Syria, and Cilicia, Peter goes to Cornelius home 39	Acts 9 Acts 10-11
40 AD	James martyred 44	Acts 12
45 AD	Paul in Jerusalem and Antioch 46-47 1 st Missionary Journey 48-49	James, Galatians Acts 13-14
50 AD	Jerusalem Council 50 2 nd Missionary Journey 51-53 Macedonian Vision (in Corinth for 1 ½ years)	Acts 15 1,2 Thessalonians Acts 16-18
55 AD	3 rd Missionary Journey 54-57 (in Ephesus for 2-3 years), Jerusalem arrest 57 Caesarea Imprisonment 57-59 (in Caesarea for 2 years) Journey to Rome 59-60	Corinthians, Romans Acts 19 Acts 22-27
60 AD	Paul's House arrest 60-62 then released James (Jesus' brother) martyred 62, Peter martyred 64	Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon Acts 28 1 Peter; 1, 2 Timothy, Titus
65 AD	Paul arrested in Troas and taken to Rome, martyred 67 Ignatius (Apostolic Father) bishop of Antioch 69	2 Peter, Jude Hebrews
70 AD	Fall of Jerusalem 70	
75 AD		
80 AD		
85 AD	Polycarp (Apostolic Father) bishop of Smyrna 85 Clement (Apostolic Father) bishop of Rome 88	1,2,3 John
90 AD		
95 AD	John exiled to Patmos 95 John dies in Ephesus 98	Revelation
100 AD		

