

# OUTLINE & BLURB

## INTRO: REVELATION...

**reclaim. recycle. renew. reuse. recreate. renovate**

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**BLURB:** It has been said that we live in an unfocused culture and that many of us who actually focus, only focus on our own needs, wants and desires. So, it makes sense that when someone reads the book Revelation, they read into it through their worldview. So, Revelation becomes whatever the reader wants it to be. Focus is the key to understanding the prophecy of John the Revelator. This week, Pastor James will help you focus on the main thing of Revelation... and its not a number (666), not a beast, not a war, not destruction, but worship of the Lamb who was slain.

### I. UNDERSTAND THE BACKGROUND

- Recorded by John
- Written from Patmos (A Roman prison island)
- Written about 95AD (during the reign of Domitian)
- Revelation is prophetic in message, apocalyptic in form  
Apocalypse: "to unveil, to reveal"

### II. DON'T MISS THE EMPHASIS

- The beast is mentioned 37 times
- Throne: found 41 times
- Angels are mentioned 71 times
- **JESUS**: the Son of Man, the Lamb, the Rider on the White Horse... is THE central person in the book of Revelation

### III. RECOGNIZE THE PURPOSE OF THE BOOK

4 general interpretations of Revelation:

1. Preterist view
2. historically continuous view
3. spiritualized view
4. futurist view.

The purpose of the book is TO TELL US WHAT GOD'S GOING TO DO IN THE FUTURE.

## IV. SEE THE HOPE!

AND THAT'S FINAL! (Outline of Revelation) The outline of Revelation is in Revelation 1:19...

**"Now write down everything you see: things that are, things about to be." Revelation 1:19 (MSG)**

### 1. The EVERYTHING YOU SEE... (Chapter 1)

#### **JESUS!**

"like a son of man"  
Robe reaching to his feet  
Hair white like wool  
Eyes blazing fire  
Feet like glowing bronze  
Voice like rushing waters

### 2. The THINGS THAT ARE.. (Chapters 2-3)

#### **THE 7 CHURCHES**

Ephesus (2:1-7)  
Smyrna (2:8-11)  
Pergamum (2:12-17)  
Thyatira (2:18-29)  
Sardis (3:1-6)  
Philadelphia (3:7-13)  
Laodicea (3:14-22)

### V. The THINGS ABOUT TO BE (Chapters 4-22)

**"Come up here"** - the throne described (4)

Final CONFLICT (The 7 seals) (Rev 5:1-8:5)

#### **Prelude: Who is worthy? Jesus! (5)**

Opening seals 1-6 (6)

1. White horse: Conquest
2. Red horse: War
3. Black Horse: Famine
4. Pale Horse: Death

5. Martyrs (How long?)
  6. Earthquake
- Sealing before the 7th seal (7)
7. Opening the 7th seal (8:1-5)

**Final DESTRUCTION** (The 7 trumpets)

1. Earth (1/3 destroyed)
  2. Sea (1/3 destroyed)
  3. Rivers (1/3 destroyed)
  4. Lights (1/3 destroyed)
  5. Demons (Locusts) (Torture of men)
  6. Angels (1/3 of mankind destroyed)
- The angel & scroll: Testimony in heaven (10:1-11)  
 The 2 witnesses: Testimony on earth (11:1-12)  
 Final element of 6th seal: Earthquake
7. 7th trumpet (11:15-19)

**Historic Visions**

- Worship - temple opened (11:15-19)  
 The dragon and the woman (12)  
   The dragon is Satan  
   The woman is God's people  
 The beasts (13) from Sea and Earth  
   The beast of the sea is Governmental  
   The beast of the earth is Religious (false religion)  
 The lamb and witnesses (14:1-5)  
 Angels' Announcements (14:6-20)  
 The Harvest (14:14-20)

**VI. Final WRATH** (The 7 bowls)

*"Last plagues, with them God's wrath is completed"* (15:1)

- Announcement of 7 bowls (15)  
 7 bowls of wrath (16)
1. Sores
  2. Sea to blood
  3. Rivers to blood
  4. Fire from sun
  5. Beast's kingdom into darkness
  6. Euphrates dried up
  7. Earthquake

**It is done!**

## **VII. Concluding STORIES**

- Vision of a woman on a beast (17)
- Fall of Babylon (18-19:10)
- Fall of the beast and false prophet (19:11-21)
- 1000 year binding, 1000 year reign (20:1-6)
- Fall of Satan (20:7-10)
- Final judgment of all (20:11-15)

## **Final (and eternal!) ENDING AND BEGINNING**

- Everything New! (21:1-6)
- The new Jerusalem (21:9-2:5)
- I am coming soon! (22:7-13)

**What should our response to Revelation be?  
John was encouraged to respond with WORSHIP!  
(Revelation 1:17, 19:10, 22:8-9)**