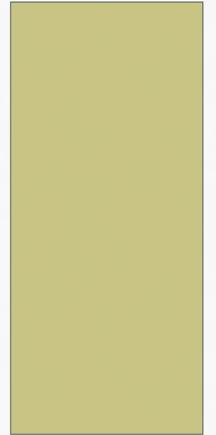


REVELATION 8-9

THE BOOK OF REVELATION



ROUNDING OUT & HOLDING OFF



God is in control & Jesus loves us

RUSSIAN NESTING DOLLS



KEYS TO INTERPRETING

- Vision not video
- Inference to the OT
- Gospel

1b-3 MESSAGE TO THE 7 CHURCHES

THE SEVEN CHURCHES (SEE ZECHARIAH 4)
 EPHEBUS, SMYRNA, PERGAMUM, THYATIRA, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA & LAODICEA

PERSECUTION, APATHY, AFFLUENCE, IMMORALITY

"TRIBULATION" (2:9-10)

COMPROMISE, FAITHFULNESS

DOMITIAN

THE CONQUERORS ARE REWARDED in the NEW CREATION (chs. 21 & 22)

6-8a SEVEN SEALS

1 WAR, 2 CONQUEST, 3 FAMINE, 4 DEATH, 5

HOW LONG, O LORD? REST A LITTLE LONGER...

6 THE DAY OF THE LORD! (ISAIAH 2, JOEL 2)

WHO CAN STAND?!

(SEE ZECHARIAH 4:1)

ch. 7 THE LAMB'S ARMY

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THE MESSIANIC ARMY OF GOD'S KINGDOM FROM ALL NATIONS

HEARS, SEES

(SEE GENESIS 17:4)

4-5 THE THRONE OF GOD & THE LAMB

HOLY! HOLY! (SEE ISAIAH 6, EZEKIEL 1, DANIEL 7)

MESSAGE OF THE PROPHETS (ISAIAH 8-16, EZEKIEL 2-3, DANIEL 12) ABOUT HOW GOD'S KINGDOM WILL COME ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

WHO CAN OPEN THE SCROLL?

THE LION OF JUDAH! (GENESIS 49:9) THE ROOT OF DAVID! (ISAIAH 11:1)

SEES, HEARS

THE SACRIFICED LAMB

- GOD'S KINGDOM WAS INAUGURATED THROUGH THE CRUCIFIED MESSIAH WHO DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES.
- HIS DEATH WAS CONQUEST OVER EVIL.

REVELATION 8:1-5

¹When he opened the **seventh seal**, there was **silence** in heaven for **about half an hour**.

²And I saw the **seven angels** who stand before God, and **seven trumpets** were given to them.

³Another angel, who had a **golden censer**, came and stood at the **altar**. He was given much **incense** to offer, with the **prayers of all God's people**, on the golden altar in front of the throne.

⁴The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, went up before God from the angel's hand. ⁵Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of **thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake**.

REVELATION 8:6-13

⁶ Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them. ⁷ The **first angel sounded his trumpet**, and there came **hail and fire mixed with blood**, and it was hurled down on the **earth**. **A third of the earth** was burned up, **a third** of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up. ⁸ The **second angel sounded his trumpet**, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the **sea**. **A third of the sea turned into blood**, ⁹ a third of the living creatures in the **sea** died, and a third of the **ships** were destroyed. ¹⁰ The **third angel sounded his trumpet**, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on **a third** of the **rivers** and on the **springs of water**— ¹¹ the name of the star is Wormwood. **A third of the waters turned bitter**, and many people died from the **waters** that had become **bitter**. ¹² The **fourth angel sounded his trumpet**, and **a third** of the **sun** was struck, a third of the **moon**, and a third of the **stars**, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the **day** was without **light**, and also a third of the **night**.

¹³ As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: “**Woe! Woe! Woe** to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!”

REVELATION 9:1-12

¹The **fifth angel sounded his trumpet**, and I saw a **star** that had **fallen** from the sky to the earth. The star was **given** the key to the shaft of the **Abyss**. ²When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. ³And out of the smoke **locusts** came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. ⁴They were **told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree**, but only those people who **did not have the seal of God on their foreheads**. ⁵They were not allowed to kill them but only to **torture** them for **five months**. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes. ⁶During those days people **will seek death** but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.

⁷The **locusts** looked **like** horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something **like** crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. ⁸Their hair was **like** women's hair, and their teeth were **like** lions' teeth. ⁹They had breastplates **like** breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was **like** the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. ¹⁰They had tails with stingers, **like** scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. ¹¹They had as **king** over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer).

¹²The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come.

REVELATION 9:13-21

¹³ The **sixth angel sounded his trumpet**, and I heard a voice coming from the **four horns** of the golden altar that is before God. ¹⁴ It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “**Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.**” ¹⁵ And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill **a third of mankind.** ¹⁶ The number of the mounted troops was **twice ten thousand times ten thousand. I heard their number.**

¹⁷ The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. ¹⁸ **A third of mankind was killed** by the three **plagues** of fire, smoke and sulfur that **came out of their mouths.** ¹⁹ The power of the horses was in their **mouths** and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.

²⁰ The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues **still did not repent** of the work of their hands; they **did not stop worshiping demons**, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. ²¹ **Nor did they repent** of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

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8b-11 SEVEN TRUMPETS

THE EXODUS PLAGUES (SEE EXODUS ch. 7-11)

1 HAIL 2 BLOOD 3 POISON WATER 4 DARKNESS 5 DEMON LOCUSTS

6 THE FOUR HORSEMEN

THE NATIONS DON'T REPENT (9-20-21)

7 THE LAMB'S SCROLL

MEASURE THE TEMPLE... PROTECTION (SEE ZECHARIAH 2)

...BUT EXCLUDE THE COURTS.

A) LITERAL DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM B) NEW TEMPLE = SYMBOL of GOD'S PEOPLE (1 CORINTHIANS 3:16 HEBREWS 3:6 1 PETER 2:4-5)

TWO WITNESSES PROPHECY... ... & ARE KILLED...

LAMPSTANDS = CHURCHES (11:4-1:20) 2 LITERAL PROPHETS 3 SYMBOLS of THE CHURCH'S PROPHETIC ROLE (SEE DANIEL 7)

...BUT THEN VINDICATED... GORY TO GOD! ... & THE NATIONS DO REPENT (11:13)

THE SCROLL REVEALS THE CHURCH'S MISSION:

- IMITATE THE LOVING SACRIFICE OF THE LAMB
- GOD'S MERCY BRINGS REPENTANCE

10-1 11:13

11:19

