

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 6

***"OVERVIEW OF
THE BOOK
OF REVELATION"***
(PART 2)



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Last week we went through an overview of the Book of Revelation, where we learn that the book can be divided into two halves.

Chapters 1 to 5 is an **exhortation of Jesus to the Church**.

Chapters 6 to 22 is **God's End-Time Storyline** – what will happen in the final 3½ years of human history. The second half of the book is written in two structures – chronological and parenthetical.

Today let me give you an overview of the Book of Revelation chapter by chapter.

CHAPTERS 1 TO 5

JESUS EXHORTS THE CHURCH



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Revelation 1

Jesus commissions John to reveal who He is at His Second Coming – His heart, His leadership and His plans to the Church

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Revelation 2 and 3 — Seven letters to the seven churches.

Revelation 2 and 3 gives us the **clearest picture of the kind of Church Jesus is looking for**. He wants the Church to cultivate seven areas of spiritual maturity and to be overcomers!



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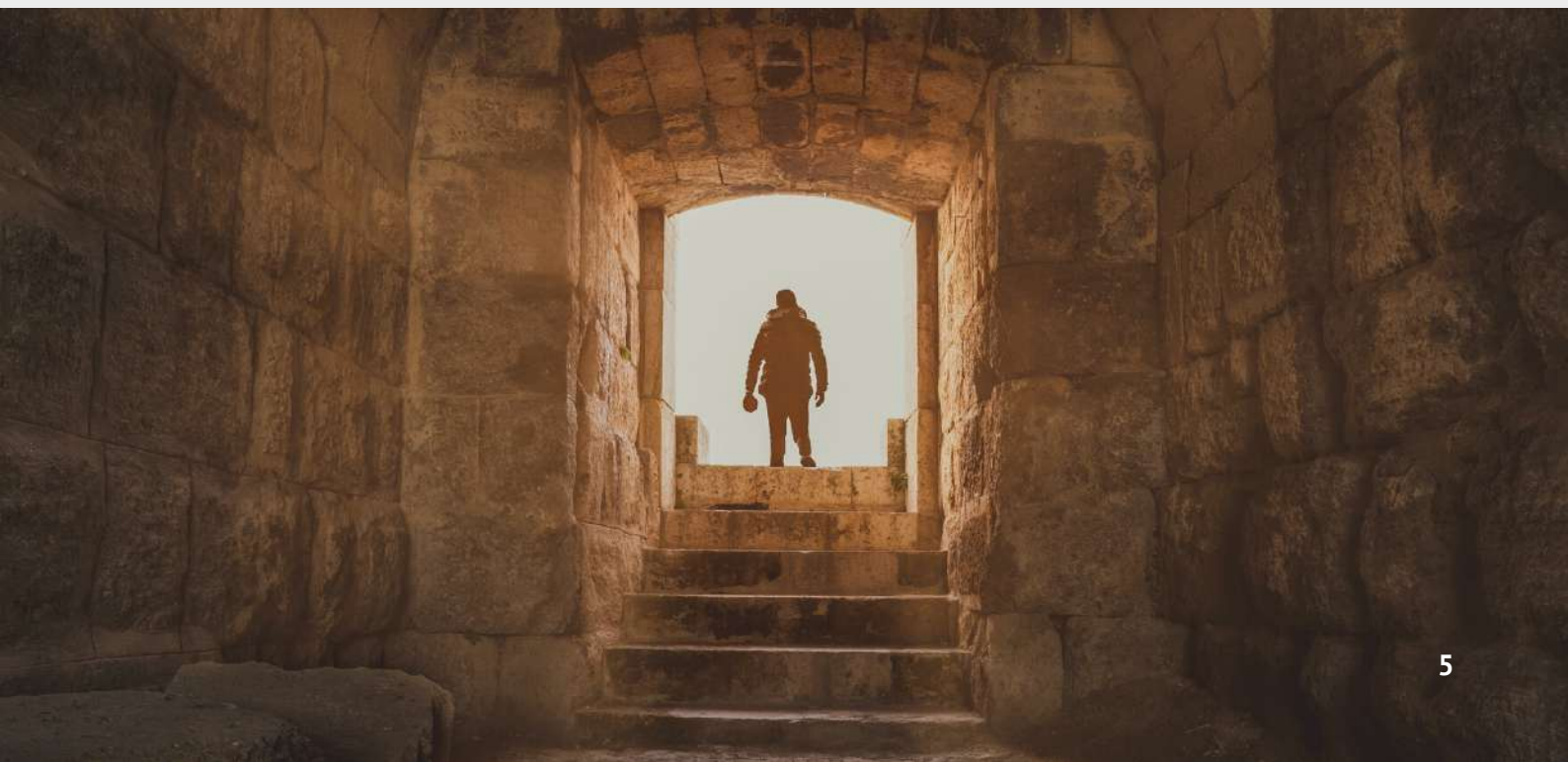
Revelation 4 and 5 — The heart of the entire book of Revelation.

We need to know the heart of God before we venture into the End-Time events. Correct understanding of these two chapters will give us **three vital keys**:

- It gives us **confidence** of what is going to come.
- It reveals who is providing the **leadership at the End of the Age**.
- It shows us **how to partner with Jesus** in releasing His End-Time plans — primarily through worship and intercession.

Revelation 4 reveals the transcendent beautiful God seated on the throne. **He is in control** and we can have absolute confidence in Him in the last days.

Revelation 5 reveals **Jesus as the only Man found worthy** to take the scroll from the Father. The scroll represents the **title deed of the earth** and **God's perfect plan and destiny for mankind and the earth**.





CHAPTERS 6 TO 22

THE END-TIME STORYLINE

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Revelation 6 — The Release of the First Six Seals

First seal — The man on the white horse is the **Anti-Christ**.

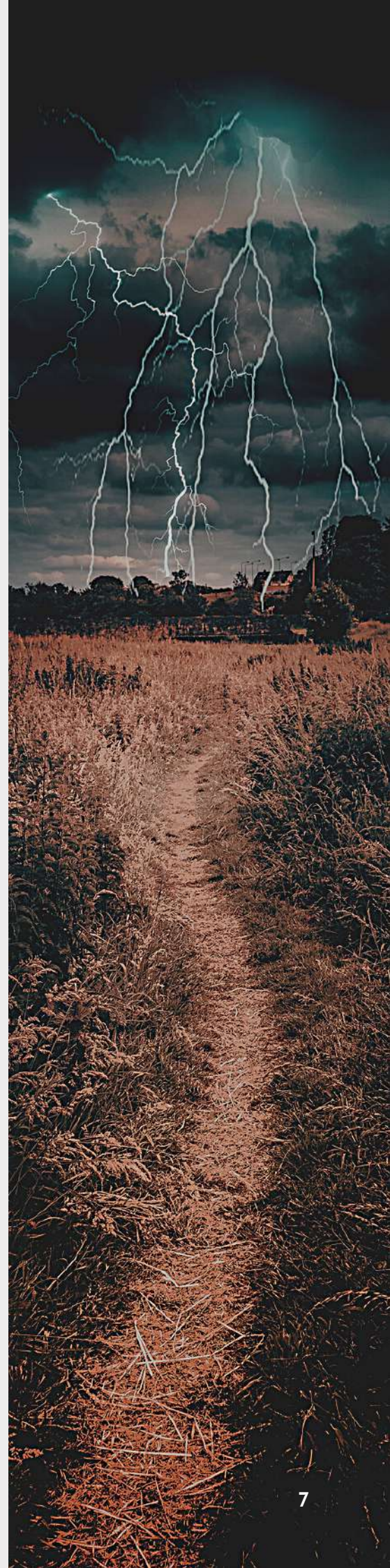
Second seal — The red horse represents **war and bloodshed**.

Third seal — The black horse refers to **economic crisis and famine**.

Fourth seal — The pale horse signifies **death**; one-quarter of the world's population will die.

Fifth seal — **Persecution of the saints and the maturing of the End-Time prayer movement**.

Sixth seal — huge **cosmic disturbances**





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Revelation 7 — (First Parenthetical Section) God answers John's question, "*Who is able to stand?*"

John was totally overwhelmed after seeing the release of the six seals. That is why he asked the question, "*For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?*" (Rev. 6:17).

God gave John **two assurances** in Revelation 7:

1. Whoever puts on the seal of God on his forehead will be protected from the judgment (v1-8).
2. Those who endure till the end will be rewarded (v9-17).

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Revelation 8 and 9 — The Release of the First Six Trumpets

There are three purposes for the Trumpet Series:

1. The Trumpet series speaks of the **judgment of God's enemies**.
2. It **warns unbelievers** of the **urgent need for repentance** because Jesus is about to return.
3. It announces the **victory of Jesus** over His enemies and the **victory for God's people**.



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Revelation 10 and Revelation 11:1-14 *(Second Parenthetical Section)*

a. Revelation 10 — God’s promise to raise up the **End-Time prophetic messengers** who will bring forth understanding to the Church.

b. Revelation 11:1-14 — God’s promise to raise up the **Two Witnesses and prophetic messengers** who will move in the greatest authority and power, and release God’s judgments upon the Antichrist and his empire.

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Revelation 11:15-19

The sounding of the **Seventh Trumpet (the last trumpet)** initiates the **Second Coming of Jesus** and the **rapture and resurrection of the saints** (Matt. 24:30-31; 1 Thes. 4:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:51-52).



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Revelation 12 to 14 *(Third Parenthetical Section)*

What follows the Seventh Trumpet will be the release of the seven-bowl judgments, which will be extremely serious and severe.

That is why at this juncture, God pressed the “Pause button” and came in to explain **why judgment has to be so severe**. He also assured John of the **certainty of ultimate victory for the saints**.

Judgment will be severe because of:

a. Revelation 12 – Satan

Satan corrupts the world, persecutes and seeks to exterminate Israel and the saints.

b. Revelation 13 – Antichrist and False Prophet

There will be two extremely evil men, Antichrist and the False Prophet, who will rise up, challenge God and lead many people in the world astray.

c. Revelation 14 – God assures John of the certainty of ultimate victory for the saints.

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Revelation 15 and 16

The release of the **seven-bowl judgments**, which is the wrath of God against His enemies. They are released in the context of Jesus' Second Coming procession.

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Revelation 17 and 18\ (Fourth Parenthetical Section) God's complete judgment on Harlot-Babylon

Revelation 17 focuses on the **Judgment of the Great Harlot**, which is the coming **One World Religion** based on a system of tolerance and syncretism.

Revelation 18 focuses on the **fall of Babylon**, which is a **powerful global economic system** that will likely be based in the City of Babylon.

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Revelation 19:1-10

Revelation 19:1-10 is a continuation of the Fourth Parenthetical Section. It gives us a **prophetic picture of the mature Bride of Christ** in the last days.



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Revelation 19:11-21 — the Second Coming of Jesus and the Armageddon Campaign.

Revelation 20 — the Millennium Kingdom, the final rebellion of Satan and the Great White Throne Judgment.

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Revelation 21:1-8 — the New Heaven and the New Earth.

Revelation 21:9–22:5 — (*Fifth Parenthetical Section*) gives us a glimpse of our eternal dwelling place, our eternal inheritance and our eternal destiny.

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Revelation 22:6-21 — Jesus' final exhortation. Jesus exhorts and reminds His Church that He is coming back quickly.

Do you realize that the layout of the chapters in the Book of Revelation actually gives us the key to preparing ourselves for the End-Time storms?

To prepare ourselves,

***focus on
encountering
the Jesus of
Revelation 1 to 5***

and hearing His exhortation. Get to know the Jesus of Revelation 1. Go back to the heart of this book, Revelation 4 and 5, to **behold the transcendent beauty of the One who sits on the throne**, and to learn to partner with Him through worship and intercession.

Our hearts will be stabilized, our emotions transformed, and **we will find strength to journey through the End-Time Storyline of Revelation 6 to 22, partnering with Jesus, expressing and bringing forth His glory in the midst of the greatest tribulation!**





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