



## Know What You Believe & Why— Things to Come

Bobby Crotty  
(bcrotty@watermark.org)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Things to Come: 5 BIG Questions

- When is Jesus coming back?
- What are the events of the End Times?
- How can I understand the Book of Revelation?
- What judgments await people?
- What will heaven be like?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Things to Come: Watermark's Beliefs

#### SECTION 11: END TIMES

We believe in the personal, imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for the Church. This event, commonly called the rapture, will be followed by great tribulation on earth and will culminate in the visible and bodily return of Jesus Christ to the earth, commonly called the Second Coming, to rule the nations and establish His millennial kingdom (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Philippians 3:20; Matthew 24:15-31; Zechariah 14:4-11; Revelation 19:11-21, 20:1-6).

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Things to Come: Watermark's Beliefs, cont.

### SECTION 12: THE ETERNAL STATE

We believe the souls of believers in Jesus Christ do, at death, immediately pass into His presence, and there remain with Him until the resurrection of our earthly bodies at His coming for the Church, when our souls and imperishable bodies shall be with Him forever in glory. We believe the souls of unbelievers remain after death in constant misery in Hades until the final judgment of the Great White Throne at the close of the millennium when soul and body reunited shall be cast into the Lake of Fire, not to be annihilated, but to be punished with everlasting separation from the presence of the Lord (Luke 16:19-26, 23:43; 1 Corinthians 15:42-44; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 20:11-15).

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

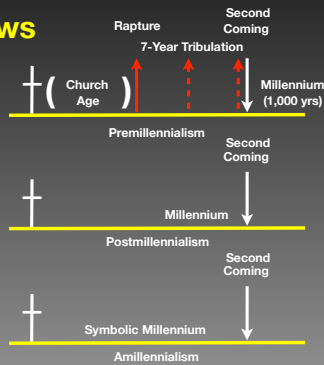
## Things to Come: Views

### 3 Rapture Views

- Pre-Tribulation
- Mid-Tribulation
- Post-Tribulation

### 3 Second Coming Views

- Premillennial
- Postmillennial
- Amillennial



---

---

---

---

---

---

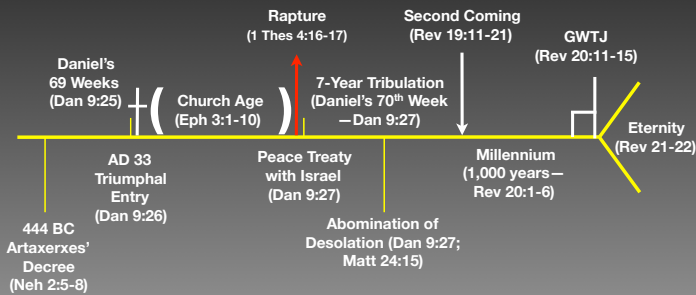
---

---

---

---

## Daniel's 70-Weeks Timeline



---

---

---

---

---

---

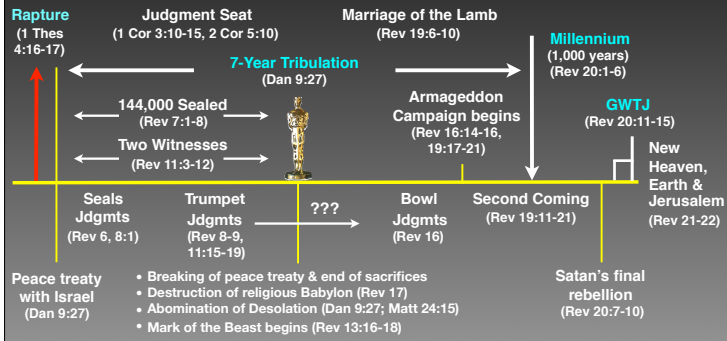
---

---

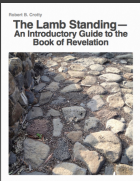
---

---

## End Times Events



## How Can I Understand Revelation?



The Book of Revelation—even the name sounds ominous. Here’s a study guide that will give you the confidence to read and understand Revelation and to comprehend today’s events in light of its truth.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/eg9glfeizu87u7o/Rev%20Book.pdf?dl=0>

Bobby Crotty (bcrotty@watermark) offers this chapter-by-chapter guide to his End Times and Revelation classes.

## Revelation: Key Verse

Write therefore

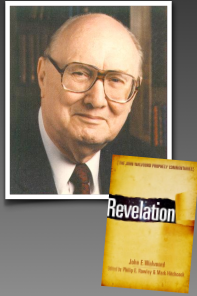
- the things that you have seen (1),
- those that are (2-3)
- and those that are to take place **after this** (4-22).

Revelation 1:19

## Importance of Revelation 2-3

“Many of the problems and evils that exist in the church today are a direct outgrowth of the neglect of Christ’s instruction to the seven churches.”

John Walvoord  
*Revelation*, p. 52



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## 7 Churches of Rev 2-3



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Revelation: Seven Churches

- Compare & contrast their:
- |                          |                                  |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Depiction of Christ   | • Erring Ephesus (2:1-7)         |
| 2. Commendation          | • Suffering Smyrna (2:8-11)      |
| 3. Rebuke                | • Permissive Pergamum (2:12-17)  |
| 4. Exhortation           | • Tolerating Thyatira (2:18-29)  |
| 5. Promise to conquerors | • Sleepy Sardis (3:1-6)          |
|                          | • Faithful Philadelphia (3:7-13) |
|                          | • Lukewarm Laodicea (3:14-22)    |

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## What should the CHURCH be today?

- Patiently enduring in its love for Christ (Ephesus)
- Faithful in suffering even unto death (Smyrna)
- Spiritually discerning—not distracted by false teaching or tolerant of evil in its midst (Pergamum & Thyatira)
- Spiritually alive and walking with Christ—led by the Spirit that gives life (Sardis)
- Holding fast to biblical teaching (Philadelphia)
- Useful and in constant fellowship with Christ (Laodicea)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Revelation: Judgments & Intervening Grace

Pattern: **Grace** . . . then Judgment

- **Prologue in heaven** (4–5)
- **7 Seal** judgments (6:1-17 & 8:1)
- **144,000 witnesses sealed** (7:1-8) & **worship in heaven** (7:9-17)
- **7 Trumpet** judgments (8:6–9:21 & 11:15-19)
- **2 witnesses sent** (11:1-14) & **worship, witness & warning** (14:1-13)
- **7 Bowl** judgments (15–16)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

The One Who Sits on the  
Throne (4) & the Lamb (5)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Seals (Rev 6)

1. Cold War
2. Open War
3. Famine
4. Death (1/4 of earth)
5. Martyrdom
6. Disturbances

### Grace Interlude (Rev 7)

7. Silence in heaven & 7 Trumpets



### Trumpets (Rev 8-9)

1. 1/3 of earth burned up
2. 1/3 of sea become blood
3. 1/3 of rivers become bitter
4. 1/3 of heavens darkened
5. Locust demons (no death)
6. Death (1/3 of mankind)

### Grace Interlude (Rev 11-14)

7. Loud voices in heaven & 7 Bowls



### The Judgments:

- Sequential
- Chronological
- Intensifying

### Bowls (Rev 16)

1. Sores
2. Seas like blood
3. Springs like blood
4. Scorching
5. Darkness
6. Euphrates dried up
7. Destruction ("It is done.")

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Revelation: 7 Great Players (12-13)

- Pregnant woman (12:1-2)
- Red dragon (12:3)
- Male child who rules over all the nations (12:5)
- The Archangel Michael (12:7)
- The remnant (12:17)
- The beast (Antichrist) (13:1)
- False prophet (13:11)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Revelation: Events on Earth (17-18)

Destruction of **religious Babylon** (17)

- Built on the apostate church after the Rapture
- Called the great prostitute because of its spiritual unfaithfulness
- Flourishes during the first half of the Trib, and the Antichrist supports her
- Destroyed by the Antichrist & his 10-king confederation at the midpoint of the Trib

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Revelation: Events on Earth (17–18), cont.

Destruction of **political/commercial Babylon** (18)

- Babylon is both a city and a system
- The focus is on Babylon as a political & commercial power
- The beast destroys religious Babylon, but God destroys commercial Babylon in a single day (18:8, 10, 17, 19)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Revelation: Events in Heaven

**Judgment Seat** of Christ (1 Cor 3:10-15; 2 Cor 5:10; Rom 14:10-12; 1 Cor 4:5)

- For every believer in Christ
- On the basis of our works—worthy or worthless?
- Reward for work done with the right motivation
- Loss of reward = “suffer loss”
- Two pictures (graduation day; work evaluation)
- Two results (Rev 4:10, 19:8)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Revelation: Events in Heaven, cont.

**Marriage of the Lamb** (19:6-10)

- Focus is on the Lamb; the bride is the Church (Eph 5:22-33); wedding occurs in 4 stages
- Balance between God’s sovereignty (“it was given to her”) and the bride’s role (“made herself ready”)
- The bride clothes herself in the righteous deeds of the saints, but the bride is the bride because of the righteousness of Christ
- Blessed are those invited to the marriage supper (e.g., John the Baptist (Jn 3:28-30), OT & Trib saints)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Revelation: 8 Stages of Armageddon Campaign

1. Assembling of allies of the Antichrist at the Valley of Jezreel
2. Destruction of Political/Commercial Babylon
3. Fall of Jerusalem
4. Attack on Bozrah (Petra of southern Jordan, where the Jews fled at midpoint of Trib)
5. National regeneration of Israel
6. Second Coming
7. Battle from Bozrah to Valley of Jehoshaphat (Kidron Valley in Jerusalem)
8. Victory ascent on the Mount of Olives

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Revelation: The Second Coming (19)

- His **aim**—in righteousness He judges & makes war (19:11)
- His **appearance**—eyes, head, robe, name (19:12-13)
- His **armies**—arrayed in fine linen (19:14; cf. 19:8)
- His **authority**—His rule, wrath & name (19:15-16)
- His **achievement**—total victory (19:17-21)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Revelation: The Millennium (20)—5 Qs

- When will the Millennium begin?
- Who enters the Millennium and populates it?
- Who rules in the Millennium?
- What will people do during the Millennium?
- Will there be births & deaths in the Millennium?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



## Revelation: Satan's Final Defeat (20:7-10)

- Having been bound for 1,000 years, Satan is set free to deceive the nations and to gather them for battle (20:8)
- The number of those deceived is “like the sand of the sea” (20:8)
- Satan’s forces surround Jerusalem, but fire from heaven consumes them (20:9)
- Satan is thrown into the lake of fire (20:10) where he joins the beast and false prophet (19:20), and “they will be tormented day and night forever and ever” (20:10)
- **Principle:** Perfect environment and universal knowledge of Christ will not change all human hearts.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Revelation: GWTJ (20:11-15)

- The **Judge**—Jesus Christ (John 5:22)
- The **Judged**—“the dead, great and small” (20:12). These are the “rest of the dead [who] did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.” (20:5)
- The **Judicial Standard**—“what was written in the books, according to what they had done” (20:12)
- The **Judgment**—“the second death, the lake of fire” (20:14, 15)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Revelation: Eternity (21–22)

**New heaven & earth** (21:1-8)—new things have come & the old has passed away

- God dwells with His people (21:3)
- The old has passed away—no more sorrow, death, mourning, crying, or pain (21:4)
- New things have come: third use of “it is done”:
  - 1) done with sin;
  - 2) done with the judgments; and
  - 3) done with the old things of human history (21:5-6)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Revelation: Eternity (21–22), cont.

### 5 things it does not have:

- A temple
- A sun or moon
- Shut gates
- Night
- Sin or sinners

### 5 things it does have:

- River of the water of life
- Tree of life
- Throne of God and the Lamb
- The Lamb
- Worship

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Genesis	Revelation
• Heavens & earth created (1:1)	• New heavens & earth created (21:1)
• Sun & moon created (1:16)	• No need of the sun or moon (21:23)
• Night established (1:5)	• No night there (21:25, 22:5)
• Seas created (1:10)	• No more sea (21:1)
• Satan appears to deceive man (3:1)	• Satan disappears forever (20:10)
• Walk with God interrupted (3:8-10)	• Walk with God resumed (21:3)
• Initial triumph of the serpent (3:13)	• Ultimate triumph of the Lamb (22:3)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Genesis	Revelation
• Curse announced (3:14-17)	• No more curse (22:3)
• Death enters history (3:19)	• No more death (21:4)
• Man's dominion broken in the fall of first man, Adam (3:19)	• Man's dominion restored in the rule of Christ (22:5)
• Man driven from the tree of life (3:24)	• Man given right to the tree of life (22:14)
• Sorrow & pain begin (3:17)	• No more sorrow & pain (21:4)
• Man driven from God's presence (3:24)	• God dwells with men & they see His face (21:3, 22:4)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Things to Come—So What?: 5 Challenges

- Do you really believe this?
- Are you holding fast to what you have learned?
- Are you just satisfying your curiosity, or will your study of the things to come inspire you to live in accordance with the reality unveiled?
- Are you ready to see the Lord?
- Are you willing to tell others about the hope that is within you and the train wreck that is coming?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---