

The Book of Revelation

Theme: The unveiling of Jesus Christ and His glorious kingdom, resulting in the everlasting destruction of His enemies and the everlasting blessing of His saints.

1:19 - "Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things."

- I. "The Things Which You Have Seen": The Setting of Jesus' Prophecy (1)
- II. "The Things Which Are": The State of Jesus' Church (2-3)
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- a. First – Antichrist's false peace (6:1-2)
- b. Second – war (6:3-4)
- c. Third – famine (6:5-6)
- d. Fourth – death of a fourth of humanity (6:7-8)
- e. Fifth – divine justice (6:9-11)
- f. Sixth – supernatural disasters (6:12-17)

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- a. First – a third of the vegetation burned up (8:7)
- b. Second – a third of the oceans destroyed (8:8-9)
- c. Third – a third of the fresh water poisoned (8:10-11)
- d. Fourth – a third of the sun, moon, & stars darkened (8:12)
- e. Fifth – swarming demonic locusts (9:1-11)
- f. Sixth – four demons of death (9:12-21)

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- a. First: a malignant sore afflicts mankind (16:2)
- b. Second: earth's oceans turn to blood (16:3)
- c. Third: earth's freshwater turns to blood (16:4-7)
- d. Fourth: the sun scorches the earth (16:8-9)
- e. Fifth: supernatural darkness covers the planet (16:10-11)
- f. Sixth: the Euphrates River dries up (16:12-16)
- g. Seventh: a world-wide earthquake destroys the globe (16:17-21)

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8. The Destruction of Babylon (17-18)
 - a. Religious Babylon (17)
 - b. Political-Commercial Babylon (18)

Lessons from the Coming Tribulation

1. Jesus is patient and delays His wrath, but He's also just and His wrath is coming (Eph. 5:6; Col. 3:6).
2. You personally will face Jesus Christ—you will either...
 - Flee in terror because of His wrath (Rev. 6:15-17)
 - Fall in worship because of His grace (Rev. 5:8-9; 7:14, 16-17)
3. Believers should respond with evangelism and gratitude.