

1a OPENING

APCALYPSE (א-י) GREEK: αποκαλυψις

SYMBOLIC VISIONS

• A TYPE OF JEANISH LITERATURE (EZEKIEL, DANIEL, 4 ENOKH, 1 ENOCH)

• THAT REVEAL A HEAVENLY PERSPECTIVE ON HISTORY IN LIGHT OF ITS FINAL OUTCOME

JOHN THE BELOVED DISCIPLE? ANOTHER JOHN?

MEANINGFUL IMAGES DRAWN FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

PROPHECY (1-3)

• GOD'S WORD THROUGH A PROPHET

• BRINGS OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY TO ITS CLIMAX

LETTER (1+9, 22+21)

SENT TO: 7 CHURCHES

ITS MEANING FOR US MUST BE ANCHORED IN JOHN'S MEANING FOR THEM!

THE REVELATION OF JESUS



A SYMBOLIC VISION FOR EVERY GENERATION OF THE CHURCH

HISTORY'S PATTERN THAT REVEALS GOD'S PROMISE

ALL HUMAN KINGDOMS BECOME BABYLON & MUST BE RESISTED

JESUS WILL RETURN TO REMOVE EVIL FROM HIS WORLD

1b-3 MESSAGE TO THE 7 CHURCHES

THE SEVEN CHURCHES (SEE ZECHARIAH 4)

EPHESUS, SMYRNA, PERGAMUM, THYATIRA, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA & LAODICEA

TRIBUTATION (2+10)

PERSECUTION

APATHY

IMMORTALITY

COMPROMISE

DOMINION

FAITHFULNESS

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

6-16 3 SETS OF 7 DIVINE JUDGMENTS

6-8a SEVEN SEALS

WAR CONQUEST Famine DEATH

HOW LONG O LORD?

REST A LITTLE LONGER.

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

WHO CAN STAND?!

THEY CAN!

MARK GOD'S SERVANTS: the 144,000 MILITARY CENSUS = 12 TRIBES (SEE NUMBERS 1)

THE MESSIANIC ARMY OF GOD'S KINGDOM FROM ALL NATIONS

8b-11 SEVEN TRUMPETS

LITERAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (PAST, PRESENT, OR FUTURE)

BUT NOTICE!

• BOWLS CONTAINED WITHIN 7a TRUMPET, TRUMPETS WITHIN 7a SEAL

• EACH SET CONCLUDES WITH FINAL JUDGMENT

THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN JESUS' RESURRECTION & RETURN FROM THREE PERSPECTIVES

THE LAMB'S SCROLL

A) LITERAL DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM

B) NEW TEMPLE = SYMBOL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

1 COORINTHIANS 3:16

HEBREWS 3:6

1 PETER 2:4-5

TWO WITNESSES PROPHECY... & ARE KILLED... ...BUT THEN VINDICATED.

THE SCROLL REVEALS THE CHURCH'S MISSION: IMITATE THE LOVING SACRIFICE OF THE LAMB

THE NATIONS DO REPENT (11-15)

GOD'S MERCY BRINGS REPENTANCE

4-5 THE THRONE OF GOD & THE LAMB

HOLY! HOLY! HOLY!

MESSAGE OF THE PROPHECIES (ISAIAH 9:6, EZEKIEL 23, 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.

THE EXODUS PLAGUES (SEE EXODUS 1:1-7:11)

1) WATER TO BLOOD

2) FROG

3) BLOOD

4) DARKNESS

5) DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN

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

12-14 SEVEN SIGNS (=SYMBOLS)

1) THE COSMIC BATTLE (BASED ON GENESIS 3:15)

2) THE EARTHLY BATTLE (BASED ON DANIEL 7:12)

THE MESSIAH & HIS PEOPLE

THEY CONQUER THE DRAGON THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB (12:11)

NOT THE REAL ENEMY

1) THE ANTI-SHEMIA PRAYER OF ALLEGIANCE FROM DELIBERATELY WRITTEN ON FOREHEADS & HANDS (THROAT) (ACTIVELY)

2) THE NUMBER 666 = 700 (117) (NEED) = 117 (11 BEAST)

ROME, etc....

14a THE LAMB'S ARMY

THE ETERNAL GOSPEL (14:6)

FEAR GOD & GIVE HIM GLORY!

PARADISE HAS FADING!

THE NEW JERUSALEM

14b FINAL JUSTICE

THE GRAIN HARVEST OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE GRAPES HARVEST OF HUMANITY'S EVIL

THE CHOICE

RESIST BABYLON TO FOLLOW THE LAMB

OR FOLLOW THE BEAST & SUFFER ITS DEFEAT

15-16 SEVEN BOWLS

THE EXODUS PLAGUES (AGAIN!)

1) BLOOD

2) FROG

3) BLOOD

4) DARKNESS

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16:17-21

ARMAGEDDON: LOCATION OF MANY ISRAELITE BATTLES (JUDGES 5:14, 2 KINGS 23:29)

SYMBOL OF REBELLIOUS NATIONS (EZEKIEL 38-39)

17-19a THE FALL OF BABYLON

BABYLON → ROME'S MILITARY & ECONOMIC POWER → ARCHETYPE OF HUMANITY'S REBELLION AGAINST GOD

BLOOD OF THE INNOCENT (19:2)

BLEND OF OLD TESTAMENT IMAGES (ISAIAH 13, 23, 34-37; JEREMIAH 50-51; EZEKIEL 26-27)

19b-20 THE FINAL BATTLE

17:1-2 THE FINAL BATTLE

ARMAGEDDON IS NOT A BLOODBATH

JESUS DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES & NOW HOURS THEY'RE ACCOUNTABLE.

JUSTICE

20:1-7 THE MATHYAS REIGN

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20:6-15 THE FINAL BATTLE II (SEE DANIEL 7)

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LITERAL SEQUENCE

1,000 YEAR KINGDOM

JESUS RETURN

FINAL JUDGMENT

THOUSAND YEARS = SYMBOL OF JESUS' PRESENT VICTORY

TWO BATTLES = JESUS' RETURN FROM TWO ANGLES

THE POINT: JESUS WILL RETURN AS A KING TO DEAL WITH EVIL & VINDICATE HIS FOLLOWERS

THE DRAGON, BABYLON & ALL WHO CHOOSE THEM ARE ETERNALLY QUARANTINED

21-22 THE MARRIAGE OF HEAVEN & EARTH

I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW. (2:1)

ALL CREATION TEMPLE OF GOD & THE LAMB

HUMANITY RULES AS GOD'S IMAGE (GENESIS 1:21-28)

THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB

KALEIDOSCOPE OF OLD TESTAMENT PROMISES

• NEW HEAVEN & EARTH (ISAIAH 65:17)

• NEW GARDEN OF EDEN (GENESIS 2, EZEKIEL 47)

• NEW JERUSALEM (ISAIAH 2, ZEPHANIAH 3)