

Revelation: A Jet Tour Through Revelation

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I. Introduction.

A. God wants us to know what the book of Revelation teaches.

II. The beginning of the book.

A. It begins and ends with a blessing for those who read it.

B. The book is written about Jesus Christ.

C. The first portion contains letters to seven churches.

D. It is a letter from the Trinity. (Isaiah 11)

E. It is dedicated to Jesus Christ.

F. It is focused on Jesus' return.

G. The book is outlined in Revelation 1:9--the past vision, the present vision and the future age.

III. The letters to the seven churches.

A. These are real churches.

B. They are also representative of other churches.

C. Ephesus is orthodox in doctrine but cold in love.

D. Smyrna suffers persecution. The church under persecution will always be pure.

E. Pergamus is the worldly church. Christ fights against this church.

F. Thyatira tolerates sin.

G. Sardis is the dead church.

H. Philadelphia is the faithful church.

I. Laodicea is the apostate church.

F. The church disappears from view until it reappears as the bride at the end of the book.

IV. The heavenly throne room.

A. The elders represent the raptured church who have received their rewards.

B. Heaven is a place where everybody worships God.

C. The lamb is the only one worthy to take the sealed scroll. He takes it, which results in more worship.

V. Seven seals.

- A. The tribulation begins with a false peace that is engineered by Antichrist. (Daniel 9)
- B. Total war follows.
- C. Total famine follows.
- D. Death follows.
- E. In the midst of all this there will be a great preservation of the Jews. (Dan will be excluded in part, Deuteronomy 29, Ezekiel 48)

VI. Seven trumpets.

- A. Two witnesses are left to evangelize the world.
- B. Satan has always warred against Christ. Michael will wage war against Satan in heaven.
- C. The Antichrist will be introduced into the world.
- D. The False Prophet will introduce worship to the Antichrist.
- E. The number 666 represents the number of man.

VII. Seven bowls.

- A. Armageddon will occur.
- B. Jesus Christ will return.

VIII. The false church is revealed as the Harlot who sits on many waters.

IX. The party ends on earth and it begins in heaven.

X. The last invitation is given at the end of the book of Revelation to come to Christ.

Application Questions:

1. Which challenge to the churches do you find most challenging personally? Explain.

2. How would you summarize the book of Revelation based upon the speaker's outline?

3. What would you consider the main theme of Revelation to be? Explain.
