

## Revelation 1-7 Overview

### **I. General Overview: Basic persons/events described (1-11)**

#### **A. Presentation: Christ Reveals His Person (Ch.1)**

##### **1. Christ is the King of Kings (1:1-8)**

- a. God's Authority: "the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1:1-2)
- b. Christ's Blessing: "blessed is he who reads/those who hear/heed" (1:3)
- c. John's Greeting: "to the seven churches" (1:4-6)
- d. God's Promise: "He is coming" (1:7-8)

##### **2. Christ is the God of Glory (1:9-20)**

- a. Spirit: John's surroundings (1:9-10)
- b. Sights: John's vision (1:12-18,20)
- c. Sounds: God's command (1:11,19)

#### **B. Preparation: Christ Readies His Creation (Chs. 2-7)**

##### **1. Seven Churches Warned (on earth): Preparing for the King (2-3)**

- a. Ephesus: First things first (2:1-7) *Repent!*
- b. Smyrna: Faithful until death (2:8-11) *Do Not Fear!*
- c. Pergamum: Flirting with idolatry (2:12-17) *Repent!*
- d. Thyatira: False teaching tolerated (2:18-29) *Jezebel Repent!*
- e. Sardis: Funeral on horizon (3:1-6) *Repent!*
- f. Philadelphia: Freedom thru Christ (3:7-13) *Hold Fast!*
- g. Laodicea: Foolishly compromised truth (3:14-22) *Repent!*

##### **2. All Creation Worships (in heaven): Praising the King (4-5)**

- a. A throne: God the creator is worthy of worship (4)
- b. A scroll: God the redeemer is worthy to rule (5)

##### **3. Satan's Wrath: Permitting the False King to Rule (6)**

- a. Great Tribulation: Satan's wrath thru antichrist (6:1-8)
  - 1) 1st seal - Ruler: antichrist controls politically (vv.1-2)
  - 2) 2nd seal - Warrior: antichrist controls militarily (vv.3-4)
  - 3) 3rd seal - Dictator: antichrist controls commercially (vv.5-6)
  - 4) 4th seal - Butcher: antichrist controls brutally (vv.7-8)
- b. Great Signs: God's warning before judgment (6:9-17)
  - 1) 5th seal - Martyrs: believers cry out to God (vv.9-11)
  - 2) 6th seal - Earthdwellers: unbelievers call out to the earth (vv.12-17)

##### **4. God's Grace: Protecting the True King's Elect (7)**

- a. 144,000 Jews: Israel sealed before God's wrath (7:1-8)
- b. Entire Church: Believers snatched before God's wrath (7:9-17)

#### **C. Retribution: Christ Releases His Wrath (Chs. 8-11)**

##### **1. Seventh Seal: Judgment Pending (8:1-5)**

##### **2. Seven Trumpets: God's Judgment (8:6-11:19)**

- a. First Six Trumpets: God's wrath begins (8:6-9:21)
- b. Seven Peals of Thunder: Delay no longer / A little scroll (10)
- c. Heavenly Temple Measured: Two witnesses prophesy in Jerusalem (11:1-13)
- d. Seventh Trumpet: "Thy wrath came" (11:14-19)