

1a OPENING

APOCALYPSE (66) GREEK: αποκαλυψις
 • A TYPE OF JEANINE LITERATURE (EZEKIEL, DANIEL, 4 EZEKIAH, 1 ENOCH)
 • SYMBOLIC VISIONS THAT REVEAL A HEAVENLY PERSPECTIVE ON HISTORY IN LIGHT OF ITS FINAL OUTCOME

JOHN
 THE BELOVED DISCIPLE? ANOTHER JOHN?

LETTER (4:1-22:21)
 ITS MEANING FOR US MUST BE ANCHORED IN JOHN'S MEANING FOR THEM.

PROPHECY (1:3)
 • GOD'S WORD THROUGH A PROPHET
 • BRINGS OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY TO ITS CLIMAX

MEANINGFUL IMAGES DRAWN FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

THE REVELATION OF JESUS



A SYMBOLIC VISION FOR EVERY GENERATION OF THE CHURCH

HISTORY'S PATTERN: ALL HUMAN KINGDOMS BECOME BABYLON & MUST BE RESISTED

THAT REVEALS

GOD'S PROMISE: JESUS WILL RETURN TO REMOVE EVIL FROM HIS WORLD

1b-3 MESSAGE TO THE 7 CHURCHES

THE SEVEN CHURCHES (SEE ZECHARIAH 4)
 EPHEBUS, SMYRNA, PERGAMUM, THYATIRA, SARDES, PHILADELPHIA & LAODICEA

APATHY
 "TRIBULATION" (2:9-10)
 PERSECUTION
 IMMORALITY
 COMPROMISE
 FAITHFULNESS
 THE CONQUERORS ARE REWARDED in the NEW CREATION (chs.21&22)

6-16 3 SETS OF 7 DIVINE JUDGMENTS

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

6-8a SEVEN SEALS

1 WAR
 2 CONQUEST
 3 Famine
 4 DEATH
 5 WHO LONGER LORD?
 6 REST A LITTLE LONGER.
 7 THE DAY OF THE LORD! (ISAIAH 2) WHO CAN STAND? (SEE ZECHARIAH 4:1)

ch7 THE LAMB'S ARMY
 MARK GOD'S SERVANTS: the 144,000 MILITARY CENSUS - 12 TRIBES (SEE NUMBERS 1)
 HEARS
 THEY CAN!
 THE MESSIANIC ARMY OF GOD'S KINGDOM FROM ALL NATIONS

8b-11 SEVEN TRUMPETS

THE EXODUS PLAGUES (SEE EXODUS 2: 7-11)
 1 HAIL
 2 BLOOD
 3 DARKNESS
 4 DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN
 5 DEMON LOCUST
 6 THE NATIONS DON'T REPENT (9:20-21)

THE LAMB'S SCROLL
 MEASURE THE TEMPLE.
 PROTECTION (SEE ZECHARIAH 4)
 BUT EXCLUDE THE GENTILES.

A) LITERAL DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM
B) NEW TEMPLE = SYMBOL OF GOD'S PEOPLE (1 CORINTHIANS 3:16) HEBREWS 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 & GOD'S MERCY BRINGS REPENTANCE (11:13)

LAMBSTANDS = CHURCHES (10:9-11)
 2 LITERAL PROPHECY'S SYMBOLS OF THE CHURCH'S PROPHECY ROLE (SEE DANIEL 7)

12-14 SEVEN SIGNS (=SYMBOLS)

12 THE COSMIC BATTLE (BASED ON GENESIS 3:15)
 THE MESSAGE & HIS PEOPLE
 THEY CONQUER THE DRAGON THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB (12:10)
 NOT THE REAL ENEMY

13 THE EARTHLY BATTLE (BASED ON DANIEL 7:12)
 MILITARY POWERS
 ECONOMIC MARCHING
 BABYLON HAS FALLEN!
 GREECE
 ROME, etc....

14a THE LAMB'S ARMY
 THE ETERNAL GOSPEL (14:6)
 FEAR GOD & GIVE HIM GLORY!
 THE NEW JERUSALEM

14b FINAL JUSTICE
 THE GRAIN HARVEST OF GOD'S PEOPLE
 THE GRAPE 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!)
 BLOOD 2
 SORES 3
 FROG 4
 BLOOD 5
 DARKNESS 6

ARMAGEDDON:
 LOCATION OF MANY ISRAELITE BATTLES (JUDGES 5:14, 2 KINGS 23:29)
 SYMBOL OF REBELLIOUS NATIONS (EZEKIEL 38-39)

16-17:21

4-5 THE THRONE OF GOD & THE LAMB

HOLY!
 HOLY!
 MESSAGE OF THE PROPHECY (ISAIAH 54:6, EZEKIEL 25, DANIEL 3:2) ABOUT HOW GOD'S KINGDOM WILL COME ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

WHO CAN OPEN THE SCROLL?
 THE LION OF JUDAH! 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.

17-19a THE FALL OF BABYLON

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

BLOOD OF THE INNOCENT (6:9)

BLEND OF OLD TESTAMENT IMAGES DESCRIBING BABYLON, TYRE & EDOM (ISAIAH 13, 23, 34, 47) JEREMIAH 50-51) EZEKIEL 26-27

19b-20 THE FINAL BATTLE

19:11-21 THE FINAL BATTLE
 JUSTICE
 ARMAGEDDON IS NOT BLOODBATH
 JESUS DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES & WHO HOLDS THEM ACCOUNTABLE!

20:1-7 THE MARTYRS VINDICATED
 THE MARTYRS REIGN
 FOR 1,000 YEARS

20:8-15 THE FINAL BATTLE II (SEE DANIEL 7)
 THE DRAGON, BABYLON & ALL WHO CHOOSE THEY ARE ETERNALLY GUARANTEED

LITERAL SEQUENCE
 1,000 YEAR KINGDOM
 JESUS RETURN
 FINAL JUDGEMENT

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

21-22 THE MARRIAGE OF HEAVEN & EARTH

THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB

I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW. (21:5)

ALL CREATION TEMPLE OF GOD & THE LAMB (GENESIS 1:27-28)

HUMANITY RULES AS GOD'S IMAGE (GENESIS 1:27-28)

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)