



HIS STORY – HIS PEOPLE “John: The Apocalypse” Revelation

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I. Introduction to the Prophetic Apocalypse. 1:1-3:22

- A. John, in the Spirit, narrates “the revelation of Jesus Christ.”
- B. Jesus Christ, “alive for evermore,” appears and instructs John to write.
- C. Seven churches of Asia Minor need instruction, encouragement and rebuke.

II. The Scene in Heaven. 4:1-5:14

- A. The awesome throne of the living God encircled by worshipping creatures.
- B. The seventh sealed scroll detailing the sovereign will of God for His creation.
- C. Only the Lion/Lamb is able to break the seals and reveal God’s plan.

III. The Situation on Earth. 6:1-11:19

- A. The six seals. 6:1-17
 - 1. Militarism. 2. Warfare. 3. Famine.
 - 4. Death. 5. Martyrdom. 6. Disasters.
- B. The comforting visions. 7:1-17
 - 1. The seal of protective ownership placed on the “Israel of God.”
 - 2. The song of consolation by the multitude redeemed in the tribulation.
- C. The seventh seal. 8:1-11:19
 - 1. Silence as the saints’ prayers are received and their impact felt on earth.
 - 2. The seven trumpets climaxing as the Lord God Almighty takes control.

IV. The War in Heaven. 12:1-14:5

- A. One “sign” of the birth and glorification of the man-child.
- B. The fury of the deposed red dragon (Satan) hurled to earth from heaven.
- C. The protection of the woman against the attacks of Satan’s emissaries.
 - 1. Fearsome imperial Rome?
 - 2. Deceptive Antichrist?

V. The Tale of Two Cities. 15:1-22:6

- A. The destruction of Babylon. 15:1-18:24
- B. The Great White Throne and the Lake of Fire. 19:1-20:15
- C. The New Jerusalem—the perfected universal church of Christ. 21:1-22:6

VI. The Return of Christ. 22:12-21

- A. The return of Christ is imminent—He could come at any time.
- B. The believer should receive comfort and challenge from this promise.
- C. Comfort because Christ is the ultimate Victor and we will share His glory.
- D. Challenge to live productively, expectantly and wholesomely.

Point to Ponder: What have you learned about the presence and power of evil and the ultimate triumph of God, and are you anticipating the triumphant return of Christ?