

## OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF THE REVELATION

Outline Follows the Division of Nestle's Greek Text—basically from Swete, *The Apocalypse of St. John* (pp. 37-38)

(Two Basic Divisions 1:9 - 11:14, and 12:1 - 22:5.)

### I. Prologue. Chp. 1:1-3

1. The writer's greeting to the Churches of Asia. vs. 4-8.

### II. Seven Churches of Asia

- 2-9. Messages to the Angeles of the Seven Churches. 2:1-3:22.

### III. Process of World Judgment

10. Vision of the Throne in Heaven. 4:1-11.
11. The Sealed Book and the Lamb. 5:1-14.
12. Opening of the first six Seals. 6:1-17.
13. Sealing of the 144,000 from the Tribes of Israel. 7:1-8.
14. Triumph of the Innumerable Multitude. 7:9-17.
15. Opening of the seventh Seal; the half hour's silence in Heaven; the first four Trumpet-blasts. 8:1-13.
16. The fifth Trumpet-blast, or first Woe. 9:1-12.
17. The sixth Trumpet-blast, or second Woe. 9:13-21.
18. Preparations for the seventh Trumpet-blast: the vision of the Angel with the open booklet. 10:1-11.
19. Further preparations; measuring the Temple; the testimony of Many Witnesses. 11:1-14.
20. The seventh Trumpet-blast, or third Woe. 11:15-19.
21. The Woman with child, and the Great blood-red Dragon. 12:1-17(18).
22. The Wild Beast from the Sea. 13:1-10.
23. The Wild Beast from the Earth. 13:11-18.
24. Vision of the 144,000 on Mount Zion. 14:1-5 (c.f. 7:1-8).

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25. Three angelic proclamations, and a Voice from Heaven. 14:6-13.
26. Vision of the Harvest and the Vintage of the Earth. 14:14-20.
27. Preparation for the last Seven Plagues. 15:1-8.
28. Pouring out of the Seven Bowls. 16:1-21.

IV. Climax of Judgment

29. Vision of Babylon seated on the Beast. 17:1-8.
30. Interpretation of the Vision of Babylon and the Beast. 17:9-18.
31. Doom of Babylon. 18:1-24.
32. Triumph in Heaven; two Hallelujah Psalms; an angelic message. 19:1-10.
33. Vision of the Crowned Warrior. 19:11-16.
34. Overthrow and end of the Beast and the False Prophet. 19:17-21.
35. The Thousand Years of Satan's captivity and the Martyr's Reign. 20:1-6.
36. After the Thousand Years: release of Satan; war of Gog and Magog. 20:7-10.
37. Vision of the General Resurrection and the Last Judgment. 20:11-15.
38. Vision of a New Heaven and a New Earth. 21:1-8.
39. Vision of the New Jerusalem. 21:9-27.
40. Epilogue: Last words of the Angel, the Seer, and the Lord. 22:1-21.
41. Final Benediction.

## SECTION 1

### Text 1:1-3

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show unto his servants, even the things which must shortly come to pass: and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John; 2 who bare witness of the Word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, even of all things that he saw. 3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things that are written therein: for the time is at hand.

### Initial Questions 1:1-3

1. What does the word *revelation* mean to you?
2. Was Jesus the source or the object (or both) of the *revelation* mentioned in vs. 1?
3. Does God's knowledge of future events *cause* them to happen?
4. What does the word *signified* mean in vs. 1?
5. How many different Johns are mentioned in the New Testament and which one is - "his servant John" in vs. 1?
6. What does a *witness* do?
7. Is the testimony mentioned in vs. 2 about Jesus, or is it his testimony?
8. How can we be *blessed* by reading the Word of God?
9. What spiritual preparations must we make in order to "hear the Words of the prophecy?"
10. In what sense can we keep the things written?
11. What does - "the time is at hand" mean? - for what?