

Chapter By Chapter Overview of Revelation

Chapter	Chronological or vignette	Description/Overview	Time Period
1	Vignette	The Revelation or revealing of the glorified Jesus to John and Christ's relationship with the Church.	
2-3	Chronological	Chapters 2 and 3 represent the church age chronologically, the seven stages of church history, from pentecost to the rapture. We are currently in the last stage of church history, the Laodicean or lukewarm church.	Church Age
4	Vignette	Chapter 4 shows the Rapture and church in heaven before the throne of God.	Church in Heaven
5	Vignette	Jesus, the Lamb who was slain, takes the Scroll from the Father. The Scroll is the title deed to the earth.	Church in Heaven
6	Chronological	The first six seal judgements : first seal - Antichrist conquers by peace, second seal - World War 3, third seal - Famine, fourth seal - 1/4 of earth's population dies, fifth seal - the martyred tribulation saints under the altar, sixth seal - Great earthquake.	7 year Tribulation
7	Vignette	Explains the 144,000 Jewish evangelists , chosen and sealed by God at the start of the tribulation from the 12 tribes of Israel, who are used by God to bring in a great harvest of new believers during the 7 year tribulation period from all nations. God is once again using Israel to be the "light to the gentiles" (Isaiah 42:6).	7 year Tribulation
8	Chronological	<u>The seventh seal judgement</u> , which includes the seven trumpet judgements : First trumpet - 1/3 of all trees and all the grain/grass burned up, second trumpet - 1/3 sea turned to blood, third trumpet - 1/3 fresh water poisoned, fourth trumpet - partial darkness over the earth.	7 year Tribulation
9	Chronological	The trumpet judgements continued: fifth trumpet - immense torment for 5 months with no death allowed during this time, sixth trumpet - army of 200,000,000 (two hundred million) kills 1/3 of remaining population.	7 year Tribulation
10	Vignette	A mighty angel proclaiming Jesus return, that the earth would soon be under new, divine, management and that all prophecies would be fulfilled (see Daniel 9:24). Also, John is given the little book (scroll) to eat, both bitter and sweet. Sweet promises of salvation for those who believe, but bitter promises of judgement for those who don't— it's not an easy message to share.	7 year Tribulation
11	Vignette	The two witnesses who have a supernatural ministry and prophecy from Jerusalem for the first half of the tribulation (3 1/2 years or 42 months or 1260 days), and the Seventh trumpet - another proclamation that Jesus return is imminent, that the earth would soon be under new, divine, management. On earth there will be thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.	7 year Tribulation

12	Vignette	Chapter 12 is about Israel and the mystery of antisemitism, and it adds one of the major reasons why Christ is judging the Christ rejecting world.	7 year Tribulation
13	Vignette	The origins, activities and descriptions of the antichrist and the false prophet.	7 year Tribulation
14	Vignette	The 144,000 with Jesus on Mt Zion (Jerusalem). The warnings of the three angels who preach to the whole world: first angel - the everlasting gospel, second angel - proclaims that Babylon (representing the one world economic system) is destroyed, third angel - warning not to take the mark of the beast (eternal damnation). Verses 14-20 describe the reaping of the earth, being ripe for judgement.	7 year Tribulation
15	Vignette	Prelude to the bowl judgements - the song of Moses and the heavenly temple of God filled with the glory of God until the end of the seven bowl judgements, the bowls of wrath (see 16:1).	7 year Tribulation
16	Chronological	The Seven Bowl Judgements : first bowl - horrible sores on those who have taken the mark of the beast, second bowl - all oceans turn to blood and everything in them dies, third bowl - all fresh water sources becomes blood, fourth bowl - great heat over all the earth, fifth bowl - darkness and pain on the economic capital of the antichrist, sixth bowl - Euphrates river dried up to make way for the armies of the east to come to the battle of Armageddon, seventh bowl - massive earthquake and massive hail and Jerusalem split into three parts.	7 year Tribulation
17	Vignette	The history, future and fall of mystery Babylon, the false religious system that started with Nimrod.	7 year Tribulation
18	Vignette	The destruction of Babylon and the resultant collapse of the one world economic system.	7 year Tribulation
19	Chronological	Rejoicing in Heaven, announcement of the marriage supper of the Lamb, return of Jesus to the earth, and the defeat of the antichrist and the armies of the world.	7 year Tribulation
20	Chronological	Chapter 20 shows what will happen immediately after the Lord comes back and the tribulation is finished, and it introduces the Kingdom that Jesus will establish on earth.	Millenial Reign
21	Chronological	Chapter 21 describes the creation of the new heavens and earth and the new Jerusalem. Here, we enter into eternity with no more sin or death forever more. Everyone will have received their glorified bodies and will be incapable of sinning.	Eternity future
22	Vignette	Chapter 22 further describes what the new world is like and tells us that we will reign forever and ever with Christ. It then finishes with an exhortation and a warning that Jesus is coming back, and that when He does come back, it will happen suddenly, unexpectedly.	Eternity future