# UNDERSTANDING THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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## *INTRODUCTION*

The Book of Revelation is, in my opinion, the epitome of structure. It is structured by YaHavah, yet has confounded the minds of scholars for nearly 2,000 years. Here is why it confounds the minds of scholars; it was inspired **by** the Spirit and must be understood **in** the Spirit. Like the entire Bible, it is a book of relational representation. The scholar's outlines make it clear that they believe the Book of Revelation is a straight chronology of time. From what I have seen of those outlines, they have no understanding of the imagery as it is related to the Old Testament. In their explanations of the book, they ignore everything that is important in understanding what they are explaining. Images and symbols are YaHavah's shorthand for what he has fully explained in other parts of the Bible. Examples are the seven spirits, four living creatures, four horsemen, the lampstand, the mark of the Beast—666, and the fourth beast. These are only a few. If the reader does not understand these few and does not research them in the Bible, then the reader cannot expect to understand the book nor hear what the Spirit is saying through his words to the reader's heart.

## SECTION ONE—REV. CHAPTERS 1-5—BUILDING THE FOUNDATION

### *Introduction/Chapter Synopsis*

The three chapters of SECTION ONE are about the Church's foundation in Jesus Christ. Within this foundation is a binding relationship between the OT and NT. Failure to address this relationship or discounting any part of it is certain to lead to compromise in interpretation.

### *The Redeemer (Revelation 1:1-20)*

Symbols of the Redeemer—every symbol describing the delivering angel is in reference to something the Redeemer YHVH promised His people in the OT. This Redeemer came as Messiah to the Jews. By grace, Gentiles are grafted into the promise of redemption by adoption through the anointing in the Spirit of YaHavah. Many are called but few are chosen. YaHavah searches the heart. If a person's heart and mind are not for YaHavah and Jesus, why would he anoint that person in his own Spirit? It is a matter of choice on both sides.

### *The Seven Spirits in the Seven Churches (Revelation 2:1 through 3:22)*

The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia-Minor are instructions by example to the Church at large about living in the anointing of the seven Spirits of YHVH. As anointed Believers, you will see the problems, the consequences of disobedience, and the rewards for overcoming the influence of the spirit of lawlessness in the world. Again, choices.

### *The Glorification of Jesus (Revelation 4:1 through 5:14)*

Christ Ascended and Glorified—Luke continued his documentation of Jesus' ascension into heaven in Acts 1:9, but John witnessed via a vision of what happened after Jesus arrived in heaven. The King of all Creation was crowned with glory and the reader of YHVH's message gets to see it through John's eyes. This was the glorification of which Jesus told His disciples He had to receive before the helper could come. One might call Jesus the Fountain of Life because the Spirit of His Father poured through Jesus at Pentecost for the benefit of all who believe in the truth about Jesus Christ. He is an everlasting fountain of Living Water. This is one of those ignored scriptures that was shuffled off to the end to accommodate the pretrib rapture theory. Ignoring the purpose of these two chapters has blinded millions to what it means to be a Christian and be taught by the Spirit of YaHavah and is in line with blaspheming the Spirit of YaHavah and Jesus.

Twenty-five years ago, I personally handed Tim LaHaye a copy of this chapter of my original book and asked him to review it. He wrote a one line review, "You are leading people to hell." My latest version titled, "Prophecy Trilogy—Timeline, Daniel, and Revelation" is a better Bible rebuttal of the pretribulation doctrine. All who follow the pre-trib doctrine will not only be left behind but will be part of the second resurrection to eternal death at the White Throne Judgment. There are more than 55 million copies of Mr. LaHaye's "Left Behind" fiction series cherished by those who own them and have shared them with others. I suggest they repent, cherish the Bible, and fear the Lord before it is too late.

## SECTION TWO— REV. CHAPTERS 6-11—THE PURPOSE OF THE SEVEN SEALS

### *Introduction/Chapter Synopsis*

Daniel's prophecy of seventy-sevens of weeks is YHVH's timeline for the end times and the scroll with seven seals contains choices between good and evil and the end time chart of events for the last seven years. The writing on the outside of the scroll is in the form of seals and has a gold mine of teaching for survival through to the end. The seals tell how the Law and prophecy are fulfilled in all righteousness in Jesus Christ and the Spirit of YaHavah. The writing on the inside of the seven sealed scroll is the Book of Life.

When everything on the outside is completed, the names that remain from the foundation of the earth will be read at the White Throne Judgment. The names that managed to get themselves rubbed out of the book because they would not listen to the Spirit of truth will take part in the second resurrection to face their final judgment of eternal separation from YaHavah.

Most Bible interpreters see all seven seals on the scroll as the last seven years of Daniels prophecy of seventy-sevens. (Daniel 9:24-27) The problem with that interpretation is the timing. Everything related to the last seven years must be unique to that period. If even one of the seven seals is in reference to past or current events, then all seven seals cannot represent the last seven years.

Based on Leviticus 26, the first four seals represent consequences of disobedience past, present, and future. Seal five is also past, present, and future, since the altar represents the altar of Jesus. There were martyrs from the first century and there will be more until the end. They all wait under the altar of Jesus Christ for the call of Jesus from a descending cloud for the first resurrection. Seals six and seven are the only seals unique to future events, as you will see in the description of each. The timing of the Antichrist is determined by Daniel 9:24-27.

### *Five of the Seven Seals (Revelation 6a:1 -11)*

The first four seals on the scroll with seven seals have inspired countless books, movies and discussions. Is what you have heard about the four horsemen of the first four seals in accordance with the Word? How does the angel called the Four Living Creatures fit into what the four horsemen represent?

The first four seals represent the contrast of good and evil and a choice to be made between them. Each of the horsemen represents the consequences of disobedience described in Leviticus 26:21-26, which are beasts in the form of conquering kings, a sword as in wars, plagues causing death, and famine. These horsemen are also related to the four chariots of Zechariah 6:1-7, The Four Living Creatures represent the four aspects of Jesus Christ's ministry.

As the Lamb breaks the first four seals revealing the horsemen, each is introduced by one of the Four Living Creatures. This action presents a choice between good and evil. The Four Living Creatures and the four horsemen being presented together reveal the great importance of choice. Understanding the options offers the opportunity of making a wise choice.

There are only two choices in the Bible. They are the same two choices we humans face with every breath drawn from birth to death. The choices are between good and evil; the Spirit of YHVH or the spirit of lawlessness; the Father of truth and life or the father of deception and death; YHVH or Satan. They are all the same two choices. Adam made the wrong choice and humanity is suffering for it.

| The Four Living Creatures in the Four Gospels | | | |
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| **Gospel** | Theme | Living Creature | Prophesied |
| **Matthew** | Son of David | Lion of Judah | Promised Davidic King |
| **Mark** | Savior | Ox | Last Sacrifice for Sin |
| **Luke** | Son of YaHavah | Son of Man | Born of a Virgin |
| **John** | The Light of the World | Eagle | The Promise of rebirth in the Spirit as protection from the wrath of YaHavah |

1. Seal One—beasts
    a. **Choices**: Jesus Christ (head of a lion for Judah) **OR** Captivity
2. Seal Two—sword
    a. **Choices**: Peace with YHVH (head of an ox sacrifice for peace) **OR** the Wrath of YHVH
3. Seal Three—famine
    a. **Choices**—the Bread of Life (head of an eagle) **OR** Famine (for the Word)
4. Seal Four—plagues
    a. **Choices**—First Resurrection to Life (head of the Son of Man) **OR** Second Resurrection to Death

The altar of seal five represents the covering of the last sin offering, the blood of the lamb of YHVH. Those under the altar made the choice of good instilled by the infinite Spirit of YHVH through Jesus. Jesus is the altar and consecrating blood of the New Covenant. (Hebrews 13:10-14) The first five seals represent the choices we all must make for good or evil between the first and second coming of Jesus Christ.

### *Seal six (Revelation 6:12 through 7:17)*

A preview of the end of the sixth trumpet of seal seven. YHVH promised to redeem a remnant of the tribes of Israel from their captivity of transgressions. Their redemption is accompanied by unique signs prophesied to only occur just prior to the second coming of Christ. Moments before the sound of the last trumpet, the remnant of Israel will be sealed by the same seal of YHVH as those who were sealed before them from the first outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost to the end. The Bible refers to the first outpouring

as the early rain as seen in the Book of Acts and the last outpouring is called the latter rain in reference to the sealing of the 144,000 remnant of Israel. Matthew 24:29-32 is a message to the tribes of Israel concerning YaHavah's promise of redemption to them. The signs tell them when they will be redeemed.

### *Seal seven (Revelation 8:1 through 11:19)*

Tells the story of a future siege on a city called Babylon the Great whose population is the sinful people of the entire world. Like Joshua who marched around Jericho for seven days with trumpets, the trumpets of seal seven will sound the alarm for each of the seven years announcing the Day of YHVH is near.

Although most Bible scholars focus on the Antichrist of this period, the Fourth Beast of Daniel is not the main topic and purpose of the last seven years. The seventh seal describes the occurrences of the last seven years of Daniel's seventy sevens. (Isaiah 18:3-6; Book of Joel) The purpose of the last seven years is to separate the chaff from the wheat, the faithful from the sinner, those who believe the truth from those who do not, those whom Jesus will call from those who are left behind to suffer the wrath of YHVH.

The end of the sixth year is a critical time of separation and preparation for the sound of the last and great trumpet announcing the return of Christ and the Great Day of YHVH. What does that mean to the thousands of church denominations in the world today? How will YHVH deal with all who profess Jesus Christ, yet are stubbornly divided by differences in their interpretations of Bible doctrine? Keep in mind that the last seven years is a time of sifting. It will not bode well for those who die in division before then.

The one who will become the Fourth Beast will present a seven-year covenant as an agreement with many. That covenant is the sign for the first trumpet of the seventh seal to sound setting the last seven years into motion. Revelation 13:1-18 holds the keys revealing the nation and people of this agreement.

This section ends with the third woe and the sound of the seventh trumpet

Recap—the purpose and context of each seal tells us that the first five seals should be together in one chapter. The sixth and seventh seals are about the last seven years of Daniel's seventy sevens, so belong together in one chapter shown here in parts *a* and *b*.

- Chapter 4—Five of the Seven Seals—
- Chapter 5-a—Seal Six—6:12 through
- Chapter 5-b—Seal Seven—8:1 through

## SECTION THREE— REV. CHAPTERS 12-13—THE CHARACTERS IN YHVH'S PLAN OF SALVATION

### *Introduction/Chapter Synopsis*

This section of the Book of Revelation describes the main characters and the parts they play in YHVH's plan of salvation.

### *The Woman and Child (Revelation 12:1-17)*

This chapter succinctly describes the characters in YHVH's plan of salvation in YHVH's symbol shorthand. The symbols of each character relate to OT references about Israel, Jesus, Satan, the remnant of Israel, and the rest of her offspring, which is the Church.

### *The Fourth Beast (Revelation 13:1-18)*

The first three beasts were clearly described in the Book of Daniel. Most Bible scholars agree on their meaning; however, it is the second and third parts of the third beast where misinterpretation gives way to false doctrine. This chapter describes how the second and third parts of the third beast come into play.

The third section ends with the number of the Beast. The number 666 is the seal of the sons of Adam. On the sixth day Adam was created, tempted, and his sin is passed on to every offspring of every father from the beginning. The only way out of being a son or daughter of Adam is by believing and fully accepting the whole truth of the Jesus' first and second coming. It is the anointing seal of the Spirit of YaHavah that saves and makes believers sons and daughters of YaHavah. Son of Adam=sealed in the number of a man, 666. Son of YaHavah=sealed in the seven spirits of YaHavah.

## SECTION FOUR— REV. CHAPTERS 14-19A—VIEWING THE FIRST RESURRECTION, WRATH AND BABYLON

### *Introduction/Chapter Synopsis*

This section of the Book of Revelation describes the resurrection, the wrath, and the cause of both.

### *The Last Gospel and the Harvest (Revelation 14:1-20)*

This chapter is reserved for the last call of repentance and the reaping of souls, both good and evil.

### *Taken out of harm's way (Revelation 15:1 through 16:21)*

Resurrection saves the Saints from the Seven Bowls of YHVH's Wrath. They are taken out of "harm's way" to a safe place of waiting until the wrath is complete. They do not take part in delivering the wrath, neither do they enter the temple in heaven until all is complete.

### *Babylon, the Mother of Harlots (Revelation 17:1 through 19:10)*

This chapter reveals the answer to who or what Babylon is. The harlot is sin personified and she affects the entire human race. Babylon the great is not a city but a condition of the human race. The spirit of lawlessness and the Spirit of YHVH vie for their souls.

## SECTION FIVE— REV. CHAPTERS 19B-22—FROM ARMAGEDDON TO NEW JERUSALEM

### *Introduction/Chapter Synopsis*

The last chapters of Revelation move quickly through the millennium providing only the high points. Ezekiel 38 through 48 provides many more details.

### *The Great Day of YHVH (Revelation 19:11 through 21:8)*

This chapter reveals the sequence of events from the wrath of YHVH to the White Throne Judgment.

### *New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9 through 22:21)*

John describes New Jerusalem and Jesus gives a warning that names will be removed from the Book of Life for disobedience to YaHavah.

## SIX VIEWS OF THE RESURRECTION

There are six views of the resurrection/rapture of the saints sealed in the Spirit of YaHavah.

### *In Section Two*

**RESURRECTION VIEW ONE—7:9-17**—All the sealed believers who are resurrected and before the throne of YHVH, Jew and Gentile, after the wrath of YHVH

**RESURRECTION VIEW TWO—11:15-19**—All the sealed saints, Jew and Gentile, who were resurrected and standing before the throne of YHVH after the White Throne Judgment

### *In Section Four*

**RESURRECTION VIEW THREE—14:14-20**—The Son of Man descending on a white cloud for the call of resurrection for all sealed saints, Jew and Gentile, before the wrath of YHVH and taken out of harm's way (Isaiah 26:20)

**RESURRECTION VIEW FOUR—15:2-8**—Sealed and resurrected saints, Jew and Gentile, wait on the sea of glass during the wrath of YHVH (Isaiah 26:20)

**RESURRECTION VIEW FIVE—18:4-5**—The call is to all of the sealed saints, Jew and Gentile, before the wrath of YHVH is poured out upon the Beast and his followers.

**RESURRECTION VIEW SIX—19:6-9**—All the sealed saints, Jew and Gentile, after the wrath of YHVH and sin is destroyed ready for the marriage supper of the Lamb. (Song of Solomon, parable of ten virgins)