

Rewards

Overview

The Book of Revelation, Chapters 1 to 5, tells us of things to come and how to prepare for them.

A. Chapter 1 – The power of ambassadorship.

1. Rev 1:1, 22:6 Jesus sent His angel to signify, tell, of the things to come.
2. Rev 1:13-18 The might and presence of Jesus is manifested through His angel, whom Jesus sent to tell the Apostle John the details of the revelation, which God had given to Jesus

B. Chapters 2 & 3 – The rewards of an overcomer.

1. Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. (Sardis – dead church).
2. Rev 2:7 To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. (Ephesus – left first love).
3. Rev 2:11 He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. (Smyrna – martyrs) also given a crown of life. Rev 2:10
Jam 1:12 Blessed [is] the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.
4. Rev 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: Rev 2:27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. Rev 2:28 And I will give him the morning star. (Thyatira – heresy outside church).
5. Rev 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. (Laodicea – lukewarm).
6. Rev 2:17 To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a **new name** written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth [it]. (Pergamos – heresy in).
7. Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and **I will write upon him the name of my God**, and the name of the city of my God, [which is] new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and [I will write upon him] **my new name**. (Philadelphia - kept His Word and not denied His Name; also kept the Word of Patience). Note: Given a crown.

C. Chapter 4 –Unity with the Godhead.

1. Rev 4:2 God is “Him on the Throne”
Rev 4:8 God is “Him Which was and is and is to come”.
Rev 4:9 God is “Him that liveth for ever and ever”
Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.
2. Jesus is the Word (Jn 1:14). The Word was God (Jn 1:1). Jesus and the Father are one (Jn 10:30).
3. Joh 17:23 **I in them, and thou in me**, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and **hast loved them, as thou hast loved me**.

D. Chapter 5 – The power of opening the seals.

1. Rev 5:2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

Rev 5:3 And no **man** in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

2. Rev 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath **prevailed** to open the book, and to loose the **seven** seals thereof.
Rev 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having **seven** horns and **seven** eyes, which are the **seven** Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
3. Rev 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;
4. Rev 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall **reign** on the earth.
Rev 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive **power**, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.
5. The seals
 - a) Throughout the entire Bible, seals are always used for identification, confidentiality, approval, making secure and/or closing up for a period of time.
 - b) The sealing or unsealing never performs/produces an event of itself. A decree within it could command or initiate an action; and the unsealing of something could loose that which creates actions such as sealing/loosing of satan in the 1000 years.
 - c) The loosing of the Seven Seals is not the same as loosing the events that follow. However, the conclusion of the events, which are shown by the opening of the seals, does bring the earth and its ungodly people to a point where the wrath of God is manifested.
 - d) Seals 1 – 6 foretell what man is going to do to man. The opening of these seals clearly tells us that man by his own actions is demonstrating that man is incapable of properly ruling this earth without the help of God. The Period of the Seals end with the opening of the Seventh Seal.
 - e) Rev 8:1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.
 - f) The silence in Heaven indicates that there are no more salvations. Nobody has accepted Jesus for a while because in Luk 15:7 Jesus said, “I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.”
Mankind has chosen sides, God or the devil. God is now justified in pouring out His wrath upon the unrepentant sinners.
 - g) Rev 8:2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. That these are seven trumpets of judgment are seen in:
Rev 8:13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!
The wrath of God is displayed in the Seven Trumpets but is even more obvious in the display of His wrath in the Seven Vials.
 - h) A foreshadowing of these events is seen in how God delivered the Hebrew slaves from Egypt and purged the earth of Pharaoh and his army by issuing decrees which were brought into existence by Moses.
 - i) God will deliver His very elect (i.e., the overcomers) through the Rapture as He purges the earth of the antichrist (i.e., the beast) and the false prophet and their armies. Rev 19:20
 - j) Rev 5:8 Notice how the prayers of the saints are recognized as Jesus takes the Book and prepares to open the seals.