John's Visions





Vision 1 Letters to 7 Churches

Vision 2 Christ in Heaven

Revelation 4:1-2

Apocalyptic Literature

- Action played out in Heavenly scenes
- Chapter 4 Symbols:
 - Jewels beauty, value
 - 24 Elders angels, leaders in Heavenly places
 - Crowns dignity, honor

Chapter 4 Symbols

- Lightening sudden display of power
- Crystal sea salvation
- 4 creatures
 - Ox service
 - Lion strength
 - Eagle swiftness
 - Man intelligence

Revelation 5:1-14

Chapter 5 Symbols

- Scroll Message
- 7 Seals Security
- Lion/Lamb Dual nature
- 7 horns/eyes strength/spirit
- Harp Praise
- Incense Prayer

Revelation 6:1-17

- Images presented as a parade
- Parade of God's arsenal of power

Chapter 6 Symbols

- White Horse Victory crown
- Red Horse Persecution
- Sword Killing
- Black Horse Death
- Scale Economic choices, needs

- Pale Horse Death and Hell
- Souls Life
- Natural Phenomena -Judgment of Nations

- Break in action of opening seals
- Assurance that Christians are safe
 - Sealed
 - Part of Kingdom

Symbols

• Seal - Ownership, protection, genuineness

144,000

- 12 = organized religion
- (12x12) 144 = all possibility
- 10 = perfect/mature
- (10x10) 1000 = the most perfect/mature
- 1000 x 144 = most complete without exception

Symbols

Palm Branches - Victory

Chapters 8 to 11

- Opening of 7th seal
- Silence in Heaven
- 7 trumpets will sound
- Trumpets 1-4 = Calamities
- Trumpets 5-6 = Decadence

• Little Book - John's prophecy

Revelation 10:8-11

 Measurement of Temple = Safety of saints

Revelation 11:1-2

Two witnesses = Gospel

Revelation 11:3-4

• 3½ Years = Pentecost - Destruction of Rome

• 7th Seal = Rejoicing & Victory

Revelation 11:15

Symbols - Chapter 9

- Key Authority
- Courts Affects of immorality
- Abbadon/Appolyon Satan
- Euphrates Northern border of Egypt
- Troops Barbarians invading Rome

Symbols - Chapter 10

- Rainbow Mercy
- Measuring Rod Way to know truth

Summary Chapters 4 to 11

- 1. Revelation of God's power
- 2. Protection of saints through persecution
- 3. Script for Rome's fall
 - Church will begin strong
 - Rome will crush it
 - Rome will be destroyed
 - Church will survive and grow