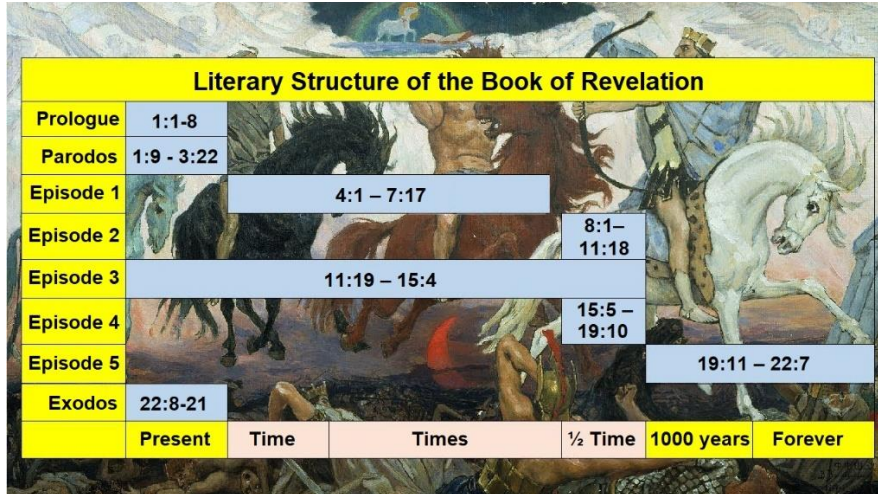


OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Powellhurst Men's Bible Study

Episode 4, 15:5—19:10

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Literary Structure of the Book of Revelation						
Prologue	1:1-8					
Parodos	1:9 - 3:22					
Episode 1	4:1 – 7:17					
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Exodos	22:8-21					
	Present	Time	Times	½ Time	1000 years	Forever

Learning objectives

- Describe seven end-times, systemic failures.
- Identify who, what, where is Babylon the Great.
- Describe Babylon the Great's fall.
- Relate biblical symbolism to natural reality.
- Anticipate the joy that awaits us with Jesus.

Preview

- The heavenly temple is opened, then shut.
- Seven angels sent to earth with seven plagues.
- Divine accusation against murderous powers.
- An earth quake demolishes cities.
- A 'beast' government that revives for a time.
- The great city falls.
- World leaders mourn.
- The righteous rejoice.
- Armies gather for 'Armageddon'.

God's temple opened

115 5 I looked, and the temple of the tent of witness in heaven was opened, 6 and out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues, ... 8 no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were ended.

- Why is heaven's temple open yet no one enters?
- What is significant about the number seven (7)?
- In the Bible who sends 'plagues'?
- What is the divine purpose of plagues?

The first plague: painful sores

16 2 The first angel went and poured his bowl on the earth, and a foul and painful sore came on those who had the brand of the beast and who worshiped its image.

- Despite vaccines and medication.
- Usually, a sign of malnutrition or of infection.
- Who else in Scripture suffered painful sores?

The second plague: sea life dies

16 3 The second angel poured his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and every living thing in the sea died.

- Despite UN-sponsored oceanic regulations.
- Major source of food for coastal populations.
- What does the sea symbolize in Scripture?

The third plague: water pollution

16 4 The third angel poured his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood.

- Despite best government and industrial care.
- Required for life, health and sanitation.
- How to obtain clear water:

Build a food-safe, drip-fed, home, water filter for less than US\$40, in about half an hour.



<http://currah.download/pages/filtreaeau/>

Why?

16⁵ “You are just, O Holy One, who are and were, for you have judged these things; ⁶ because they shed the blood of saints and prophets, you have given them blood to drink. It is what they deserve!”

- God is merciful, so he forgives the repentant.
- God is holy, so he judges outrageous evil.
- God never inflicts humans with more than they deserve.

The fourth plague: solar heat

16⁸ The fourth angel poured his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire; ⁹ they were scorched by the fierce heat, but they cursed the name of God, who had authority over these plagues, and they did not repent and give him glory.

- Despite geoengineering darkening our sunlight.
- Most climate change may result from solar activity.

The fifth plague: darkness on the beast

16¹⁰ The fifth angel poured his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness; people gnawed their tongues in agony ¹¹ and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and sores, and they did not repent of their deeds.

- Despite ‘green’ power.
- Painful sores continue.
- Repent = change.

The sixth plague: darkness on the beast

16¹² The sixth angel poured his bowl on the great River Euphrates, and its water was dried up. ... ¹⁶ Demonic spirits assembled the kings at the place that in Hebrew is called Harmagedon.

- Despite conservation engineering.
- The battle will occur in the 5th episode.
- 2019 Middle East Muslim population = 287,986,537. —Wikipedia

Where is Harmagedon (Mount of Assembly)?

Isa. 14¹³ You said to yourself, “I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit on the mount of assembly [הַר־מוֹעֵד] on the heights of Zaphon; ¹⁴ I will ascend to the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.”

- Hebrew: Har (הַר mount) + מועד (מוֹעֵד assembly).
- Greek: Harmagedōn. “g” is the nearest sound to “ζ”.
- Cyphers: Zaphon (‘north’) shifts from Bashan to Mt. Zion = End-times Jerusalem

The seventh plague: earthquake and hail

16 17 The seventh angel poured his bowl into the air. ... 18 And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a violent earth-quake... 19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell... 21 They cursed God for the plague of the hail.

- Despite building codes.
- Homeless, foodless population.

“On that day there shall be a great shaking in the land” Ezeiel 38:19

Kings will wage war on the Lamb

17 12 The ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom... 13 are united in yielding their power and authority to the beast; 14 they will wage war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”

- The beast who had crucified the Messiah once, will make bold to wage war upon him, again.

The beast and the kings will destroy the ‘woman’.

17 16 “They and the beast will hate the whore; they will make her desolate and naked; they will devour her flesh and burn her up with fire. ... 18 The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.”

- The 1st beast: Satan ruling over the world.
- The 2nd beast: An Antichrist, globalist leader.
- Ten kings: National leaders yet to be empowered.
- The woman: The city or network of cities that controls international finance and trade.

Top seven centers by industry sector (2022)

Level	Banking	Investment management	Insurance	Professional services	Government and regulatory sectors	Finance	FinTech	Trading
1	New York City	New York City	Shanghai	New York City	New York City	New York City	New York City	New York City
2	Shanghai	London	Singapore	London	London	Shanghai	Singapore	London
3	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Beijing	Singapore	Zürich	Beijing	Shanghai	Singapore
4	London	Singapore	New York City	Hong Kong	Singapore	London	Hong Kong	Hong Kong
5	Beijing	Shanghai	Hong Kong	Shenzhen	Geneva	Luxembourg	London	Shanghai
6	Shenzhen	Beijing	London	Shanghai	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Seoul	Beijing
7	Tokyo	Shenzhen	Luxembourg	Vancouver	Shanghai	Shenzhen	Beijing	Shenzhen

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Global_Financial_Centres_Index

A message for Christians in every century

18 4 “Come out of her, my people, so that you do not take part in her sins, and so that you do not share in her plagues.” ... 20 Rejoice over her, O heaven, you saints and apostles and prophets! For God has condemned her condemnation of you.

- How do we ‘come out’ from the world system?
(Lead a holy life, earn a living, treat others fairly, stay faithful to Jesus, to spouse, to promises, worship God, rear children, love God and neighbor.)

The Lamb’s marriage supper

19 7 “Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready... 9 Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”

The two women of Revelation: (a) Babylon, the world system devoted to wealth, power and pleasure. (b) The Bride, Christian believers in every century.

<p>Jesus harvests his own Rev. 14:14-16</p> 	Angels harvest the grapes of wrath				<p>Jesus defeats armies, reigns</p> 
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	<p>Woman rides on beast & kings</p> 	<p>Seven plagues damage earth</p> 	<p>Babylon the Great is fallen!</p> 	<p>Kings' armies at Har- moed</p> 	
<p>I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns.</p>					