

1. Revelation 1:1-8:5

The Church and the Scroll



2. Revelation

The book of Revelation was written to encourage Christians during a time of persecution. The leaders of the Roman empire forced the people to worship the emperor as a god.

John was sent as a prisoner to the island of Patmos.
At Patmos he received a vision and a prophecy from God

John warned the Christians who wanted to compromise with the rules of the Roman empire. If they do not repent, the church will go under and a difficult persecution will start.

John encourages all Christians to remember that Jesus has power over all the earth and to persevere during all the hardships which will happen before Jesus returns and defeat Satan forever

John tells about heaven and the kingdom of God

3. Greetings to seven churches

Revelation 2-3

- ▶ Jesus has given John a prophecy to seven churches in Asia to prepare for the return of Jesus
Revelation 1:1-8
- ▶ Efesos – Repent and return to your first love of Jesus
Then you will get the right to eat from the tree of life
- ▶ Smyrna – Some will be thrown in prison for ten days
Be faithful until death and you will receive the life as the victor's crown
- ▶ Pergamon – do not permit the false teaching of Balaam concerning food sacrificed to idols and sexual immorality
The one who is faithful will be given hidden manna and get a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.



4. Greetings to seven churches

Revelation 2-3

Thyatira – Do not let the false prophet Jezebel mislead Christians through her teaching to eat food sacrificed to idols and sexual immorality. Jezebel will be punished

The one who is victorious to do the will of God until the end will be given authority to rule the nations and get the morning star

Sardis – Wake up and strengthen what is about to die. The one who is victorious will be dressed in white clothes and keep their name in the Book of life

Fildadelfia – Because you have kept my word and not denied my name, I will keep you from the hour of trial. The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of God.

Laodiceia – Neither cold, nor hot. Repent! If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person. The one who is victorious will sit with me on my throne.



5. The throne in heaven

Revelation 4:1-11

- ▶ Jesus sits on the throne
- ▶ The 24 elders – the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles and four creatures bow down and worship Jesus



6. The Lamb and the scroll with seven seals

Revelation 5:1-8:5

- ▶ Only the Lamb is worthy to open the scroll with seven seals
- ▶ The first seal
A white horse comes with a rider who has a bow, riding to conquer
- ▶ The second seal
A red horse comes with a rider taking the peace from the earth causing war
- ▶ The third seal
A black horse comes with a rider taking the crops, causing hunger
- ▶ The fourth seal
A pale horse comes with Death as a rider taking peoples lives through sword, famine plague and wild beasts



7. The Lamb and the scroll with seven seals

Revelation 5:1-8:5

The Fifth Seal

The souls under the altar slain because of the word of God have to wait until the full number of fellow servants have arrived. They will be dressed in white clothes

The Sixth seal

A great earthquake comes. The sun turned black, the moon turned red, stars fell from the sky to the earth

144 000 from the twelve tribes of Israel will receive seals on their foreheads before the four angels at the corners of the earth are set loose
A great crowd from every nation and people worship the Lamb on the throne

The seventh seal

It was silence in heaven for half an hour. An angel adds incense to the prayers of the saints on the golden altar and hurled a censer with fire from the altar on the earth. There is thunder and an earthquake.



8. The Church and the Scroll show who Jesus is and what he does

The Scroll is the Word of God

The Lamb is the symbol of Jesus sacrifice on the cross for our sins

Isaiah 53

The meaning of the Lamb having seven horns and seven eyes which are the seven spirits of God which have been sent out over the world means that Jesus has all power, knows everything and sees everything that happens on the earth

Zechariah 4:1-10

The Lion of Juda is a messianic title for Jesus Genesis 49:8-10

The Root of David means that Jesus was born as a decendent of King David
Matthew 1:1-17



The Church

A seal is a sign showing the ownership of someone or something or shows the giver of a gift.

The Father has put his seal on the Son of Man (Jesus) John 6:27-29

Jesus has put his seal on us through
The Holy Spirit

2 Corinthians 1:19-22

Efephesians 1:9-14

When the Church celebrates service we honor God and make space for his glory on the earth

The task of the Church is to spread the Word of God to all humans on the earth