

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

“Through First Century Glasses”

In order to understand the book of Revelation it is imperative to agree on viewing it first with those to whom it was written in the first century in mind or as the late W.B. West, Jr. used to say, “through first century glasses” before applications of its message may appropriately be made to men living today. An easy to remember five-point outline of the book with a listing of the chapters developing each point and a very brief heading for each chapter follows.

<u>Outline</u>	<u>Chapters</u>
I. The Seven Churches	1 John Exiled to Patmos 2 Four Letters to Churches 3 Three Letters to Churches 4 God on His Throne
II. The Book With Seven Seals	5 Christ Alone is Worthy to Take the Book with Seven Seals 6 Six Seals are Opened 7 The Sealing of God’s Saints 8 The Seventh Seal Reveals Seven Trumpets
III. The Seven Trumpets	9 The Fifth and Sixth Trumpets 10 The Little Book 11 The Seventh Trumpet Sounds the Victory of Christ 12 The Great Red Dragon Attacks Christ 13 The Mark of the Beast 14 The Hour of God’s Judgment Has Come!
IV. The Seven Bowls of Wrath	15 The Seven Angels are Given Seven Bowls of Wrath 16 The Seven Bowls of Wrath are Poured Out 17 Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots 18 The Fall of Babylon the Great
V. The Finalé	19 The Army of God is Victorious 20 The Devil’s Doom 21 A New Heaven and A New Earth 22 A Final Description of Heaven

The book of Revelation uniquely promises a blessing upon those who read, hear, and keep it. The apostle John wrote, “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand” (Revelation 1:3).

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