

66 - Last Letter - The Revelation of Jesus Christ

What are God's interests? The way ends – in the eternal city

66. The Structure of Revelation – “...*this prophecy...write in a book*” 1:3,11
“Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter”

1. PAST – **The Christ of Revelation** “Write the things which thou *hast seen*...” 1:19

Loving Savior – “Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood” 1:5

Coming King – “Behold, he cometh with clouds...and all kindreds of the earth shall wail” 1:7

Eternal Almighty – “The Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come...Almighty” 1:8

Source and Finality of All – “Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last” 1:11

Glorified Man – “The Son of man...golden girdle [sash]...eyes were as a flame of fire” 1:13-14

Fearful Judge – “Out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword...as the sun shineth” 1:16

Forever Sovereign – “I am alive for evermore...and have the keys of hell and death” 1:18

2. PRESENT – **The Churches of Revelation** “Write the things ...*which are*...” 2-3

Churches as His lights on earth: “Write...let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” 2:1,7

Ephesus (love cooled but hated wrong) – “left thy first love...hatest the deeds...I also hate” 2:4,6

Smyrna (suffering) – “I know thy...poverty...thou shalt suffer...I will give...crown of life” 2:9,10

Pergamos (faithful with compromise) – “Not denied my faith...But...hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam...also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans” 2:13-15

Thyatira (much charity with depths of Satan) – “I know thy...charity, and service, and faith...
Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee... doctrine...depths of Satan” 2:19-24

Sardis (living history but now dead) – “Thou hast a name that thou livest, but art dead” 3:1

Philadelphia (kept word with a little strength) – “Hast a little strength, and hast kept my word” 3:8

Special promise: “I...will keep thee from hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world” 3:10

Laodecia (lukewarm) – “Art lukewarm...rich...increased with goods...thou art...poor” 3:16-17

3. FUTURE – **The Condemnations & Coronation of Revelation** “...*hereafter*” 4-22

“Come up...I will shew thee things which must be hereafter” 4:1. (church not mentioned on earth in 4-21)

The Throne – “And out of the **throne** proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices” 4:5

Judgment Seals – “And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne **a book written within...sealed with seven seals**” [legal deed to judge the earth] 5:1

Confirmation of Judge – “Who is **worthy** to open the book” [qualified to judge earth]?

To the root of David, the living Jesus Christ: “Thou art **worthy** to take the book...to open” 5:2,9

OT qualifications - must have pure heart, be of King David's line, be Son of God, pierced, see life...

Seals of Judgment opened – “And I saw when the Lamb **opened** one of the seals” 6:1

Transfer of Power – “The kingdoms of this world **are become** the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever” 11:15

Satanic Opposition – “The dragon gave him his power...to **make war** with the saints” 13:2,6

King Comes – “He that sat upon him [white horse]...and in righteousness He doth judge and make war...and on His head were many crowns...**KING of KINGS**” 19:11-16

Kingdom Established – “Priests...of Christ...**reigned with Him** a thousand years” 20:6

Final Judgment – “Stand before God...books were opened...the dead were **judged**...whosoever... not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire” 20:11-15

New Heaven and Earth – “And I saw a **new** heaven and a **new** earth...no more death” 21:1-5

Revelation reveals the removal of sin, suffering and Satan: “Even so, come, Lord Jesus” (22:20)

The 5 Accounts of Revelation's Hereafter Section – “things...hereafter” 4-20

5 repeat pattern accounts of the judgment-wrath period (7 years) and the coming kingdom
As 4 gospels give 4 aspects of one life, death and resurrection of Christ so the hereafter follows this way

1. Each account starts with something being **opened** to do with the 7 sealed book
2. *Something connected with the Old Testament **tabernacle** is then seen*
3. Each then gives new details of the 7 seal's **judgments**, but each starts at a different point in the 7 years
4. Each takes you to the same the day of **God's wrath** being fully poured out – but with new details.
5. And each ends with the same coming **kingdom victory** for God's saints – but with new details

Account #1 6-7

1. Opened – “Behold, a door was opened in heaven” 2. **Sat on Throne (mercy seat) seen** 4:1,2
3. **Judgments** (1st 5 seals) – “The fourth part of the earth, to **kill** with sword...hunger...” 6:8
4. **Day of Wrath** (6th seal) – “Heaven departed as a scroll...every mountain and island were moved...The great day of his **wrath** is come; and who shall be able to stand?” 6:12-17
5. **Kingdom Victory** – “A great multitude...stood before the throne...with white robes” 7:9

Account #2 8-11:18

1. Opened (7th seal includes all that follows) – “And when he had **opened** the seventh seal” 8:1
2. **Golden altar of incense and sacrificial altar seen**
3. **Judgments** (6 trumpets) – “The third part of men **killed**, by the fire, and by the smoke...” 9:18
4. **Day of Wrath** (7th trumpet) – “The nations were angry, and thy **wrath** is come...
destroy them which destroy the earth” 11:18
It is not environmental pollution why the earth is destroyed, but moral pollution (9:20-21)
5. **Kingdom Victory** – “Thou...**hast reigned**... give **reward** unto thy servants...” 11:15-18

Account #3 11:19-15:4

1. Opened – “And the temple of God was **opened** in heaven” 2. **Ark of His testament** 11:19
3. **Judgments** (7 sights) – “Power was given unto him [beast-antichrist] to continue forty and two months...to **make war** with the saints, and to overcome them” 13:5-7
4. **Day of Wrath** (7 angel actions) – “Drink of the wine of the **wrath** of God...tormented with fire...and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles” 14:10-20
5. **Kingdom Victory** – “Saw...them that had gotten the **victory**...having the harps of God” 15:2

Account #4 15:5-19:10

1. Opened – “Behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was **opened**” 15:5
2. **Smoke from the glory of God seen** 15:8
3. **Judgments** – “The **judgment** of the great whore...With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication...for in one hour is thy judgment come” 17-18
4. **Day of Wrath** (7 golden vials full of wrath) – “Armageddon...an earthquake...so great...the fierceness of His **wrath**...every island fled away, and the mountains were not found” 16:16-20
5. **Kingdom Victory** – “A great multitude...saying, **Alleluia**: for the Lord God...reigneth” 19:6

Account #5 19:11-20:6

1. Opened – “And I saw heaven **opened**, and behold a white horse...He...sat upon him” 19:11
2. **“He” – the glorious Lord Jesus Christ, King of Kings – “the tabernacle of God”** 19:11, 20:3
3. **Judgments** (in person) – “He [revealed Lord Jesus Christ] doth **judge** and make war” 19:11
4. **Day of Wrath** – “A sharp sword...He should smite the nations...He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and **wrath**...the fowls were filled with their flesh” 19:15,21
5. **Kingdom Victory** – And they lived and **reigned** with Christ a thousand years” 20:4