

The Return of Jesus Christ

Revelation 19:11 - 21

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Outline

- Vision of the Unveiled Christ (Revelation 1)
- The Lamb and The Seven Sealed Scroll (Revelation 5, 6)
- The Return of Christ (Revelation 19)
- Next Week: The Reign of Christ (Revelation 20)

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Revelation 1

- Revelation (apocalypse ἀποκάλυψις : *unveiling, uncovering*)
- First Advent : The Veiled, Crucified Christ
 - The Humility of Christ : Philippians 2:5-11
 - “*I did not come to judge the world but to save the world*”
John 12:47, John 3:17
 - The Suffering Servant : Isaiah 53
 - Jesus our Great High Priest : Hebrews 4:15,16

Second Advent Christ Unveiled

Zechariah 12:10

John 19:37

*Behold, he is coming with the clouds,
and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him,
and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.*

Revelation 1:7

*Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man,
and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn,
and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven
with power and great glory.*

Matthew 24:30

Titles of Jesus in Revelation 1

Jesus Christ

The Faithful Witness

Firstborn of the Dead

Ruler of Kings on Earth

The Alpha and the Omega

Who Is and Who Was and Who Is to Come

The Almighty

The First and the Last

The Living One

The Son of Man

Vision of the Glorified Son

Revelation 1:12-20

- John was banished to the Isle of Patmos under the reign of Domitian (81 - 96 AD) according to Irenaeus *Against Heresies Book V, Chapter XXX, 3*.
- Peter, James, and John has seen the glorified Christ on The Mount of Transfiguration : Mark 9:1-13 *“Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.”*
- John’s reaction by *“falling at his feet as though dead”* is similar to Ezekiel’s (Ezekiel 1:28) and Isaiah’s (Isaiah 6:5). Moses was told *“you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live”* (Exodus 33:20). Peter fell at Jesus’ knees : *“Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord”* (Luke 5:8);

Structure of Revelation

*Write therefore the things that you have seen,
those that are and those that are to take place after this.*

Revelation 1:19

1. the things that you have seen ...
 - John's vision of the glorified Christ in Chapter 1
2. those that are ... ("church" mentioned 18 times)
 - Letters to the seven churches in Chapters 2 and 3
3. those that are to take place after this ... ("church" not mentioned until 22)
 - The events that unfold in Chapters 4 through 22
 - *"Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."* 4:1

The Scroll and The Lamb

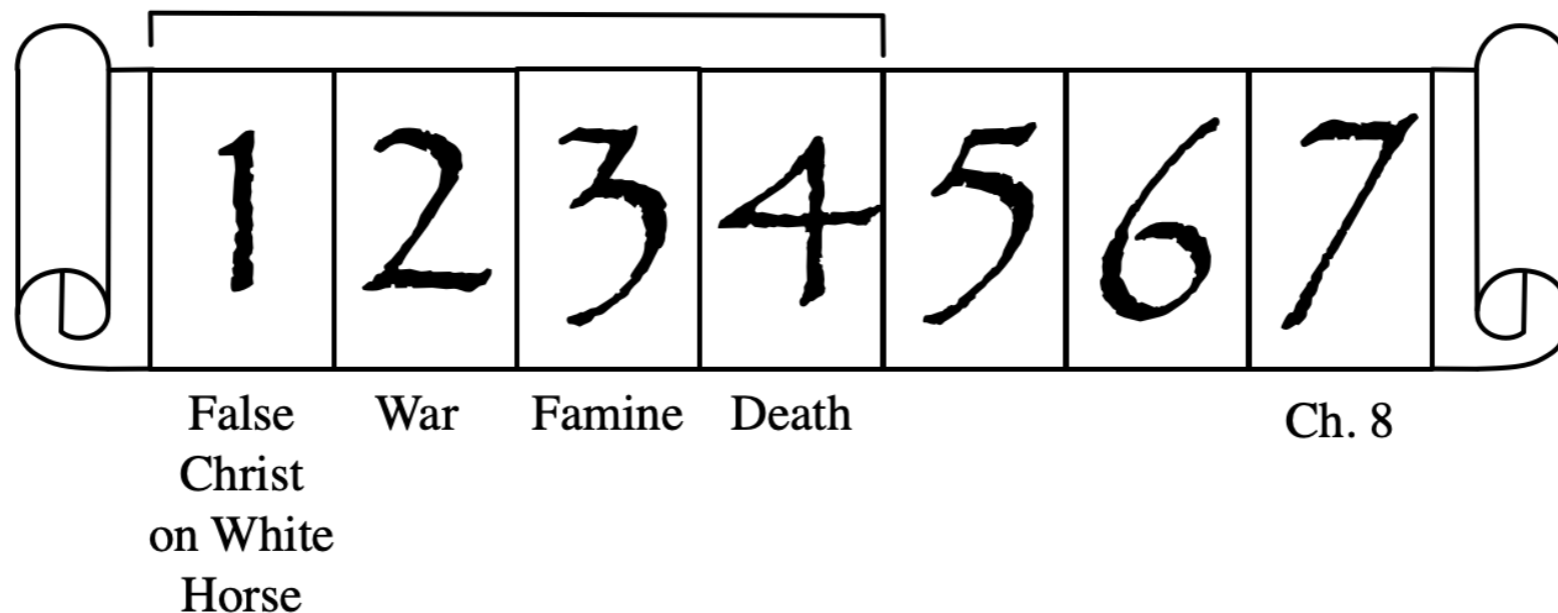
Revelation 5

- The seven sealed scroll as “the title deed” for the earth
 - Currently the enemy occupies the land and is “*the ruler of this world*” (John 12:31, Ephesians 2:2, 2 Corinthians 4:4)
 - He offered “*all the kingdoms of the world and their glory*” to Christ in order to “short-circuit” the Cross (Matthew 4:9).
 - Satan’s authority has limits (Job 1).
 - Christ is the rightful heir (Hebrews 1:2, Psalm 2:8) and the only one worthy to open the scroll.
- “*I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain*” (v 6).
 - Christ is worthy because He was the obedient Son and endured The Cross (v. 9; Philippians 2:9). The kingdom becomes Christ’s at the 7th Trumpet (Revelation 11:15).

The Opening of The Scroll

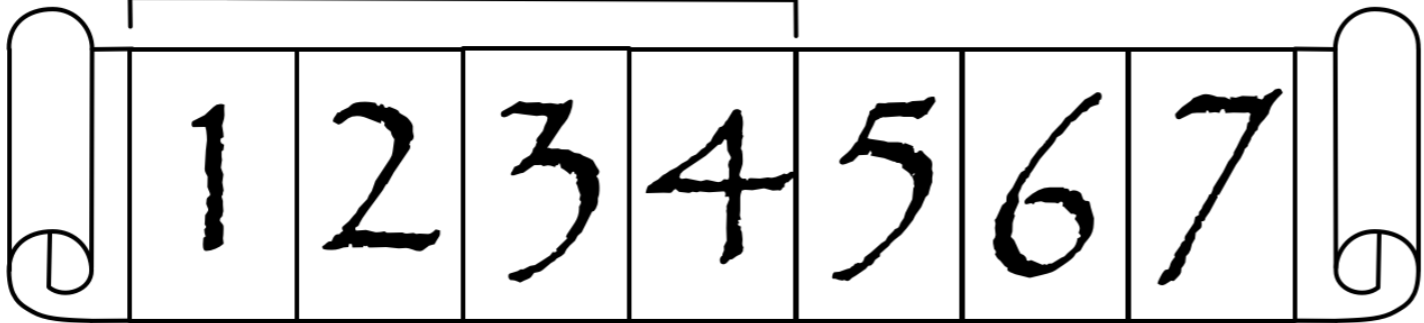
Revelation 6

Four Horsemen
of The Apocalypse



- The initial rider wears a crown (a king) and rides a white horse (as Christ will in Revelation 19)
 - He does not usher in a peaceful rule as war, famine, and death follow.
 - Often equated with a False Christ as Christ Himself said would be common (Matthew 24:3-5)

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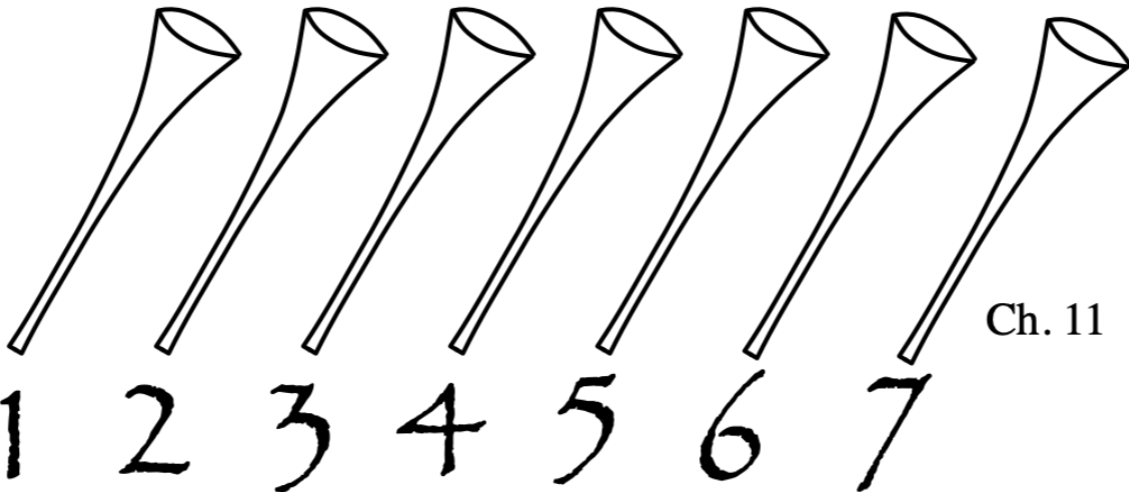
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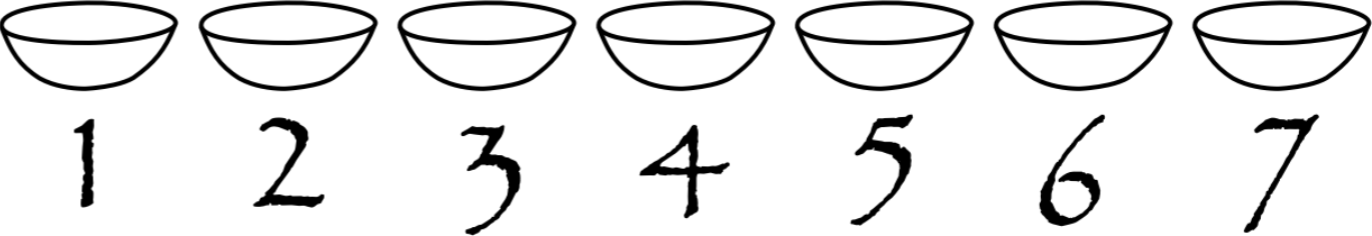
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The Return of Christ

Revelation 19:11-16

- Christ returns riding a white horse, the righteousness conqueror.
 - Jesus enters Jerusalem on a lowly donkey (John 12:14,15; Zechariah 9:9).
- *“The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name.”* Song of Moses Exodus 15:3 (Singing Song of Moses Revelation 15:3).
- Jesus is wearing all the world’s crowns, He is The King of Kings.
- Armies of Heaven : Jude 14; Old / New Testament / Tribulation Saints (Revelation 7:13,14)
- Christ’s vengeance : Isaiah 11:1-5; 63:1-6
- When Christ comes to receive His saints there is no judgment (John 14:2,3; 1 Corinthians 15:51-54; Thessalonians 4:13-18).

The Great Supper of God

Revelation 19:17-21

- Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:16); 7th Bowl.
- *“Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”*
Matthew 24:28
- Ezekiel 39

Next Week
The 1000 Year Reign
Revelation 20