

## Session Two

### What is the Book of Revelation and who wrote it?

Somewhere around 90 a.d. the “disciple who Jesus loved” was moved, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to write down an apocalyptic vision of the end of time.

“Clement of Alexandria and Eusebius... affirm that the book was written by John on Patmos in A.D. 95 or 96.” John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: New Testament*, Victor Books, 1983.

The Book of Revelation is God’s ultimate solution for sin, disease, and death. It is God’s last ditch effort to get man’s attention. He will use statements prophesied 2000 years earlier that will develop and occur just as John prophesied. These statements are designed to communicate something very special.

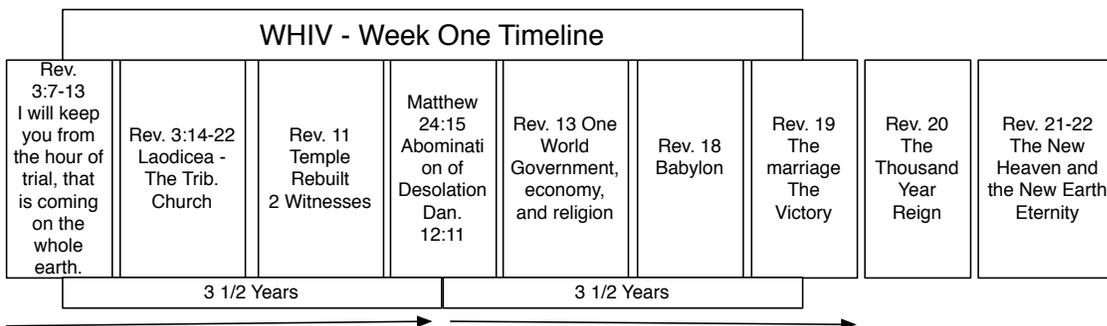
Revelation 22:17 *“Both the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” Anyone who hears should say, “Come!” And the one who is thirsty should come. Whoever desires should take the living water as a gift.”*

### That’s the end, how does it begin?

Revelation 1:1–20 *“1 The revelation of Jesus Christ that God gave Him to show His slaves what must quickly take place. He sent it and signified it through His angel to His slave John, 2 who testified to God’s word and to the testimony about Jesus Christ, in all he saw. 3 The one who reads this is blessed, and those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep what is written in it are blessed, because the time is near! 4 John: To the seven churches in Asia. Grace and peace to you from the One who is, who was, and who is coming; from the seven spirits before His throne; 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has set us free from our sins by His blood, 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—the glory and dominion are His forever and ever. Amen. 7 **Look! He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, including those who pierced Him. And all the families of the earth will mourn over Him. This is certain. Amen.** 8 **“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the One who is, who was, and who is coming, the Almighty.”** 9 I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation, kingdom, and endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of God’s word and the testimony about Jesus. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard a loud voice behind me like a trumpet 11 saying, “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.” 12 I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me. When I turned I saw seven gold lampstands, 13 and among the lampstands was **One like the Son of Man, dressed in a long robe and with a gold sash wrapped around His chest.** 14 **His head and hair were white like wool—white as snow—and His eyes like a fiery flame.** 15 **His feet were like fine bronze as it is fired in a furnace, and His voice like the sound of cascading waters.** 16 He had*

*seven stars in His right hand; a sharp double-edged sword came from His mouth, and His face was shining like the sun at midday. 17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. He laid His right hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last, 18 and the Living One. I was dead, but look—I am alive forever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and Hades. 19 Therefore write what you have seen, what is, and what will take place after this. 20 The secret of the seven stars you saw in My right hand and of the seven gold lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches."*

- Rev. 2:1-7 The Church at Ephesus
- Rev. 2:8-11 The Church at Smyrna
- Rev. 2:12-17 The Church At Pergammum
- Rev. 2:18-29 The Church At Thyatira
- Rev. 3:1-6 The Church At Sardis
- Rev. 3:7-13 The Church At Philadelphia
- Rev. 3:14-22 The Church At Laodicea.



### **Why Do you believe we are the church at Philadelphia?**

I believe we are the church at Philadelphia because at no other time in the church era have conditions existed where God's final plan can be implemented. From 70 ad. until now, there has been no temple. But there is one in John's Revelation.

Revelation 11:1 *"Then I was given a measuring reed like a rod, with these words: "Go and measure God's sanctuary and the altar, and count those who worship there."*

**Sanctuary** - 1 Kings 6:2-6 *"2 The temple that King Solomon built for the LORD was 90 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 45 feet high. 3 The portico in front of the temple sanctuary was 30 feet long extending across the temple's width, and 15 feet deep in front of the temple. 4 He also made windows with beveled frames for the temple. 5 He then built a chambered structure along the temple wall, encircling the walls of the temple, that is, the sanctuary and the inner sanctuary. And he made side chambers all around. 6 The lowest chamber was 7½ feet wide, the middle was nine feet wide,*

and the third was 10½ feet wide. He also provided offset ledges for the temple all around the outside so that nothing would be inserted into the temple walls.”

**Altar** – 1 Kings 8:63–64 “63 Solomon offered a sacrifice of fellowship offerings to the LORD: 22,000 cattle and 120,000 sheep. In this manner the king and all the Israelites dedicated the LORD’s temple. 64 On the same day, the king consecrated the middle of the courtyard that was in front of the LORD’s temple because that was where he offered the burnt offering, the grain offering, and the fat of the fellowship offerings since the bronze altar before the LORD was too small to accommodate the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat of the fellowship offerings.”

Ezra 3:2–3 “2 Jeshua son of Jozadak and his brothers the priests along with Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and his brothers began to build the altar of Israel’s God in order to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the law of Moses, the man of God. 3 They set up the altar on its foundation and offered burnt offerings for the morning and evening on it to the LORD even though they feared the surrounding peoples.”

“Jeshua the high priest ..... then built the altar on the same place it had formerly been built, that they might offer the appointed sacrifices upon it to God, according to the laws of Moses.”

Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews, B-XI, C-IV, V-1.

**Count** - Ezekiel 36:19–36 “19 I dispersed them among the nations, and they were scattered among the countries. I judged them according to their conduct and actions. 20 When they came to the nations where they went, they profaned My holy name, because it was said about them, ‘These are the people of Yahweh, yet they had to leave His land in exile.’ 21 Then I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel profaned among the nations where they went. 22 “Therefore, say to the house of Israel: This is what the Lord GOD says: It is not for your sake that I will act, house of Israel, but for My holy name, which you profaned among the nations where you went. 23 I will honor the holiness of My great name, which has been profaned among the nations—the name you have profaned among them. The nations will know that I am Yahweh”—the declaration of the Lord GOD—“when I demonstrate My holiness through you in their sight. 24 “For I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries, and will bring you into your own land. 25 I will also sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will place My Spirit within you and cause you to follow My statutes and carefully observe My ordinances. 28 Then you will live in the land that I gave your fathers; you will be My people, and I will be your God. 29 I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will summon the grain and make it plentiful, and will not bring famine on you. 30 I will also make the fruit of the trees and the produce of the field plentiful, so that you will no longer experience reproach among the nations on account of famine. 31 “Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and detestable practices. 32 It is not for your sake that I will act”—the declaration of the Lord GOD—“let this be known to you. Be ashamed and humiliated because of your ways, house of Israel! 33 “This is what the Lord GOD says: On the day I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the ruins will be rebuilt. 34 The desolate land will be

cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of everyone who passes by. 35 Then they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden. The cities that were once ruined, desolate, and destroyed are now fortified and inhabited.' 36 Then the nations that remain around you will know that I, Yahweh, have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate. I, Yahweh, have spoken and I will do it."

- v. 19 God will *disperse* Israel. (*Nations, Countries*)
- v. 24 God will *gather* them. (*Nations, Countries*)
- v. 26-27 Israel will be born again.
- v. 29 Grain will grow.
- v. 34 Desolate land will be cultivated.
- v. 36 Israel rebuilt, replanted.

### **Ezekiel prophesied the dispersion. Jesus prophesied it.**

By the writing of the Book of Revelation, the temple did not exist anymore. It was destroyed in 70 a.d. just as Jesus had predicted. John is prophesying something that was and is, too incredible to believe, given the fulfillment of Jesus' prophesy.

Matthew 24:1–4 “1 As Jesus left and was going out of the temple complex, His disciples came up and called His attention to the temple buildings. 2 Then He replied to them, “Don't you see all these things? I assure you: Not one stone will be left here on another that will not be thrown down!” 3 While He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached Him privately and said, “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what is the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?””

The sign of the seven-year period that is the *end of the age*, is Israel. In the tribulation period, Israel exists as a nation, occupies Jerusalem, and the temple has been rebuilt. All are necessary for the Anti-Christ to complete the abomination of desolation. So construction of the temple is going to happen very early after the rapture of the Church at Philadelphia. (Rev. 3:10)

The *abomination of desolation* will happen 3 ½ years after the rapture of the Church at Philadelphia.

Daniel 9:27 “He will make a firm covenant with many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and offering. And the abomination of desolation will be on a wing of the temple until the decreed destruction is poured out on the desolator.””

Matthew 24:15–16 “15 “So when you see **the abomination that causes desolation**, spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place” (let the reader understand), 16 “then those in Judea must flee to the mountains!”

Halfway through the Tribulation Period, temple sacrifices will be stopped. But the temple doesn't exist right now. The temple mount is controlled by Muslim forces. The Dome of

the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque occupy the Temple Mount. When what Jesus prophesied came true and the temple was destroyed, a literal fulfillment of the verses above were not possible. So how do we know these end times events are somewhere near at hand?

### **Israel, as a Nation, back in the land.**

Matthew 24:32–35 “32 *Now learn this parable from the fig tree: As soon as its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 In the same way, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near—at the door! 34 I assure you: This generation will certainly not pass away until all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.”*

The fig tree is Israel. What begins the prophetic clock of the end times began in

1948 – Israel became a nation

1967 – Israel took over Jerusalem.

The stage is set for the Church at Philadelphia to be removed...

Rev. 3:10 10 Because you have kept My command to endure, I will also keep you from the hour of testing that is going to come over the world to test those who live on the earth.

Mankind is wrapping himself around God’s plans un-knowingly, un-swervingly, and inevitably, as the Global Elite of the New World Order set up every condition necessary for the Book of Revelation to be fulfilled to the letter.

Ephesians 3:16–21 “16 *I pray that He may grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power in the inner man through His Spirit, 17 and that the Messiah may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God’s love, 19 and to know the Messiah’s love that surpasses knowledge, so you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us— 21 to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”*

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