

Title

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Incorrect Titles

1. Revelations
2. The Revelation of St. John
3. The Revelation of St. John the Divine

BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

Revelation 1:7

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Highlights from Revelation

- There are 278 allusions to the OT in Revelation.
- There are no direct quotes from the OT in Revelation.
- Revelation is the only prophetic book in the NT.
- It gives the proper view, God's view, of history.
- It has the highest Christology in the NT.
- It has an elaborate doctrine of Satan, demons, and the Antichrist.
- It predicts a final, one world, urban system.

The Seven “Beatitudes” in Revelation

“Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near” (1:3).

“Then I heard a voice from heaven say, ‘Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them’ ” (14:13).

“Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed” (16:15).

“Then the angel said to me, ‘Write: “Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” ’ And he added, ‘These are the true words of God’ ” (19:9).

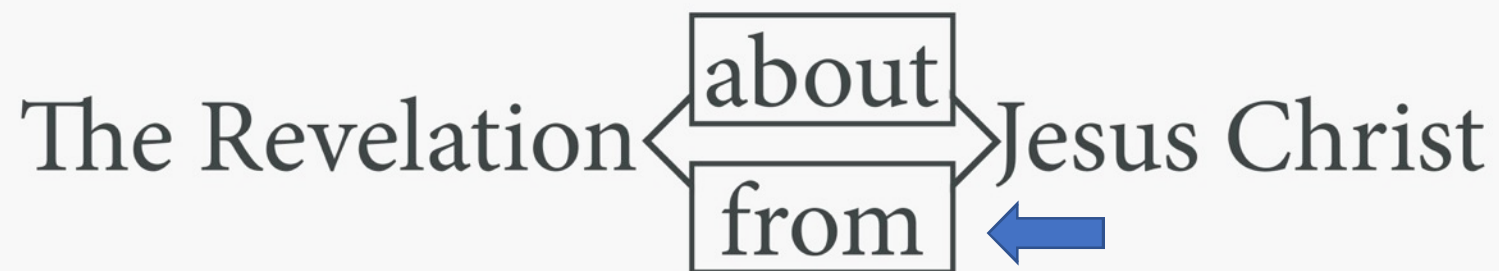
“Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years” (20:6).

“Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book” (22:7).

“Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city” (22:14).

Revelation 1:1a

The Revelation of Jesus Christ,
which God gave Him to show to
His bond-servants[...]



4 Pillars of an Orthodox Eschatology

Return
of
Jesus



Future
Bodily
Resurrection



Final
Judgment



Literal
Heaven
& Hell



Timing of the Overall Fulfillment

- Preterist
- Historicist
- Idealist
- Futurist

Timing of the Millennium

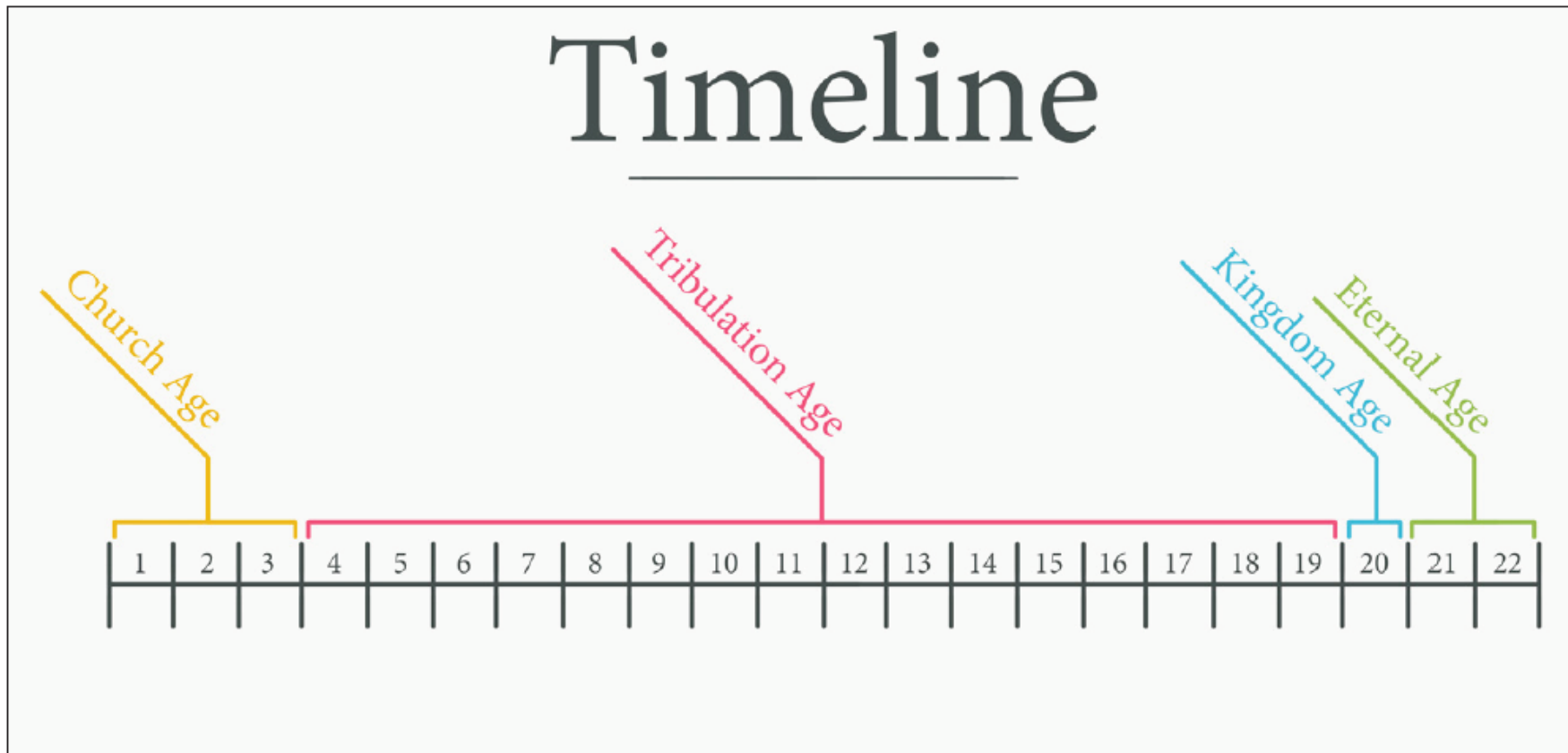
- Amillennial
- Postmillennial
- Premillennial

Timing of the Rapture

- Pre-tribulation
- Post-tribulation
- Mid-tribulation
- Pre-wrath

	Chapters	Age	Years
1.	1-3	Church age	? years
2.	4-19	Tribulation age	7 years
3.	20	Kingdom age	1,000 years
4.	21-22	Eternal age	Endless years

Timeline



Outline

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Chapters 2-3

Chapters 4-22

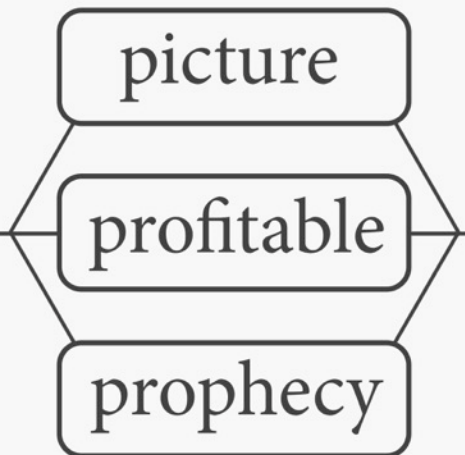
What you
have seen

What is now

What will take
place later

Revelation 1:19

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Revelation is a  **book**

- A picture book (1:1–2)
- A profitable book (1:3, 14:13, 16:15, 19:9, 20:6, 22:7, 14)
- A prophecy book (1:3, 22:7, 10, 18, 19)

The Son of Man

Jesus referred to himself as the Son of man (emphasis added) more often than any other title.

Revelation 1:13

13. and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash.

Daniel 7:13

13. “I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him.

Description of The Son of Man Rev. 1:13-16

Clothing	A robe reaching to the feet, and girded across his chest with a golden sash
Head & Hair	White like white wool, like snow
Eyes	Like a flame of fire
Feet	Like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace
Voice	Like the sound of many waters
Holding	Seven stars in his right hand
Mouth	A sharp, two-edged sword in his mouth
Face	Like the sun shining in its strength

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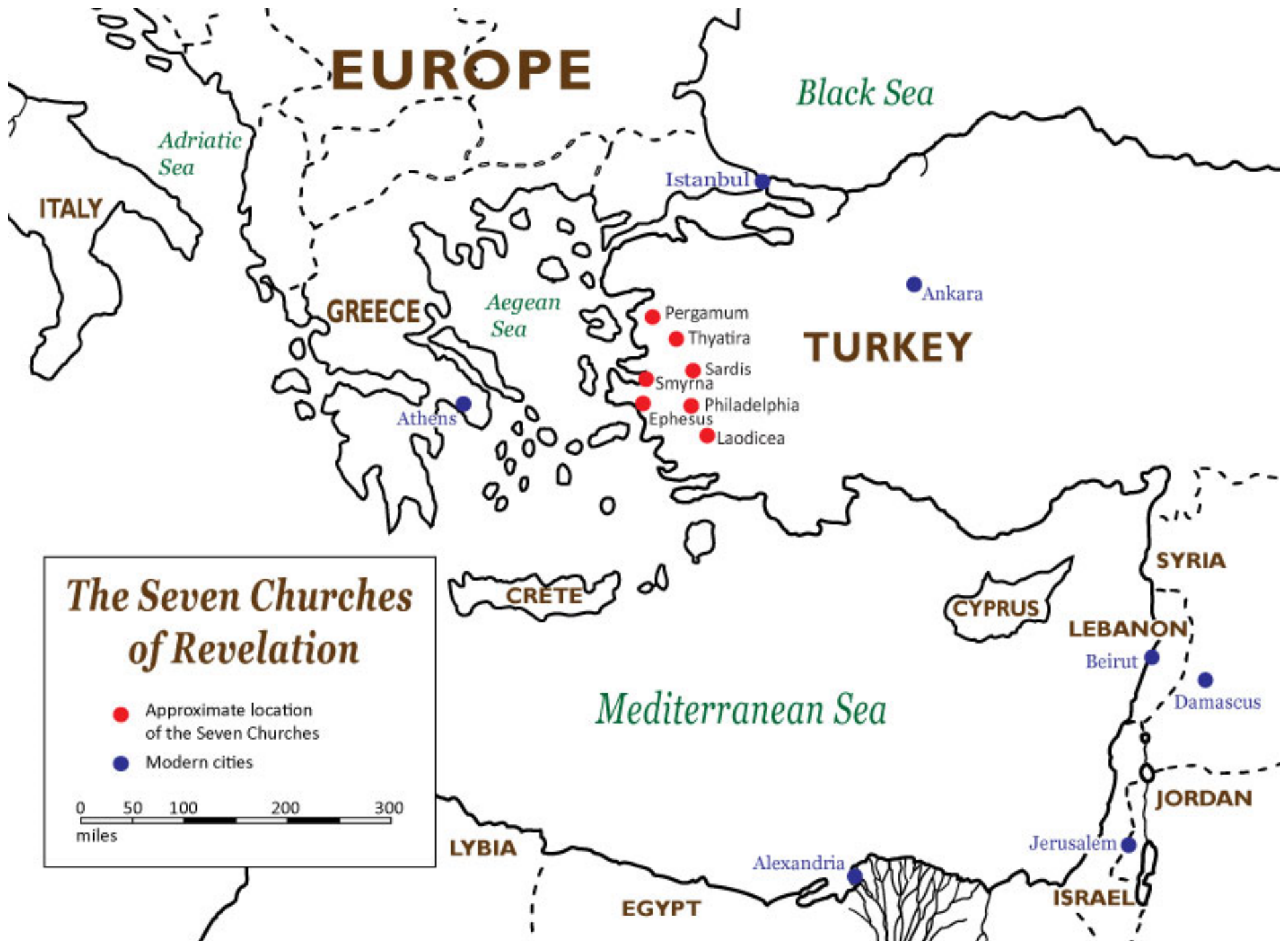
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THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" (Rev. 2-3)
- Principal Roman roads



Alliteration for the Seven Churches

Ephesus	The loveless church
Smyrna	The loyal church
Pergamum	The lax church
Thyatira	The liberal church
Sardis	The lifeless church
Philadelphia	The laboring church
Laodicea	The lukewarm church

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Keywords

Term	Frequency
And	1,200
Great	82
Seven	54
Throne	46

Thrones in Revelation Chap 4

Revelation 4:2, 4–6, 10

2. Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.
4. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.
5. Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;
6. and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind.
10. The twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

24 Elders Men or Angels?

Possibly Men of the Church Age

Revelation 4:4

Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

Revelation 3:21b

to sit down with Me on My throne

Revelation 2:10b

I will give you the crown of life.

Revelation 3:5a

He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments

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Names and References to the Antichrist

There are approximately 100 passages in the Bible that describe the origin, nationality, character, career, and conquest of the final world ruler.

- The little horn: Daniel 7:8
- The prince who is to come: Daniel 9:26
- Willful king: Daniel 11
- Man of sin: II Thessalonians 2
- Son of perdition: II Thessalonians 2
- Antichrist: I and II John
- Rider on the white horse: Revelation 6:2
- The beast: Revelation 13:1

The Unholy Trinity

Satan
Dragon

Antichrist
Beast

Antispirit
False Prophet

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