

The Revelation: Schedule and Reading Plan¹

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January 3	Introduction: How to Study the Revelation	Revelation 1–22
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Setting in Life Then Is Priority2. The Difference between Prophetic and Apocalyptic Writings3. The Message of Revelation: Hope	
January 10	Setting in John’s Faith and Life	Revelation 1
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Action on Multiple Stages at Once: On Earth, in the Cosmic Realm2. Parallels in Symbols and Meaning: Church as New Israel, Babylon/Rome3. Structure: Stage, Fireworks and Menorah	
January 17	Setting in Seven Churches on Earth	Revelation 2–3
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Message to Ephesus2. Message to Smyrna3. Message to Pergamum4. Message to Thyatira5. Message to Sardis6. Message to Philadelphia7. Message to Laodicea	
January 24	Setting in Heaven	Revelation 4–5
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Visions of God and the Lamb2. Worship of the Creator and the Redeemer3. The Scroll	
January 31	Opening the Six Seals	Revelation 6–7
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Four Seals: Horsemen2. Fifth Seal: the Martyrs3. Sixth Seal: Cosmic Terrors4. Interludes: The 144,000, the Saved Throng	
February 7	Seventh Seal: Six Trumpets	Revelation 8–9
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Four Trumpets: Destructive Catastrophes2. Fifth Trumpet: First Woe, Eagle; Locusts3. Sixth Trumpet: Second Woe, Cavalry	
February 14	Interludes and the Seventh Trumpet	Revelation 10–11
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Interludes on Old Testament Themes	

¹ Adapted from James A. Walther, Sr., *The Book of Revelation: Visions for the Church in Crisis* (Pittsburgh: The Kerygma Program, 1989), and Bruce M. Metzger, *Breaking the Code* (Nashville: Abingdon, 1993).

	2. The Seventh Trumpet	
February 21	Signs: The Woman and the Dragon 1. The Pregnant Woman and the Dragon 2. Dragon's Defeat in Heaven 3. Dragon's Fury on Earth	Revelation 12
February 28	Two Beasts and Several Sequels 1. The Beast from the Sea 2. The Beast from the Earth 3. The Meaning of "666" 4. The Song of the 144,000	Revelation 13–14
March 7	The Seven Bowls: The Last Plagues 1. Introductions in Heaven 2. The First Five Bowls 3. The Last Two: Prelude to Harmagedon and "Babylon's" End	Revelation 15–16
March 14	The Final Fall of "Babylon" 1. Two Final Enemies 2. Laments over the City's Fall 3. Heaven's Response to the City's Fall	Revelation 17:1–19:5
March 21	Victory in Heaven and Earth 1. Marriage Supper of the Lamb 2. Heavenly Armies, Their Glorious Leader 3. Total Victory 4. The Millennial Reign of the Martyrs 5. The End of Opposition and Final Judgment	Revelation 19:6–20:15
March 28	All Things New: Heavenly Jerusalem 1. Vision of New Creation 2. All Things New 3. The Holy City Described 4. The City and Its People	Revelation 21:1–22:5
April 4	Epilogue: Final Address to the Church 1. Concluding Words 2. How Soon this Future? 3. A Gracious Invitation 4. The Integrity of this Book 5. Assurance and Benediction	Revelation 22:6–21

Those Charts: Differing Views on the Millennium