


EXAMPLE 6

  
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## Revelation Outline

### Part 1: Main Themes

#### 1. There is a battle between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan (and kingdom of this world), as Satan will strike at the saints, persecuting them, and will deceive people.

- a. The beast will make war on God, His forces, and His people.
  - i. The beast will make war and kill the two witnesses. 11:7
  - ii. Michael and his angels are waging war against the dragon and his angels. 12:7
  - iii. The dragon and beast and their forces compete for worship and blaspheme against God. 13.
  - iv. The dragon, beast and false prophet, with kings of the whole world, gather together for wars against God. 16:13-14.
  - v. The beast and the ten kings gather together for battle against the Lamb. 17:14
  - vi. The beast and the kings of the earth and their armies make war against Him who is on the horse and His army. 19:17-21
- b. Satan deceives people. 20:8, 20:10.
  - i. He deceives the earth. 12:9
  - ii. He deceived those who received the mark of the beast 13:4, 18:23, 19:20.
  - iii. Satan tries to deceive by being a copy of God.
    1. Mark of the beast is copy of God's seal on the forehead of believers. 7:3
    2. Beast is a counterfeit of Christ. 13:1-10. Mortal wound that is healed is copy of death and resurrection of Christ (13:3,12).
    3. The unholy trinity. 16:13.
    4. 17:1-19:10. Babylon the prostitute is the counterfeit of the bride of Christ.
- c. People who do evil acts, like persecuting Christians, or worshipping false gods, are under the power of Satan (thus being called Satan).
  - i. Synagogue of Satan. 2:9, 3:9.
  - ii. Satan's throne. 2:12.
  - iii. False teaching—teaching of Satan. 2:24

#### 2. God is the sovereign ruler who is in absolute control of all events, people, beings, destinies, and thus will be the object of worship for all eternity.

- a. He is eternal (implying his sovereignty).
  - i. The one who is, was, and is to come. 1:4.
  - ii. The Alpha and Omega. 1:8
- b. God is creator (implying his sovereignty)
  - i. 4:11, 10:6, 14:7, 21-22 (creator of new creation)
- c. God is on the throne (implying he is in control of all that goes on.)
  - i. 6:16, 7:10-11, 8:3, 11:16, 12:5, 16:17, 19:4, 20:11, 21:5.
- d. Even actions of Satan's evil forces are ultimately controlled by God.

- i. A crown **is given** to the white horse (6:2), a sword given to the red horse (6:4), authority given to Death and Hades (6:8). These things can only have authority if it is given by God. 13:5-15.
- e. God is the object of worship for all eternity.
  - i. He is worshiped by the living creatures in heaven, being called Holy Holy Holy. 4:8.
  - ii. He is worshiped by living elders for being the creator. 4:10-11.
  - iii. He is worshiped by the angels and elders and four living creatures. 7:10-12
  - iv. He is worshiped by the 24 elders, for being eternal and for having great power and reigning. 11:16
  - v. He is worshiped for his righteous and true ways and for being king of the nations. 15:3-4
  - vi. He is worshipped by the 24 elders and the four living creature for his justice against the harlot and avenged the blood of his servants. 19:3-5

**3. Jesus Christ is the lamb who gained victory over Satan at the cross by being slain and is the first born of the dead, guaranteeing ultimate resurrection for the saints.**

- a. Jesus is the slain lamb of God whose blood washes believers and overcomes Satan.
  - i. He is the slain lamb who is equal with God and is receiving worship for his act of redemption, and won victory by being slain. Ch. 5
    - 1. The lamb, by being slain, purchased for God people from every tribe and people, and is the cause of worship for the lamb. 5:6,9,12.
    - 2. All will worship the lamb who has been slain. 13:8
  - ii The blood of the lamb washes believers and overcomes Satan
    - 1. Has washed the robe of believers and made them white, through the blood of the lamb. 7:14.
    - 2. Satan is overcome because of the blood of the lamb. 12:11
- b. Jesus is the first to rise from the dead and his resurrection provides for the new life of his people and guarantee ultimate victory and vindication, since death has been conquered.
  - i. He is the first to rise from the dead. 1:5.
  - ii. His death and resurrection show he has <sup>Rev 20</sup> conquered death and Hades (has the keys to them). 1:18.
  - iii. He is the first and the last who has come back to life. 2:8
  - iv Believers will resurrect (as has been allowed by resurrection of Christ). 20:5-6.

**4. Jesus Christ is divine (he is God), who will carry out God's plan and will ultimately return to complete God's victory, administering judgments and blessings.**

- Worshiped in Heavens Rev 7:10 & NJ*
- a. Jesus Christ is divine.
    - i. He is on a throne, as well as God. 3:21, 21:3-6, 22:1,3.
    - ii. He is the alpha and omega (1:11).
    - iii. He is the first and the last (1:17).
    - iv. White head and hair reminiscent of picture of Ancient of Days in Daniel (1:13-14).
    - v. He receives worship and is portrayed as being equal to God in that sense. Ch. 5 (esp 9-14), 7:10,
    - vi. Is equal to God in illuminating the new Jerusalem. 21:22-23
  - b. Jesus will carry out the plan of God, and is also ruling for God.

- i. Jesus is the ruler of the kings of the earth and the royal Messiah. 1:5
  - 1. Jesus is the one who gives authority to overcomers to rule over the nations. 2:27.
  - 2. Jesus is the lion of the tribe of Judah. 5:5.
  - 3. Jesus opens the scroll and the seven seals. 5:3-7, 6:1.
  - 4. Kingdom of the world has become Christ's and he will reign forever in the perfect kingdom of God. 11:15, 17, 19:11-21.
  - 5. Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. 17:14, 19:16.
- c. Jesus already has victory, and will return to complete the victory.
  - i. He has already won the victory. 3:21
    - 1. The Lion from the tribe of Judah has already won the victory. 5:5.
  - ii. He will bring completion of victory.
    - 1. He will bring completion of victory over the prominent people of the world. 6:15-17, 11:15-19.
    - 2. He will defeat the 10 kings who will make war on Him. 17:12-14.
    - 3. He will bring completion of victory over the beast and dragon and their forces. 19:11-21.
- d. Jesus will bring judgment for those against Him.
  - 1. He has a sharp, double-edged sword. Jesus is portrayed as a warrior. 2:12.
  - 2. He will judge those guilty of immorality. 2:22
  - 3. He will spit the lukewarm out of His mouth. 3:16.
  - 4. He will bring wrath when He returns against the ungodly people of this world. 6:13-17.
  - 5. His anger has overcome the angry world, and he will judge them. 11:18-19.
  - 6. Those who worship the beast will receive the wrath of God in the presence of the Lamb. 14:13.
- e. Jesus will bring blessing to His people.
  - 1. He will reward His people. 11:18
  - 2. He will welcome His believers upon His return and care for them. 14:1, 21:22-23, 22:1,3.
  - 3. The Lamb's and his bride (the church, saints). 19:7,9, 21:9.

**5. Although Satan and his forces will battle, he and all evil forces will ultimately be defeated by God (the Father), Christ, and their forces.**

- a. God has wrath against evil and hates evil.
  - i. 2:6, 6:16-17, 11:18, 14:10, 19, 15:1, 7, 16:1,19, 19:15.
- b. Satan is already defeated.
  - i. Slain lamb achieved victory at the cross. 5:6, 12.
- c. Satan will be completely defeated.
  - i. Satan knows his time is short. 12:12.
- d. Evil will be judged by God, which will be manifested in occurrences on earth.
  - i. The sixth seal—terror for unbelievers who will fear the wrath of God. Ch. 6:12-17.
  - ii. The seven trumpets. Ch. 8-9
  - iii. The seven bowls of wrath. Ch. 16.

- e. All unbelievers, evil Satanic forces, and Satan himself will be judged eternally in hell.
  - i. Anyone who worships the beast will receive fire and brimstone. 14:9-10.
  - ii. The beast will come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. 17:8.
  - iii. The beast and the false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. Rev 19:20.
  - iv. The devil is thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also and will be tormented day and night forever. 20:10.
  - v. Death and Hades are thrown into the lake of fire, and anyone whose name is not in the book of life is also thrown into the lake of fire. 20:15.

**6. Believers need to persevere in the midst of persecution, remaining faithful to God, knowing that, like Christ, their suffering will culminate in glory.**

- a. Believers will be persecuted and will go through times of great suffering (brought about by Satan).
  - i. The devil will cast some believers into prison. 2:10
  - ii. Antipas was martyred. 2:13.
  - iii. Believers have been slain, and will be slain. 6:9-11. 18:24
  - iv. The two witnesses are killed. 11:7-10.
  - v. Dragon persecutes the woman who gave birth to the child. 12:13-17.
  - vi. The blood of the saints and the prophets have been poured out by enemy forces. 16:6
- b. Believers need to persevere (even in the midst of persecution.)
  - i. Believers need to be faithful even though they will suffer and be persecuted. 2:10.
  - ii. Believers need to hold fast to what they have so that they will not lose their crown. (3:11).
  - iii. Believers need to overcome like Christ overcame. 3:21.
  - iv. Believers need to hold fast to true teaching and belief until Christ returns. 2:25.
  - v. Believers persevere by keeping the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. 14:12.
- c. Believers (or at least those in churches) need to maintain good works and repent from wrongdoing.
  - i. 2:5, 2:16, 2:20, 3:3, 3:19, 9:20-21.
- d. One's deeds and works are indicative of their standing before God and will be the cause of either reward or judgment.
  - i. Repent and do the works you are called to, or there will be discipline or judgment. 2:5, 2:22-23, 3:2
  - ii. Those who keep the deeds of Christ will be rewarded. 2:26, 3:8,
  - iii. The deeds of the righteous will follow them. 14:13.
  - iv. The dead are judged according to the things written in the books, according to their deeds. 20:12-13.
  - v. Jesus is returning to give to all according to their works. 22:12.
- e. Believers should follow the example of Christ in enduring suffering and overcoming.
  - i. Overcome as he overcame. 3:21.
  - ii. They need to overcome Satan as he did. 12:11.
- f. Believers will receive great rewards by persevering and overcoming.

- i. Will receive the crown of life. 2:10
- ii. Will receive hidden manna, and a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it. 2:17.
- iii. Will receive authority over the nations. 2:26.
- iv. Their name will not be blotted out from the book of life. 3:5.
- v. Will be pillars in the temple of God. 3:12.
- vi. Will receive white robes. 7:13.
- vii. All hunger, thirst, and tears will be gone. 7:15-17.
- viii. Will reign forever with Christ. 22:5.
- xi. Will have access to the tree of life. 22:14.

**7. The Spirit is the means by which Christ inspires his visions and speaks to his churches, indicating His presence with them.**

- a. The Spirit is the one who speaks to the seven churches. 2:7, 11, 17, 29, 3:6, 13, 22.
- b. The Spirit is the means through which John receives his visions. 1:10, 4:2, 17:3, 21:10.
- c. Seems to represent believers in his statement and is seen in close proximity with bride. 14:13, 22:17.
- c. The seven spirits (seemingly speaking of the one Spirit). 1:4, 3:1, 4:5, 5:6.

*Repent  
John!*

**Part 2: Structural outline.**

- I. 1:1-8: The divine and eternal Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and is the first born from the dead, gives his revelation to John, which John relays to the seven churches in Asia.
  - a. 1:1-3—Introductory benediction
  - b. 1:4-8—Opening greeting.
- II. 1:9-3:22: John's vision of the Son of Man results in his commission to write to the seven churches, in which he warns them about coming persecution, encouraging them to persevere, chastises them for various sins and disobedience, and calls on them to repent and remain faithful to Christ and the Gospel. *in order to obtain eschatological rewards*
  - a. 1:9-20—The vision of the Son of Man.
  - b. 2:1-7—The loveless church of Ephesus.
  - c. 2:8-11—The persecuted church of Smyrna.
  - d. 2:12-17—The compromising church of Pergamos.
  - e. 2:18-29—The corrupt church of Thyatira.
  - f. 3:1-6—The dead church of Sardis.
  - g. 3:7-13—The faithful church of Philadelphia.
  - h. 3:14-22—The Lukewarm church of Laodicea.
- III. 4:1-11:19: God is on his throne, the sovereign one receiving worshiping, who through the opening of the seven seals by the victorious Lamb who was slain and through the seven angels blowing the seven trumpets reveals his coming judgments and wrath against the godless, while it is also revealed that God's people will be cared

- for and are secured by the blood of the lamb, and all will culminate in the ushering in ✓  
of God's kingdom, which will be ruled eternally by the Lord Jesus Christ.
- a. 4-5:14—The heavenly throne room shows God and the Lamb being worshipped.
  - b. 6-7:17—The first six seals and God's protection of the faithful.
  - c. 8:1-9:21—The seventh seal and the first six trumpets signaling coming trials.
  - d. 10-11:14—An interlude concerning the prophetic witness of God's people during the time of trial, including the two witnesses being killed and resurrecting.
  - e. 11:15-19-- The seventh trumpet.
- IV. 12:1-16:21: A cosmic war taking place is shown through the dragon, beasts, and various enemies of God heavily persecuting and attempting to deceive the righteous offspring of the woman who are obedient to God, but unlike the unrighteous who take the mark of the beast and do not endure and will be the recipients of God's wrath as indicated by the seven bowl judgments, those whose names are written in the book of life will endure and will praise God.
- a. 12-14:20—The visions concerning the dragon, woman, beast the false prophets, the 144,000, and the return of the Son of Man.
  - b. 15:1-16:21—A worship of God and the pouring out of the judgment of the seven bowls.
- V. 17:1-20:15: The great prostitute (Babylon), which is drunk with the blood of the saints, is judged and destroyed by the angels of God, causing great exaltation in heaven, following which the white horse (Christ) fights and defeats the beast and his armies, after which Satan is bound for 1000 years while the saints of Christ reign with Him, all culminating in the defeat of Satan's rebellion and the great white throne judgment.
- a. 17:1-19:10—The fall of Babylon the harlot and the resulting rejoicing in heaven.
  - b. 19:11-21—The battle and victory of the white horse (Christ) over the forces of the beast.
  - c. 20:1-15—The binding of Satan, the resulting satanic rebellion and defeat of the rebellion, and the great white throne judgments.
- VI. 21:1-22:5: The new heaven and earth, as well as the new Jerusalem, are the perfect and final dwelling place for the saints, are illuminated by glory of God and the Lamb illuminate it, and a final restoration takes place, as the tree of life provides healing for God's people and the curse is removed.
- a. 21:1-8—The new heaven and earth.
  - b. 21:9-22:5—The new Jerusalem.
- VII. 22:6-21: The nearness of the coming return and the necessity of obedience to Christ are reiterated, as well as a reminder that Jesus' is the ultimate source of the revelation, thus leading to the prohibition of adding or subtracting from the prophecy.
- a. 22:6-11: Concluding reminder that the time is near for Christ's return.
  - b. 22:12-21: Concluding confirmation that Jesus is the ultimate source of the revelation (through means of an angel), and a warning about adding or taking away from the revelation.

Summary sentence: The revelation given to John about the coming struggle between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan encourage believers **by showing** that even though Satan and his forces will strike against believers, God is sovereign and ruling over all events and people, **by reminding** believers that Jesus is the lamb who won the victory over Satan on the cross by being slain, washing them in his blood, and will return to complete the victory over Satan and his forces, **and by challenging believers** to persevere in their faith in spite of persecution, knowing that they will reside in the new Jerusalem of the new heavens and earth, where they will reign forever with the Lamb.

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