

# OVERVIEW OF THEMES IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

	DATE	A.D. 31 — 100	A.D. 100 — 313	A.D. 313 — 538	A.D. 538 — 1350	1350 — 1740	1740 — 1844	1844 — Second Coming of Christ
<b>SEVEN CHURCHES</b>		<b>EPHESUS</b>	<b>SMYRNA</b>	<b>PERGAMOS</b>	<b>THYATIRA</b>	<b>SARDIS</b>	<b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	<b>LAODICEA</b>
		Apostolic Church with pure theology; met challenges from paganism without compromise of truth; writings of the New Testament canon	Beginning of negative theological influence from pagan ideas (i.e. Gnosticism; pagan day of worship; and other rites); severe persecution by pagan Rome brought compromise of pure Bible truth	Marriage of error to pure truth as pagan ideas infiltrated the early church, setting up papacy; first church councils that set doctrines are held: Nicaea, 325; Constantinople, 381; Chalcedon, 451	Reign of papal Rome; persecution of "heretics" who uncompromisingly held to pure Bible truth, which challenged the pope's decrees, church traditions, and false doctrines; liberty of conscience and religious freedom condemned	The challenges under Wycliffe (1350), Luther (1517), Calvin (1541), and Wesley (1742) were only partially successful in bringing about reform	French Revolution brings "deadly wound" to papal system; missionary zeal as men freed of papal control went throughout the world with the Bible; liberty of conscience and religious freedom predominates in much of the world	"Second Great Awakening" as men focused on the second coming of Christ and the end of the world; return to apostolic truths; Sabbath commandment "discovered"; 3 angels messages of Christ and His righteousness as the final warning to the world; a return to "primitive godliness"
<b>SEVEN SEALS</b>		<b>WHITE HORSE</b>	<b>RED HORSE</b>	<b>BLACK HORSE</b>	<b>PALE HORSE</b>	<b>FIFTH SEAL</b>	<b>SIXTH SEAL</b>	<b>SEVENTH SEAL</b>
		Pure church with truth conquering the world	Persecuted church	Compromising church, marriage with paganism; corruption and decay setting in	Dark Ages—Bible truth nearly extinguished and kept from the people; Wycliffe begins English translation of the Bible for the common reader in 1350	Martyrs dying under papal persecution because they cried "the Bible and the Bible only" instead of accepting Roman Catholic traditions	Marked by three great historical events prophesied by Christ — Lisbon earthquake, 1755; Dark Day, 1780; Falling Stars, 1833	Healing of the papal "deadly wound" begins final events on earth; culmination of heavenly ministry of Christ, our High Priest, just prior to His coming as "King of kings and LORD of lords"
		Seven Seals deal with prophecies concerning events within the church						
<b>SEVEN TRUMPETS</b>		<b>Fall of the western half of the Roman Empire</b>		<b>Fall of the eastern half of the Roman Empire</b>				
		1st Trumpet — A.D. 395 under the Goths 2nd Trumpet — A.D. 440 under the Vandals 3rd Trumpet — A.D. 450 under the Huns 4th Trumpet — A.D. 476 under Ostrogoths		5th Trumpet coincides with 1st Woe (A.D. 622 to 732) under Mohammed and Othman at the head of the Saracen tribes ("hordes") from Arabia and Persia		6th Trumpet (1299-1840) and 2nd Woe as the Turks conquer eastern Europe, creating a distraction for papal Rome which permits the Protestant Reformation to move forward		3rd Woe began in 1988 when Islam commenced its last jihad against apostate Christianity
<b>THREE WOES</b>		Seven Trumpets and Three Woes bring judgment on political world and apostatizing Christianity						<b>SEVENTH TRUMPET</b> Final judgments on the wicked world when the seven last plagues occur just prior to the second coming of Christ