

“Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome ...” Revelation 5:5



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Keys To Understanding The Book Of Revelation



The timing of the book



The situation of the saints



The overriding theme

The Timing of the Book



- “shortly take place” 1:1; 22:6
- “the time is near” 1:3; 22:10
- “I come quickly” 2:5, 2:16; 3:11
22:7, 12, 20
- “a little while longer” 6:11
- “Do not seal the words” 22:10
≠ Dan 8:26

The Situation of the Saints



- John on Patmos 1:9
- 7 churches – “I know”
 - False apostles 2:2
 - Tribulation 2:9-10
 - Antipas 2:13
 - Idolatry/immorality 2:20
 - Defiled garments 3:4
 - Synagogue of Satan 3:9
 - Christless 3:20

The Situation of the Saints



- Souls under altar 6:9-11
- Woe to those on the earth 12:12-13
- Beasts defeat the saints 13:7, 15
- Blood of the martyrs 17:6

The Overriding Theme:

Victory

- The Lion of Judah 5:5
- The white horse 6:2
- White robed servants 7:14-17
- **Overcome by the beast 11:7; 13:7**
- “They overcame him” 12:11
- Dying in the LORD 14:12-13
- Over the beast 15:2
- Called, Chosen, Faithful 17:14
- Heirs of all 21:7

A Johannine Theme: Victory

- Jesus overcame John 16:33
- Over the wicked one 1 John 2:13, 14
- Over antichrists 1 John 4:4
- Over the world 1 John 5:4³-5

“To him who overcomes”

- The tree of life 2:7
- Not be hurt by 2nd death 2:11
- Names written 2:17
- Morning star 2:26
- Book of Life 3:5
- New Jerusalem 3:12
- Father/Son 3:21

No More Tears

- God will wipe away 7:17; 21:4
- Sign of oppression Ecc 4:1
- No death or tears Isa 25:8
- New heavens, city, joy Isa 65:17-19
- Rewarded work Jer 31:16;
Rev 22:12

John meets Jesus

1:1-6

- Revelation! Not Concealing
- Time stamps: shortly, near
- Blessed is he ... those ...
- To the 7 churches
- Godhead? – vs. 4-6

John meets Jesus

1:7-9

- Coming with clouds
 - Dan 7:13
 - Psa 104:3-4
 - Isa 19:1; Jer 4:13; Nah 1:3
- Who is the Almighty? v. 8
- Lord's day – Psa 118:22-24

John meets Jesus

1:10-20

- In the midst of seven lampstands
- Son of Man
 - Ezekiel; Dan 7:13; Matt 24:37; Rev 14:14

1:10-20

John meets Jesus

The Ascended King

- Garment / Golden band
- Head / Hair
- Eyes
- Feet
- Voice
- Right hand
- Mouth
- Countenance
- Majestic
- Pure/Holy
- Omniscient
- Conquering
- Power/clear
- Control
- Judgment
- Strength