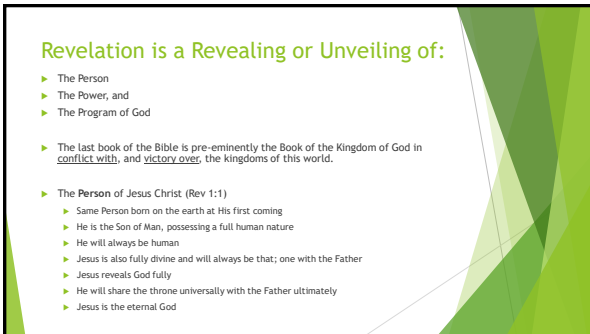
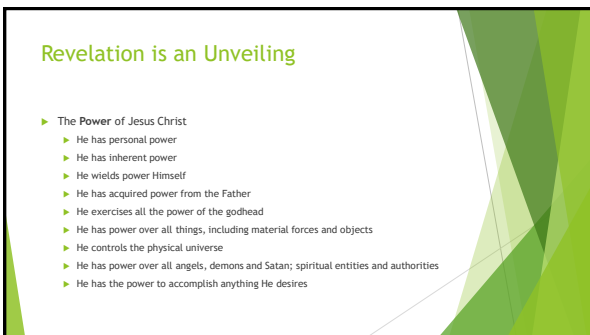


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Revelation is an Unveiling

- ▶ The Program of Jesus Christ
 - ▶ To defeat and destroy Satan and sin
 - ▶ To purify for Himself a people who will be a kingdom and priests to God
 - ▶ To pour out wrath on His enemies for their refusal to receive His grace
 - ▶ To dwell among His people and experience intimate fellowship with them

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Outline of Revelation

- ▶ What You Have Seen (Chpt 1)
- ▶ What Is Now (Chpts 2-3)
 - ▶ Letters to the Seven Churches
 - ▶ Ephesus
 - ▶ Smyrna
 - ▶ Pergamum
 - ▶ Thyatira
 - ▶ Sardis
 - ▶ Philadelphia
 - ▶ Laodicea

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Outline of Revelation

- ▶ What Will Take Place (Chpts 4-22)
 - ▶ Vision of the heavenly throne (4)
 - ▶ Seven-sealed scroll (5)
 - ▶ Opening of the six seals; time of divine wrath (6)
 - ▶ Those who will be saved in the Great Tribulation (7)
 - ▶ Opening of the seventh seal and the introduction of the seven trumpets (8-9)
 - ▶ Mighty angel and the little scroll (10)
 - ▶ Two witnesses (11:1-14)
 - ▶ Soundings of the seventh trumpet (11:15-19)
 - ▶ Seven great personages of the end times (12-15)

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Outline of Revelation

- ▶ What Will Take Place (Chpts 4-22)
 - ▶ Bowls of divine wrath (16)
 - ▶ Fall of Babylon (17-18)
 - ▶ Song of hallelujah in heaven (19:1-10)
 - ▶ Second coming of Christ (19:11-21)
 - ▶ Millennial reign of Christ (20:1-10)
 - ▶ Judgment of the Great White Throne (20:11-15)
 - ▶ New heaven and new earth (21:1-22:5)
 - ▶ Final word from God (22:6-21)

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We've Covered:

- ▶ John called up to Throne Room of God (Revelation 4)
- ▶ The Lamb takes the seven-sealed scroll (Revelation 5)
 - ▶ This is most likely the title deed to the earth
- ▶ First Seal - Conqueror (Antichrist; Revelation 6)
- ▶ Second Seal - Conflict on Earth
- ▶ Third Seal - Scarcity on Earth
- ▶ Fourth Seal - Widespread Death on Earth
- ▶ Fifth Seal - Cry of the Martyrs
- ▶ Sixth Seal - Cosmic Disturbances

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We've Covered:



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Overview - Seals, Trumpets & Bowls

GREAT TRIBULATION

Seven SEALS		
1. Antichrist		
2. Anarchy		
3. Famine		
4. 1/4 Slain		
5. Martyrs		
6. Earthquake		
7. TRUMPETS		

	-TRUMPETS-	
1. Trees burn		
2. Sea blood		
3. Rivers		
4. Sun dark		
5. Abyss open		
6. Army		
7. VIALS		

		-BOWLS-
		1. Disease
		2. Sea blood
		3. Rivers
		4. Sun hot
		5. Darkness
		6. Euphrates
		7. Babylon

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We've Covered:

- ▶ 144,000 Sealed (Revelation 7)
 - ▶ 12,000 from each Jewish tribe
- ▶ Multitudes killed from Great Tribulation

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Revelation 8: Opening of 7th Seal

- ▶ Very important event, accompanied by 30 minutes of silence in heaven
- ▶ Purpose of the silence: to prepare for what is about to happen through heightened expectation; the lull before the storm
- ▶ The 7th Seal opens, revealing the coming 7 Trumpet judgments
- ▶ The 7th Seal includes all events from Revelation 8:1-19:10
- ▶ John sees seven trumpets being given to seven angels before the throne
- ▶ The trumpets are used to announce God's work
- ▶ These trumpets play a major role in God's dealing with His people
- ▶ An angel offered incense on the coals before God (v 3), then throws it on the earth
- ▶ Result is thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake

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Revelation 8:6-7 Second Trumpet

- ▶ God has sent judgment to the earth with the opening of 1st Trumpet
- ▶ The 2nd Trumpet is like a huge mountain, all ablaze, thrown into the sea
- ▶ The result is a third of the oceans becoming blood (either "like" blood or actual blood)
- ▶ 1/3 of the creatures in the sea died
- ▶ 1/3 of the ships on the sea perished
 - ▶ As of January 1981 there were 24,867 merchant ships registered
 - ▶ Imagine if 8,289 of them were suddenly destroyed and their cargoes

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Revelation 8:10-11 Third Trumpet

- ▶ Next a great star (meteor? comet?) falls from heaven onto fresh water sources
- ▶ This meteor poisons 1/3 of rivers and streams
- ▶ The star is named "Wormwood" and means "bitter" (Deut 29:18)
 - ▶ So named for a bitter herb that was fatal to some people and is used as a symbol of divine punishment (Jer 3:15; Jer 9:15; Jer 23:15; Lam 3:15, etc)
 - ▶ This judgment is similar to the bitter water God gave the rebellious Israelites to drink in the wilderness (Ex 15:23-25)
 - ▶ Also similar to first Egyptian plague (Ex 7:21)

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Revelation 8:12 Fourth Trumpet

- ▶ Darkness is connected with fourth trumpet
- ▶ The light decreases by 1/3
- ▶ It seems God reduces intensity of light from sun, moon and stars
- ▶ Possibly a partial eclipse or pollution is in view here
- ▶ The reduction of light and temperature would have a devastating effect on the earth

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Revelation 8:13 Warning

- ▶ Announcement of 3 "Woes" warned of coming judgments
- ▶ Eagles are also mentioned in 4:7 and 12:14
 - ▶ Could be a literal eagle or an angel
- ▶ Triple woe announces an even worse calamity
- ▶ The judgment is partially in response to the prayers of the Tribulation saints (6:10)
