

THE STORY

Chapter 31: "The End of Time"

I. The Time and the Purpose – Revelation 1

Writer and World – Revelation 1:9-11 (NLT)

Wrong Motives

Believe Revelation is a Jigsaw Puzzle – Acts 1:7 (ESV)

Avoid Working to Understand Revelation – Revelation 1:3 (NLT)

Warning – Revelation 22:18-19

Watch – Revelation 12:12 (NIV)

Witness – Revelation 22:17

The Ending Is Similar to the Beginning

II. Messages to the Seven Churches!

I, John, am your brother and your partner in suffering and in God's Kingdom and in the patient endurance to which Jesus calls us. I was exiled to the island of Patmos for preaching the word of God and for my testimony about Jesus. It was the Lord's Day, and I was worshiping in the Spirit. Suddenly, I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet blast. It said, "Write in a book everything you see, and send it to the seven churches in the cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea." Revelation 1:9-11 (NLT)

III. An Awe-Inspiring Picture of Jesus

When I turned to see who was speaking to me, I saw ... someone like the Son of Man. He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And his eyes were like flames of fire. His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace, and his voice thundered like mighty ocean waves. He held seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came from his mouth. And his face was like the sun in all its brilliance. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead. But he laid his right hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last. I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave. Revelation 1:13-18 *sel* (NLT)

IV. A Window into Heaven!

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. Revelation 21:1 (NIV1984)

What Heaven Is NOT

God himself will be with the; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. Revelation 21:3-4 *sel* (ESV)

What Heaven IS

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life...on each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. Revelation 22:1-2 (NIV1984)