The REVELATION of John

Worship, Blessing, Promise	Chapter	The Evils of the World
VISION OF CHRIST: "Do not be afraid!"	1	
7 Letters to 7 real churches: "I know your strengths...persevere!"	2-3	7 Letters to 7 real churches: "I know your challenges...persevere!"
The Heavenly Worship Christ (Lion & Lamb) can open the scroll	4-5	
144,000 "sealed" = a multitude no one could count (fulfillment of promise to Abraham in Gen. 22:17)	6-7	6 (of 7) Seals opened = The world's evil revealed! 4 Horsemen #1 White = war #2 Red = death in battle #3 Black = famine/injustice #4 Green = Death & Hades + #5 Cry of the martyrs + #6 Natural Disasters
Incense = Prayers of the martyrs answered John eats little scroll = he is a prophet 7th trumpet = the temple is open! (11:19)	8-11	6 (of 7) trumpets sounded = 1/3 (partial) destruction intended to bring repentance, but there is none 2 Witnesses killed = height of irreverence
	12-13	Woman = Church Child = Christ Dragon = Satan People are worshipping the *beast* (emperor)! Nero = 666
The Lamb & 144,000 sealed The harvest of the righteous (v. 14-16)	14	The harvest & punishment of unrighteous (v. 17-20) (harvest imagery taken from Joel 3:13)
Bowls = Connection to the prayers of the martyrs, answered in judgment against their murderers	15-16	7 last plagues = 7 bowls = Exodus-like calamities intended to bring repentance, but there is none
	17-18	The Harlot & The Beast = Rome (the Harlot is an OT symbol for a godless city) THE FALL OF BABYLON (Rome) Judgment on materialism & over-consumption
Rejoicing in heaven - the Lamb's marriage feast The final return of Christ on a white horse The martyrs reign for 1000 years	19-20	The final defeat of Satan Even Death & Hades defeated & thrown into the lake of fire
The New Heaven, New Earth, New Jerusalem prepared as a bride (opposite of the godless harlot)	21	
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"Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift" (22:17)