

# *An Overview of Biblical Prophecy*

## (19) The Apocalypse Outlined

### *The overview of the Revelation...Rev.1*

What is the promise to the one who reads, hears, and takes to heart these words? 1:3

**They are blessed! And one reason is that 'the time' is near, close at hand.**

Why was John on the island of Patmos? 1:9 (Patmos was a Roman penal colony)

**He had been exiled (by Romans) because of his testimony of Jesus and the word of God.**

What was the first command given to John? 1:10-11

**Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches. The words of Christ.**

Describe Who John saw when he turned to see Who was speaking to him. 1:12-16

**John saw Christ in His resurrected glory. Fire/furnace = judging authority, over all things.**

What happens next? 1:17

**John falls at His feet as though dead. Christ says "Don't be afraid". I have overcome!!**

Christ now commands John to write (3) things. What are they? 1:19

**#1. What you have seen. #2. What is now. #3. What will take place after these things.**

What do these (3) items represent as far as the Revelation is concerned?

**These three items (categories) give us an outline of the whole writing of the Revelation.**

### ***#1, what you have seen.***

What part of the Revelation is covered by this command?

**Obviously it covers 1:1 through 1:18. This is what John had seen up to this point.**

### ***#2, what is now.***

What part of the Revelation is covered by this command? 1:20

**Obviously it covers what is now, that is the churches. Chapter 2 and 3 are all about this.**

### ***#3, what will take place after these things.***

What does 4:1 clearly indicate relative to this third command?

**This is the division between 'what is now' (the church age) and '...after this'.**

The Church is mentioned over 30 times in chapters 2-3. But after chapter 3 it is not mentioned again until 19:7 (wedding) and 22:17 (conclusion). Where did the Church go? 4:1-2

**We believe 4:1 describes the rapture of the church. "Come up here...". At once in heaven.**

### ***Application:***

Why does the very outline of the Revelation support a pre-trib rapture?

**Because the emphasis shifts at 4:1 from the Church to Israel. The Bride is in heaven.**

Why does 22:18 *have to* close the whole of Scripture?

**Because *nothing* could be written that wasn't in one of those three categories!**