

# Revelation or How the World Will End





While John was in exile in Patmos, God gave him a vision. First he had news for seven of the churches.

He warned them to stay true to what they had been taught. Jesus encouraged them to keep on in the midst of trials and suffering. He reminded them to stay pure in the midst of trying times. They were encouraged to stay strong and keep preaching the Gospel to unbelievers. Jesus said again to ignore people leading them astray.

There was one church God gave no warning to, the church in Philadelphia, instead he encouraged them to continue on, times were going to get tough.





Then John was taken up to heaven and saw God's throne room. From God's throne came lightning and rumblings, and thunder rolling out. God was surrounded by 24 elders who bowed before him throwing their crowns to God, praising Him, "You are worthy to be praised by our Lord and God to receive glory and honor and power."

In the hand of God was a scroll covered with 7 seals. An angel stepped forward saying, "Who is worthy to open the scroll?"

All of heaven was silent, and John cried because no one was worthy to open the scroll.

An elder said, "Weep no more, for the Lion of the tribe of Judah has come," and out stepped a lamb looking like it had been slain.





The first seal was opened and a white horse set out, his rider was given instructions to conquer.

The second seal was broken, and a red horse came forth to release war.

The lamb broken open the third seal, and a black horse set out to measure and weigh the worlds.

The fourth seal was broken, and a pale horse came out, his rider was death, and he was told to kill one fourth of the earth.





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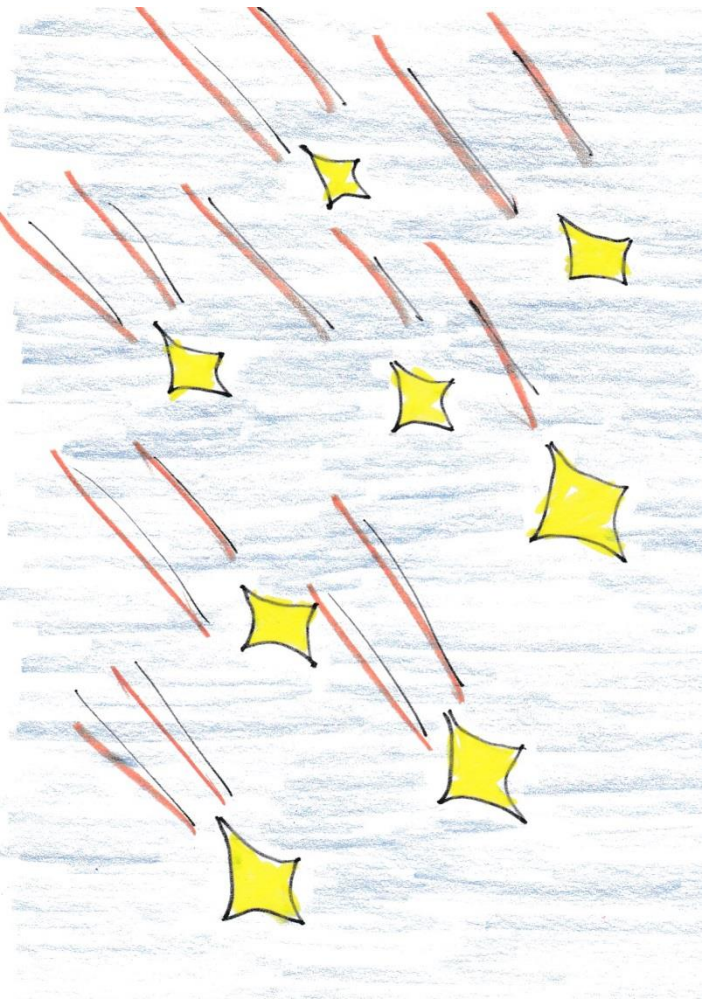
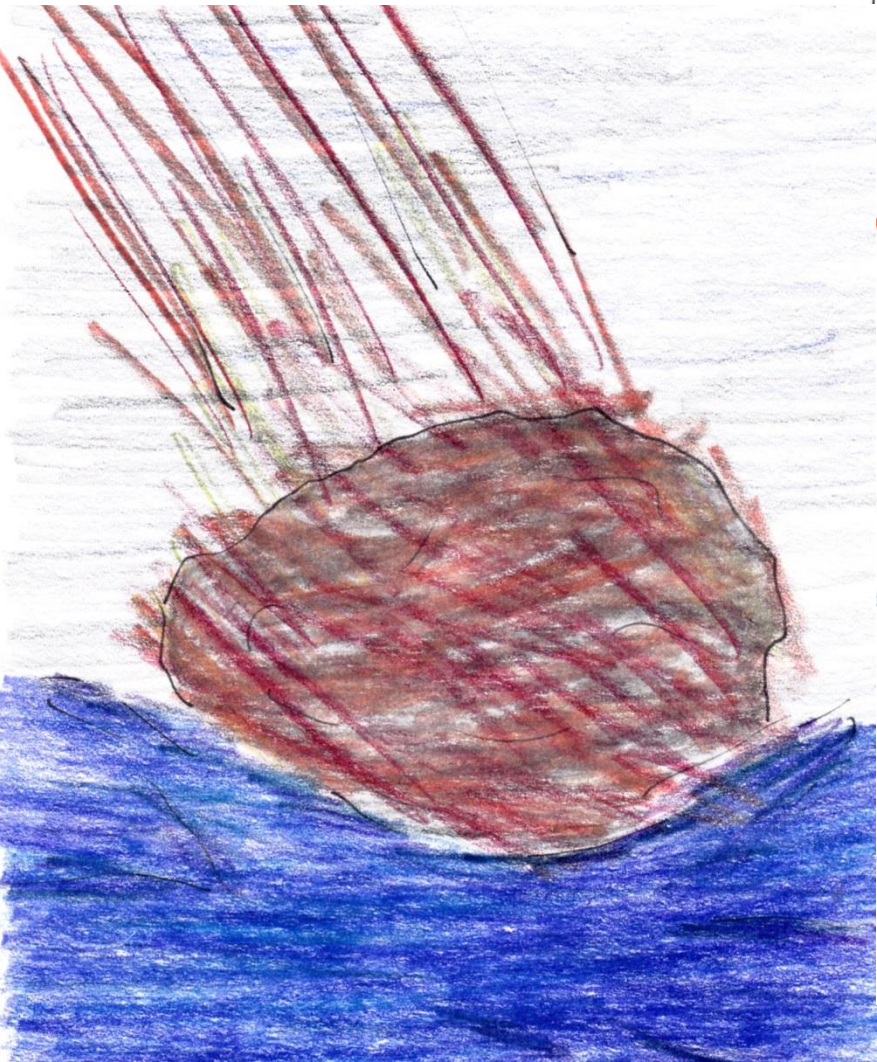


The lamb broke the fifth seal and martyrs who had died for their faith cried out to God, “When will we be revenged”

God answered them, “Soon, soon, for more will be killed before I can avenge you.”

When the sixth seal was broken the earth shook, buildings fell, and millions hid in caves to escape the devastation.

As the seventh seal was broken, silence fell in heaven for half an hour.





Seven angels stepped forward with trumpets. The first stepped forward and blew his trumpet, and hail and fire fell on the earth. One third of the earth burned.

The second trumpet sounded and an asteroid fell into the sea causing it to become blood. A third of the swimming creatures died and the third of the ships were destroyed.

The third trumpet sounded and a star fell from the sky, and a third of the water was poisoned. A third of the people died.

When the fourth trumpet sounded the sun became darker, and stars fell from the sky.

Another angel stepped forward with the fifth trumpet, and smoke came from his trumpet. Locusts came from the smoke and stung people who don't believe.





The sixth trumpet blew forth and four angels were released from their posts to kill one third of the people left.

God sent two men as prophets to preach the Good News and save many people.

They preached for three years and anyone who attacked them was condemned. At the end of three years, the enemies of God killed them, and they were taken up to heaven.





A pregnant woman clothed with stars gave birth to a boy.

A red dragon with 7 heads and 10 horns, on each horn was a crown appeared and attacked the woman. It swept its tail and stars fell from the sky.

Michael and all of his angels came and fought the dragon. The dragon was cast down from heaven to the earth.

The woman was given wings and flew away with the child. Angry for being denied his prize, the dragon turned and attacked the people of earth.





A beast came forth, it had seven heads with 10 horns, each horn had a crown. Its body was like a leopard, its feet like a bear, its mouth like a lion, and the dragon gave it great power to create miracles.

One head was given a terrible wound, so everyone thought it would die. But, he was healed by the beast, and people started to worship the beast as god.

Then a second beast came out and required everyone who wanted to buy anything to receive a tattoo on their hand or forehead. If you did not have the symbol on you, then you could be killed. The Christians did not receive the symbol, and many were killed. 144,000 Israelite Christians left and God kept them safe from all the danger.





Then God released seven angels with bowls to pour plagues out onto the earth.

The first angel poured out its contents and all who took the mark had terrible sores on their body.

Next the sea became blood and the living creatures died. Right after the third angel poured out the contents and the rivers became blood.

Then the fourth plague hit and a great heat covered the earth. The fifth angel stepped forward pouring out its bowl, and a darkness covered the earth just as darkness covered Egypt.

With the sixth angel all of the Euphrates river dried up and evil spirits were released. The seventh bowl was poured out and the great city of Babylon was destroyed.

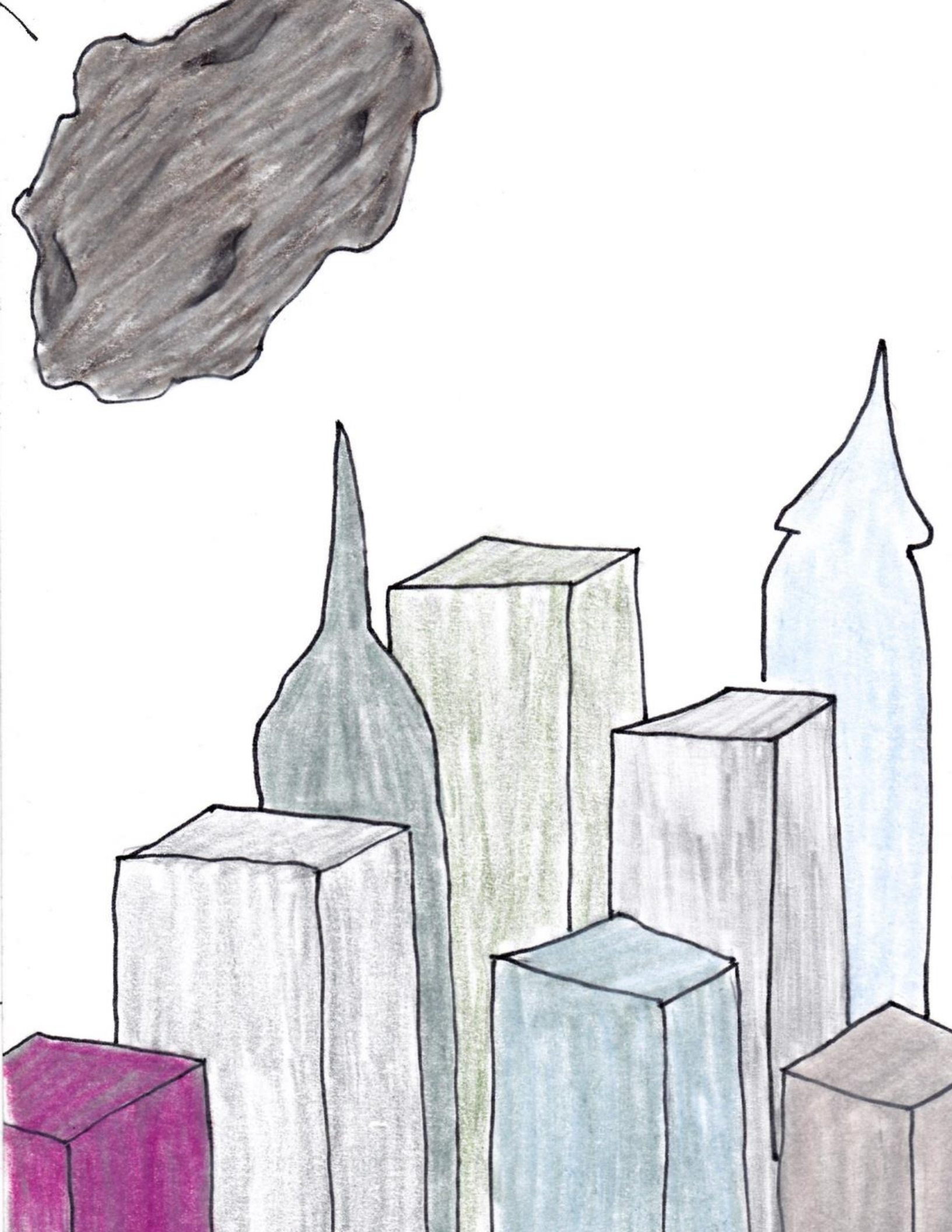




A woman rode out on the beast with seven heads. She was clothed in the fanciest clothes imagined. The seven heads are seven kings, 5 are fallen already, one is now, and one is to come. The last head, the one that is to come has 10 horns to represent 10 kings. The 10 kings gave all of their power to the Beast. The woman riding the Beast is killed and everyone rejoices.

Then another angel steps forward and proclaims in a loud voice, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon! All God’s people leave her sin. Depart from her iniquity, for great is God’s wrath. She will be paid for her deeds.”

All the leaders of the world, and all the great businesses mourn and cry for Babylon, “Who will buy our cargo? Who will lead us?” they cry.





Then a mighty angel tossed a stone into the sea crying out, “So will Babylon be destroyed by violence. No more music will be played for you. No more will children turn on lights. You have killed many saints and prophets, and God finds you wanting.”

All of heaven heard the declaration and rejoiced, “Salvation and Glory belong to God! He has judged the great city and declared guilty.”





Then like the sound of many waters, and like a great thunder a great multitude called out, “Hallelujah, for the Lord God will reign forever. Today the Lamb will have his bride. God has covered her in the finest gown.”

Then an angel said to John, “Write this down: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” John turned and saw heaven open, and Jesus came on a white horse! He is faithful and true, he judges and makes war. He will rule and reign forever

# Questions

Discussion questions are for all ages

(choose questions appropriate to level of maturity, but these are designed to get discussions started not as right answers)

1. Jesus is described several different ways in Revelation: a lamb that was slain, the lion of the tribe of Judah, riding in on a white horse as the conquering hero. Why do you think Jesus is described all of these ways?
2. What parallels do you see to the judgements and to the plagues of the Exodus?
3. Why is God doing all of this? Is it just because He is angry?
4. Why didn't God just say "Here is what's going to happen," why did He use imagery and metaphors?
5. What do you find most confusing?

## Activities

1. Revelation ends with a party. Have a party with cookies and drinks.
2. In the end a New Jerusalem is built. Build your new Jerusalem using blocks or Legos.

## Online

1. Seven Seals of Revelation-  
<http://avirtuouswoman.org/the-seven-seals-of-revelation/>
2. New Jerusalem Model-  
<http://susanevans.org/blog/new-jerusalem-model/>
3. Revelation Notebooking pages-  
<http://www.thinkingkidsblog.org/2015/04/23/free-printable-notebooking-pages-bible-road-trip-year-three-week-thirty-two/>







