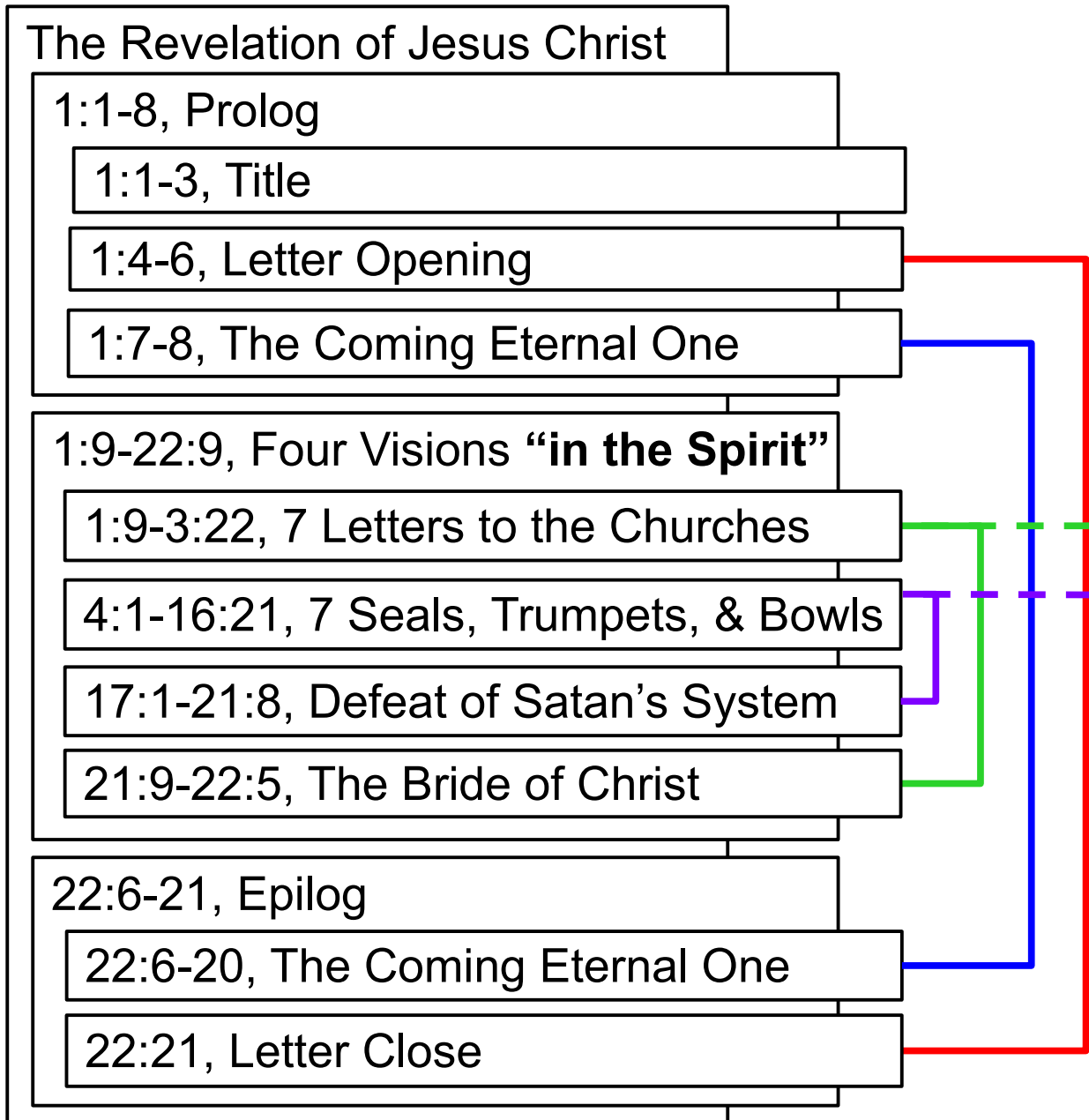


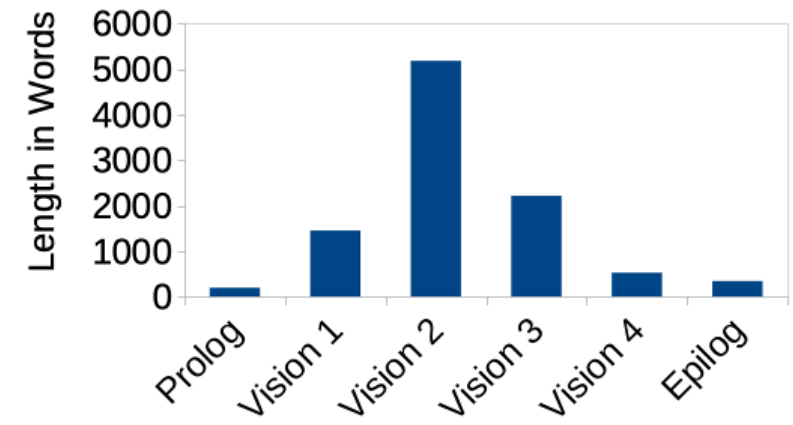
Review of the Revelation

Theme:

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the **world κόσμος kosmos G2889** ye shall have **tribulation θλίψις thlipsis G2347** : but be of good cheer; I have **overcome νικάω nikaō G3528** the world.



— The Church
— Judgment



1:1-8, Prolog

Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must **shortly come to pass**;

Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from **him which is, and which was, and which is to come**; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth.

Rev 1:7 Behold, **he cometh with clouds**; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him.

→ **This book warns of things that are about to happen, especially the Lord's return.**

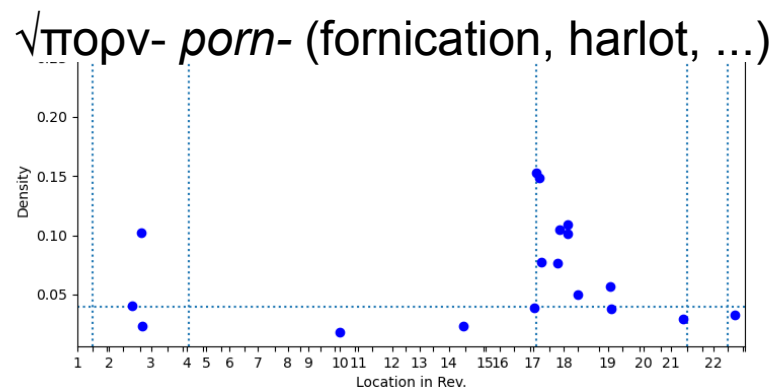
1:9-3:22, Vision 1: Churches of Asia Minor

Rev 1:12 ... I saw **seven golden candlesticks**; 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, ...

Rev 2:5 [Ephesus] Remember therefore from whence **thou art fallen**, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will **remove thy candlestick out of his place**, except thou repent.

Rev 2:14 [Pergamos] But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to **eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication**.

Rev 2:20 [Thyatira] Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants **to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols**.



Milestones to the End

- Redemptive Messiah (Dan 9)
- Worldwide evangelism (Matt 24)
- Falling away (2 Thes 2)

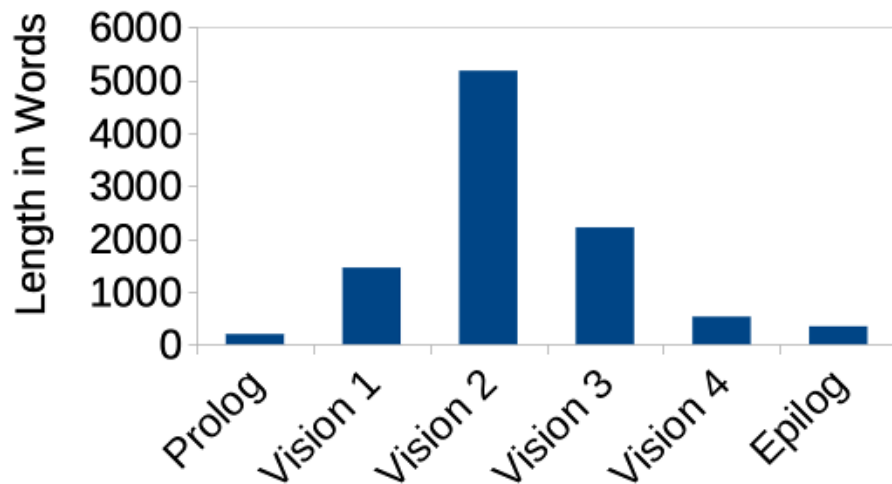
→ **The Lord will judge the churches individually for their sins (particularly idolatry), and reward faithful believers.**

21:9-22:5, Vision 4: The Future Bride

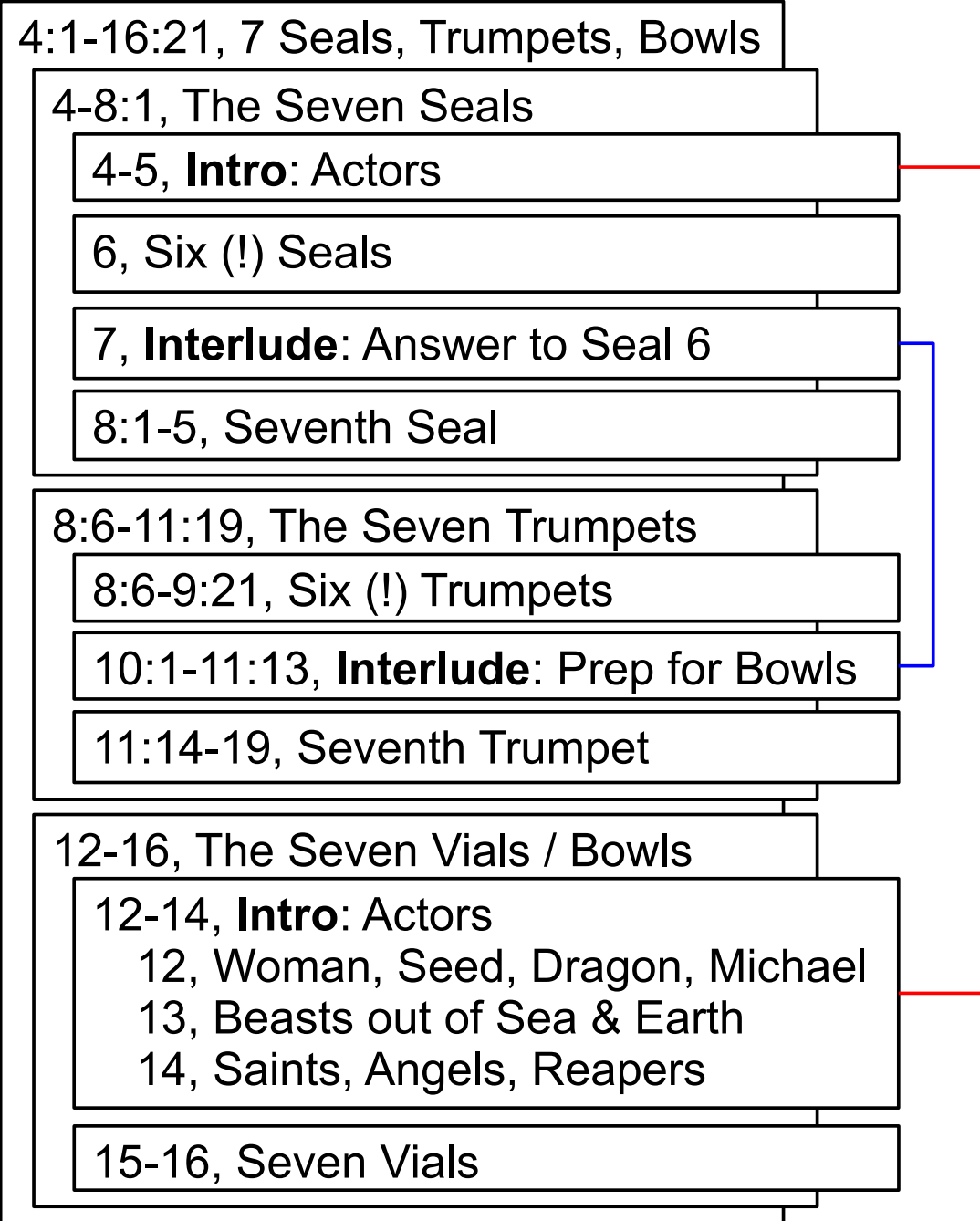
Rev 21:27 And **there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie:** but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, **not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing;** but that it should be holy and without blemish.

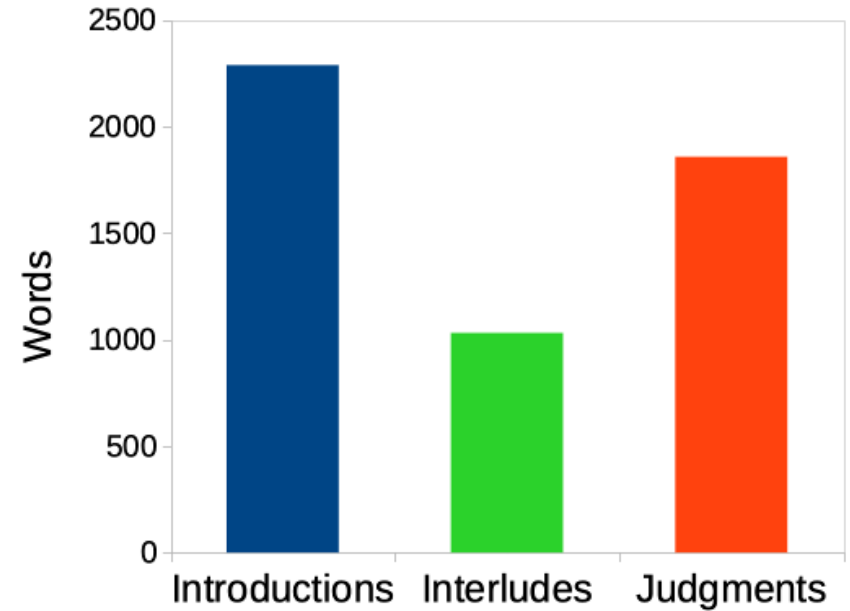
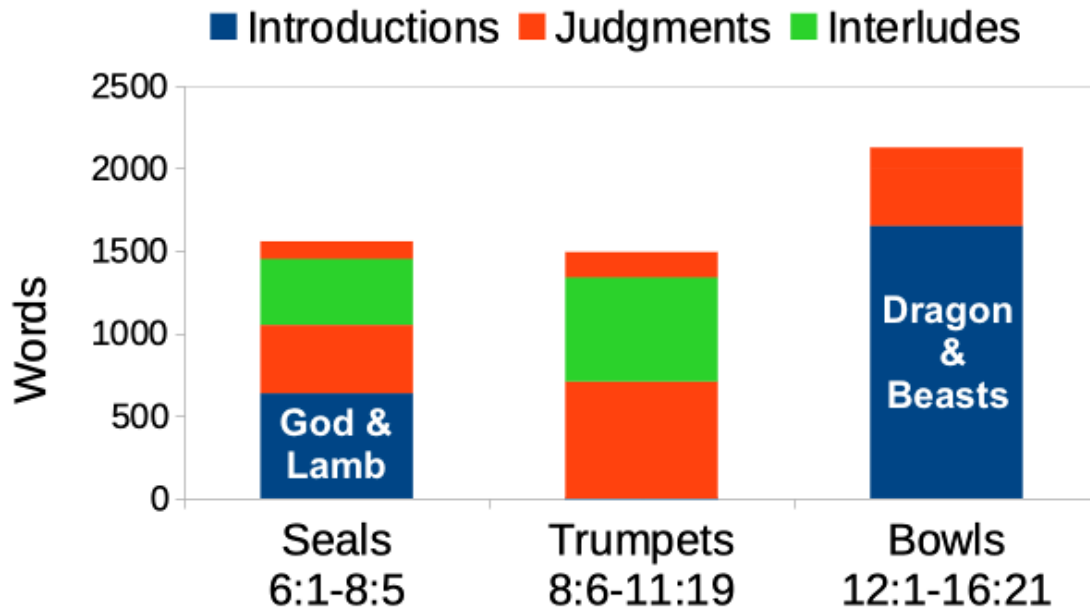
→ **The Lord will bring his faithful church to spiritual perfection.**



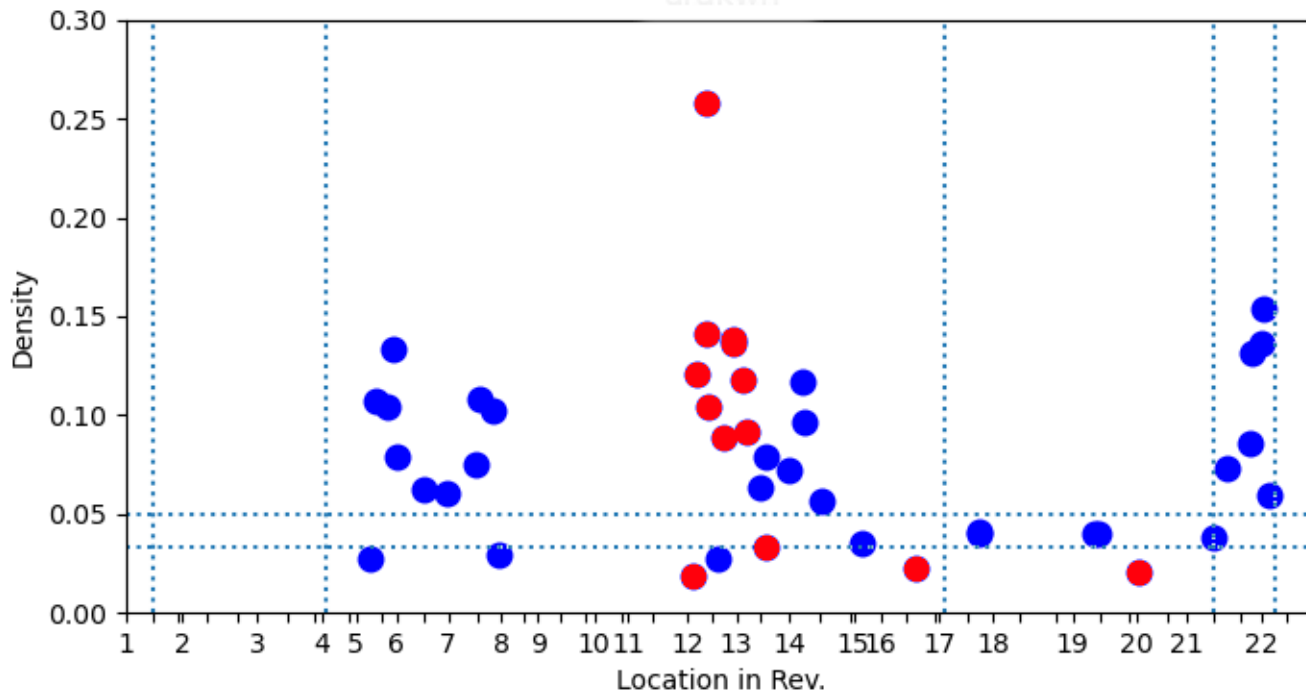
4:1-16:21, Vision 2: Three Series of Judgments



Structure of Vision 2



The Lamb (blue) and the Dragon (red) introduced in Vision 2



Lamb:

- 5, given the scroll
- 7, with martyrs in heaven
- 14, with 144,000 on Zion
- 21-22, bridegroom & king

Dragon:

- 12, seeks to destroy Israel & Messiah, war in heaven
- 16, sends evil spirit to gather kings to war
- 20, cast into abyss



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Relations between the Series

Seventh Judgments

Rev 8:1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. 2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

Rev 11:19 ... and there were **lightnings**, and **voices**, and **thunderings**, and an **earthquake**, and great **hail**.

Rev 16:18 And there were **voices**, and **thunders**, and **lightnings**; and there was a great **earthquake**, ... 21 And there fell upon men a great **hail** out of heaven, ...

Nested Judgments

7 Seals
6:1-8:5



7 Trumpets
8:6-11:19



7 Vials/Bowls
12:1-16:21

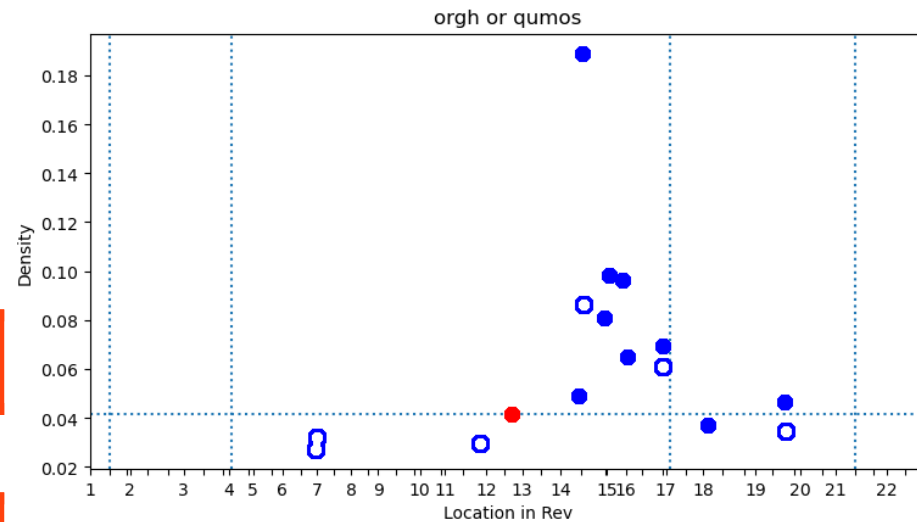


Judgment on the Great City

Rev 11:13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and **the tenth part of the city fell**, ...

Rev 16:19 And **the great city was divided** into three parts, ... and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his **wrath**.

“Wrath, anger” in the Revelation



→ The conflict between the Lamb and the Dragon brings increasingly severe disasters, culminating in the wrath of God.

Trumpets, Bowls, and the Plagues of Egypt

Trumpets (Rev. 8–9)	Ten Plagues (Exod. 7–11)	Seven Bowls (Rev. 16)
	6. Boils (9:8–11)	1. People with Beast's mark afflicted with sores (16:2)
1. Earth hit with hail , fire, and blood, 1/3 of trees and all grass burned (8:7)	7. Fiery Hail (9:13–34)	
2. 1/3 of sea turned to blood and 1/3 of sea creatures die (8:8–9)	1. Blood (7:14–21)	2. Sea turned to blood and all sea creatures die (16:3)
3. 1/3 of fresh waters embittered by Wormwood (8:11)	1. Blood (7:14–21)	3. Rivers and springs turned to blood (16:4)
4. 1/3 of sun , moon, and stars darkened (8:12)	9. Darkness (10:21–23)	4. Sun scorches people with fire (16:8–9) 5. Darkness on earth (16:10–11)
5. Locust-horses released on earth after Abyss is opened (9:1–11)	8. Locusts (10:3–19)	
6. 200 million troops at Euphrates River released by 4 angels (9:13–16)	2. Frogs (8:2–14)	6. Kings from east gathered to Euphrates River by 3 unclean spirits resembling frogs (16:12–13)
7. Heavenly temple opens, accompanied by lightning, earthquake, and hail (11:15, 19)	7. Hail (9:18–34)	7. Lightning, severe earthquake, and plague of large hail (16:18–21)

17:1-21:8, Vision 3: Defeat of Satan's System

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17:1-19:10, Rise and Fall of the Whore Babylon

17:1-18, Babylon and the **Beast**

18:1-24, Babylon's **Mourners**

19:1-10, Babylon's **Conqueror**

19:11-21:8, Fueling the Lake of Fire

19:11-21, Beast & False Prophet

20:1-10, Satan

20:11-15, Wicked Humans

21:1-8, All Wicked

→ **The Lord Jesus wins the conflict in Vision 2.**

22:6-21, Epilog

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

1:1-8, Prolog

1:1-3, Title

1:4-6, Letter Opening

1:7-8, The Coming Eternal One

1:9-22:9, 4 Visions **"in the Spirit"**

22:6-21, Epilog

22:6-20, The Coming Eternal One
6-15, Urgency
16-20a, Three Testimonies
20b, John's Response

22:21, Letter Close

→ **In the light of growing apostasy, believers should watch for the appearance of Antichrist and the subsequent return of the Lord Jesus, expect spiritual combat, and be confident of victory.**