

## Mapping Revelation's End

If we have rightly observed that Revelation repeats itself with increasing intensity, moving from the then present history of the seven churches to the future end of this world and the beginning of the New Jerusalem, then we can draw the following key spiritual principles:

1. The book of Revelation is for us—that we live in between the Seven and the End.
2. That like the Seven we are in the middle of the end: we are already caught up in the circle.
3. That we will see more and more clearly the conflict between Jesus and Satan—either because it intensifies with time and/or because the Spirit allows us to see it more clearly.
4. That the key message of Revelation to the Church is a call to endurance filled with the hope and knowledge of victory, and to the world, is a call to repentance.
5. That in the midst of the struggle, worship continues—there is always a call to praise God and to rejoice in His coming judgment.

Therefore, as we now turn our attention to the end of the book, we do so with both the awareness that we are already in the end times and that the picture of the coming finality is a picture to encourage and not to instill fear in us who are believers. Likewise though, Revelation is a warning to those who have not yet repented that now is the time to do so.

Chapter 18: Fall of Babylon

Chapter 19: Celebration in Heaven

Chapter 20: The Thousand Years (Millennium) & The Judgment

Chapter 21: New Heaven and Earth, and New Jerusalem

Chapter 22: Closing Promises

Questions to Consider:

What does spiritual warfare, the conflict between Satan and God, look like in our world?

What will judgment be like for believers and for the world?

When does the defeat of Satan begin?

What does heaven in the future tell us about earth today?

Where does the cross fit into the picture of the end?

How does this Revelation help the Church live and serve today?

What does completeness look like?