

# Alpha & Omega

**Bible Studies in the Book of Revelation**  
*The victory of Christ and his Church over Satan and his Helpers*

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Section	Chapters	Begins	Ends	Parallels
<p><b>Part 1: Chapters 1-11: The church's spiritual warfare on earth</b></p> <p><i>The visible reality from the First to the Second Coming of Christ</i></p> <p>The church persecuted ... The church avenged, protected &amp; victorious</p>				← Each part & section gives a different view of the single dispensation of the New Covenant from the First to the Second Coming of Christ
0	1	1:1 Introduction: the revelation of Jesus Christ	1:8 "I am."	
<p><b>Introduction: Christ rules. He is the Alpha and Omega, and is coming</b></p> <p>Christ is revealed to the seven churches of Asia, who also have revealed to them what must soon take place.</p>				
1	1-3	1:9 John is companion in suffering and kingdom	3:22 The Spirit calls for churches to hear & persevere	
<p><b>7 Lampstands/Churches: Christ rules in the midst of the churches, until he comes again.</b></p> <p>For each church: a current condition described; a call to preserve made; an eventual end announced [Matthew 5:14; 28:20]</p>				
2	4-7	4:1-8 Christ is now on the throne	7:14-17 Persecution, Judgement & Salvation	
<p><b>7 Seals: Christ rules in the Great Tribulation (the persecution &amp; trials of the church), until he comes again.</b></p> <p>Christ <i>has</i> triumphed, ruling now until the final judgement [John 16:33]</p>				
3	8-11	8:2 Trumpets announce Christ's judgement	11:15-18 Persecution, Judgement & Salvation	
<p><b>7 Trumpets: Christ rules in the judgements of the world, until he comes again.</b></p> <p>Persecution of the church is witnessed, recorded, avenged, and ends with Christ reigning for ever [Luke 18:7; Revelation 11:15]</p>				
<p><b>Part 2: Chapters 12-22: The church's spiritual warfare in the spiritual realm</b></p> <p><i>The invisible reality from the First to the Second Coming of Christ</i></p> <p>Christ &amp; the church persecuted by Satan and his servants; Christ &amp; the church avenged, protected &amp; victorious</p>				
4	12-14	12:5 Christ is born, caught up to heaven	14:14 -20 Persecution, Judgement & Salvation	
<p><b>The Dragon: Christ rules over Satan and his servants, until he comes again</b></p> <p>Failing to destroy Christ, Satan &amp; his servants persecute the church; but the church is victorious [Genesis 3:15]</p>				
5	15-16	15:1 Another sign announced	16:20,21 Persecution, Judgement & Salvation	
<p><b>7 Bowls: Christ rules, with his wrath poured out on the impenitent, until he comes again</b></p> <p>God's wrath comes on the ungodly [Romans 2:5; Exodus 14:15]</p>				
6	17-19	17:1 Prostitute to be punished	19:11-21 Persecution, Judgement & Salvation	
<p><b>The Prostitute: Christ rules, as Satan's harlot fails to seduce Christ's betrothed church, until he comes again</b></p> <p>The enemies of Christ gorge on martyrs, but the martyrs feast at the Supper of the Lamb [1 John 2:17]</p>				
7	20-22	20:2 Dragon seized	22:17 Come to Christ!	
<p><b>Glory: Christ rules, overcoming Satan, building &amp; glorifying his church, until he comes again</b></p> <p>Satan seized, freed, judged; new creation; the Church - bride of Christ - comes from heaven [Romans 8:37; Jude 6]</p>				