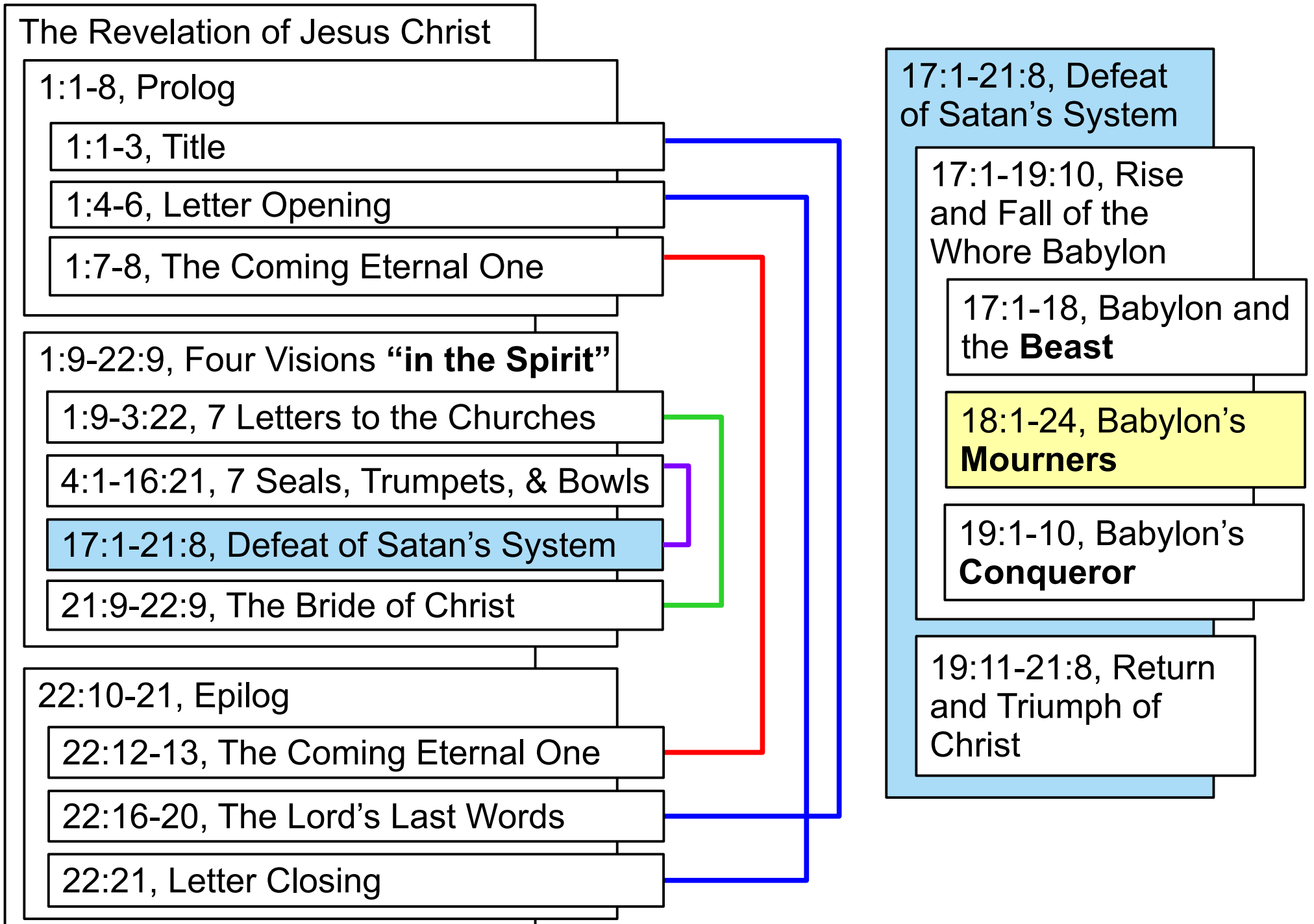


Structure of the Revelation

Rev 18:1-8



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Speaker:

18:1-24, Babylon's Funeral

1-8, Heavenly Speeches

another angel

2-3, **Doom** with reason

4-7, **Commands** with reasons

8, **Doom** with reason

another voice
from heaven

9-19, **Laments by Friends**

9-10, Kings

11-17a, Merchants

17b-19, Sailors

20-24, Heavenly Speeches

20, **Command** with reason

a mighty angel

21-24, **Doom** with reasons

Features:

1. Changes of speakers
2. Extended lament at center
3. Alternation of doom and command
4. Each doom and command block has a reason introduced by "for"

Initial Heavenly Speeches

1-8, Heavenly Speeches

2-3, Doom with reason
2, **Doom**: Babylon is fallen
3, **For**
all **nations**
kings of the earth
merchants of the earth

4-7, Commands with reasons
4, **Cmd**: Come out of her
5, **For** her sins ...
6, **Cmd**: Reward her
7, **Cmd**: give her torment ...
7b, **For** she saith ...

8, Doom with reason
8a, **Doom**: Her plagues come
8b, **For** strong is the Lord God
(9-19, Laments by friends ...)

1 ... lightened with his glory...

Luk 2:9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and **the glory of the Lord shone** round about them: and they were sore afraid.

2 Babylon ... is fallen, is fallen

Isa 21:9 And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen**; and **all the graven images** of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

...habitation of devils ... spirit ... bird ...

Isa 13:19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. 20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. 21 But **wild beasts** of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of **doleful creatures**; and **owls** shall dwell there, and **satyrs** shall dance there. 22 And the **wild beasts** of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and **dragons** in their pleasant palaces:...

Helpful References

3 ... nations ... kings ... fornication

Rev 17:2 With whom **the kings of the earth have committed fornication**, and the **inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk** with the wine of her fornication.

abundance of her delicacies/luxury

Rev 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in **purple and scarlet** colour, and decked with **gold and precious stones and pearls**, having a **golden cup in her hand**

4 Come out of her, my people

2Co 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for **ye are the temple** of the living God; as God hath said [Lev 26:12] , I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore **come out from among them**, and **be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and **touch not the unclean thing**; [Isa 52:11] and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Relevance of the warning today

Rev 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things **in the churches**.

2 Thes 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity **doth already work**:

1Jn 4:3 this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now **already is it in the world**.

4 be not partakers ... receive not

Gen 19:15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, **Arise**, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; **lest thou be consumed** in the iniquity of the city.

Num 16:23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, **Get you up** from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. 25 And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him. 26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, **Depart**, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, **lest ye be consumed** in all their sins.

Vengeance in 18:6

In this age:

Mat 5:44 But I say unto you, **Love** your enemies, **bless** them that curse you, **do good** to them that hate you, and **pray** for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Luk 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, **forgive** them; for they know not what they do.

Rom 12:17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live **peaceably** with all men. 19 Dearly beloved, **avenge not** yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, **Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.** 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

In the age to come:

John 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn [κρίνω] the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Jhn 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed **all judgment unto the Son:**

Rev 19:14 And the **armies** which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in **fine linen**, white and clean.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for **the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and **judgment** was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and **reigned** with Christ a thousand years.

18:7, Torment for Luxury

she hath glorified herself ...

Isa 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our **righteousnesses** are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Isa 65:3 A people that provoketh me to anger ... 5 Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for **I am holier than thou**. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

Luk 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that **I am not as other men are**, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

... a queen ... no widow ... no sorrow ...

Isa 47:7 And thou saidst, I shall be a **lady** for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it. 8 Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a **widow**, neither shall I know the loss of children: 9 But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments.