

Structure of the Revelation

Rev 4-16, Intro

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, Four Visions "in the Spirit"

1:9-3:22, 7 Letters to the Churches

4:1-16:21, 7 Seals, Trumpets, & Bowls

17:1-21:8, Defeat of the Great Whore

21:9-22:9, The Bride of Christ

22:10-21, Epilog

22:12-13, The Coming Eternal One

22:16-20, The Lord's Last Words

22:21, Letter Closing

Rev. 1:10 **I was [became γίνομαι G1096] in the Spirit** on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice,

Rev. 4:2 And immediately **I was [became γίνομαι G1096] in the spirit:** and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

Rev. 17:3 So **he carried me away [ἀποφέρω G667] in the spirit** into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, ...

Rev. 21:10 And **he carried me away [ἀποφέρω G667] in the spirit** to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

4:1-16:21, Coming Judgments

4-8:1, The Seven Seals

4-5, Introduction: Heavenly Court

6, Six (!) Seals

7, Prep for Trumpets: Faithful Multitudes

8:1, Seventh Seal

8:2-11:19, The Seven Trumpets

8:2-9:21, Six (!) Trumpets

10:1-11:13, Prep for Vials: Witnesses

11:13-19, Seventh Trumpet

12-16, The Seven Vials

12-14, Introduction: Satan & Beasts

15-16, Seven Vials

Structure of the Second Vision

Nested Judgments

Seals

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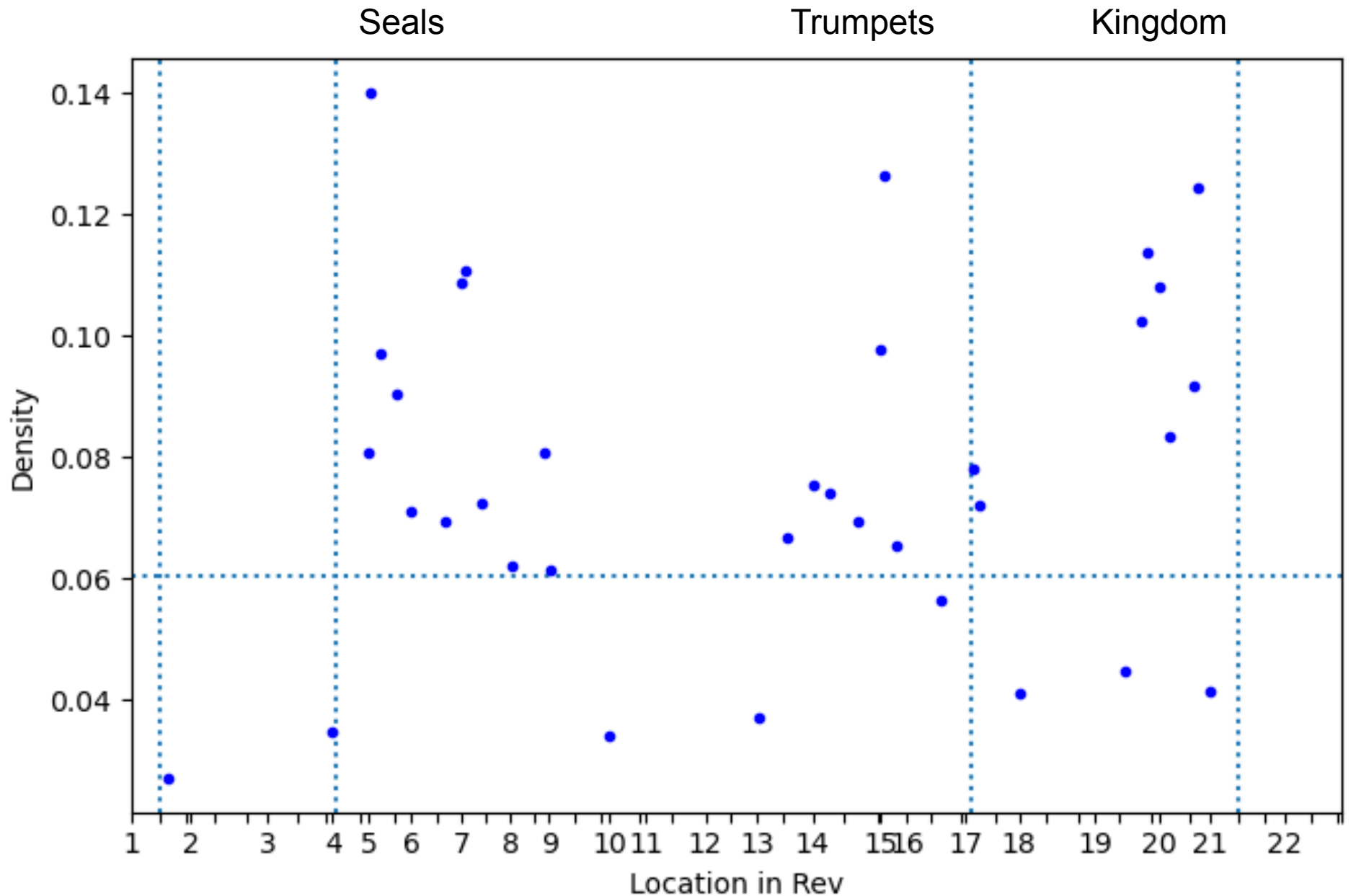
Trumpets

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Vials

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“and I saw” or “after this I saw”



4:1, A Door and an Invitation

A door was opened in heaven

Gen 28:12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. ... 17 And he was afraid, and said, "How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

Jacob and the angels

Gen 31:10-12, explaining the marked animals

Gen 32:1, "the **angels** of God met him"

Gen 32:24, wrestles with angel of the Lord

Gen. 48:15 And he blessed Joseph, and said, "God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, 16 The **Angel** which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."



Revelations 4:1

4 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.



- When John looked and the door was opened in Heaven, whose voice did he hear and what was said to him?



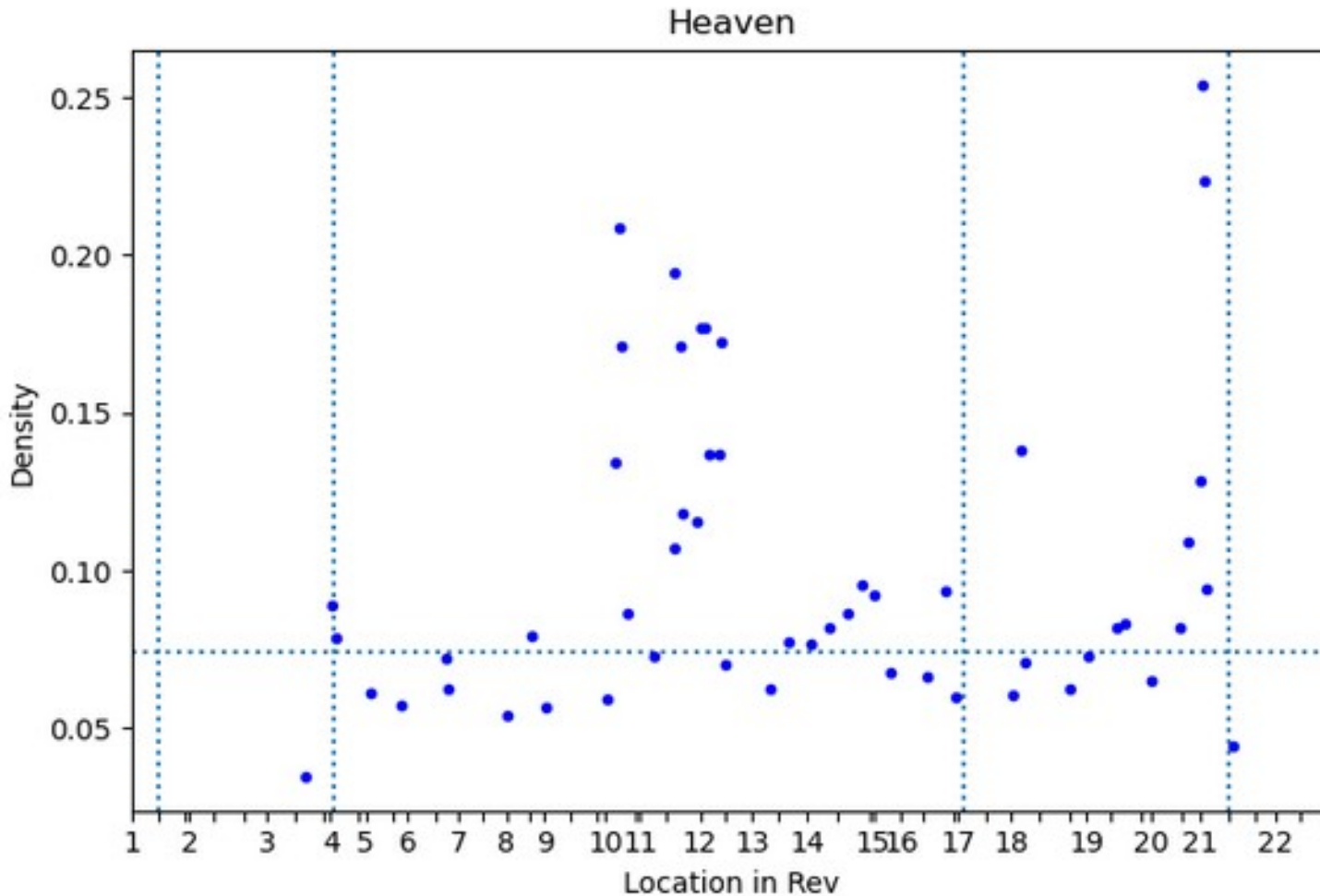
The Difference between Jacob and John

Heb 4:14 Seeing then that **we have a great high priest**, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Heb 10:19 **Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus**, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 **And having an high priest** over the house of God; 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in **full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and **made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:**

The Heavenly Perspective



- Gen 11, the Lord comes down
- Book of Job
- Asaph:
Psa 73:12 ... the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches. ... 16 When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; 17 **Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.**

God on his Throne

Ex. 24:9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: 10 And they saw the God of Israel: and there was **under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone**, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

Ezek. 1:26 And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, **as the appearance of a sapphire stone**: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

1 Tim 6:14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: 15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 16 Who only hath immortality, **dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto**; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

1 Jn 1:5 God is **light**, and in him is no darkness at all.