

# Who's *Who* in REVELATION

**“Write *the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be after these things*” 1:19**

## **A. THE THINGS WHICH THOU HAST SEEN...1:12-18**

1. The **EVENT**...The *VISION* of the *Glorified Son of Man*

### a. The **KEY PERSONS**

1. The **APOSTLE JOHN**...vs. 4a, 9 with vs. 12, 17
2. The **LORD JESUS CHRIST**...vs. 13-18

## **B. THE THINGS WHICH ARE...Chapters 2 & 3**

1. The **EVENT**...The *Conditions* of Seven Local Churches AND a Foreshadowing of the *History* of the Church as depicted by the Seven Churches

### a. The **KEY PERSONS** or **FIGURES**

1. **Ephesus**...the *loveless* church...Apostolic Period of the First Century...2:1-7
2. **Smyrna**...the *persecuted* church...Persecutions by Rome for 200 years...2:8-11
3. **Pergamos**...the *worldly* church...Alliance with Rome for 2 Centuries...2:12-17
4. **Thyatira**...the *corrupt* church...the Papacy Rules in Christendom...2:18-29
5. **Sardis**...the *sleeping* church...the Reformation Period...3:1-6
6. **Philadelphia**...the *faithful* church...the Revival Period...3:7-13
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## **C. THE THINGS WHICH SHALL BE AFTER THESE THINGS... Chapters 4-22**

1. The **EVENT**...Worship in Heaven...Chapters 4 & 5

### a. The **KEY PERSONS** or **FIGURES**

1. The **APOSTLE JOHN**...His *\*Rapture\** to Heaven symbolizes the *Rapture of the Church*... 4:1
2. The **24 ELDERS**...Symbolize *REDEEMED SAINTS IN GLORY*...4:4,10; 5:6, 8, 11, 14 (Includes BOTH *Old and New Testament Believers*)
3. The **4 LIVING CREATURES**...*ANGELIC BEINGS* (see Ezekiel 10 & Isaiah 6) ... 4:6-9; 5:6, 8, 14
4. The **LORD JESUS**...as *CREATOR* (4:10, 11) and *REDEEMER* (5:6-13)

## 2. The **EVENT**...The Tribulation Period (Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week)...Chapters 6-19

### a. The **KEY PERSONS** or **FIGURES**

1. The **LAMB**...The Lord Jesus begins the series of Seal Judgments...6:1, 16
2. The **144,000**...The *Remnant of Israel* are Called (to be God's Witnesses) and Sealed... 7:3-8; 14:1-6
3. The **SEVEN ANGELS**...Seven Angels sound the Seven Trumpet Judgments (8:6-9:21; 11:15-18) and pour out the Seven Vial Judgments (15:1-16:21)
4. The **TWO WITNESSES**...*Two Men* (perhaps Moses & Elijah) will bear witness in Jerusalem during the Last Half of the Tribulation Period...11:3-12
5. The **WOMAN**...This is clearly the *Nation of Israel* (Compare 12:1 with Gen. 37:9 and 12:2, 4, 5 with Micah 4:10; Rom. 9:4, 5)...12:1-6, 13-17
6. The **MAN CHILD**...The Lord Jesus Christ...Compare 12:5 with Rom. 9:5; Ps. 2: 8, 9; Heb. 1:3)
7. The **DRAGON**...*SATAN*, the *DEVIL*, the Old *SERPENT*...12:3, 4, 7-17; 13: 2, 4
8. **MICHAEL and HIS ANGELS**...12:7 (Michael is always associated with Israel...see Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1)
9. The **BEAST OUT OF THE SEA**...This is the *Political Leader* who will rise up out of the Nations that once made up the Roman Empire...13:1-8; 17: 12, 13. He is also known as the **LITTLE HORN** (Dan. 7:8) and the **ROMAN PRINCE** (Dan. 9:27).
10. The **BEAST OUT OF THE EARTH**...This is the **ANTICHRIST** (1<sup>st</sup> John 2: 18) who will be received by the Nation of Israel as their *Messiah* (John 5:43) and *King* (Dan. 11:36)...13:11-17; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thess. 2:4). He is also known as the **MAN OF SIN**, the **SON OF PERDITION** and the **LAWLESS ONE** (2nd Thess. 2:3, 8), the **IDOL SHEPHERD** (Zech. 11:15-17), and the **FALSE PROPHET** (Rev. 16:13; 19:20; 20:10).
11. The **SAINTS**...Jewish *Saints* who refuse to take the Mark of the Beast...13:7, 10 with vs. 15.
12. The **KINGS OF THE EAST**... *Nations from the East* (possibly Japan, China, and other nations) will assemble an army of 200,000,000 men to cross the Euphrates River to attack Israel...16:12 with 9:14-16

13. The **KINGS OF THE EARTH**... This will be an *alliance of Western nations* who, in their defense of Israel, will meet the KINGS OF THE EAST at the Valley of Armageddon... 16:14, 16
14. **BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS**... This is a powerful *RELIGIOUS* system that will be centered in Rome, Italy. Its leader will no doubt be the Roman Catholic Church and it will be destroyed by the BEAST OUT OF THE SEA... Ch. 17. It is ALSO a great *COMMERCIAL* system that will be destroyed by God's judgment... Ch. 18.
15. The **LAMB & HIS WIFE**... While the tribulation is taking place on earth, the MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB takes place in heaven. The LAMB is the LORD JESUS CHRIST, His WIFE is the CHURCH, and THOSE WHICH ARE CALLED to the marriage supper are OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS... see 19:1-9 with 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:25-32; John 3:29
16. The **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**... This is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ, Who comes to reign over the earth as the Son of Man. But first He must save Israel by destroying their enemies (at Armageddon)... 9:11-21

### 3. The **EVENT**... The Millennial Reign of Christ... 20:1-15; 21:9-27

#### a. The **KEY PERSONS** or **FIGURES**

1. The **DRAGON**... The *DEVIL (SATAN)* is bound for 1,000 years... 20:1-3
2. The **SOULS OF THEM THAT WERE BEHEADED**... All those who were saved during the tribulation period and lost their lives for not worshipping the Beast (6:11 with 13:15). They will reign with Christ and all other believers for 1,000 years... 20:4-6
3. **HIM THAT SAT ON A GREAT WHITE THRONE**... This, too, is the Lord Jesus Christ... 20:11 with John 5:22, 27; Acts 10:42
4. The **DEAD**... These are the *UNSAVED DEAD*... all who died without Christ and who thus had no part in the Resurrection of Life (20:5; John 5:29a). They will be consigned to the Lake of Fire forever... 20:12-15

### 4. The **EVENT**... The Eternal State... 21:1-8; 22:1-21

#### a. The **KEY PERSONS**

1. **GOD and MEN**... God and men (the REDEEMED) will dwell together forever in eternal bliss while the UNREDEEMED suffer eternal judgment... 21:1-8