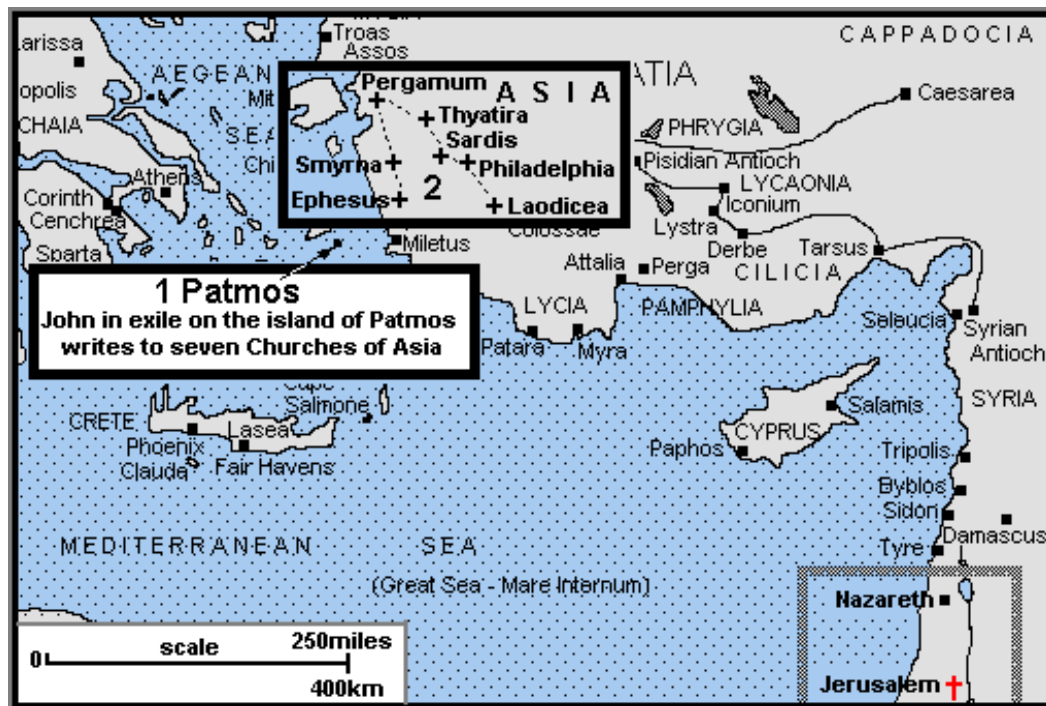


John and the Book of Revelation



Prologue (1:1-3)

First Vision: Letters to the Seven Churches (1:4-3:22)

Opening Formula

Inaugural Vision

Seven Letters

Second Vision: Throne Room of Heaven (4:1-11:19)

Seven Seals

Seven Trumpets

Third Vision: Three Great Signs in Heaven (12:1-16:21)

The Beasts

Seven Plagues and Seven Bowls

Battle of Armageddon

Fourth Vision: Judgment on Babylon/Rome (17:1-21:8)

Allegory of the Great Whore

Babylon has Fallen

The Thousand Years

New Heaven and Earth

Fifth Vision: The New Jerusalem (21:9-22:5)

Epilogue (22:6-21)

The Eschatological Discourses

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Topic	Mark	Matthew	Luke
Destruction of the Temple	13:1-2	24:1-2	21:5-6
When? Signs of the End	13:3-8	24:3-8	21:7-11
Coming Persecutions	13:9-13	24:9-14	21:12-19
Desolating Sacrilege	13:14-20	24:15-22	21:20-24
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Coming of the Son of Man	13:24-27	24:29-31	21:25-28
Parable of the Fig Tree	13:28-32	24:32-36	21:29-33
Summons to Watchfulness	13:33-37	[25:13-15]	21:34-36
Example of the Flood	---	24:37-44	[17:26-36]
Parable of Good and Wicked Slaves	---	24:45-51	[12:41-46]
Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids	---	25:1-13	---
Parable of the Talents	---	25:14-30	[19:11-27]
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Symbolic Meanings of Numbers in Ancient Judaism and Christianity:

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1	singularity; God in monotheism (Deut 6:4); unity for humans (John 10:16; Eph 4:4)
2	duality: contrary (light/dark, good/evil) or complimentary (material/spiritual; human/divine)
3	God's actions: 3 "visitors" (Gen 18:2); "third day" (Exod 19:11); later "Trinity" (Matt 28:19)
3½	half of seven; thus things in process, still incomplete
4	earth, directions, winds, empires; later the four Gospels/ Evangelists
6	human work/effort (Luke 13:14); incompleteness, imperfection (not yet 7)
7	days in a week, Sabbath rest (Gen 2:1-3); thus natural & divine completeness/perfection
8	Jewish day of Circumcision (Exod 22:30); Christian day of Resurrection (John 20:26) [not used in Rev]
10	completion; basis of many number systems (# digits on fingers/ toes!)
11	incompletion; only eleven apostles remain after Judas' death
12	months per year, tribes of Israel, apostles of Jesus; human completion
[13]	[used in later superstition; based on Judas, but not used in Bible itself]
24	Christian number for completion/restoration: OT tribes + NT apostles
30	days in month in ancient lunar calendars [not used in Rev]
40	very long time: years of Israel's Exodus, days of Jesus' temptation [not in Rev]
42	number of months in 3½ years (see also 1260 days)
100	= 10x10 [not used in Rev]
144	= 12x12, thus perfect completion
360	number of days in a lunar year
365	number of days in a solar year (cf. Gen 5:23)
666	number of the beast (Rev 13:18 only; variant reading is 616)
1000	= 10x10x10
1260	= number of days in 3½ years (thus incompleteness)
10,000	"myriad"; highest ancient number with its own name