The Book of Revelation - Outline

I. Introduction
1:1-3 Introduction, Blessing for those who listen
1:4-8 Salutation
1:9-20 Vision of the Lord Jesus

II. Messages to the Seven Churches
Commendation to all but Laodicea
Rebuke to all but Smyrna and Philadelphia
Common message to all the churches: He that has ears to hear must listen; he that overcomes will be rewarded, and what the Lord Jesus says to one, He says to all
2:1-7 Ephesus - the Busy Church
2:8-11 Smyrna - the Faithful Church
2:12-17 Pergamos - the Compromising Church
2:18-29 Thyatira - the Immoral Church
3:1-6 Sardis - the Defiled and Dying Church
3:7-13 Philadelphia - the Church of the Open Door
3:14-22 Laodicea - the Lukewarm Church

III. The Throne Room in Heaven and Worship of the Lamb - Chapters 4-5
Chapters 6-19 - The Tribulation Period (70th Week of Daniel 9)
The events described are not given in chronological order. The Seal, Trumpet, and Vial Judgments are three separate visions of parallel portions of the period, separated by parenthetic interludes at chapters 7 and 11-14 going both into past history and the future millennium. The 6th Seal, 7th Trump & 7th Vial all describe the same event. The Seal judgments encompass the entire 70th week of Daniel 9, with the first two immediately preceding and last two immediately following, while the Trumpet and Vial Judgments occur only in the latter half of that ‘week’ (42 months) (Dan. 9:27 & 12:7, Rev. 11:2-3, 12:6-7,14 & 13:5):

Timeline of Tribulation - Daniel's 70th Week
7 Seals ①②③④⑤⑥⑦
7 Trumpets (last 3 = 3 woes) ①②③④⑤⑥⑦
7 Vials ①②③④⑤⑥⑦

IV. Seven Seal Judgments - Chapter 6, 8:1
1st six seals - Chapter 6
① White Horse - Antichrist's Rise to Power - 6:1-2
② Red Horse - World War - 6:3-4
(precipitates the covenant of Daniel 9:27)
③ Black Horse - Feast & Famine - 6:5-6
Destruction of the middle class
④ Pale Horse - Death - Pandemics & Plagues - 6:4-8
⑤ Martyrdom, promise of vengeance - 6:9-11
⑥ Great Earthquake & Signs in the Heavens - 6:13-14
(Note: the 6th Seal occurs "immediately after the tribulation of those days" - Matt. 24:29 (Is. 34:4)

V. (Parenthetic Interlude) - The Millennium
Chapter 7 - 144,000 Sealed, Redeemed Multitude

VII. Seven Thunders - a Mystery message - Ch. 10
⑦ The Last Trump - 10:7, 11:15-19
Previews the 2nd Coming of Christ
Great earthquake, hail (6th Seal, 7th Vial)
(Ends the tribulation; cf. Rev 20:1-6;
1 Cor. 15:51-52, Matt. 24:31)

VIII. (Parenthetic Interludes)
Chapter 11:1-14 - The Two Witnesses
Chapter 12 - Satan attacks Israel
Chapter 13 - Antichrist and the False Prophet
Chapter 14 - Angelic Announcements

IX. Seven Vial Judgments - Chapters 15-16
① Grievous Sores - 16:2
② Sea turned to blood - all sea life dies - 16:3
③ All rivers & springs turned to blood - 16:4-7
④ Scorching Heat - 16:8-9
⑤ Darkness & Pain - 16:10-11
⑥ Euphrates dried up for Kings of East - 16:12-16
Preparations for Armageddon
⑦ Great Earthquake, Hail (6th Seal, 7th Trump) - 16:17-21

X. Babylon - Revived Roman Empire
Chapter 17 - Religious Babylon - Rome
Chapter 18 - Commercial/Political Babylon
Destruction of Babylon (Roman/American Empire)

XI. CHRIST'S SECOND ADVENT
Chapter 19 - Battle of Armageddon

XII. Millennial Reign of Christ - 20:1-6
a. Satan bound for 1000 years - 20:2-3
b. "First Resurrection" of the Redeemed - 20:4-6
Judgment Seat of Christ (Rom. 14:10) - believers only
c. Millennial Reign of Christ on Earth
(Dan. 7:18, 26-27)

XIII. Satan's Final Rebellion - 20:7-9
Satan's Judgment & Doom - 20:10

XIV. Great White Throne Judgment - 20:11-15

The New Jerusalem

XVI. Epilogue & Conclusion - 22:6-21