The Book of Revelation - Outline

I. Introduction
1:1-3 Introduction, Blessing for those who listen
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II. Messages to the Seven Churches
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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
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 Christ says to one, He says to all

III. The Throne Room in Heaven and Worship of the Lamb - Chapters 4-5

IV. Chapters 6-19 - The Tribulation Period
(70th Week of Daniel 9)

The events described in these chapters are **not** given in chronological order. The 6th Seal, 7th Trump & 7th Vial Judgments all describe the same event, which ends the tribulation at Christ's coming; thus the 7 Seals, Trumpets, and 7 Vials 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 heavenly throne. The **Seal** judgments encompass the *entire* 70th week of Daniel 9, with the first two immediately preceding and seventh immediately following, while the **Trumpet** and **Vial** Judgments occur only in the latter half (42 months) of that 'week' (Rev. 11:2-3, 12:6-7,14 & 13:5):

Timeline of Tribulation - Daniel's 70th Week

7 Seals ①② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥⑦
7 Trumpets (last 3 = 3 woes) ① ② ③ ④ ❺ ❻ ❼
7 Vials ①②③④⑤⑥⑦

|--------1st Half--------||--------2nd Half---------|
AC's Reign of Terror
Abomination of Desolation ↑ Christ's Return ↑

IV.1 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 III - 6:3-4
(precipitates the covenant of Daniel 9:27)
③ Black Horse - Feast & Famine - 6:5-6
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
(6th Seal is also described at Matt. 24:29; takes place "immediately after the tribulation of those days")

IV.2 (Parenthetic Interlude) - **Chapter 7**
144,000 Sealed, Redeemed Multitude in Heaven

⑦ **7th Seal**: Silence in Heaven - **8:1**

IV.3 Seven Trumpet Judgments - Chapters 8-9, 11

① Flaming Hail burns 1/3 earth - 8:7
② Burning Mountain - 1/3 Seas turned to blood - 8:8
③ Burning Star (Wormwood) - 1/3 Rivers/steams smitten
④ 1/3 Sun Moon & Stars smitten - darkness - 8:12

Last Three Trumpets **- 3 woes** (8:13):
❺ Apollyon - Torment by scorpion-like locusts - 9:1-12
❻ 200M Man Army from east of Euphrates - 9:13-21
1/3 of mankind killed

IV.4 Seven Thunders - a Mystery message - **Ch. 10**

❼ **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)

IV.5 (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

IV.6 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

IV.7 Babylon - Revived Roman Empire
Chapter 17 - Religious Babylon - Rome
Chapter 18 - Commercial/Political Babylon
Destruction of Babylon (Roman/American Empire)

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

VI. 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)

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

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

IX. Our Eternal Inheritance - 21:1-22:5
The New Jerusalem

X. Epilogue & Conclusion - 22:6-21