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

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

Commendation to all but Laodicea

Rebuke to all but Smyrna and Philadelphia

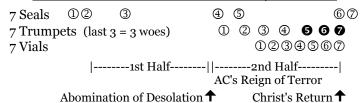
Common message to all the churches: He that has ears to hear must listen; he that overcomes will be rewarded, and what Christ says to one, He says to all

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



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
- S Martyrdom, promise of vengeance 6:9-11
- © 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

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
- ① 1/3 Sun Moon & Stars smitten darkness 8:12

Last Three Trumpets - 3 woes (8:13):

- **6** Apollyon Torment by scorpion-like locusts 9:1-12
- **6** 200M Man Army from east of Euphrates 9:13-21 1/3 of mankind killed

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

7 The Last Trump - 10:7, <u>11:15-19</u>

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
- Scorching Heat 16:8-9
- ⑤ Darkness & Pain 16:10-11
- © Euphrates dried up for Kings of East 16:12-16 Preparations for Armageddon
- © 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