

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 Dead 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

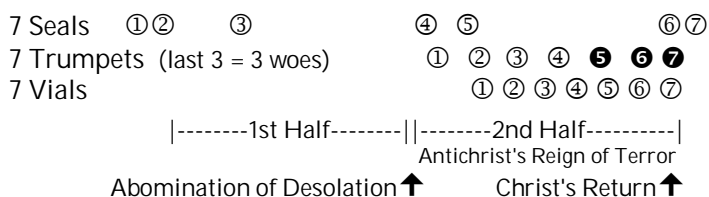
Common message to all the churches: He that has ears to hear must listen; he that overcomes will be rewarded, and what Christ says to one, He says to all

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 parenthetical 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 - Global Warfare - 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 (Parenthetical 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/streams smitten

④ 1/3 Sun Moon & Stars smitten - darkness - 8:12

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

⑤ 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, 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 (Parenthetical 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)

d. Satan's Final Rebellion & Destruction - 20:7-10

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

VIII. Our Eternal Inheritance - 21:1-22:5

The New Jerusalem

IX. Epilogue & Conclusion - 22:6-21