

## The Structure of Revelation<sup>1</sup>

### PROLOGUE 1:1-8

#### FIRST VISION: THE SON OF MAN 1.9-3.22

- Introduced by the voice of the risen Christ, 1:10
- In the Spirit on the Lord's Day on the island of Patmos, 1:10
- "Write what you see" 1:11,19
- John falls down at Christ's feet as though dead, 1:17
- **AFTERMATH:** Christ's words to the seven churches, chs. 2-3
  1. Ephesus 2:1-7 Praise and criticism
  2. Smyrna 2:8-11 Praise and Encouragement
  3. Pergamum 2:12-17 Praise and criticism
  4. Thyatira 2:18-29 Praise and criticism
  5. Sardis 3:1-6 Mostly criticism
  6. Philadelphia 3:7-13 Praise and Encouragement
  7. Laodicea 3:14-22 Criticism only

#### SECOND VISION: THE LAMB TAKES UP HIS REIGN IN HEAVEN 4:1-16:21

- Introduced by the voice of the risen Christ, 4:1
- In the Spirit, called up to heaven, 4:2
- "I will show you", 4:1
- 24 elders fall down and worship, 4:10; 5:8,14
- **AFTERMATH:** Messiah's Reign, 6:1-16:21
  - The Seven Seals, 6:1-8:5
    - Six Seals Opened, 6:1-17
    - Interlude:* Sealing the 144,000, 7:1-8
    - Vision of the multitude, 7:9-17
  - The Seventh Seal, 8:1-5
  - The Seven Trumpets 8:6-11:19
    - Six Trumpets, 8:6-11:19
    - Interlude:* The Angels and the Little Book, 10:1-11
    - The measuring Stick and the Two Witnesses, 11:1-14
  - Seventh Trumpet, , 11:15-19
  - The Woman and the Dragon, 12:1-14:20 (protagonists: Dragon, Beasts, Babylon)
  - The Seven Bowls, 15:1-16:21 (Note: No Interlude!)

#### THIRD VISION: THE JUDGMENT OF THE HARLOT 17:1-21:8

- Introduced by one of the seven Bowl Angels, 17:1
- Carried away in the Spirit into a wilderness, 17.3
- "Come I will show you" 17:1-2
- John falls down to worship the angel, 19:10
- **AFTERMATH:** Judgement of the Rest of God's Enemies and Restoration, 19:11-21:8
  - Judgement of the Beasts, 19:11-21
  - Judgment of Satan, 20:1-10
  - Judgement of Death and Hades (Opening of Lamb's Book of Life), 20:11-15
  - Restoration of all things, 21:1-8

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<sup>1</sup> This outline is from unpublished lectures on Revelation by Charles Hill of RTS Orlando

**FOURTH VISION: THE BRIDE 21:9-22:5**

- Introduced by one of the seven Bowl Angels, 21:9
- Carried away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, 21:10
- “Come I will show you” 21:9
- John Falls down to worship the angel, 22:8

**EPILOGUE 22:6-21**