

# 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 parenthetical 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 ①② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥⑦  
7 Trumpets (last 3 = 3 woes) ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦  
7 Vials ①②③④⑤⑥⑦  
|-----1st Half-----||-----2nd Half-----|

## 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. (Parenthetical Interlude) - The Millennium

**Chapter 7** - 144,000 Sealed, Redeemed Multitude

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

## VI. 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

## 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. (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

## 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

## XV. Our Eternal Inheritance - 21:1-22:5

The New Jerusalem

## XVI. Epilogue & Conclusion - 22:6-21