

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ (simple chiastic outline)

### Prologue (1:1-8)

#### A. Introduction to Seven Churches (1:9-20)

1. Ephesus (2:1-7)
2. Smyrna (2:8-11)
3. Pergamum (2:12-17)
4. Thyatira (2:18-29)
5. Sardis (3:1-6)
6. Philadelphia (3:7-13)
7. Laodicea (3:14-22)

#### B. Introduction to Seven Seals (4-5)

1. First seal: conqueror riding a white horse (6:1-2)
2. Second seal: rider of a red horse causing war (6:3-4)
3. Third seal: rider of a black horse causing famine (6:5-6)
4. Fourth seal: rider of a pale horse causing death (6:7-8)
5. Fifth seal: the martyrs slain for the word of God cry out (6:9-11)
6. Sixth seal: terrifying phenomena (6:12-7-17)
7. Seventh seal: silence in Heaven, commencement of the seven trumpets (8:1)

#### C. Introduction to Seven Trumpets (8:2-6)

1. First trumpet: hail and fire mixed with blood (8:7)
2. Second trumpet: a mountain thrown into the sea which became blood (8:8-9)
3. Third trumpet: a falling star named Wormwood makes water bitter (8:10-11)
4. Fourth trumpet: a third of the sun, moon, and stars were darkened (8:12-13)
5. Fifth trumpet: woe, the locusts from the pit harm men without God's seal (9:1-12)
6. Sixth trumpet: 2nd woe (9:13-11:14)
  - a) Release of the four angels (9:13-21)
  - b) The angel and the small scroll: the end of the mystery (age) of God (10:1-11)
  - c) The two witnesses prophesy for 1260 days, are killed, and raised (11:1-13)
  - d) Warning that the 3rd woe is coming quickly (11:14)
7. Seventh trumpet: proclamation that Christ's kingdom has begun (11:15-18)

#### D. Introduction to Seven Visions (11:19-12:17)

1. Vision of Beast from the Sea (13:1-10)
2. Vision of Beast from the Earth (13:11-18)
3. Vision of Lamb and 144,000 on Mt Zion (14:1-5)
4. Vision of Three Angels: Preaching the Gospel (14:6-13)
5. Vision of Son of Man: Reaping the Harvest (14:14-20)
6. Vision of Sign in Heaven (15:1)
7. Vision of Sea of Glass Mingled with Fire (15:2-4)

C' Introduction to Seven Bowls (15:5-16:1)

1. First bowl: sores of those with the mark of the beast (16:2)
2. Second bowl: sea turns to blood (16:3)
3. Third bowl: rivers turn to blood (16:4-7)
4. Fourth bowl: the sun scorches men with fire (16:8-9)
5. Fifth bowl: the kingdom of the beast becomes full of darkness (16:10-11)
6. Sixth bowl: Euphrates dries up preparing for the battle of Armageddon (16:12-16)
7. Seventh bowl: earthquakes leveling mountains and islands and great hail (16:17-21)

B' Introduction to Seven Words (17:1-18 [17\*])

1. "Babylon is fallen" (18:1-3)
2. "Come out of her, my people" (18:4-20)
3. "With violence Babylon will be thrown down and shall not be found anymore" (18:21-24)
4. "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power to the Lord our God!" (19:1-4)
5. "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!" (19:5)
6. "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!" (19:6-8)
7. "Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!" (19:9-10; 9\*)

A' Introduction to Seven Final Visions (19:11-16)

1. Angel's invitation to the supper of the Great God (19:17-18)
2. The capture and death of God's enemies (19:19-21)
3. Satan chained and imprisoned for 1000 years (20:1-3)
4. Reward given to tribulation martyrs (20:4-10)
5. The Great White Throne and judgement of unbelievers (20:11-15)
6. The New Earth and new heaven (21:1)
7. The New Jerusalem (21:2-21)
- \* No Temple, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its Temple (21:22-22:5)

Epilogue (22:6-21)

## THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

"Write the things you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this" (Rev 1:19).

### Prologue (1:1-8)

1. Title and Blessing (1:1-3)
2. Greeting to the seven churches (1:4-8)

### A. Seven Churches (1:9-3:22)

1. Introduction: John's Vision of Jesus Christ (1:9-20)
2. Messages to Seven Churches in View of the Day of the Lord (2:1-3:22)

#### a. Ephesus (2:1-7)

1. Authority (2:1)
2. Assessment of Works (2:2-3)
3. Rebuke (2:4)
4. Instruction & Warning (2:5)
5. Second praise (2:6)
6. Reward Offered (2:7)

#### b. Smyrna (2:8-11)

1. Authority (2:8)
2. Assessment of Works and Rebuke (2:9)
3. Instruction & Warning (2:10)
4. Reward Offered (2:11)

#### c. Pergamum (2:12-17)

1. Authority (2:12)
2. Assessment of Works (2:13)
3. Rebuke (2:14-15)
4. Instruction & Warning (2:16)
5. Reward Offered (2:17)

#### d. Thyatira (2:18-29)

1. Authority (2:18)
2. Assessment of Works (2:19)
3. Rebuke (2:20-21)
4. Instruction & Warning (2:22-23)
5. Reward Offered (2:24-29)

#### e. Sardis (3:1-6)

1. Authority (3:1)
2. Assessment of Works and Rebuke (3:1)
3. Instruction & Warning (3:2-3)
4. Few praised (3:4)
5. Reward Offered (3:5-6)

#### f. Philadelphia (3:7-13)

1. Authority (3:7)
2. Assessment of Works (3:8-10)
3. Instruction (3:11)

- 3. Reward Offered (3:12-13)
- g. Laodicea (3:14-22)
  - 1. Authority (3:14)
  - 2. Assessment of Works and Rebuke (3:15)
  - 3. Instruction & Warning (3:16-17)
  - 4. Counsel (3:18-19)
  - 5. Reward Offered (3:20-22)
- B. Seven Seals (4:1-8:5)
  - 1. Introduction: Vision of God's throne and the Lamb (4:1-5:14)
    - a. The throne in Heaven (4:1-11)
      - 1) Ministering spirits in God's court (4:1-7)
      - 2) Worship of the Creator (4:8-11)
    - b. The scroll and the Lamb (5:1-14)
      - 1) The Lamb is worthy to take the scroll (5:1-7)
      - 2) Exaltation of the Lamb (5:8-14)
        - a) By the twenty-four elders (5:8-10)
        - b) By the angels of God (5:11-12)
        - c) By every creature (5:13-14)
  - 2. Seven seals revealing divine judgments and signs (6:1-8:1)
    - a. First seal: conqueror riding a white horse (6:1-2)
    - b. Second seal: rider of a red horse causing war (6:3-4)
    - c. Third seal: rider of a black horse causing famine (6:5-6)
    - d. Fourth seal: rider of a pale horse causing death (6:7-8)
    - e. Fifth seal: the martyrs slain for the word of God cry out (6:9-11)
    - f. Sixth seal: terrifying phenomena (6:12-7:17)
      - 1) Realization that the Day of the Lord has come (6:12-17)
      - 2) After these things: Sealing of 144,000 servants of God (7:1-8)
      - 3) After these things: Worship of the great multitude in Heaven (7:9-17)
    - g. Seventh seal: silence in Heaven, commencement of the seven trumpets (8:1)
- C. Seven Trumpets (8:2-11:18)
  - 1. Introduction: seven angels, incense, and prayers of the saints (8:2-6)
  - 2. Seven trumpets of judgments and proclamations (8:7-11:18)
    - a. First trumpet: hail and fire mixed with blood (8:7)
    - b. Second trumpet: a mountain thrown into the sea which became blood (8:8-9)
    - c. Third trumpet: a falling star named Wormwood makes water bitter (8:10-11)
    - d. Fourth trumpet: a third of the sun, moon, and stars were darkened (8:12-13)
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      - 4) Warning that the 3rd woe is coming quickly (11:14)
    - g. Seventh trumpet: proclamation that Christ's kingdom has begun (11:15-18)

D. Seven Visions (11:19-15:4)

1. Introduction: the woman, her child, and the dragon (11:19-12:17)
  - a. Woman clothed in the sun with a garland of 12 stars on her head (12:1-2)
  - b. Red dragon with seven heads and ten horns (12:3-6)
    - 1) War in Heaven and the 3rd woe (12:7-12)
    - 2) War against the woman (12:13-16)
    - 3) War against the woman's offspring (12:17)
2. Seven visions given to John (13:1-15:4)
  - a. Vision of Beast from the Sea (13:1-10)
  - b. Vision of Beast from the Earth (13:11-18)
  - c. Vision of Lamb and 144,000 on Mt Zion (14:1-5)
  - d. Vision of Three Angels: Preaching the Gospel (14:6-13)
  - e. Vision of Son of Man: Reaping the Harvest (14:14-20)
  - f. Vision of Sign in Heaven (15:1)
  - g. Vision of Sea of Glass Mingled with Fire (15:2-4)

C' Seven angels with seven bowls of plagues (15:5-16:21)

1. Introduction (15:5-16:1)
2. Seven bowls of wrath (16:2-16:21)
  - a. First bowl: sores of those with the mark of the beast (16:2)
  - b. Second bowl: sea turns to blood (16:3)
  - c. Third bowl: rivers turn to blood (16:4-7)
  - d. Fourth bowl: the sun scorches men with fire (16:8-9)
  - e. Fifth bowl: the kingdom of the beast becomes full of darkness (16:10-11)
  - f. Sixth bowl: Euphrates dries up preparing for the battle of Armageddon (16:12-16)
  - g. Seventh bowl: earthquakes leveling mountains and islands and great hail (16:17-21)

B' Seven Words (17:1-19:10) [key: 17:17; 19:9]

1. Introduction: Babylon, the Woman in Scarlet on the Scarlet Beast (17:1-18)
  - a. The woman in scarlet (17:1-6)
  - b. This mystery explained (17:7-18)
    - 1) The scarlet beast (17:7-8)
    - 2) The seven heads of the beast (17:9-11)
    - 3) The ten horns of the beast (17:12-14)
    - 4) The waters (17:15)
    - 5) The desolation of the harlot (17:16-17)
    - 6) The harlot (17:18)
2. Seven words proclaimed from Heaven
  - a. "Babylon is fallen" (18:1-3)
  - b. "Come out of her, my people" (18:4-20)
  - c. "With violence Babylon will be thrown down and shall not be found anymore" (18:21-24)
  - d. "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power to the Lord our God!" (19:1-4)
  - e. "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!" (19:5)
  - f. "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!" (19:6-8)
  - g. "Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!" (19:9-10)

A'. Seven Final Visions (19:11-22:9)

1. Introduction: the revelation of Jesus Christ riding on a white horse (19:11-16)
  2. Seven final Visions given to John (19:17-22:5)
    - a. Angel's invitation to the supper of the Great God (19:17-18)
    - b. The capture and death of God's enemies (19:19-21)
    - c. Satan chained and imprisoned for 1000 years (20:1-3)
    - d. Reward given to tribulation martyrs (20:4-10)
    - e. The Great White Throne and judgement of unbelievers (20:11-15)
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Epilogue (22:6-21)

1. Purpose of book: to show God's servants what must shortly take place (22:6-9)
  2. Warning that Jesus is coming suddenly with rewards (22:10-17)
  3. Warning not to add or subtract from this prophecy (22:18-21)
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