The Book of Revelation - Outline

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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 7 Worship of the Lamb - Ch.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 of that 'week' (Rev. 11:2-3, 12:6-7,14 & 13:5):

Timeline of Tribulation - Daniel's 70th Week

7 Seals	D(2)	3		(4		5)						607
7 Trumpets (l	ast 3 =	3 woes)			1	2	3	4		6	0	7
7 Vials						1	2	3	4	(5)	6	7
		1st F	Half			2	2nd	На	ılf-			
				AC's Reign of Terror								
	Abomination of Desolation ↑ Christ's Re							Ret	urn	↑		

IV.1 Seven Seal Judgments - Overview of 70th Week - Chapter 6, 8:1

- ① White Horse Antichrist's Rise to Power 6:1-2
- ② Red Horse World War III (precipitates covenant of Daniel 9:27) 6:3-4
- ③ Black Horse Feast & Famine Destruction of the middle class 6:5-6
- $\ \, \textcircled{4}\ \, \text{Pale Horse}$ Death Pandemics & Plagues 6:4-8
- S Martyrdom, souls in heaven promise of vengeance 6:9-11
- © 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) - same event as the 7th Vial & 7th Trumpet

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 strikes the seas 1/3 seas turned to blood 8:8-9
- ③ Burning Star (Wormwood) 1/3 Rivers/steams smitten 8:10-11
- 4 1/3 part of 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, 1/3 of mankind killed; 9:13-21

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

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

Previews 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 12 - Satan attacks Israel
Chapter 13 - Antichrist & False Prophet
Chapter 14 - Angelic Announcements

IV.6 Seven Vial Judgments - Chapters 15-16

- ① Grievous Sores on beast worshippers only 16:2
- ② Sea turned to blood all sea life dies 16:3 (must follow 2nd Trumpet)
- ③ All rivers & springs turned to blood 16:4-7
- 4 Scorching Heat from intensified Sun 16:8-9 (must precede 6th Seal)
- ⑤ Darkness & Pain on the Beast & his kingdom- 16:10-11
- © Euphrates dried up for Kings of East, Prep. for Armageddon 16:12-16 (same event as 6th Trumpet)
- $\ensuremath{{\footnotemath{\bigcirc}}}$ Great Earthquake, Hail (6th Seal, 7h 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