Outline of the

Revelation

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IV. The Vision Unfolds from the Throne of God

- The door of heaven  Rev. 4:1
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- The twenty-four elders and the four beasts  Rev. 4:4-8
  - The first beast was like a lion  Rev. 4:7
  - The second beast was like a calf  Rev. 4:7
  - The third beast had the face of a man  Rev. 4:7
  - The fourth beast was like a flying eagle  Rev. 5:1-14
- The Sealed Book
  - The scroll in the right hand of power of the one enthroned  Rev. 5:1
  - The search for one worthy to open the scroll  Rev. 5:2-5
  - The special Lamb who is found worthy to open the scroll  Rev. 5:6-7
  - The saints rejoicing in heaven  Rev. 5:8-14
- The breaking of the seven seals
  - The first seal revealed a rider on a white horse  Rev. 6:1-3
  - A second seal revealed a rider on a red horse  Rev. 6:4
  - The third seal revealed a rider on a black horse  Rev. 6:4
  - The fourth seal revealed a rider on a pale horse  Rev. 6:7-8
  - The fifth seal revealed an altar with praying souls of martyrs  Rev. 6:9-11
  - The sixth seal was broken to reveal upheavals in nature  Rev. 6:12-17
First Interlude

Before the opening of the seventh seal of the scroll there was the first of six interludes recorded in Revelation 7. During the interlude John becomes a witness to

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- The seventh seal was then broken followed by silence in heaven for the space of half an hour. Rev. 8:1
  
  Seven angels whom stood before God made divine preparations. They were given seven trumpets. Another angel was given a golden censer to offer incense with the prayers of the saints ascending from the golden altar, which was before the throne. Rev. 8:3-5

- The sounding of the seven trumpets Rev. 8:6-11:19

  - The first trumpet sounded and the earth was smitten with hail, fire, and blood Rev. 8:6-7
  
  - The second trumpet sounded and the sea was smitten by a burning mountain that fell into it. Rev. 8:8-9
  
  - The third trumpet sounded and the rivers of the earth were smitten as a star called wormwood fell into them. Rev. 8:10-11
  
  - The fourth trumpet sounded and men were smitten. The sun, moon, and stars were affected. Rev. 8:12-13
  
  - The fifth trumpet sounded and men were smitten. The first woe of plagues came forth, a plague of locusts. Rev. 9:12
  
  - The sixth trumpet sounded and yet more men were killed in a great slaughter for the second woe was unleashed in the form of warriors on horseback Rev. 9:13-21
Second Interlude

During this second interlude in Revelation 10:1-11:4,

John bears witness to a little scroll 
Rev. 10:1-11

and two witnesses to whom special attention is paid. 
Rev. 11:1-14

- Their association with the temple 
Rev. 11:1-2
- The duration of their ministry 
Rev. 11:3
- Their personal protection and power 
Rev. 11:4-6
- The termination of their ministry 
Rev. 11:7-10
- Their ultimate translation 
Rev. 11:11-14

- The seventh trumpet sounded to announce the sovereign reign of the Lord over the nations of the earth (11:15-19). The nations resisted with violence the reign of the Sovereign.

- In John's vision there began to appear a series of seven personages 
Rev. 12:1-14:20

- The first person was a woman clothed with the sun 
Rev. 12:1-2
- The second person was a great red dragon 
Rev. 12:3-4
- The third person was a man-child 
Rev. 12:5-6
- The fourth person was the archangel 
Rev. 12:7-12
- The fifth person was the woman with the man-child 
Rev. 12:13-17
- The sixth person was the beast out of the sea 
Rev. 13:1-10
- The seventh person was the beast out of the earth 
Rev. 13:11-18

Third Interlude

After the description of the seven personages John heard various announcements proclaimed concerning the Lamb of God, the everlasting gospel, the worship of the beast and the blessed dead.

- The Lamb on Mount Zion and the 144,000 
Rev. 14:1-5
- The proclamation of the everlasting gospel by angels 
Rev. 14:6-8
The worship of the beast  
Rev. 14:9-13

The blessed dead and a great harvest  
Rev. 14:14-20

- The third interlude came to an end and the prelude to the seven bowl judgments began as John saw a sea of glass (15:2-4). Angels came out of the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven (15:5-8)

- The first bowl of boils was poured out  
Rev. 16:1-2

- The second bowl was poured out. There was blood in the seas.  
Rev. 16:3

- The third bowl was poured out the waters, streams, and lakes.  
Rev. 16:4-7

- The fourth bowl was poured out and there was scorching heat.  
Rev. 16:8-9

- The fifth bowl was poured out and there was darkness.  
Rev. 16:10-11

- The sixth bowl was poured out and the Euphrates River dried in preparation for the battle of Armageddon.  
Rev. 16:12-16

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| During this fourth interlude John observed three unclean spirits came out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet.  
Rev. 16:13-16 |

- The seventh bowl was poured out and there was great hail.  
Rev. 16:17-21

- The vision of John entered into a final phase as he bore witness to the seven final judgments.  
Rev. 17:1

- The first judgment concentrated on religious Babylon.  
Rev. 17:1-18

- The second judgment concentrated on commercial Babylon.  
Rev. 18:1-24
An appeal was then made for the people to be separate

from the evil system  
Rev. 18:4-8

because anguish was certain.  
Rev. 18:9-10

The just judgment caused great joy among the elect of God.  
Rev. 18:20-24

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Fifth Interlude

John enjoyed a fifth interlude as the apostle looked for the Second Advent of Christ  
Rev. 19:1-21

which occurs with a hallelujah chorus  
Rev. 19:1-7

a marriage supper  
Rev. 19:8-10

and the defeat of all the enemies of the Lord.  
Rev. 19:11-21

- After the interlude John testified to the third judgment in the fall of the false prophet and the beast.  
Rev. 19:20

- The fourth judgment John witnessed was the judgment upon those nations hostile to Christ.  
Rev. 19:21

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Sixth Interlude

In this interlude John observes

- the binding of Satan  
Rev. 20:1-3

- the first resurrection  
Rev. 20:4-6

- a final rebellion  
Rev. 20:7-9

- The fifth judgment concentrated on the destruction of Gog and Magog.  
Rev. 20:8-9

- The sixth judgment dealt with Satan.  
Rev. 20:10

- The seventh judgment dealt with the wicked dead.  
Rev. 20:11-15

- The vision of John was brought to a conclusion by observing seven wonderful things.
  - A new heaven  
Rev. 21:1

  - A new earth  
Rev. 21:2-8

  - A new city  
Rev. 21:9-23

  - A new order of nations  
Rev. 21:24-27

  - A river of life  
Rev. 22:1
A tree of life  Rev. 22:2
An eternal throne  Rev. 22:3-5

V. Conclusion: The apostle John closed the Revelation with
  - Words of comfort  Rev. 22:6-17
  - Words of confrontation  Rev. 22:18-19
  - Words of blessing  Rev. 22:20-21