

Outline of the

Revelation

Part I

“The things which thou hast seen”

I. The Prologue	Rev. 1:1-2
• The title	Rev. 1:1-3
• The salutation	Rev. 1:4-6
• The soon coming of Christ	Rev. 1:7
• The personal testimony of Christ	Rev. 1:8
II. The Command to Write	Rev. 1:9-10
• The circumstances of the vision	Rev. 1:9-11
• The Christ of the vision	Rev. 1:12-16
• The critical results of having had the vision	Rev. 1:17-20

Part II

“The things which are”

III. Seven Letters of love to the Seven Churches	
• The letter of love to the church of Ephesus	Rev. 2:1-7
• The letter of love to the church of Smyrna	Rev. 2:8-11
• The letter of love to the church of Pergamos	Rev. 2:12-17
• The letter of love to the church of Thyatira	Rev. 2:18-29
• The letter of love to the church of Sardis	Rev. 3:1-6
• The letter of love to the church of Philadelphia	Rev. 3:7-13
• The letter of love to the church of Laodicea	Rev. 3:14-22

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

the sealing of the 144,000 Jews Rev. 7:1-8

and a great multitude of Gentiles washed by the blood of the Lamb Rev. 7:9-17

- 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

Fourth Interlude

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
because anguish was certain.

Rev. 18:4-8
Rev. 18:9-10

The just judgment caused great joy among the elect of God.

Rev. 18:20-24

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
a marriage supper

Rev. 19:1-7

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

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