THE BOOK OF REVELATION

THE VISIONS, JUDGMENTS & TIMELINE

A SCRIPTURE-BASED OVERVIEW (CHAPTERS 4–22)





CH. 4 – 5

THE THRONE & THE SCROLL



- God's throne in heaven (4:1–11)
- The Lamb receives the seven-sealed scroll (5:1–14)

REVELATION 4 – 5

CH. 6 – 8:1

THE SEVEN SEALS



1. Conquest (6:1–2)
2. War (6:3–4)
3. Famine (6:5–6)
4. Death (6:7–8)
5. Martyrs cry out (6:9–11)
6. Great earthquake & cosmic signs (6:12–17)

REVELATION 6 (Seals 1–6)

CH. 7

INTERLUDE 1

THE SEALED & THE MULTITUDE



- 144,000 sealed (7:1–8)
- A great multitude from every nation (7:9–17)

REVELATION 7

CH. 8 – 11

THE SEVEN TRUMPETS



1. Hail & fire on earth (8:7)
2. A burning mountain into the sea (8:8–9)
3. A great star (Wormwood) poisons waters (8:10–11)
4. Darkening of sun, moon & stars (8:12)
5. Locusts from the abyss (First Woe) (9:1–12)
6. Four angels & vast army (Second Woe) (9:13–21)

REVELATION 8 – 9 (Trumpets 1–6)

CH. 10 – 11:14

INTERLUDE 2

THE LITTLE SCROLL, THE TEMPLE & TWO WITNESSES



- Mighty angel & little scroll (10:1–11)
- Temple measured (11:1–2)
- Two witnesses (11:3–13)

REVELATION 10 – 11:14

CH. 12 – 14

THE SEVENTH TRUMPET



- The Third Woe (11:14)
- The kingdom of Christ proclaimed (11:15–18)
- Judgments, reward & temple opened (11:19)

REVELATION 11:15 – 19 (Trumpet 7)

CH. 15 – 16

MAJOR VISION SECTION



- The woman, child & dragon (ch. 12)
- The two beasts (ch. 13)
- The Lamb, 144,000, three angels' messages & harvests (ch. 14)

REVELATION 12 – 14

CH. 17 – 19

THE SEVEN BOWLS (FINAL PLAGUES)



1. Painful sores (16:2)
2. Sea becomes blood (16:3)
3. Fresh waters become blood (16:4–7)
4. Scorching heat (16:8–9)
5. Darkness on the beast's kingdom (16:10–11)
6. Euphrates dried up (16:12–16)
7. "It is done!" (16:17–21)

REVELATION 15 – 16

CH. 17 – 19

BABYLON'S FALL & CHRIST'S VICTORY



- Judgment of Babylon (ch. 17–18)
- Heaven rejoices (ch. 19:1–10)
- The return of Christ & defeat of the beast and false prophet (19:11–21)

REVELATION 17 – 19

CH. 20 – 22

THE MILLENNIUM & ETERNAL STATE



- The thousand-year reign of Christ (20:1–6)
- Final rebellion & Great White Throne judgment (20:7–15)
- New heaven, new earth & the New Jerusalem (21:1 – 22:21)

REVELATION 20 – 22

SEVEN SEALS (Ch. 6 – 8:1) → **SEVEN TRUMPETS (Ch. 8 – 11)** → **SEVENTH TRUMPET (11:15 – 19)** → **SEVEN BOWLS (Ch. 15 – 16)**

KEY TRANSITIONS IN THE VISION ORDER

- **Ch. 4–5** – The Lamb takes the seven-sealed scroll.
- **Ch. 6** – Seal judgments begin (Seals 1–6).
- **Ch. 7** – Interlude: 144,000 and great multitude.
- **Ch. 8:1** – Seal 7 opens (silence), introducing the trumpets.
- **Ch. 8–9** – Trumpets 1–6, ending with the Second Woe.
- **Ch. 10–11:14** – Interlude: little scroll, temple and two witnesses.
- **Ch. 11:15** – Trumpet 7 (the Third Woe) and the kingdom proclaimed.
- **Ch. 12–14** – Major visions: woman, dragon, two beasts, 144,000, messages, harvests.
- **Ch. 15–16** – Seven bowl judgments (final plagues).
- **Ch. 17–19** – Babylon's fall and Christ's victory.
- **Ch. 20–22** – Millennium, final judgment and the new creation.

THE THREE WOES

FIRST WOE Trumpet 5 (9:1–12)	• Demonic locusts from the abyss • Torment for 5 months
SECOND WOE Trumpet 6 (9:13–21)	• Four angels released • A massive, deadly army • A third of humanity killed
THIRD WOE Trumpet 7 (11:14–19)	• The kingdom of Christ proclaimed • God's wrath and judgment • Final preparation for the bowls

PROPHETIC TIME PERIODS

1,260 DAYS (42 months) (11:3; 12:6)	• Time of witness & persecution • Often linked with the two witnesses and the woman's protection
42 MONTHS (13:5)	• The beast's period of authority • Same period as 1,260 days
TIME, TIMES & HALF A TIME (12:14)	• Three and a half years (3½ years) • Same 1,260-day / 42-month period • A time of intense persecution

TWO MAJOR INTERPRETATIONS (HOW THE JUDGMENTS RELATE)

SEQUENTIAL / TELESCOPING
(Common in Futurist Views)

Seals → Trumpets → Bowls

- ✓ Judgments occur in sequence.
- ✓ The 7th seal introduces the trumpets.
- ✓ The 7th trumpet leads to the bowls (often seen as the same final period, intensifying toward the end).

OVERLAPPING / RECAPITULATION
(Common in Historicist, Idealist & Some Preterist Views)

Seals / Trumpets / Bowls

- ✓ Each series describes the same overall period from a different angle.
- ✓ The judgments overlap and repeat with increasing detail and intensity.

KEY TAKEAWAY: *Revelation unfolds in a clear order of visions — seals, trumpets, bowls and final victory — with strategic interludes that give further insight, confirm God's plan, and call His people to faithfulness until the return of Jesus Christ.*