

## Detailed Structure of Revelation (Walvoord, BKC)

### I. Introduction: "What You Have Seen" (chap. 1)

1. Prologue (1:1-3)
2. Salutation (1:4-8)
3. The Patmos vision of Christ glorified (1:9-18)
4. The command to write (1:19-20)

### II. Letters to the Seven Churches: "What Is Now" (chaps. 2-3)

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)

"Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches."

### III. The Revelation of the Future: "What Will Take Place Later" (chaps. 4-22)

#### A. The Events (4-9)

1. Vision of the heavenly throne (chap. 4)
2. Seven-sealed scroll (chap. 5)
3. Opening six of the seals: the time of divine wrath (chap. 6)
4. Saved in the Great Tribulation (chap. 7)
5. Seventh seal opened introducing seven trumpet judgments (chaps. 8-9)

#### B. The Personages (10-15)

1. The mighty angel and the little scroll (chap. 10)
2. The two witnesses (11:1-14)
3. The sounding of the seventh trumpet (11:15-19)
4. Seven great personages of the end times (chaps. 12-15)

#### C. The End of the Age (16-19)

1. Seven bowls of divine wrath (chap. 16)
2. The fall of Babylon (chaps. 17-18)
3. The song of hallelujah in heaven (19:1-10)
4. The second coming of Christ (19:11-21)

#### D. The Future of the Kingdom (20-22)

1. Millennial reign of Christ (20:1-10)
2. Great white throne judgment (20:11-15)
3. New heaven and the new earth (21:1-22:5)

#### E. The final word from God (22:6-21)<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from the outline by John F. Walvoord, "Revelation," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 927-928.