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# Revelation For the Church

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a church community with a heart for the world

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## **An Overview of the Revelation (with chapters)**

- Addressing the Seven Churches (1-3)
- Establishing the Vision at the Throne (4-5)
- First View of Judgment and Salvation (6-7)
- Second View of Judgment and Salvation (8-14)
- Third View of Judgment: A New Egypt (15-16)
- Fourth View of Judgment: A New Babylon (17-18)
- Third View of Salvation: A New King (19-20)
- Fourth View of Salvation: A New Jerusalem (20-21)
- Addressing the Faithful: A Wedding Feast (22)

## **A Developing Pattern**

### The Seals

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| Chapter 6 | Seals 1-6   |
| Chapter 7 | Interlude for Israel's 144,000 and the Great Multitude of Nations                                       |
| Chapter 8 | Seal 7 is opened and there is silence<br>Followed by Thunder, Rumbblings, Lightening, and an Earthquake |

### The Trumpets

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| Chapter 8:6-12     | Trumpets 1-4   |
| Chapter 8:13       | Eagle announcing 3 Woes  |
| Chapter 9:1-12     | Trumpet 5, the First Woe   |
| Chapter 9:13-21    | Trumpet 6  |
| Chapter 10:1–11:13 | Interlude for Little Scroll and Two Witnesses                                  |
| Chapter 11:14      | Announcement of Second Woe (e.g. Trumpet 6)                                    |
| Chapter 11:15-19   | The Seventh Trumpet<br>With Thunder, Rumbblings, Lightening, and an Earthquake |

## **The Third Woe Or Another Intensification?**

Chapter 12 Woman's Son and the Defeated Dragon

Chapter 13 First Beast and Second Beast

Chapter 14 The Harvest of the Faithful and the Wicked

Call for Endurance and Faith

Chapters 12:17, 13:10, and 14:12

## **A Proposal**

With the pattern of repetition and intensification, combined with the concern for present application (e.g. encouragement), it appears that Revelation is not primarily a linear view of the end times in the future, but a prophetic word for today, which is already the beginning of the end.

## **Time & Sequence inside Revelation**

Linear Like train cars one after another

Repetitive Like layers of a cake one on top of another

Telescoping Like a circle that spirals onto a point

## **Time and Sequence outside of Revelation**

Which events have already happened, are happening and/or will happen?

Preterists see most of Revelation already fulfilled in the Roman Empire days.

Historicists see most of Revelation happening linearly through history.

Idealists see most of Revelation happening in history (observing the repetitions).

Futurists see most of Revelation yet to happen at the end of time.

## **The Millennium: 1000 Years of Peace on Earth**

Premillennial View Futurists

Christ returns before the millennium—either before or after the Tribulation

Postmillennial View Preterists, Historicists

Christ returns after the millennium

Amillennial View Idealists, Preterists, Historicists

Either there is no millennium OR

The millennium reign of peace happens in the midst of the broken world