

# Revelation

An overview  
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# Outline of Revelation

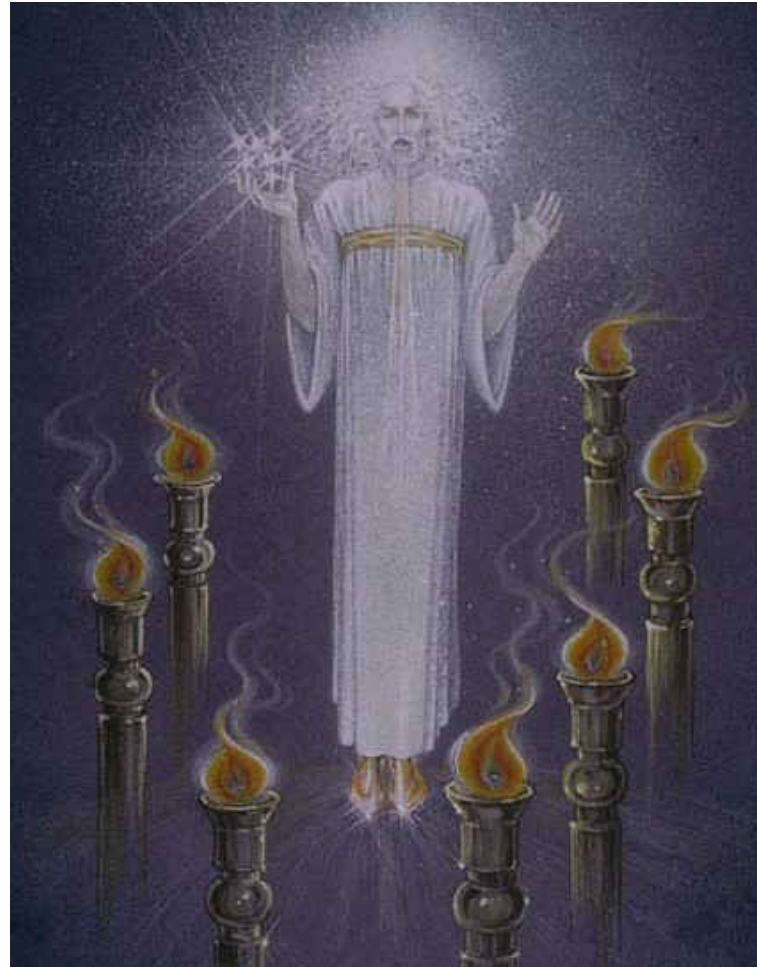
- On the broadest level, there is considerable disagreement on how to outline the book. We will follow George Ladd's suggestion.
- There is general agreement on how the book is structured at the next level down, e.g., letters to churches, the seven seals, etc.

# Ladd's Structure

- Prologue (1:1-8)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vision (1:9-3:22): The Present
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vision (4:1-16:21): The Future
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vision (17:1-21:8): The End
- 4<sup>th</sup> Vision (21:9-22:5): The Beginning
- Epilogue (22:6-21)

# First Vision: The Present

- Vision of the glorified Christ (1:9-20)
- His letters to the seven churches (2:1-3:22)



# Second Vision: The Future

- The heavenly throne room (4:1-11)
- The seven seals (5:1-8:1)
- The seven trumpets (8:2-11:19)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> vision interlude (12:1-14:20)
- The seven bowls (15:1-16:21)



# The Third Vision: The End

- Babylon destroyed (17:1-19:5)
- Final victory (19:6-21:8)



# The Fourth Vision: The Beginning

- The New Jerusalem (21:9-27)
- The River of Life (22:1-5)



More Detail: Next Level Down



# The seven seals (5:1-8:1)

- The scroll & the Lamb (5:1-14)
- Six seals are opened (6:1-17)
- Seal interlude: 2 multitudes (7:1-17)
  - The 144,000 (7:1-8)
  - The innumerable multitude (7:9-17)
- The seventh seal (8:1)



# The seven trumpets (8:2-14:20)

- Trumpets prepare to sound (8:2-6)
- Six trumpets sounded (8:7-9:21)
- The trumpet interlude: angel w/ scroll & 2 witnesses (10:1-11:13)
- The seventh trumpet sounds (11:14-20)



## 2<sup>nd</sup> vision interlude (12:1-14:20)

- The dragon, the woman & her seed (12:1-17)
- The two beasts (13:1-18)
- The 144,000, the 3 angels, the 2 harvests (14:1-20)



# The seven bowls (15:1-16:21)

- The bowls prepared (15:1-8)
- The bowls poured out (16:1-21)



# Babylon destroyed (17:1-19:5)

- The woman on the beast (17:1-18)
- The judgment on the city (18:1-19:5)



# Final victory (19:6-21:8)

- The marriage of the Lamb (19:6-10)
- Christ's second coming (19:11-21)
- The millennial rule (20:1-10)
- The last judgment (20:11-15)
- New heavens & new earth (21:1-8)



# The End

What practical applications do we find in the book of Revelation?



# Practical Applications

- Worship! – more in this book than in any book of the New Testament.
- Persecution – believers can expect to face persecution in this world, especially at the end.
- Future hope – here is the clearest picture of the hope which believers have, which should motivate them to serve God.