Revelation

An overview

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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\textsuperscript{st} Vision (1:9-3:22): The Present
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} Vision (4:1-16:21): The Future
- 3\textsuperscript{rd} Vision (17:1-21:8): The End
- 4\textsuperscript{th} 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)
- 2nd 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)
2nd 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

- 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.