

Spiral Outline of Revelation

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Rev. 4: Heavenly throneroom

Rev 5: introduction of scroll with seven seals and the Lamb

First cycle:

Opening of seven seals:

6:1 first seal (white horse of empire)

6:3 second seal (red horse of warfare)

6:5 third seal (black horse of famine)

6:7 fourth seal (green horse of death)

6:9 fifth seal: souls under the altar

6:12 sixth seal: general cosmic catastrophe

interlude: chapter 7: sealing of the saints, hymns of praise

8:1 seventh seal: silence in heaven

Second Cycle:

8:2 introduction of seven angels with seven trumpets

8:7 first trumpet

8:8 second trumpet

8:10 third trumpet

8:12 fourth trumpet

interlude: eagle announces "woes"

9:1-12 fifth trumpet/ first woe (opening of the bottomless pit; locusts)

9:13 sixth trumpet/ second woe (four angels of plagues)

interlude: Chapter 10: scroll of prophecy; Chapter 11: Temple and witnesses

11:14 end of “second woe,” announcement of “third woe”

11:15 Seventh trumpet: praise in heaven

Long interlude:

chapter 12: the woman and the dragon

Chapter 13: the dragon and the beast

Chapter 14: the Lamb and the redeemed

Third Cycle: seven angels with seven plagues/bowls (15:1)

15: intro to seven angels

16: 2 first angel

16:3 second angel

16:4 third angel

16:8 fourth angel

16:10 fifth angel

16:12 sixth angel

16: 17 seventh angel

Great Conclusion:

Great Interlude: Destruction of Rome, wailings, and praise (17-19:10)

Final Battle: 19:11-21

Imprisonment and eventual destruction of enemies (20)

Establishment of new Jerusalem (21-22)