

An Outline Of The Revelation of Jesus Christ To John

(As suggested in the Ryrie Study Bible)

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- a. The Throne (4:1-3)
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- c. The Theme (4:9-11)

2. The Book In Heaven (5:1-14)

- a. The book (5:1)
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- d. The song (5:8-14)

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- e. Fourth Trumpet – the heavens smitten (8:12-13)
- f. Fifth Trumpet – men smitten (9:1-12)
- g. Sixth Trumpet – men killed (9:13-21)

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 - d. Fourth Bowl - sun scorches humans who blaspheme God and do not repent (16:8-9)
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