

Looking Backward To Look Forward

- A. There are many overviews/outlines of Revelation. Much like the book, if you approach an overview from a different angle or perspective, you might come up with something slightly different. However, for our purposes, here is a good visual chiastic outline (a symmetrical structure used in ancient literature to aid in recollection or memorization).

- 1^o. Greeting, Introduction of Jesus Christ (1:1-20)
- 2^o. The Seven Churches (2:1-3:22)
- 3^o. The Throne Of God & Lamb (4:1-5:14)
- 4^o. The Seven Seals (6:1-8:5)
- 5^o. The Seven Trumpets (8:6-11:19)
- XX. Satan vs. The Lamb (12:1-14:20)
- 5ⁱ. The Seven Bowls (15:1-16:21)
- 4ⁱ. The Fall of Babylon (17:1-18:24)
- 3ⁱ. The Victory of God & Lamb (19:1-20:15)
- 2ⁱ. The New Heaven & Earth (21:1-22:5)
- 1ⁱ. Conclusion, Urgency For Christ's Coming (22:6-21).

- B. The entire book of Revelation, when viewed from this type of chiastic outline (there are many others which also have great merit), centers on Revelation 12:11, the theme verse and focal point of the entire Apocalypse!

Celebration & Thanksgiving

- A. When significant events happen, it is important to take time to celebrate and be thankful. This season is set aside in America for exactly that purpose. Revelation also teaches thanksgiving and celebration at the defeat of Babylon (Revelation 19:1-8).
- B. Our thanksgiving and celebration does not end with the conclusion of Revelation, but continues in an ongoing manner of "eucharisteo" (11:17) as God's people living "in remembrance" of Him!