I.Introduction (1:1-8) Α. Prologue (1:1–3) 1. Greeting and Praise (1:4–8) 2. Vision of Christ the Judge (1:9-20) II.Church and the World (1-11) A.First Vision 1.Glorified Christ (1:9-20) a)Instructions to write 1:19 (1)What you have seen (exalted Christ) (2) Those that are - to churches (3)Those to take place after this 4:1 ff 2. Exhortations to the Seven Churches (chs. 2-3) a) Ephesus (2:1-7) (1)Rejects evil, perseveres, has patience (a)Love for Christ no longer fervent (2)to eat of the tree of life; the crown of life b). Smyrna (2:8–11) (1)Gracefully bears suffering (2) not be hurt by the second death c) Pergamos (2:12-17) (1)Keeps the faith of Christ (a)Tolerates immorality, idolatry, and heresies (2) hidden manna, a white stone, with a new name d) Thyratira (2:18-29) (1)Love, service, faith, patience are greater than at first (a)Tolerates cult of idolatry and immorality (2) authority over the nations (a) I will give him the morning star. e)Sardis (3:1-6) (1)Some have kept the faith (a)A dead church (2) clothed in white garments, name never blotted out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. f) Philadelphia (3:7–13) (1)Perseveres in the faith, keeps the word of Christ, honors His name (2) a pillar in the temple of my God. I will write on him the name of my God and my own new name. g) Laodicea (3:14-22) (1)Indifferent, lukewarm (2) I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, B.Second vision The Scroll and Its Seven Seals (4:1-8:5) a) God the King, Ch 4 b) Christ the Worthy One (ch 5)

(1)Redemption accomplished

(2)Glory and Power to the Lamb - Rule of Christ from heaven

c)Opening Six Seals (ch. 6) (1)Persecution (6:9) (2)Judgement (6:1-17) (a)End of the World, "Great Day of Their Wrath" 6:12-17, esp. 6:17 d) "Interlude": Care for the Saints (ch. 7) (1)The 144,000 - the Church on earth vss. 1-8 (2) The multitude - the Church in Heaven vss. 9-17 (3)Note parallel with new Heaven etc. 7:15-17 <==> 21:1-4 e) Opening the Seventh Seal (8:1-5) (Third vision overlaps second) (1) earthquake motif in 8:5 C. Third Vision: Seven Angels with Seven Trumpets (8:2–11:19) 1 Seven Angels Before God (8:2–6) 2.Six Angels Blow Their Trumpets (8:7-9:21) 3.Instructions for John ch. 10 4. The Two Witnesses (11:1-14) 5. The Seventh Angel Blows His Trumpet (11:15–19) a)Kingdom has come in power - Judgement Day (1)NB 11:17 "Who is and Who was" -- already come III.Christ and the Dragon (12-22) A. Fourth Vision: War - the Dragon against Christ and His Church (chs. 12-14) 1. The People of God versus Satan (12:1-6) a)Birth of Christ 12:5 2. Six Symbolic Histories (12:7–14:11) a) History of the Dragon (12:7–12) b) History of the Woman (12:13–17) c) History of the Beast from the Sea -- the False Christ (13:1–10) d) History of the Beast from the Earth—the False Prophet (13:11–18) e) The 144,000 (14:1-5) f) Three Angelic Messengers (14:6–11) 3.Care for the Saints (14:12, 13) 4. The Seventh Symbolic History The Wrath of God (14:14–20) a)Harvest - the Winepress of the Wrath of God (1)NB Intensity - the is THE Great Day B. Fifth Vision: Seven Bowls of God's Wrath from the Temple (chs. 15; 16) 1. Final judgement on impenitent a)Again NB language which speaks of the End (1)16:18-21

C. Sixth Vision: Judgment on Babylon and Vindication of the Church (17:1–19:21) 1.18 Wrath of God upon Babylon is just and terrible

2.19:1-5 Heavenly Interlude -

a)1-5 Rejoice in God's Righteous Judgement

b)6-10 Marriage supper of Lamb

3.King of Kings destroys His enemies - End of the War 19:11-21 a)19:19-21

(1)Beast and prophet into Lake of Fire

(2) the rest slain by the sword

D. Seventh Vision: The Reign of the Saints and the Last Judgment; the Covenant Fulfilled (20:1–22:5)

1. Binding of Satan at first advent (Matt 12:29)

2.Rule of Christ

3.Last Battle and Final Judgment (20:7-10, 11-15)

4.The New Jerusalem (21:9-22:5)

IV.Final Exhortations (22:6–20)

V. Closing Blessing (22:21)

Expanded outline of Third Vision - the Seven Trumpets v. 0.1

Third Vision: Seven Angels with Seven Trumpets (8:2–11:19)

VI.Seven Angels Before God (8:2–6)

A.One angel offers incense with prayers of saints (8:3-5)

B.Six Angels Blow Their Trumpets (8:7–9:21)

-- Afflictions -- Foreshadowings of the Great and Terrible Day

1.First four trumpets

a)One third of the earth

b)One third of the sea

(1)example of Pompeii

c)One third of the fresh water

d)One third of the heavenly bodies

(1)All of creation - but still limited in scope(2)Note parallel with first 4 bowls in 16:2-9(3)But note contrast: limited(1/3) v. universal

C.Interlude

1.Instructions for John ch. 10 2.The Two Witnesses (11:1-14)

D. The Seventh Angel Blows His Trumpet (11:15–19)

1.Kingdom has come in power - Judgement Day

a)NB 11:17 "Who is and Who was" -- already come b)