Overview of the Book of Revelation

The Seven Seals (Seven 1,000-Year Periods of the Earth’s Temporal Existence)

1. **First Five Seals**
   - **Adam’s ministry began**
   - **City of Enosh was translated**
   - **Abrahamic ministry**
   - **Israel was divided into two kingdoms**
   - **John the Baptist’s ministry**

2. **Second Five Seals**
   - **Wickedness began to spread**
   - **Great calamities**
   - **Great Flood**
   - **Israel’s bondage in Egypt**
   - **Great calamities and signs are shown on earth and in heaven**

First Five Seals—from the Creation to John’s Time

- The first five seals described in the book of Revelation are dealt with in 11 verses (see Revelation 6:1–11; only 3 percent of the
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Last Two Seals—the Kingdom of God’s Triumphant Destiny

- It does not seem to have been the Lord’s purpose to arrange every aspect of the book of Revelation in strict chronological order. Like a master teacher who digresses from his presentation with brief interludes to further clarify or expand what
- **Revelation 19:1–21**
  - Just before the pouring out of the seven vials of
  - **Revelation 20:4–6**
    - The righteous are resurrected and reign with Christ during the Millennium.

Chronology of the Events in the Last Two Seals, Including Teaching Interludes

- **Revelation 6:12–17**
  - Great calamities and signs are shown on earth and in heaven.
  - **Revelation 7:1–8**
  - **Revelation 8:5–13; 9:1–21**
  - **Revelation 11:1–14**
  - **Revelation 15:15–16; 16:21**
  - **Revelation 19:1–21**
  - **Revelation 19:11–21**
  - **Revelation 20:1–3**
  - **Revelation 20:4–6**
  - **Revelation 20:7–10**

John Sees Those Saved in God’s Kingdom

- **Revelation 10:9–11**
- **Revelation 14:1–5**

The Triumph of the Kingdom of God over Satan

- **Revelation 12:1–17 (The Kingdom of God)**
  - **The Church (the ecclesiastical aspect of the kingdom)**
  - **The Church and kingdom of God are opposed by the great dragon (Satan’s kingdom)**
  - **The opposition actually began in the premonital existence and led to the War in Heaven.**
  - **The Church of John’s time would not bring forth the kingdom but would be driven into the wilderness (apostasy) by the dragon.**

The “Little Book” Interlude

- **Revelation 10:1–11**
- **Revelation 14:1–5**

The Destruction of Satan’s Kingdom

- **Revelation 17:1–18; 18:1–24**
- **Revelation 19:1–21**
  - Just before the pouring out of the seven vials of judgment, John is shown the multitude of those who
  - **Revelation 19:11–21**
    - Christ comes as King of kings; the wicked are destroyed.
    - The righteous are resurrected and reign with Christ during the Millennium.
    - Satan is bound at the beginning of the Millennium. Satan is loosed after the Millennium and wages a final battle; he is defeated and cast out.
  - **Revelation 20:11–15**
    - The Great and Last Judgment takes place.
      - There is a new heaven and new earth; the world is celestIALIZED.