

Dr. John Philips also helps us to understand the shifting scenes between events happening on heaven and on earth in this book: The scenes in Revelation alternate between heaven and earth. The Book begins in heaven and ends in heaven. The scenes alternate as follows:

1. In Heaven: Blessing from God (1:1-8)
2. On Earth: John Exiled to Patmos (1:9)

3. In Heaven: The Glory of Christ revealed (1:10-20)
4. On Earth: Letters to the seven Churches (2:1-3:22)

5. In Heaven: The Lamb on the throne (4:1-5:14)
6. On Earth: The seals broken (6:1-17)

7. In Heaven: The 144,000; silence (7:1-8:6)
8. On Earth: The trumpet judgments (8:7-9:21)

9. In Heaven: The little book (10:1-11)
10. On Earth: The two witnesses (11:1-13)

11. In Heaven: Worship (11:14-19)
12. On Earth: Israel persecuted by the beasts (12:1-13:18)

13. In Heaven: The 144,000 in glory; angelic activity (14:1-15:8)
14. On Earth: The seven vials; the two Babylons (16:1-18:24)

15. In Heaven: The marriage supper of the Lamb; its consequences (19:1-16)
16. On Earth: Final judgments (19:17-20:10)

17. In Heaven: The last judgment: the celestial city (20:11-22:21)