

**STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION
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PART ONE OF THE APOCALYPSE: THE SEPTET OF THE LETTERS TO THE CHURCHES

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PART TWO OF THE APOCALYPSE: PROPHETIC INTERPRETATION OF HISTORY

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5. The conclusion of salvation history: the condemnation of the whore and the triumph of the bride (16:17-22:5)

EPILOGUE (22:6-21)

¹ *Apocalisse. Una assemblea liturgica interpreta la storia* (Brescia: Ed. Queriniana, 1979, 2003¹²).