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This article considers the outline, form, and content of the Apocalypse of Jesus Christ, a collection of visions, some of which follow on from each other (e.g., chs. 5–6) while others begin a new visionary sequence (e.g., chs. 12–13). Despite the variety of the visions in the Book of Revelation, there is a discernible thread running through the text. In John's initial vision of heaven God is acknowledged as creator and honoured as such. This contrasts with the world below in which humanity is in rebellion. The inexorable overcoming of that rebellion through the chaos which follows the opening of the first seal by the Lamb paves the way for the establishment of a messianic reign on earth, judgement, and ultimately heaven on earth when the God hidden from all except the visionary will be seen face to face.

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