

The Perfect Ending

The Primary Purpose of Revelation:

The Structure of Revelation (1:19):

1. Introduction (1:1-8).
2. The Things you have seen (1:9-20).
3. The Things which are (2-3).
4. The Things which shall take place after these things (4-22).

The Significance of the Book (1:3):

Some general guidelines for reading and interpreting Revelation:

1. Accept as literal only those parts that are easily understood as “literal”.
2. Remember that John is writing about a vision.
3. Allow for lavish symbolic language and hyperbole.
(Though John is writing about real future events).
4. Whenever possible use Scripture to interpret the symbols employed in the book.
5. When Scripture does not offer clear explanations for the symbolism, be very cautious.
6. Keep the “big idea” of an account at the forefront when looking at the details.