

# Interpreting Revelation

Below is a visual aid you may want to use to explain the difference between a linear/chronological approach and a cyclical/repeating themes approach to understanding Revelation.

Use sticky notes to show that simply because visions and images were conveyed in a particular order doesn't mean that we should interpret them in a linear, chronological way, as though each depicts a different event that will occur one after the other.

Rather, apocalyptic literature such as the Book of Revelation often presents images in a nonchronological way, like a collage of overlapping images. Visions can present similar spiritual truths but in different ways.

Chronological order



Collage

