

## **ENDGAME: A Study On Revelation (Week #2)**

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**Acts 17:11** And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth. (NLT)

**Acts 17:11** Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. (NASB)

**Acts 17:11** These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. (NKJV)

### **The Language Of Revelation:**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ = written language
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ = spoken sound
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ = of images
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ = of meaning
  - semaino; from sema, a mark (4591 in the Bible)
    - ranges from a mark, seal, basic unit of meaning
  - to make known

*The book of Revelation is written entirely in multiple \_\_\_\_\_,  
and every \_\_\_\_\_ is explained somewhere else in the Bible.*

## The \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Apocalypse

- Catastrophic end-crisis of the present age
- Spectacular reappearance of the King of Kings in His global empire
- Internment of Satan in the "Abouso" Greek: (ἄβυσσος) - Bottomless pit, Abyss)
- Millennial earth-reign of Christ
- Final insurrection and the abolition of sin
- New Heaven and New Earth
  - The creation being redeemed is not just people but it is earth, AND heaven.

**Revelation 1:3** Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near. (NASB)

**Revelation 1:3** Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. (NKJV)

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This promise is reiterated several times throughout the book of Revelation. The book claims to be prophecy, from beginning to end.

## Basic \_\_\_\_\_

### 1) The Bible consists of

- 66 separate books
- Written by over different 40 authors
- Over a period of several thousand years
  - that are an integrated message system;
  - not just a theme, but by design
  - every number, name, mathematical structures under the text demonstrate very skillful engineering.

2) It can be demonstrated that the \_\_\_\_\_ of this message is from outside our dimension of space and time.

- the very structure anticipates things before they happen

The \_\_\_\_\_ Theme

- The OT is an account of a Nation.
- The NT is the account of a Man.
- The Creator became a Man. His appearance is the central event of all history.
- He died to purchase us and is alive now.
- The most exalted privilege is to know Him. That's what the Bible is all about.
  - This is what the book of Revelation focuses on.
  - The book of Revelation can be a lens through which we can look at the entire Bible.

**Presuppositions**

*(You may not agree, but this is where we are starting)*

- 1) God means what He \_\_\_\_\_ and says what He \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The Bible is an integrated whole: Every detail is there by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 5:17** "Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. **18** I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved." *(NLT)*

**Matt 5:18** "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot (yot) or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled." *(NKJV)*

**Matt 5:18** "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished." *(NASB)*

*Jot* - 10th letter of the Hebrew alphabet, smallest of the 22 letters. Looks like an apostrophe or even a little blemish on the page.

*Tittle* - Small decorative spur or point on the edge of a letter.

- 3) Nothing in the text is \_\_\_\_\_; All things are for our learning.

**Romans 15:4** Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled. *(NLT)*

**Romans 15:4** For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. *(NASB)*

**Romans 15:4** For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. *(NKJV)*

4) God is His own \_\_\_\_\_.

- Most of the critical identities are interpreted within Revelation.
- Some you will need to seek interpretation within Scripture.

**The \_\_\_\_\_ of Revelation**

- The consummation (the act of fulfillment; bringing to a state of perfection) of all things.
- The only book promising a special blessing to the reader.
- 404 verses containing over 800 allusions from the Old Testament.
  - If revelation seems strange to us, it is because we have not spent enough time reading the Old Testament.
- It presents the climax of God's Plan for mankind.

**John, the \_\_\_\_\_**

- Wrote the Gospel of John
  - Been described as "shallow" enough for a child to wade, and "deep" enough to submerge an elephant.
  - Easy to understand (simple and direct), Complex enough to study.
- Wrote three epistles
  - 1 John, Sermon on Love (possibly to Ephesus)
  - 2 John, Unknown (possible personal letter to Jesus' mother, Mary?)
  - 3 John, Personal note to Gaius
- The Apocalypse

**John, the \_\_\_\_\_**

- Born in Bethsaida to Zebedee and Salome
- Younger brother to James
- Galilean fisherman (Partners with Peter and Andrew)
- Early disciples of John The Baptist
- Well connected (knew High Priest, Nicodemus)

**John 18:15** Simon Peter followed Jesus, as did another of the disciples. That other disciple was acquainted with the high priest, so he was allowed to enter the high priest's courtyard with Jesus. (NLT)

- Often mis-represented as "soft," "mama's boy"
  - He and His brother we known as "The Sons Of Thunder!"

**Luke 9:54** When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" (NASB)

- Intensely devoted to Christ, very passionate (not reactive like Peter).
- One of the inner circle of Jesus (Peter, James, John)
  - Mount Transfiguration (Matthew 17)
  - Raising of Jarius' daughter (Matthew 9:18)
  - Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24 - joined by Andrew)
  - Gethsemane (Matthew 26:37)
- Assigned care of Mary (John 19:26)
- Ultimately retires to Ephesus after his exile on Patmos
- Dies a natural death

### The \_\_\_\_\_ Exile

- Exiled by Roman Emperor Domitian (81-96 AD), the younger brother of Titus who destroyed Jerusalem (70 AD).
  - When Domitian dies, John is freed and goes to Ephesus.

### *Church Tradition (not necessarily accurate - most scholars don't agree)*

- Hippolytus wrote - John was first plunged into a boiling oil and then sent to this island exile.
- Victorinus says - John was forced to work in the mines that were located on Patmos.
- Irenaeus, Clement, and Eusebius state - After Domitian dies, John returned to Ephesus, went to the churches, and appointed leaders, and set things in order.

### \_\_\_\_\_ of Revelation

- Preterist - Then only (Revelation only applied then, first century)
- Historical - Historical only
- Idealist - Allegorical (everything is figurative, not literal)
- Futurist - Prophetic (this is our view)
  - Revelation claims this view Revelation 1:3; 22:7, 10, 18-19,

### Why \_\_\_\_\_?

- Old Testament
  - 1,845 references to Christ's rule on the earth
  - 17 books give prominence to Christ's rule
  - One of the main reasons Christ's first coming was missed
  - Some Jews even have the idea of two Messiahs "son of Joseph" (Suffering Servant), and "son of David" (Conquering King). It never occurs to them this is two sides to the same person.

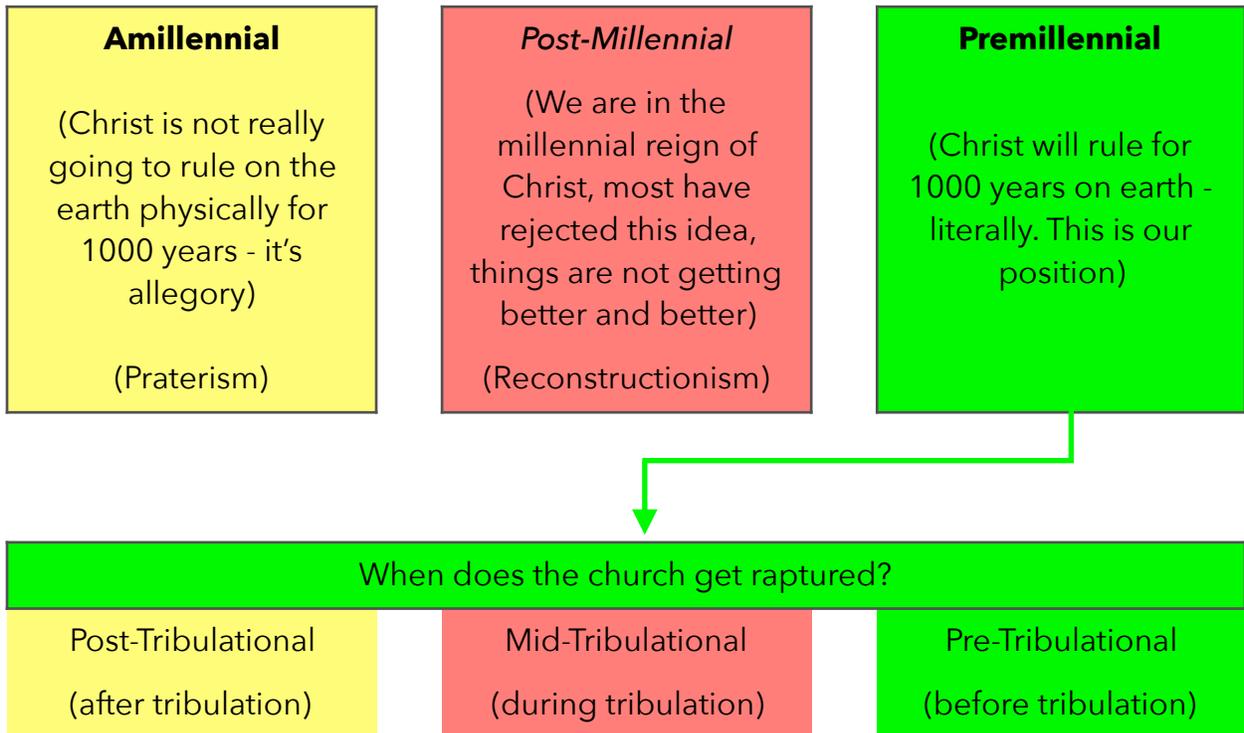
- New Testament
  - Of the 216 chapters, there are 318 references to the Second Coming
  - It is mentioned in 23 of the 27 books (Galatians, single chapter books)
- For every prophecy relating to Christ's first coming, there are eight treating His second coming.
  - Was the first coming fulfilled literally? Yes. How much more the second?

**Eschatology** - Doctrines concerning last, or final, matters, as death, the Judgment, the future state, etc.

Allegorical ←————→ Literal

**Hermeneutics: How you interpret scripture**

There are figures of speech in the Bible. There are allegories, similes, metaphors, and even puns. There are over 200 rhetorical devices in the Bible. Just because you take the Bible literally does not mean that you ignore figures of speech.



Most classical traditional protestant denominations are amillennial. The derived it from the catholic church which is amillennial.

## **Amillennial** \_\_\_\_\_

- Messianic promises that Christ will sit on the throne of David, throughout the Old Testament. (hundreds which are not addressed).
- Destiny of Israel in God's covenants. (God is not done with Israel).
- Promise given to Mary by angel Gabriel (Jesus would sit on throne).
- Numerous reconfirmations of these promises in the New Testament.

We serve a God that delights in making and keeping His promises, to ignore them, or discount them in effect is calling God a liar.

**Tribulation** - grievous trouble; severe trial or suffering.

## **Seven-fold** \_\_\_\_\_ *(Some more prominent than others)*

- Six in sequence, a breath, then seventh ushers in next set of seven
- 7-Sealed Scrolls (*Revelation 5; 6*)
- 7-Trumpets (*Revelation 8; 9*)
- 7 Bowls of Wrath (*Revelation 15, 16; 17:1; 21:9*)
  - Trumpets are about 1/3 of the bowls
- 7 Churches (*Revelation 1; 2; 3*)
  - (Most important of the entire book)
  - Chapter 4 and following we are watching from the balcony of heaven.
- 7 Lampstands (*Revelation 1:12,13,20; 2:1*)
- 7 Spirits (*Revelation 1:4, 3:1; 4:5; 5:6*)
- 7 Stars (*Revelation 1:16, 20; 2:1; 3:1*)
- 7 Lamps (*Revelation 4; 5*)
- 7 "Title-pairs" (*Revelation 2; 3*)
- 7 Promises to the overcomer (*Revelation 2; 3*)
- 7 Horns (*Revelation 5; 6*)
- 7 Eyes (*Revelation 5; 6*)
- 7 Angels (*Revelation 8:2, 6; 15:1, 6, 7, 8; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9*)
- 7 Thunders (*Revelation 10:3, 4*)
- 7 Thousand (*Revelation 11:13*)
- 7 Heads (*Revelation 12:3; 13:1; 17:3, 7, 9*)
- 7 Crowns (*Revelation 12:3*)
- 7 Plagues (*Revelation 15:1, 6, 8, 21:9*)
- 7 Mountains (*Revelation 17:9*)
- 7 Kings (*Revelation 17:10, 11*)
- 7 Features (*Revelation 1*)
- 7 Letter Divisions (*Revelation 2; 3*)
- 7 Personages (Woman, Man-Child, Red Dragon, 7-headed beast, false prophet, Michael, Lamb)
- 7 Years of Judgements (*Revelation 11:3; 12:6, 14; 13:5*)

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- 7 "I Am's" of Christ (*Revelation 1:8, 11, 17, 18; 21:6; 22:13, 16*)
- 7 Doxologies in heaven (*Revelation 4:9-11; 5:8-13; 7:9-12; 11:16-18; 14:2-3, 15:2-4, 19:1-6*)
- 7 New Things (*Revelation 20; 21*)
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ (*Revelation 8; 9*)
  - **Revelation 1:3** Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy...
  - **Revelation 14:13** Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on...
  - **Revelation 16:15** Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes...
  - **Revelation 19:9** Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb...
  - **Revelation 20:6** Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection...
  - **Revelation 22:7** Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book....
  - **Revelation 22:14** Blessed are those who wash their robes...

And that's not all, there are hundreds more.

	PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
<b>God</b> <i>Rev 1:4</i>	Which was <i>Col 1:15-17; John 8:58</i>	Which is <i>Heb 7:24-25</i>	Which is to come <i>Rev 1:7</i>
<b>Jesus Christ</b> <i>Rev 1:5</i>	The Faithful Witness <i>Jn 14:1-3; Jn 8:14</i>	First Begotten Of The Dead <i>Col 1:18-20</i>	Prince Of The Kings Of The Earth <i>Mt 25:31,32; 1 Cor 15:24,25</i>
<b>Unto Him That</b> <i>Rev 1:5</i>	Loved Us <i>Gal 2:20; Jn 3:16</i>	Washed Us from our Sins in His Own Blood <i>Heb 7:25; 9:14</i>	Made Us Kings / Priests <i>1 Pet 2:9; Lk 19:17; Rev 2:26; 5:10; 20:4; 22:5</i>
<b>Write</b> <i>Rev 1:19</i>	The Things Which Thou Hast Seen <i>Rev 1:12-18</i>	The Things Which Are <i>Rev 2 &amp; 3</i>	The Things Which Shall Be Hereafter <i>Rev 4-22</i>

Kings / Priest - in the OT the line between priest and king did not cross. They were to be separate. There was one exception. Melchizedek. Jesus was not only from the lineage of David (King), but from the order of Melchizedek (Priest).

**Revelation 22:14** This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, **20** where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. (NASB)

**Revelation gives an OUTLINE.**

- Has seen - vision of \_\_\_\_\_
- Which are - letters to \_\_\_\_\_
- Shall be - prophetic \_\_\_\_\_

**Three Tenses of "Being Saved"**

- Have been saved: From the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin;
  - Positionally, Eph 2:8, 9.
  - Called justification salvation.
- Are being saved: From the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin;
  - Operationally, by the Holy Spirit, moment-by-moment; Rom 6.
  - Called sanctification.
- Shall be saved: From the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin;
  - Called "the redemption of our body," Rom 8:23.