



Logos Class

Book of Revelation- Intro & Ch 1A

May 4, 2025

Module 5, Room 1

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ ***Palm Sunday*** – *Apr 13, 2025*
 - ✓ *Daily emails for Passion Week*
- ✓ ***Resurrection Sunday*** – *Apr 20, 2025*
- ✓ *April 27, 2025 – What does it mean?*
- ✓ ***May 4, 2025*** – ***Revelation Intro-Ch 1A***
 - *Manor Lake – Daniel Ch 11B/12*
- *May 11, 2025 – **Charlie Owens** teaching*
- *May 18, 2025 – **Barry Hoover** teaching*
- *May 25, 2025 – Revelation- Ch 1B*

Quick Update .../CYMI

Middle East

- *Israel is fighting missiles from the Houthis and increased terror from Judea and Samaria*
- *Arson has started many fires in Israel, not in Judea and Samaria*
- *Special emphasis on burning trees at the stump to kill them.*
- *Hostage negotiations stalled as Israel continues their pounding of terror targets*
- *Israel is defending the Druze in Syria*

US/World

- *Cease fire in the war between Ukraine and Russia is slow and intermittent*
- *Doge is continuing to work despite Musk cutting back time*
- *District judges are blunting Trump Admin efforts to eliminate Criminal Aliens*
- *Europe is continuing to prepare for war against Russia and combat terrorism within its countries*
- *Tariff war seems to be resolving itself, but the next few weeks are key*

Book of Revelation - Introduction

Today, we will embark on a journey into the future and examine the Book of Revelation.

Revelation is a book of surprising facts. It is the last word from God (Jesus) to mankind that we have been given. It was the last book written that was accepted into our Bible.

Blessings are promised to those who read aloud and those who hear the words.

Its author or writer is the **Apostle John**, but it is not the Revelation of John; it is the **Revelation of Christ**, given to John.

It is a big difference.

Book of Revelation - Introduction

This book is frequently mentioned in End Times discussions, but it is seldom preached in congregations or studied in churches.

Why is that? Numerous reasons seem to be given:

- *It is too hard to understand and explain.*
- *It is filled with symbolism and fantastical*
- *It is an allegory and as such, is not as important to understanding God's Word*
- *It is too long*

Revelation – Why study it?

- *Many of the lines of thought in Genesis reach their endpoint in Revelation.*
- *If for no other reason, this book is important because its theme is the **Revelation of Christ**, and it is the final scriptural self-disclosure of God through Jesus Christ.*
- *It is in the Bible, and we are blessed to read and hear it.*
- *It offers Hope and Assurance that God is in control, and the end story is already written in advance*
- *We all have a hunger and interest in knowing the future. Revelation gives us the final picture of the future.*

Bible Chronology of God's Revelation

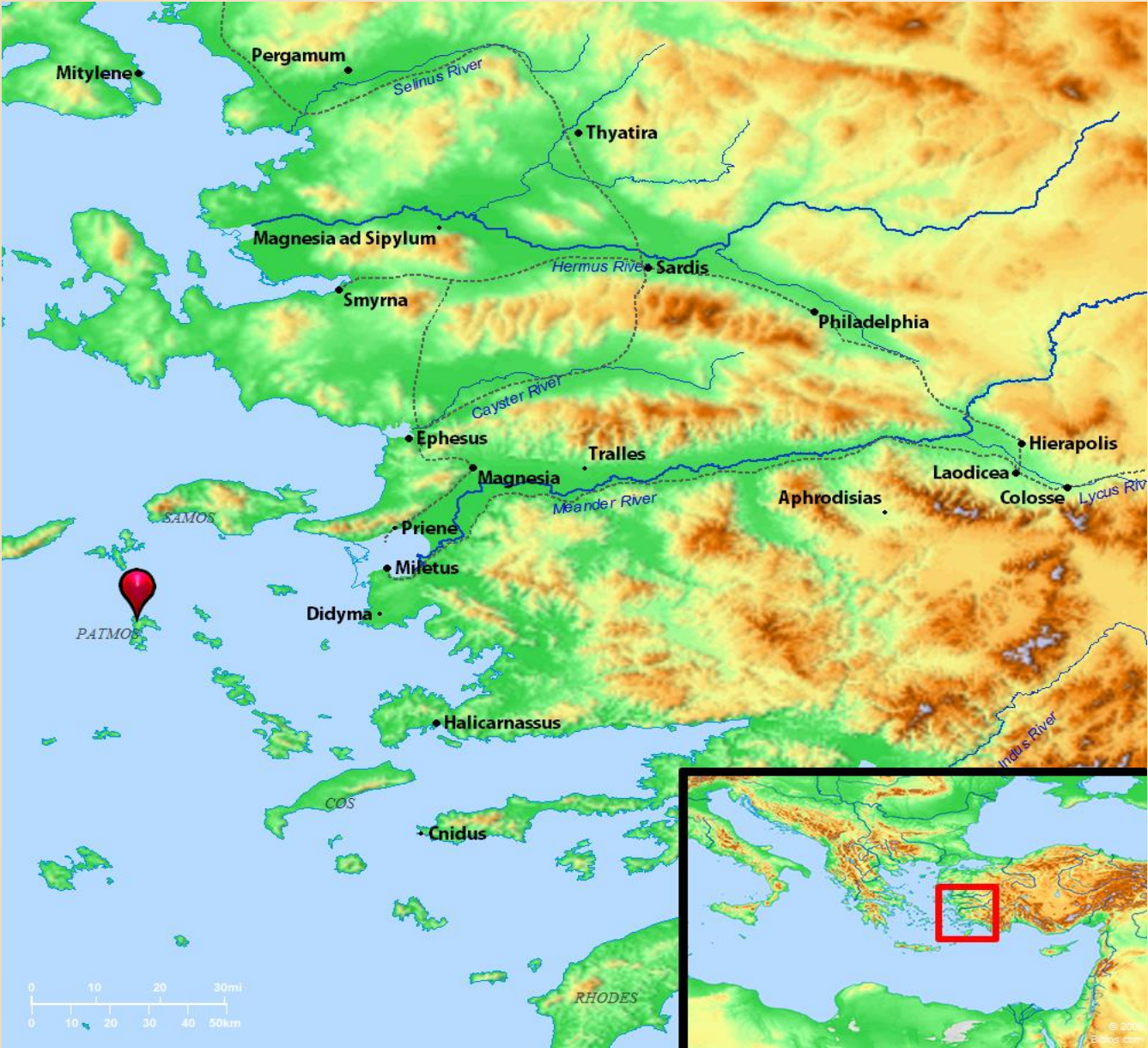
- *In earlier books of the Bible, Christ is introduced as the Messianic prophet by OT authors, and the appearance of the ANGEL of the Lord. In the NT, the gospel writers and Acts unfold His Life in His birth, life, ministry, death, resurrection, and His ascension as the Son of God.*
- *The epistles add the theological interpretation of the person and work of Christ. With the book of Revelation, we add the capstone to show that not only is He the Christ, but the Lamb of God, King of Kings, and bringer of judgment on the wicked. We also see His return to pronounce this judgment and start the Millennial Kingdom where He reigns on earth.*
- *Where the Gospels demonstrate His humility, humiliation, and death as the Suffering Servant, Revelation is the presentation of Christ **in His full glory**.*
- *There are four books we consider Apocalyptic in nature in the Bible... **Daniel, Ezekiel, Zechariah, and finally Revelation**. What makes these books different? All books of the Bible are meant to be understood, but these four are full of symbolism and mysteries. At the time they were written, people could not comprehend what they said, but over time, their meanings have become clearer. This is not to say we completely understand them today, but as events in the playout of history unfold, and symbols are clear, and the predictions (prophecy) are coming out of the mist.*
- *Revelation is no different. As we understand Daniel, Zechariah, and Ezekiel, we can begin to understand the symbols in Revelation. As an added benefit, Apocalyptic books explain the symbols in the books themselves. While we can understand the symbols, what they mean to us as a teaching tool is many times only cleared up over time.*

Other facts about Revelation

Let's see some of the other facts about this book:

- **Who wrote it?** *It is clear that the writer is the Disciple John, or the Apostle John*
- **When was it written?** *Approximately 95 AD. It is the last of the great works of John the Apostle. The Gospel of John, 1,2,3 John, and Revelation were all written between 85 AD and 95 AD. John was the last living Apostle and was much revered in his hometown. Q: Isn't it interesting that John pastored the church at Ephesus for over 50 years and no record of his sermons exists...only his NT books.*
- **Where was it written?** *John had been exiled to the Greek island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea as a punishment for his powerful preaching and discipleship in Ephesus. (Roman Emperor Domitian)*
- **Who is the audience it is written to?** *Certainly, his church in Ephesus, but all the seven churches in Asia Minor and elsewhere...and us.*

Isle of Patmos



Revelation – Theme, Purpose, Meaning of Name

What is the major theme and purpose of the book?

The first two verses explain this:

*1 The **revelation** from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,*

*2 who testifies to everything he saw—that is, **the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.***

What does its name mean?

*The name English word **Revelation** is a Greek compound word **Apo Kalupsis**, which is where we get the English word Apocalypse. It means... **An uncovering or revealing.** (remove covering)*

*In the true sense, it means **to reveal what has been hidden.***

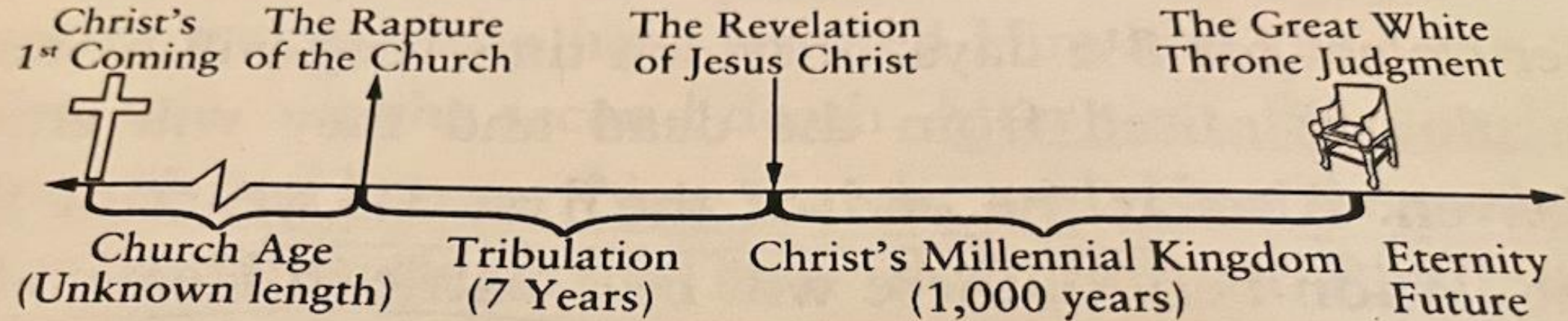
So, the book of Revelation is meant to reveal the mysteries about what must take place soon, as directed by Christ Himself.

Four Different Interpretive Views of Revelation

1. **A non-literal, allegorical approach** that takes the events presented and treats them as if they are just a story or a fairy tale. People who believe this way try to dismiss the book as unimportant and not worth studying. This is a very dangerous way to view the Bible. It results in very aberrant views of absolute truth taught.
2. Another way to think about Revelation is what is called the **Preterist** approach. This comes from a term that means “**Present-ist**” or **one who believes the end time eschatology of the Bible has already occurred**. This forces them to believe that Revelation was written in about 70 AD, because they claim the Roman destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem took place in 70 AD and fulfilled this book. They likewise believe that the book of Daniel’s prophecies were also fulfilled in history. This is a common thought among liberal theologians, many of whom also accept the “Replacement Theology” of the church replacing the Jews and Israel in the future events. This is also a dangerous belief because it makes irrelevant prophecies to come. The former Bible Answer Man, Hank Hannagraff was a **preterist**.
3. **Historical Approach** – This perspective on Revelation asserts that all the symbolism in the book pertains to the entire church age, from Pentecost to the second coming of Christ. The challenge here is that aligning the various events over the 2000-year span with what occurs in Revelation is impossible, and all adherents to this viewpoint vary significantly in their interpretations. In my opinion, this approach muddies the waters considerably by mixing past events with future ones, making comprehension nearly impossible.
4. Finally, the approach I favor is the **Futuristic Approach**. This approach views the book in a literal, sensible, and normal interpretation of the actual words. This view encompasses the Premillennial understanding of events, and the literal 1000 year reign of Jesus Christ. It also affirms the Pre-tribulation rapture of the church that is literally laid out in scripture. It is the literal, sensible, and normal understanding of the texts.
This is the approach I will take in teaching this book.

Condensed Timeline of Revelation

Chart: A Walk Through Revelation



This chart shows the Church Age (where we are now). In this timeline, we await the Rapture of the Church, to be followed by the Seven-Year Tribulation Period. The Second coming of Christ, the 1000 year reign, GWT judgment, then Eternity.

David Jeremiah Chronology of Revelation - Detailed

THE REVELATION Prophecy Chart		
The BOOK of REVELATION		
Ch. 1	Chapters 2 - 3	Chapters 6:1 - 8:6
INTRODUCTION	LETTERS to the SEVEN CHURCHES	SEVEN SEALS
EPHESUS <i>The Loveless Church</i>	SMYRNA <i>The Suffering Church</i>	1. White Horse <i>Conquering Power</i>
PERGAMOS <i>The Church of Satan's City</i>	THYATIRA <i>The Adulterous Church</i>	2. Red Horse <i>War and Bloodshed</i>
SARDIS <i>The Dead Church</i>	PHILADELPHIA <i>The Faithful Church</i>	3. Black Horse <i>Famine</i>
LAODICEA <i>The Disgusting Church</i>		4. Pale Horse <i>Pestilence and Death</i>
RAPTURE— <i>Jesus Comes for the Church</i>		5. Souls Under the Altar <i>Martyrs</i>
BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH AGE		6. Whole World Trembles <i>Physical Changes</i>
• Death of Christ • Burial of Christ • Resurrection of Christ • Descent of the Holy Spirit		Interval <i>144,000 Sealed</i>
		7. Silence—Golden Censer

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Chapters 8:7 - 11:19	Chapters 12 - 14	Chapters 15 - 16	Chs. 17 - 19
SEVEN TRUMPETS	WAR IN HEAVEN	SEVEN BOWLS	END OF FALSE RELIGION
1. Hail and Fire Mixed With Blood	SATAN'S FALL FROM HEAVEN	1. Ugly and Painful Sores	COLLAPSE OF THE WORLD MARKET
2. A Mountain Thrown Into the Sea	THE BEAST FROM THE SEA	2. Sea Turns to Blood	
3. The Star Wormwood	THE BEAST FROM THE EARTH	3. Rivers and Streams of Water Become Blood	SECOND COMING— <i>Jesus Comes With the Church</i>
4. A Third of the Sun, Moon, and Stars Struck	THE LAMB AND THE 144,000	4. Sun Scorches People With Fire	
5. The Plague of Locusts	200 MILES OF BLOODSHED	5. Darkness	MARRIAGE Supper of the Lamb
6. Release of the Four Angels		6. Euphrates River Dries Up	
The Angel and the Little Book		7. Tremendous Earthquake—Armageddon	
The Two Witnesses			
7. Woe on Earth, Worship in Heaven			
THE COUNTERFEIT TRINITY			
• The Dragon (Anti-God) • The Beast (Anti-Christ) • The False Prophet (Anti-Spirit)			
Hell on Earth			

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Chapter 20:1 - 6	Chapter 20:7 - 14	Chapters 21 - 22
1,000-YEAR REIGN of JESUS CHRIST and All the Saints	THE LAKE OF FIRE <i>Satan, demons, fallen angels, and unrepentant sinners are eternally separated from God.</i>	NEW HEAVEN and NEW EARTH

The BOOK of REVELATION

With this as prologue, let's begin the discussion...

Revelation 1:1-3

¹ The revelation **from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place.** He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,

² who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the **word of God** and the **testimony of Jesus Christ**.

³ Blessed is **the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.**

Greetings and Doxology

⁴ John,

*To the **seven churches** in the province of Asia:*

*Grace and peace to you from **him who is, and who was, and who is to come**, and from the seven spirits (**sevenfold Spirit**) before his throne,*

*⁵ and from **Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.***

***Who is it written to?** Seven churches, and all the believers and churches to come.*

***Who is it from?** God, Holy Spirit, and Christ, the faithful witness, firstborn of the dead, and ruler of the Kings of the earth.*

Resources I am using...

We will stop here today. I suggest you print out the PDF handout I will send out today and have it with you as you read the sections of Revelation

***My resources:** **All my normal commentaries** plus the following books*

- ***Revealing Revelation** – Amir Tsarfati*
- ***Escape the Coming Night** – Dr David Jeremiah*
- ***Revelation: A Chronology** – Dr Jimmy DeYoung*
- ***The Revelation of Jesus Christ** – Dr John F. Walvoord*
- ***NT Commentary on Revelation** – Dr John MacArthur*

Next week

- *Next week, Charlie Owens will teach, then Barry Hoover*
- *May 25th – We will pick up in Revelation, read Chapters 1-3*
- *Pray for our country and leaders*
- *Pray for our church and leaders, that we would be the light that He wants us to be*
- *Pray for Israel and the Peace of Jerusalem*
- *Pray for each other and encourage each other*
- *Pray for a great awakening to continue across the world and in the US in preparation for the things to come*