REVELATION - TALK

Most of America Sees Jesus like this?



What is missing?

Why does the world only focus on half of Jesus (incarnate)?

Be honest, how well do you know the other half of Jesus?

How can you help people see all of Jesus?

Generally speaking, the church and the world is focused on the Jesus that died for all in act of love to redeem all who would believe in Jesus as their savior. This is absolutely true, but the world does not want to talk about Jesus coming on a White Horse as Lord of Lord and King Kings in Judgement.

The enemy would love for you to remember Jesus as the dead man hanging on cross. However, Jesus's second coming is the very reason that we have hope in Christ. If He were not coming back to redeem us and give us eternal life, then what exactly is the value of our faith? How much do you know about your coming Savior? It is important to know what Jesus did for you on the cross so that you may be saved, but you should not stop there – that's only half the story! You do not want to fall for the strong delusion from Satan that will fool the world. Are you prepared? Do you know enough to warn your family and others? Do you know the signs and the order of events?

Why should I read Revelations?

- The book is the only one in the bible that promises a blessing just for reading it Rev 1:3. It also contains a warning in 22:18-19.
- Reach others and prevent yourself and your family from being led astray.

Introduction: What are the Top 10 Themes/ Threads that are answered or completed in Revelations?

Lord Jesus Gen 3:15	Great Tribulation – Det Chapter 4
Church - Matt 16:18 on this rock	Satin & Evil Ezek 28
Resurrection & Translation of the Saints	Israel's Covenants
Man of Sin (Gen, Ezek 28)	Course and the End of the Apostate Church
Coming of Christ	Course and the End of the Gentiles

Jesus as in parables uses contrasts to teach biblical principles, and Revelation not only addresses all loose ends of the bible over the other 65 books but also is a study that is a contrast, completion and compliment to Genesis. Some describe Revelation as a train station because all tracks end here. John

more than any other writer in the bible reaches far back in Beginning with 1 John and further in the future than anyone with Revelations.

How does	Revelations	fit	with	Genesis?
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Genesis	Revelations		
Marriage of Adam & Eve	Jesus and The Church		
Beginning Creation	Ending		
Satan's 1 st rebellion	Satan's Last Rebellion		
Creation of Sun, Moon & Stars	Sun, Moon & Stars used as Judgments		
Sun used for light Govern Day	No Need for the Sun		
Darkness Night	No night No Darkness		
Creations of Water/seas, Flood for Judge	No Seas in Heaven		
Entrance of Sin	Removal of Sin		
Curse of Sin	Curse is removed		
Death	No Death		
Sorrow	No Tears		
Babylon's First Rebellion (tower of Babel)	Babylon's Last Rebellion		

What type of book is Revelations?

Revelation is a prophetic book. All that was written was about the future when it was written. There are 17 prophetic books in the Old Testament and only one in the New Testament.

Can anyone even understand Revelations? Is there a key? How do you interpret it?

- This is not a random symbolic book that cannot be understood. It is the most organized and orderly book in the bible. It includes an outline in rev 1:19.
- The Bible interprets itself. A key for most all the symbols are supplied in either the Old Testament or the book itself. The book should be interpreted literally whenever possible or if no key within the bible is given.
- If a symbol is being used it has meaning in the other books. Don't go off course, or dismiss it as imagery.
- There are 404 verses and 278 have references to the Old Testament. Prominent books include: Psalms, Daniel, Ezekiel, Zachariah, Genesis, Isaiah, Joel, and Jeremiah
- Unlike Daniel, this book was not sealed, and was circulated widely at the time it was written to give encouragement to persecuted churches.

How does the rapture fit into the story?

The church is mentioned 19 times up to chapter 3 and never mentioned again. I will let you draw your own conclusions. We will discuss more as we go through it. God does not change remember God saved his people prior to the flood as well. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-9 – The Restrainer is removed.

Why should we believe in a pre-tribulation rapture vs. mid-tribulation, or post tribulation?

- 1. Church is mention 19 times and stops immediately along with the phrase "after these things."
- 2. Door is opened and Trumpet is sounded. The word for church means "Called out".
- 3. This is done before the Antichrist is revealed which is consistent with 2 Thess 2:7-8
- 4. Satan and the World want you to deny the Goodness of God.
- 5. Promise to the church of Philadelphia (Rev 3:10) limits the time for the rapture to Rev 13:14 Trumpets
- 6. Would the Groom put his bride through the Tribulation with the harlot before the Wedding?
- 7. Removing of the Holy Spirit necessitates God sealing the 144,000? Would He not seal His church if on the earth?

The Book of Revelation is scary that's why I won't read it?

The book of Revelation contains the promise of Heaven, the victory of Satan and the miraculous fulfillment of the promise to Jesus's church.

The word for church in the New Testament Greek is Ecclesia which means "called out". The Greek root word meant an assembly of citizens that were gathered at the sound of a trumpet. In other words, if you are a true follower of Jesus then you are called out and spared the coming judgment of the world. This was commonly known in Jesus day among the churches, and the book of Revelation was a source of hope and clarification of Jesus promises in a day of great persecution with a wicked king (Nero).

How can I understand Revelation it is complicated and has 1,000 of different interpretations?

The book has a map to tell you where you are anytime so you don't misinterpret the scripture or get lost in the book. The key is in verse – Revelation 1:19 "Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this."

Chapter 1	Vision of Christ	Things you see
Chapter 2 & 3	Church Age	Things that are
Chapter 4-22	Future	After these things

Don't miss the road markers in the book. The Lord provided to keep you on track.

Even after the map, the book is the most organized and structured book of the bible. It can be divided into three series of 7s.

- 7 Churches the bride God's people
- 7 Seals Denotes ownership royalty and transfer of title
- 7 Trumpets- Israelites used the trumpets in connection with the tabernacle to denote the people were moving out.

7 – Seven Bowls of wrath – You see the imagery of the atonement in the holy of Holies with the High Priest offering the blood atonement for the people.

I don't want to go through the apocalypse and Armageddon much less the Great Tribulation. I have seen it at the movies. It is dark and depressing. Why would I want to read about it?

First, if you are a believer in Jesus and have accepted Him as Lord of your life. Then, you are included in the rapture as promised to the church of Philadelphia (Rev 3:10). Second, the battle of Armageddon is covered in the bible, and it is nothing like the movie. The world full of pride gathers together to fit the Lord. He comes down and conquers all quickly. It is a very unfair fight. Incidentally, as believers the bible promises that you get to ride with Jesus on white horses in this battle.

The whole book of Revelation actually is a picture of the Holocaust with the Jews that is depicted in the Great Tribulation. I know it is true I saw a video on YouTube explaining and a pastor on TV.

This view is simply not biblically supported.

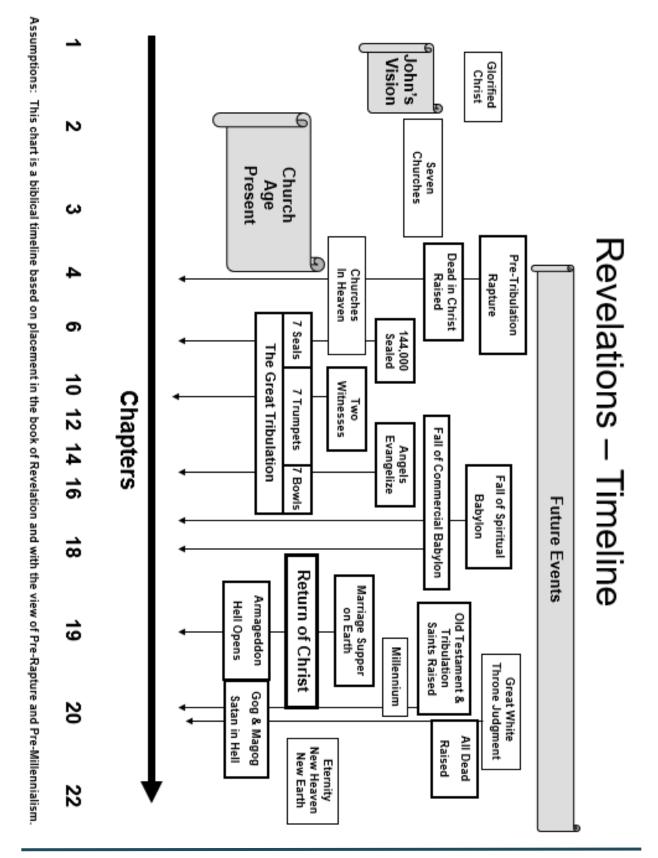
- 1. The antichrist cannot come until the Holy Spirit has been restrained 2 Thess 2:7-8. The Holy Spirit lives in the believers, so many believe the raptured has to occur prior to the antichrist being revealed.
- 2. This theory says we are living in the spiritual millennium. The millennium is the period where Satan is chained. Do you believe evil has been almost vanquished in our time with Satan is powerless and being restrained by chains?
- 3. The entire world including every animal will praise His name before the Great Tribulation or the Antichrist is revealed (Rev 5:13). In plain English, if the turtles and the bass in the lakes, streams and ponds all cried out to worship the Lord, I think we would have noticed.

I think it is futile for me to study the book of Revelation because I saw that ISIS is mentioned as the 6th trumpet and we are in the Great Tribulation now.

The book of Revelation has imagery and symbols. Most of the prophecies / signs described in the book are clearly defined in one of the other 65 books of the bible. An interpretation of a symbol outside of the other 65 books of the bible is simply not biblical. The book contains a stern warning for anyone who would either add to or take away from the words of this prophecy (Rev 22:18-19).

What time or the hour will Jesus return? Is there a time table for the end time events?

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" Mark 13:32. There is a biblical based timeline based on the chronological order of events in the chapters. This gives us an idea of the potential order of events; however, understand not all events are necessarily in chronological order.



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