

# Revelation

An Introduction

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1. The Purpose of Revelation:
  - A. To Encourage and Edify the churches
  - B. To Reveal truth  
(“Apokalypsis”) Gk = a disclosure of truth.
2. The Author / Date of Revelation:
  - A. The Apostle John **Rev. 1:1,4&9, 22:8**
    - i. Attested to by several early church fathers; **Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, Origen.**

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B. At the end of Emperor Domitian's reign, c. 95 – 96 AD

Revelation Is a Spiritual Book about Spiritual things;

- A. Revelation is about Jesus;
- B. Revelation comes to Jesus
- C. Revelation is Given through Jesus

It is Given to us to Encourage and Comfort us in the Present:

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## Six Reasons for Encouragement:

1. God sees their tears; (7:17, 21:4)
2. Their prayers rule the world; (8:3-4)
3. Death ushers them into a glorious heaven; (14:13, 20:4)
4. Their final victory is assured; (15:2)
5. Christ lives and reigns forever; (5:7-8)
6. He will return for His Church;  
(ch. 21-22)

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Three Basic Truths to Encourage us:

1. Jesus Christ is on the Throne
  - a. He is in control of history,
  - b. We can trust Him with final outcome
2. He is coming back
  - a. Coming as a conquering King
  - b. His justice will prevail
3. He will take me home
  - a. We can see our circumstances as temporary.
  - b. This world is not my final destination

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We also have Revelation to prepare us for future events.

**A.** We are challenged to godly living,

**B.** We are encouraged to share the words of this book.

Four views of Interpretation:

**1.** Preterist:

From Latin, *praeter*, = *Past*. Teaches end time prophecies are fulfilled in 70 AD

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**2.** Historicist:

Views Revelation as a symbolic or allegorical prophetic survey of church history from John's time to 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ.

**3.** Idealist/Spiritualist:

They view the symbols in Revelation do not relate to historical events, but to timeless spiritual truths, ie: the battle between God and evil.

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4. Futurist:

They take a literal understanding of the fulfillment of prophecy in the future exactly as depicted in the book.

Four Themes in Revelation:

1. The final victory of Christ and His church over the forces of darkness. **Rev. 17**
2. The revelation that Jesus is God. **Rev. 19:10, 22:9.**



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- 3. It reveals the true nature of evil. **Rev. 22:10-15**
- 4. Revelation shows the present offer of God's Grace. **Rev. 22:16-21**