

Revelations Chapter 1:1-7: “Behold, He IS Coming With Clouds”

The futurist approach asserts majority prophecies of Revelation have never been fulfilled and await future fulfillment. Everything after chapter 4 refers to a brief time period before the return of Christ which they call “The Great Tribulation”

The preterist views fulfillment of Revelation prophecy occurred already in John’s own time. Thus the fulfillment was future from the point of view from John but is past from our vantage point. Most preterists believe final chapters of Revelation look forward to the coming of Christ.

The historicist approach is a classical protestant interpretation of Revelation as a prewritten record of the course of history from the time of John till the end of the world.

The idealist, Symbolic or spiritualist approach takes it to be a great drama depicting spiritual realities such as the constant conflict between Christ and Satan, the Saints and anti-Christian world powers, heavenly vindication of the martyrs and the final victory of Christ and His saints. Thus the prophecy is applicable to Christians of any age.

The Messiah was to come as redeemer and Judge

Malachi 3:1-3 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. 2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: 3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Hermeneutics Rules:

- 1. How would people who received book understand Revelation**
- 2. The Bible is its own interpreter 404 verses - 518 allusions OT**
- 3. Clear text are to guide us to obscure text – objective standard**

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Apo-kalypis Apo is oppose or un and kalypis is veil or covering, unveil English Apocalypse is Revelation to réveal ... uncovering ... know able

Public reading 1 hour & 5 minutes / expect the hearers to understand

Apo-kalypis Yesu Cristos Title in Greek The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Most Apocalyptic literature written during times of persecution

Question Revelation: is it of Jesus Christ or by Jesus Christ, it is Both

“must” Greek “die” necessary ... trouble-sometimes are here ...

Matthew 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

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“shortly” Greek even-toxay English ... tachycardia rapid heart beat, mean haste, prompt brief space time

Only used 8 times in N.T. 2 in Revelation @ beginning & end

Always ... Always ... Always means “right away” example cf:

Acts 12:7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

Acts 22:17-18 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance 18 And

saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

“signified” signed swore to as in a Court of Law, under oath

“signified is also a Sign like Dallas 30 miles.

The sign is not Dallas it is a pointer to something not its self.

“His Angel” invites us to remember the “Angel of the Lord (YHWH) OT Called The Angel of YHWH & sometimes the Lord invites think Divine Preincarnate Christophany ... At End of Cannon He wraps up His Job !

“John” we have already given you a long list of words used only by John and found only in Revelation but here is another to add to list.

Gospel John “miracles” water to wine Greek word “say-mah’-ee-no” means “sign” 2:1-11, 4:46-54; 5:1-18; 9:1-38; 11:1-46; 21:1-14 = 6 times

Revelation 12:1&3 (NIV)A great sign (KJV wonder) appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. ... 3 Then another sign (KJV wonder) appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads.

Revelation 1:2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Blessed: 7 Beatitudes of Rev.1:3; 14:13;16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7 & 22:14

“time” Greek “kiros” time, moment, tick, tick, tick of clock “at hand” “angus” Thayers Greek Lexicon “concerning things imminent, soon to come to pass” used 12 times in NT twice in Revelation & 10 others times translated “about to happen.”

Revelation 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

Exodus 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you

Exodus It is one of the most famous verses in the Torah. Hayah means "existed" or "was" in Hebrew; "ehyeh" is the first person singular imperfect form and is usually translated in English Bibles as "I will be" (or "I shall be"), for example, at Exodus 3:14. Ehyeh asher ehyeh literally translates as "I Will Be What I Will Be", with attendant theological and mystical implications in Jewish tradition.

But Exodus 3:14 in Hebrew 3 verb forms of YHWH are used:

Rev. KJV "which is" Hebrew verb Hoveh (He who is)

Rev. KJV "which was" Hebrew verb Ye-ho-vah (He who was)

Rev. KJV "which is to come" Hebrew verb Yihyeh (He will to be)

Isaiah 11:2 And the (1)spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of (2)wisdom and (3)understanding, the spirit of (4)counsel and (5)might, the spirit of (6)knowledge and of the (7)fear of the Lord;

Revelation 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, "begotten of the dead" begotten born through resurrection

Colossians 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

I Corinthians 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own

order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Revelation 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

“He commeth” “Is coming” Greek present active indicative tense, people hear coming and most think of His 2nd coming.

Consider this “Coming” is the cumulation of His first coming

Matthew 10:23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

Matthew 16:28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

Matthew 24:29-31 29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Matthew 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. (all 3 synoptics quote this verse)

Matthew 26:64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

Consider Jesus Christ's 1st coming was in 2 stages

Daniel 9:24-27, 24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. 25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

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After Jesus death, burial and resurrection the sacrifices in the Temple "ceased to have any efficacy to remove or pass over sin.

Hebrews 10:4 It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

In 30 AD there is 3 and one half years left from the 70 weeks of years

How will Jesus use up the 3½ years in that generation 25-40 years?

"for the overspreading of abominations" Jesus said in all 3 synoptics

Matthew 24:15-16 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place,

(whoso readeth, let him understand:)¹⁶ Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Mark 13:14-15 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: 15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house

But Luke knows Gentile readers will not understand the Hebrew “abomination of desolation” so he defines this verse by interpreting it

Luke 21:20-22 20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. 21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. 22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

How do you know you are tracking this right 30 AD for the crucifixion?

Luke 3:23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph ...

John 2:19-20 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

Herod began to rebuild the Temple in 20BC + 46 years = 26 AD Right!

In 64 Nero began the persecution of Christians and appointed Gessius Florus as Governor in 66 AD he raided the Temple and stole 17 talents “for Nero” and he arrested 3,600 innocent people and crucified most of them.

The Jews revolted and Ananus Ben Ananus High Priest Killed.

(F)Phannias new HP became one of 3 rulers along with False Messiah

Manahem the son of Judas the Sicarii leader and the Zealot leader Eleazar ben Simon.

Ananus Ben Ananus who was killed was the son of High Priest Ananus who held the first night time trial of Jesus and ordered the murder by stoning of James the Lord's brother in 63. Remember Jesus words cf:

Matthew 23:29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, 30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. 31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. 32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. 33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? 34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: 35 That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. 36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

Cestius Gallus legate of Syria sent an army of the 12th legion plus auxiliaries that surrounded Jerusalem but in a day or two he pulls back toward Syria ... every Christian got out of town cf: Eusebius Hist.

But the Zealots and Sicarii followed them and bush wacked them in the battle of Beth Horon killing 6,000 Romans and were greatly embolden by this victory beginning 3½ year Jewish war against Rome

“Coming” is apocalyptic language for judgement

Isaiah 19:1 The burden of Egypt. Behold, the Lord rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.

Ezekiel 32:2 Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou art as a whale in the seas: and thou camest forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers.

Ezekiel 32:7-9 And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. **8** All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord God. **9** I will also vex the hearts of many people, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known.

Isaiah 13:10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

Mark 14:61-62 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? **62** And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

More than 70 times the Gospels often refer to Jesus as “the Son of man” ... a term rich in Apocalyptic poetry used only by Stephen @ his stoning Acts 7:56 and next week in Revelation 1:13

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Clouds

Daniel 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Mark 13:24, 27 & 30 **2** But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, **27** And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

“every eye see him” won’t be secret or done in a corner @ Jerusalem

These were world shaken events the Year of 4 Caesars assassinated

1 Julius, 2 Augustus or Octavian, 3 Tiberius, 4 Caligula, 5 Claudius, 6 Nero, 7 Galba, 8 Otho, 9 Vitellius, 10 Vespian, 11 Titus, 12 Domitian

Revelation 17:9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. **10** And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

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“Pierced” When did the Jews ever pierce their God “Me whom they P...

Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn

John 19:37 And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

So again John uses that verse in his Gospel unique only to him.

“all kindreds of the earth” “all tribes of the land” not kindred but tribes and not earth but land” the way Peter & John interpret Psalm 2 in Acts 4:25-28 using the exact Greek phrase.

“wail because of Him” “mourn not wail”

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Me-gid'-don is Meg-id-do a city which is where the word Har-meg-id-do or in English Armageddon which now ties the word and prophecy to the destruction of Jerusalem.

Revelation 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Revelation 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the LORD, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

“I AM” we have a double claim of Divinity in this verse ... linking the author with John the Apostle for there are seven I AM verses in John's Gospel linking Jesus with the Great I AM

Exodus 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you.

Alpha and Omega is A to Z in Greek. The use of this figure is progressively expanded in Revelation. From Alpha and Omega in Revelation 1:8 progresses to The Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end (Revelation 21:6); and then expands to The Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end Revelation 22:13 Since the usage of this expression in subsequent passages of Revelation undoubtedly refers to Christ, there is no good reason why it should not be applied to him here.

“The beginning and ending” not found in oldest MS probably scribal interpolation borrowed from Revelation 21:6 where it is used.

Saith the Lord, Christ is the foremost term applied to Jesus in the Gospels and Lord 2nd most term used of him.

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“The Almighty” Scholars make a big point out of this word's being one of the “the Septuagint's renditions of Yahweh Sabaoth, the Lord of Hosts” but there is no reason for not applying it also to Christ who was prophetically designated as “The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father” (Isaiah 9:6). That this is a proper and appropriate title of Jesus Christ will appear in subsequent chapters of this prophecy.

Revelation 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

See my introduction for comment on the authorship of Revelation. Although John was an apostle, and possibly the last surviving apostle, he here identified himself with his readers as their brother and a fellow-member of Christ's kingdom. All of the sacred writers hesitated to flaunt their authority; and even Paul, who, in a sense, was compelled to do so by circumstances, proclaimed himself the chief of sinners and the least of saints.

Revelation 1-10 I was in the Spirit on the LORD's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

“I was in the Spirit” Probability a prophetic trance such as Paul refers to in II Corinthians 12:3 or Isaiah's seeing the Glory of the Lord Isaiah 6 or Ezekiel being carried by the hair of his head back to Jerusalem.

“... great voice as a trumpet”

Revelation 1:11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

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