

GOD REVEALED

How God Revealed His message *Lesson 2*

Revelation 1:1-8
Sunday 01-14-2024

THE WORD OF GOD

THE TRUTH

THE SCRIPTURES

Possible Interpretations Interpretive Methods

Preterist

❖ Basic Thesis:

Entire book chronicles events in the 1st century

Historical

Postmillennialism

❖ Basic Thesis:

Apocalypse is a panorama of church history from initiation of the Apostolic age until consummation.

Idealist

❖ Basic Thesis:

No internal millennial reign

Apocalypse is not to be construed as a representation of actual events whether past or future. Rather, the book is symbolic— a metaphor to depict the great struggle between good & evil.

Futurist

Premillennialism

❖ Basic Thesis:

Beginning with chapter 4, the events described belong to the future and constitute God's program for the eschaton.

Advocates

Interpretive Method

Preterist

Ken Gentry

Adela Yarbro Collins

Jay Adams

David Chilton

Idealist

William Hendrikson

Herschel Hobbs

Ray Summers

*Most Southern Baptists after
Carroll & before Conservative
Resurgence*

Advocates

Historical Postmillennialism

Martin Luther
John Wycliff
John Calvin
John Wesley,
C.H. Spurgeon
B.H. Carroll
George W. Truett

Futurist

1

The Anabaptists
Early Church
H. A. Ironside
A. C. Gaebelein
Charles Ryrie
Joseph Seiss
John Walvoord
W. A. Criswell
Jerry Vines

Futurist

2

David Allen
Jimmy Draper
George Eldon Ladd
Mac Brunson
Robert Jeffress
Paige Patterson
Irenaeus
Justin
Hippolytus

Romans 16:20



*And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet **shortly.***

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Shortly → “en tachei”



Revelation *1:1*

The Unveiling

- 1** The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified *it* by His angel to His servant John,



Purpose

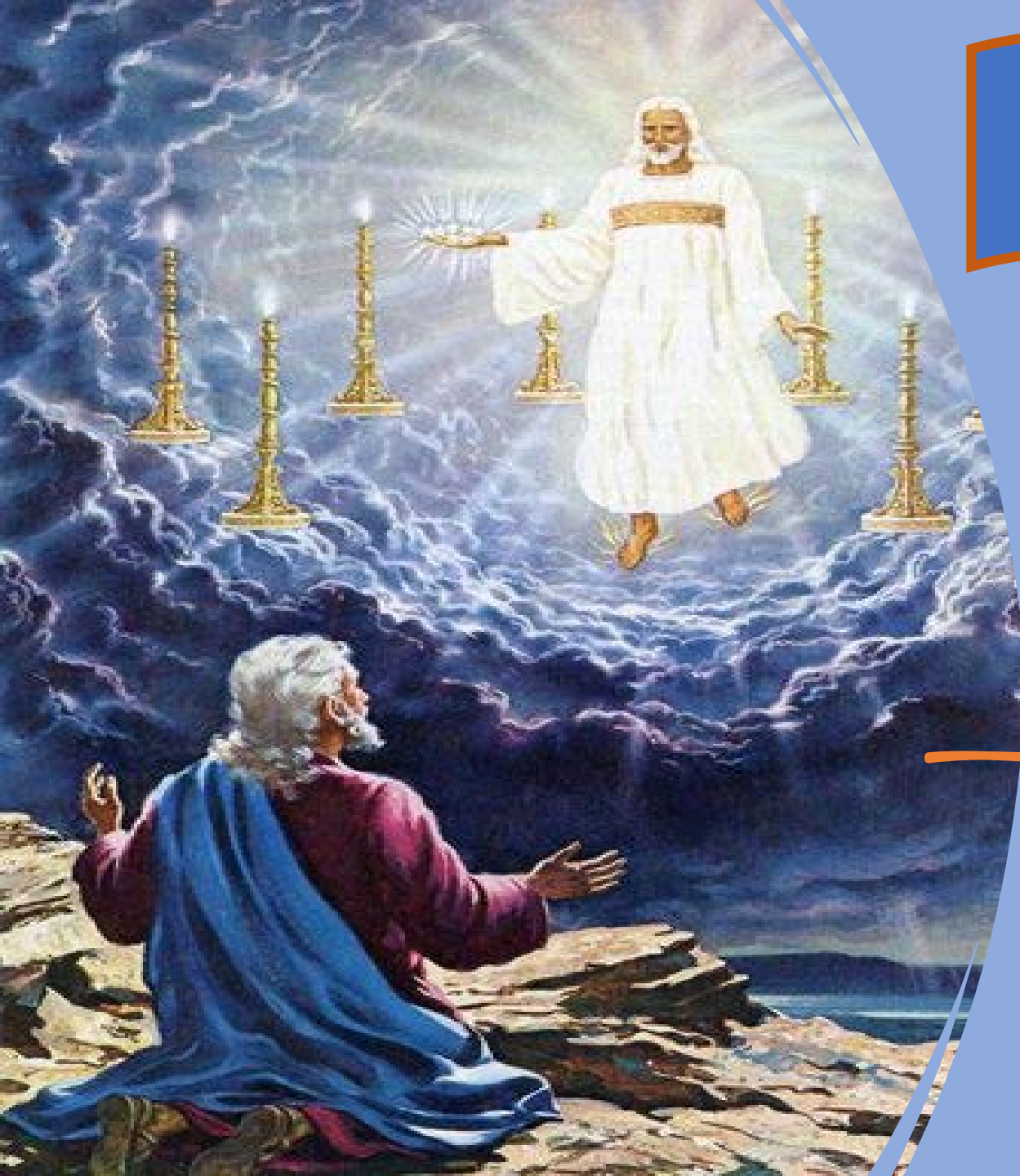
- ***Showing Servants the things to come***

Method

Use of Signs

"sémainó"

To John



Agent

*John the son of Zebedee,
only remaining
Apostle*

***Revelation
1:2-3***

***The word of God and a
Purpose***

² who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw.

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.



Revelation *1:2-3*

A Beatitude for readers and hearers

Makarios, Same Word
used in the



Beatitudes



Revelation 1:2-3

- Kairos → Greek → καιρός

Chosen Time

- Eggus → Greek → έγγύς

Near

The True Authors *Revelation 1:4-6*

4 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

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

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.





TURKEY

PERGAMOS

THYATIRE

SARDIS

PHILADELPHIA

SMYRNA

EPHESUS

LAODICEA

GREECE

GREECE

Edirne

Istanbul

Gebze

Kocaeli (Izmit)

Sakarya (Adapazarı)

Bursa

Ereğli

Samsun

Çorum

Sivas

Kayseri

Konya

Malatya

Kahramanmaraş

Antalya

Adana

Ceyhan

Gaziantep

İçel (Mersin)

İskenderun

Bosphorus

Sea of Marmara

Dardanelles

Çanakkale

Kızılirmak

Yeşilirmak

Akşehir Gölü

Tuz Gölü

Beypazarı Gölü

Gulf of Antalya

Göksu Nehri

Seyhan Nehri

Kara Kaya Barajı

Atatürk Barajı

Euphrates

Chios

Aravia

Samos

Naxos

Er

Ke

Elazığ

Ş



Macedonia

Thrace

Black Sea

Bithynia and Pontus

Samothrace

Sea of Marmara

Aegean Sea

Mysia

Byzantium (Istanbul)

Chalcedon

Abydos

Nicaea

Prusa

Troas

Hellespont

Assos

Adramyttium

Dorylaeum

Ancyra (Ankara)

Mitylene

Lesbos

Pergamum

Thyatira

ASIA

Appia

Gordium

Kios

Smyrna

Sardis

Philadelphia

Phrygia

Pisidian Antioch

Galatia

Caesarea (Mazaca)

Lechaeum

Corinth

Cenchrea

Athens

Ephesus

Magnesia

Hierapolis

Laodicea

Colosse

Pisidia

Iconium

Lystra

Peloponese

Saronic Gulf

Cyclades Islands

Patmos

Samos

Miletus

Caria

Pamphylia

Derbe

Cappadocia

Santorini

Cos

Cnidus

Rhodes

Xanthus

Patara

Lycia

Myra

Attalia

Perga

Taurus Mountains
Cilicia (ains)
Cilician Gates

Tarsus

Issus

Antioch (Antakya)

Phoenix

Fair Havens

Cauda

Lasea

Salmone

Mediterranean Sea

Seleucia

7 Churches of Asia

*John to the
Seven Churches*



- 1 Pergamos
- 2 Thyatira
- 3 Sardis
- 4 Smyrna
- 5 Philadelphia
- 6 Ephesus
- 7 Laodicea

*Why these
seven?*



- ❖ From the One who is, was, is to come
- ❖ From seven Spirits
- ❖ From Jesus
 - Faithful Witness
 - The Firstborn from the dead
 - The Ruler over Earth
 - He loved us and "loosed" us or "Washed us" from our sins
 - One way, it is \longrightarrow "louó"
 - The other it is \longrightarrow "luó"
 - Made us a Kingdom of Priests



Christ's Return
Revelation 1:7-8

7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Universal Awareness

Amen



Let it be



- Alpha and Omega
 - Creation
 - Consummation
- The Almighty