

Introduction to the Revelation

Revelation 1:1-4

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## Revelation 1:1-2

- <sup>1</sup> 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,
- who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw.

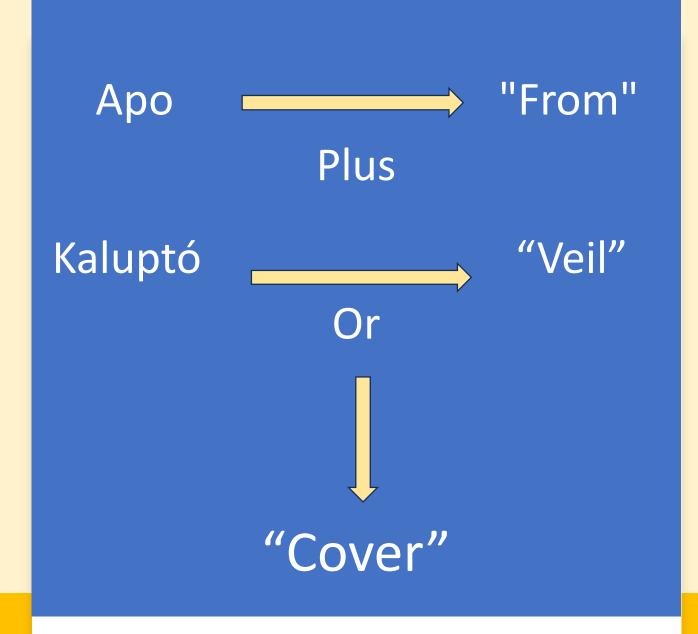


Revelation 1:3-4

- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> 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,

## Apocalypse of Jesus Christ





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- Is it a subjective genitive; hence Jesus the Christ is revealing?
- Or is it objective; hence Jesus is being revealed?

Portrait	Name	Reign	Demise
	Julius Caesar	49 BC— 44 BC	Assassinated
	Augustus	27 BC – AD 14	Died Naturally
	Tiberius	AD 14 – 37	Died Naturally
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	Caligula	AD 37 – 41	Murdered

Portrait	Name	Reign	Demise
	Claudius	AD 41 – 54	Poisoned by wife
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	Otho	AD 69 (3 Mo.)	Suicide

Portrait	Name	Reign	Demise
	Aulus Vitellius	AD 69 (8 Mo.)	Murdered
71	Vespasian	AD 69 –79	Died of dysentery
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	Domitian	AD 81 – 96	Assassinated

Portrait	Name	Reign	Demise
	Nerva	AD 96 – 98	Natural Causes
	Trajan	AD 98 – 117	Natural Causes
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	Hadrian	AD 117 – 138	Natural Causes
	Antoninus Pius	AD 138 – 161	Natural Causes
	Marcus Aurelius	AD 161 – 180	Natural Causes

## Dispersion of the Twelve

Name	Area of Ministry	Nature of Death
Peter	Asia Minor, Asia	Crucifixion in Rome
Paul	Asia Minor, Europe & Spain	Decapitation in Rome
Andrew	"Land of maneaters," Russia, Turkey	Crucified in Greece
Thomas	Syria, India	Spears of four Soldiers
Philip	Carthage, North Africa	Martyred Cruelly
Matthew	Persia, Ethiopia	Stabbed in Ethiopia
Bartholomew	India, Southern Arabia, Armenia	A Martyr

### Dispersion of the Twelve

Name	Area of Ministry	Nature of Death
James, son of Alphaeus	Syria	Josephus says he was stoned
Simon The Zealot	Persia	Killed for refusing to sacrifice to Sun god
Matthias		
Thaddaeus	No Idea	No Idea
Judas	No Ministry	Suicide
James, son of Zebedee	Jerusalem	Herod Killed him with Sword
John	Asia Minor	Natural Causes –Ephesus or Patmos







### John the Elder

Possible Authors of the Apocalypse

John the Baptist

**Another John** 

John, the brother of James

Conceivable Dates for the Apocalypse

Nero (64-68 AD)

John A.T. Robinson – Redating the New testament

**Domitian (**AD 81—96)

Trajan (AD 98—117)

#### **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 of God's program for the eschaton.

### Advocates

#### **Interpretive Method**

#### **Preterist**

Ken Gentry
Adela Yarbro Collins
Jay Adams
David Chilton

#### <u>Idealist</u>

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** 

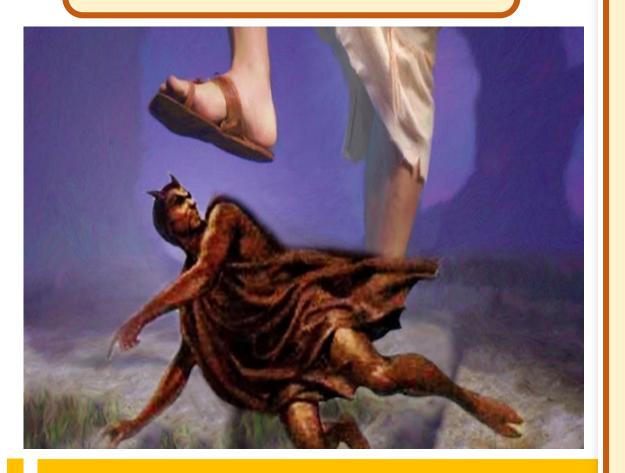
#### **Futurist**

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

#### **Futurist**

**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.

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