

REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

**WHAT INFLUENCES
DETERMINE HOW YOU READ
& STUDY THIS BOOK**

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**THE PHILOSOPHIES
OF HISTORY**

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CYCLIC

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF




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CONTINUOUS

THERE ARE UPS & THERE ARE DOWNS BUT IT IS ALWAYS MOVING FORWARD & NEVER BACKWARDS



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PROGRESSIVE

GOING UP! UP! UP!



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REGRESSIVE

GOING DOWN! DOWN! DOWN!



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APOCALYPTIC (THE BIBLE VIEW)

IT'S GONNA GET WORSE, THEN SUDDENLY BETTER & IT STAYS BETTER

JEW'S → GOD
CHRISTIANS
COMMUNIST MAN → JESUS → GOD

WHY DOES IT GET BETTER?

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WHICH ONE ARE YOU?

CYCLIC CONTINUOUS PROGRESSIVE REGRESSIVE APOCALYPTIC

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SCHOOLS OF INTERPRETAION

4 WAYS CHAPTERS 6-16
HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED
IT'S ABOUT THE
WHEN
DO THESE DISASTERS
HAPPEN?

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THE 4 SCHOOLS OF INTERPRETAION

**PRETERIST
HISTORICIST
FUTURIST
IDEALIST**

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PRETERIST

**ALREADY PAST (1ST CENTURY A.D. UP TO THE 3RD)
REVELATION IS INTERPRETED USING THE RISE & FALL
OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE
IT'S OVER & DONE
IN REVELATION BABYLON SITS ON 7 HILLS AND
SINCE ROME SAT ON 7 HILLS THEIR THOUGHT IS THAT
IT MUST BE ROME**

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HISTORICIST

**PRESENT MENTALITY
(WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THEM)
(COVERING ALL CENTURIES A.D.)
ONE FORM OF THIS TEACHES THAT EACH "CHURCH"
REPRESENTS THE 7 AGES OF THE CHURCH & THAT WE
ARE IN THE LAODCIAN AGE**

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FUTURIST

**FUTURE (LAST CENTURY A.D.)
IT WILL COME –
IT'S THE LAST 7 YEARS OF THE VERY LAST DAYS
3 ½ YEARS OF WHICH WILL BE THE GREAT
TRIBULATION**

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IDEALIST (symbolic)

**PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE (ANY CENTURY A.D.)
IT HAPPENS AT ANYTIME
THEY INTERPRET REVELATION AS MYTH'S OR
STORIES THAT CAN APPLY TO ANY TIMEFRAME**

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WHICH A.D.?

WHICH ONE?	CHAPTER 1-3	CHAPTERS 4-19	CHAPTERS 20-22
PRETERIST (1 ST CENTURY)			
HISTORICIST (ALL CENTURIES)			
FUTURIST (LAST CENTURY)			
IDEALIST (ANY CENTURY)			

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WHICH ONE(S) AM I?

WHICH ONE?	CHAPTER 1-3	CHAPTERS 4-19	CHAPTERS 20-22
PRETERIST (1 ST CENTURY)	✓	-	-
HISTORICIST (ALL CENTURIES)	?	?	-
FUTURIST (LAST CENTURY)	-	✓	✓
IDEALIST (ANY CENTURY)	✓	✓	

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3 SERIES OF 7'S | SEALS, TRUMPETS & BOWLS

CHAPTERS 6-16

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3 SERIES OF 7'S | SEALS, TRUMPETS & BOWLS

7 SEALS 1 WHITE HORSE – AGGRESSION 2 RED HORSE – BLOODSHED 3 BLACK HORSE – FAMINE 4 GREEN HORSE – DISEASE “WOES” 5 PERSECUTION & PRAYER (BELIEVERS) 6 TREMORS & TERROR (UNBELIEVERS) 7 SILENCE (EARTHQUAKE)	7 TRUMPETS 1 SCORCHED EARTH 2 POLLUTED SEA 3 CONTAMINATED WATER 4 REDUCED SUNLIGHT “WOES” 5 INSECT PLAGUE 6 ORIENTAL INVASION 7 KINGDOM COME (EARTHQUAKE)	7 BOWLS 1 BOILS ON SKIN 2 BLOOD IN SEA 3 BLOOD FROM SPRINGS 4 BURNING BY SUN “WOES” 5 DARKNESS 6 ARMAGEDDON 7 UNIVERSAL CATASTROPHE (EARTHQUAKE)
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SUCCESSIVE

SEALS	TRUMPETS	BOWLS
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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SIMULTANEOUS

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SEALS	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
TRUMPETS	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
BOWLS	1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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SUCCESSIVE, SPEEDED, SIMULTANEOUS

SEALS	1 2 3 4-5 6	7
TRUMPETS	1 2 3 4-5 6	7
BOWLS	1 2 3 4-5 6 7	7

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THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

WHEN DOES IT HAPPEN?
THERE ARE 3 BELIEFS THAT WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT
PRE-TRIB
MID-TRIB
POST-TRIB

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PRE-TRIBULATION

BEFORE THE BIG TRIBULATION

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PRE-TRIB FACTS

THIS THEORY ORIGINATED FROM SCOTLAND VIA A PROPHECY IN 1830
PROMOTED & MADE POPULAR BY JOHN NELSON DARBY (PLYMOUTH BRETHREN)
BELIEF OF A SECRET RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH - THAT THE LORD WITH RETURN TWICE - ONCE "FOR" THE CHURCH & ANOTHER TIME "WITH" THE CHURCH

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PRE-TRIB FACTS

CROSSED THE ATLANTIC & WAS WIDELY DISTRIBUTED BY DR. C.I. SCHOLFIELD & A NEW ADDITION OF THE BIBLE. THE SCHOLFIELD BIBLE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST BIBLES THAT INCLUDED MAN'S COMMENTARY PRINTED WITHIN THE BIBLE - THUS ACCEPTANCE OF THE THEORY IS NOW WIDELY BELIEVED AS "TRUTH" & ACCEPTED BY THOUSANDS OF BELIEVERS

NOW DUE TO THE POPULAR BOOK SERIES WRITTEN BY A DALLAS SEMINARY STUDENT BY THE NAME OF HAL LINDSEY, HIS LEFT BEHIND SERIES (THAT SOLD BY THE MILLIONS.) HAS GREATLY REINFORCED THIS BELIEF SYSTEM.

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THERE ARE 7 REASONS FOR THIS BELIEF

#1 STATEMENTS ABOUT TIME /SPEED OF CHRIST'S RETURN.

"I'M COMING SOON"

"I'M COMING QUICKLY"

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THERE ARE 7 REASONS FOR THIS BELIEF

#2 STATEMENTS ABOUT SURPRISE OF HIS COMING

"LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT" MATT 24:43, 1 THESS 5:2

A COMPLETE SURPRISE JOHN 5:28

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THERE ARE 7 REASONS FOR THIS BELIEF

#3 DIFFERENCES OF LANGUAGE
FOR EXAMPLE THEY TRY & DISTINGUISH BETWEEN WORDS TO SUPPORT THIS THEORY OF 2 SEPARATE RETURNS OF CHRIST

DAY OF THE LORD VS DAY OF CHRIST
 MARK 13:20, ACTS 2:20, 1 COR 1:8, 1 COR 5:5, 1 THESS 5:2, 2 THESS 2:2, 2 TIM 4:8, 2 PETER 3:10, 1 COR 1:8, PHIL 1:6, 10, PHIL 2:16, 1 THESS 5:4, 2 THESS 2:3, HEB 10:25

HIS ARRIVAL VS HIS APPEARING
 1 THESS 5:10, 1 TIM 6:14, 2 TIM 4:1, 2 TIM 4:8, LUKE 12:37, REV 14:15

FOR SAINTS VS WITH SAINTS
 1 THESS 3:13

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THERE ARE 7 REASONS FOR THIS BELIEF

#4 EXPECTATION OF THE CHURCH
PHRASES LIKE...

“HE IS AT THE DOOR” –
 MATT 24:33, MARK 13:29

“THIS GENERATION WILL NOT PASS AWAY”
 MATT 24:34, MARK 13:30, LUKE 21:32

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THERE ARE 7 REASONS FOR THIS BELIEF

#5 ABSENCE OF THE WORD “CHURCH”
FROM CHAPTER’S 6-16 EVEN 17-19 AS WELL
YOU SEE THE WORDS
ELECT & SAINTS – BUT DISPENSATIONALIST APPLY THIS ONLY TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE (NOT MESSIANIC) – THEY SAY THIS DOESN’T APPLY TO CHRISTIANS

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THERE ARE 7 REASONS FOR THIS BELIEF

#6 EMPHASIS ON COMFORT
"COMFORT ONE ANOTHER"
1 THESS 4:18, 1 THESS 5:11

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THERE ARE 7 REASONS FOR THIS BELIEF

#7 TRIBULATION IS "WRATH"
1 THESS 5:9

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7 REASONS TO DISPUTE THIS BELIEF

REGARDING SPEED
IT'S BEEN OVER 2000 YEARS.
TO GOD, A DAY IS LIKE A THOUSAND YEARS

Nevertheless, do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years is like one day. 2 Peter 3:8

WOULDN'T THAT MEAN THAT JESUS HAS ONLY BEEN GONE FOR 2 HEAVENLY DAYS?

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7 REASONS TO DISPUTE THIS BELIEF

REGARDING SURPRISE

IT'S ONLY AN UNBELIEVER OR SLEEPING BELIEVER THAT IS CAUGHT OFF GUARD

LUKE 17:34, MARK 13:32-37, LUKE 12:35-49, 1 THESS 5:6, REV 16:15

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7 REASONS TO DISPUTE THIS BELIEF

REGARDING SURPRISE

IT'S ONLY AN UNBELIEVER OR SLEEPING BELIEVER THAT IS CAUGHT OFF GUARD

LUKE 17:34, MARK 13:32-37, LUKE 12:35-49, 1 THESS 5:6, REV 16:15

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LUKE 17:34-35 ESV

I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left.

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LUKE 17:34-37 ESV

34 I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. **35** There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left.” **37** And they said to him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”

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LUKE 17:34-37 AMP

34 I tell you, on that night [when Messiah comes again] there will be two [sleeping] in one bed; the one (the non-believer) will be taken [away in judgment] and the other (the believer) will be left. **35** There will be two women grinding [at the mill] together; the one (the non-believer) will be taken [away in judgment] and the other (the believer) will be left. **36** [Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be left.”] **37** And they asked Him, “Where, Lord?” He answered, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will be gathered.”

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7 REASONS TO DISPUTE THIS BELIEF

REGARDING LANGUAGE

THERE IS LITERALLY NO WAY YOU CAN DIVIDE THE LANGUAGE OF THE BIBLE INTO 2 SEPARATE EVENT. ALL OF THE PHRASES REFERENCE 1 SINGLE EVENT.

THERE IS NO CLEAR STATEMENT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT THAT SPEAKS OF 2 DIFFERENT RETURNS

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7 REASONS TO DISPUTE THIS BELIEF

**EXPECTATON OF THE EARLY CHURCH
THEY DIDN'T EXPECT - THEY HOPED
THEY KNEW THAT THE GOSPEL HAD TO GO
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**

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7 REASONS TO DISPUTE THIS BELIEF

**THE WORD "CHURCH" NOT BEING USED
ALTHOUGH THROUGHOUT THE OLD TESTAMENT
WE SEE THE USE OF THE WORD ELECT, IT IS
ALSO EQUALLY TRUE THAT THE USE OF THE
WORDS ELECT & SAINTS IS USED CONSISTENTLY
THROUGHOUT THE NEW TESTAMENT TO REFER
TO BOTH JEW & GENTILE BELIEVERS AS ONE
BODY**

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7 REASONS TO DISPUTE THIS BELIEF

**REGARDING COMFORT
THE WORD ACTUALLY REFERS TO BEING
STRENGTHENED, TO MAKE STRONG TO RESIST - A
FORTRESS**

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7 REASONS TO DISPUTE THIS BELIEF

REGARDING "WRATH"

BUT IF YOU HAVE STUDIED YOU KNOW THAT GOD IS ABLE TO PROTECT HIS PEOPLE THROUGH THE WRATH.

NOAH & HIS FAMILY WERE IMPACTED BUT SAFE THROUGH THE FLOOD

LOOK AT ABRAHAM'S NEPHEW LOT

LOOK AT EXODUS, THE JEWS IN EGYPT WERE COVERED BY THE BLOOD & KEPT SAFE - THROUGH THE WRATH - LOOK AT THE 10 PLAGUES ARE THEY NOT A FORSHADOWING OF TRIBULATION?

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MID-TRIBULATION

AT THE 3 ½ YEAR MARK OF THE BIG TRIBULATION

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POST-TRIBULATION

AT THE END OF THE BIG TRIBULATION

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POST-TRIB FACTS

THIS WAS AN UNCONTESTED BELIEVE FOR NEARLY 500 YEARS BY THE EARLY CHURCH

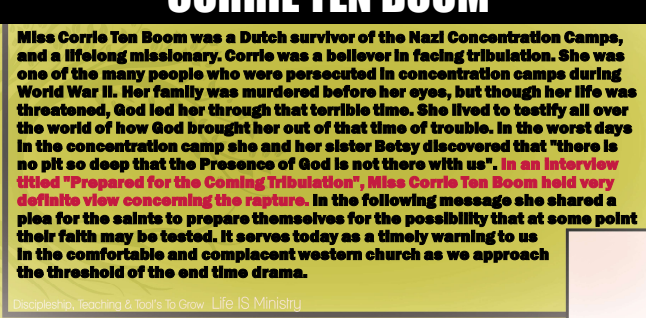


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CORRIE TEN BOOM

Miss Corrie Ten Boom was a Dutch survivor of the Nazi Concentration Camps, and a lifelong missionary. Corrie was a believer in facing tribulation. She was one of the many people who were persecuted in concentration camps during World War II. Her family was murdered before her eyes, but though her life was threatened, God led her through that terrible time. She lived to testify all over the world of how God brought her out of that time of trouble. In the worst days in the concentration camp she and her sister Betsy discovered that "there is no pit so deep that the Presence of God is not there with us". In an interview titled "Prepared for the Coming Tribulation", Miss Corrie Ten Boom held very definite view concerning the rapture. In the following message she shared a plea for the saints to prepare themselves for the possibility that at some point their faith may be tested. It serves today as a timely warning to us in the comfortable and complacent western church as we approach the threshold of the end time drama.



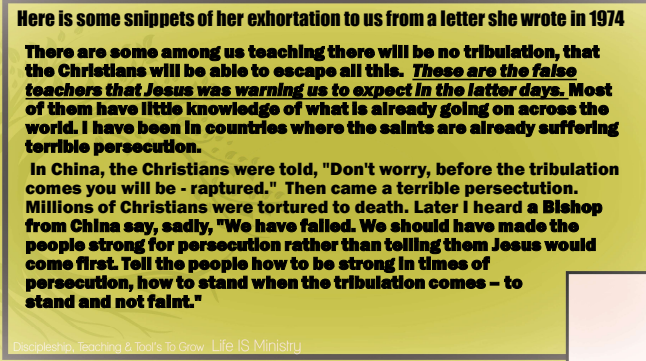
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Here is some snippets of her exhortation to us from a letter she wrote in 1974

There are some among us teaching there will be no tribulation, that the Christians will be able to escape all this. **These are the false teachers that Jesus was warning us to expect in the latter days.** Most of them have little knowledge of what is already going on across the world. I have been in countries where the saints are already suffering terrible persecution.

In China, the Christians were told, "Don't worry, before the tribulation comes you will be - raptured." Then came a terrible persecution. Millions of Christians were tortured to death. Later I heard a Bishop from China say, sadly, "We have failed. We should have made the people strong for persecution rather than telling them Jesus would come first. Tell the people how to be strong in times of persecution, how to stand when the tribulation comes - to stand and not faint."



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I feel I have a divine mandate to go and tell the people of this world that it is possible to be strong in the Lord Jesus Christ. We are in training for the tribulation, but more than sixty percent of the Body of Christ across the world has already entered into the tribulation. There is no way to escape it. We are next!!!

In America, the churches sing, "Let the congregation escape tribulation", but in China and Africa the tribulation has already arrived. This last year alone more than two hundred thousand Christians were martyred in Africa. Now things like that never get into the newspapers because they cause bad political relations. But I know. I have been there. We need to think about that when we sit down in our nice houses with our nice clothes to eat our steak dinners. Many, many members of the Body of Christ are being

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tortured to death at this very moment, yet we continue right on as though we are all going to escape the tribulation.

Several years ago I was in Africa in a nation where a new government had come into power. The first night I was there some of the Christians were commanded to come to the police station to register. When they arrived, they were arrested and that same night they were executed. The next day the same thing happened with other Christians. The third day it was the same. All the Christians in the district were being systematically murdered. The fourth day I was to speak in a little church. The people came, but they were filled with fear and tension. All during the service they were looking at each other, their eyes asking, "Will this one I am sitting beside be the next one killed? Will I be the next one?"

Later that week, half the congregation of that church was executed. I heard later that the other half was killed some months ago. **But I must tell you something. I was so happy that the Lord used me to encourage these people, for unlike many of their leaders, I had the Word of God**

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I had been to the Bible and discovered that Jesus said He had not only overcome the world, but to all those who remained faithful to the end, He would give a crown of life.

How can we get ready for the persecution? First, we need to feed on the word of God, digest it, make it a part of our being. This will mean disciplined Bible study each day as we not only memorize long passages of scripture but put the principles to work in our lives.

Next, we need to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Not just the Jesus of yesterday, the Jesus of History, but the life-changing Jesus of today who is still alive and sitting at the right hand of God.

We must be filled with the Holy Spirit. This is no optional command of the Bible, it is absolutely necessary. Those earthly disciples could never have stood up under the persecution of the Jews and Romans had they not waited for Pentecost. Each of us needs our own personal Pentecost, the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We will never be able to stand in the tribulation without it.

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THE MILLENNIUM

**THE QUESTION IS:
WHEN DOES THE 1000 YEARS
ACTUALLY HAPPEN**

**TYPICALLY MOST PEOPLE SAY THAT THERE IS ONLY 3
VIEWS: A-MILLENNIAL, POST-MILLENNIAL &
PRE-MILLENNIAL BUT THERE IS ACTUALLY 6 SO WE
ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THEM**

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A-MILLENNIAL

**DON'T BELIEVE IN IT AT ALL
SOME EVEN SAY IT SHOULD BE NON-MILLENNIAL**

**A. SCEPTICAL THAT THERE COULD OR WOULD EVERY BE
1000 YEARS OF PEACE [IT IS ABSURD]
- MOST COMMONLY ACCEPTED BY LIBERAL CHRISTIANS**

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A-MILLENNIAL

**B. MYTHOLOGICAL - JUST AS THEY TREAT ADAM & EVE
AS A MYTH [IT'S A FICTIONAL STORY / ALLEGORY WITH
A MESSAGE]**

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POST-MILLENNIAL (CHRIST RETURNS AFTER)

SO FOR A POST-MILLENNIAL BELIEVER THE 1000 YEARS HAS TWO SEPARATE VIEWPOINTS. WE ARE EITHER IN THE 1000 YEARS OR WE ARE NOT

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POST-MILLENNIAL (CHRIST RETURNS AFTER)

A. SPIRITUAL POST-MILLENNIALIST TAKE THE 1000 YEARS AS A REPRESENTATION OF THE WHOLE OF CHURCH AGE STARTING AT THE 1ST COMING ENDING WITH THE 2ND COMING & THAT WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF IT NOW – THE PROBLEM HERE IS THAT IT CLEARLY STATES THAT SATAN WON'T BE HERE & IT'S QUITE EVIDENT THAT HE IS. SO THEY WILL TWIST SCRIPTURE AND SAY THAT HE ISN'T BANISHED BUT RATHER JUST BOUND & UNABLE TO PREVENT THE CHURCH FROM GROWING. THEY ALSO BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS REIGNING NOW IN HEAVEN & THAT THE MILLENNIUM IS IN HEAVEN AND NOT ON EARTH & THAT HE IS WITH THE SAINTS WHO HAVE DIED

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POST-MILLENNIAL (CHRIST RETURNS AFTER)

(A NEW FORM OF POST-MILLENNIALISM)
B. POLITICAL (RATHER THAN SPIRITUAL)
THEY BELIEVE THAT THE LAST 1000 YEARS OF THIS AGE IS GOING TO BE THE CHURCH RULING THE WORLD – IN OTHER WORDS IT IS THE CHURCH THAT ESTABLISHES THE KINGDOM ON EARTH BEFORE CHRIST RETURNS.

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PRE-MILLENNIAL (CHRIST RETURNS BEFORE)

- THIS IS THE BELIEF IS THAT CHRIST WILL RETURN BEFORE THE MILLENNIAL REIGN.
- HE WILL BE ONE WHO ESTABLISHES THE 1000 YEARS OF PEACE. BECAUSE PEACE CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT THE KING.
- THERE ARE TWO VIEWPOINTS WITH THIS BELIEF

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PRE-MILLENNIAL (CHRIST RETURNS BEFORE)

A. DISPENSATIONAL I REFERENCE WHEN I SPOKE ON THE PRE-TRIB RAPTURE STANCE FROM DARBY & SCHOLFIELD.

- THE MILLENNIUM WILL BE MOSTLY JEWISH & ON EARTH
- CHRISTIANS & JEWS NEVER GET IT TOGETHER AS ONE BODY.
- THE JEWS ARE GOD'S EARTHLY PEOPLE AND CHRISTIANS ARE GOD'S HEAVENLY PEOPLE.
- PRIMARILY CONCENTRATING ON ISRAEL

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PRE-MILLENNIAL (CHRIST RETURNS BEFORE)

B. CLASSICAL WAS A VIEWPOINT THAT WAS BELIEVED BY THE EARLY CHURCH

- WAS UNDISPUTED FOR 400-500 YEARS
- THEY BELIEVED THAT JESUS WOULD COME BACK
- THAT HE WOULD ESTABLISH HIS GOVERNMENT HERE FOR 1000 YEARS
- THIS IS THE VIEWPOINT THAT YOU FIND IN REVELATION 20

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**WHAT WENT WRONG WITH THE CLASSICAL
PRE-MILLENNIAL VIEWPOINT?**

**AUGUSTINE LAID THE FOUNDATION
FOR MOVING AWAY FROM WHAT
STARTED AS A UNIVERSAL BELIEF
IT WAS TOO PHYSICAL & TOO
EARTHLY**

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WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU STAND?

**IS THERE "REALLY" GOING TO BE
A LITERAL 1000 YEAR REIGN OF
JESUS CHRIST?**

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IF YOU SAY "NO"

THEN YOU ARE AN "A-MILLENNIAL"

DO DOES IT HAVE ANY MEANING?

NO	YES
SCEPTICAL	MYTHOLOGICAL

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IF YOU SAY "YES"

WILL IT BE BEFORE OR AFTER CHRIST'S RETURN?

<p>AFTER</p> <p>PRE-MILLENNIAL</p> <p>WILL IT BE A JEWISH OR CHRISTIAN KINGDOM?</p> <p>JEWISH DISPENSATIONAL</p> <p>CHRISTIAN CLASSICAL</p>	<p>BEFORE</p> <p>POST-MILLENNIAL</p> <p>WILL IT BE THE WHOLE OR LAST PART OF THE CHURCH AGE?</p> <p>WHOLE SPIRITUAL</p> <p>PART POLITICAL</p>
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The Two Most Dangerous Challenges

**THESE CHALLENGES
DIDN'T EXIST FOR NEARLY
1000 years**

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1st -The Addition of Chapters

A.D. 1227

Stephen Langton,
an Archbishop of Canterbury

Wycliffe English Bible of 1382 was the first
Bible to use this chapter pattern

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2ND -The Addition of Verses

A.D. 1448
The Hebrew Old Testament | Jewish rabbi Nathan

A.D. 1555
The New Testament | Robert Estienne, (Stephanus)
Since the Geneva Bible, the chapter and verse divisions employed by Stephanus have been accepted into nearly all the Bible versions.

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WHY IS THAT DANGEROUS?

- YOU STOP READING IN THE WRONG PLACE
- IT MAKES TAKING SCRIPTURE OUT OF CONTEXT WAY TO EASY -THAT'S HOW DOCTRINES ARE BUILT
- IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE ORDER IT IS IN, YOU MOVE IT AROUND TO WHERE IT TICKLES YOUR EARS
- WE LIVE IN A CULTURE THAT USES SCRIPTURE AS INDIVIDUAL TEXT RATHER THAN CONTEXT
- DO YOU KNOW OF ANY OTHER BOOK THAT HAS DONE THIS?
- RATHER THAN "SEARCHING" SCRIPTURE - WE JUST "LOOK IT UP"

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WHY IS THAT DANGEROUS?

NOT ONLY HAS THIS AFFECTED OTHER PARTS OF THE BIBLE. SPECIFICALLY WHEN IT COMES TO REVELATION, IT HAS AFFECTED THE "WHEN" OF THE MILLENNIUM & IT SPLITS UP THE 7 VISIONS (AT THE END OF REVELATION) INTO 3 CHAPTERS

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BREAKDOWN OF REVELATION

1 | Christ from Heaven & Churches on Earth
2 & 3 | Things are not good on the Earth or in the Church
 Corrupt World & Compromised Church
4 & 5 | Heaven is good | God is on the Throne & Jesus is in Charge
6-18 | Life As We Know it is Going To Get Bad Before it Gets Better
 Affecting The World & For The Church
19-22 | Life As We Know it is Going to Get A Lot Better
 After It's Worse
 Return. Reign. Judgment. 2nd Death.
 New Heaven & Earth. New Jerusalem

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HEAVEN OR EARTH

**ASK YOURSELF - WHERE IS JOHN?
 IS THIS A VOICE OR A VISION THAT HE IS
 DOCUMENTING (I HEARD... I SAW)
 WHEN HE IS HEARING or SEEING WHAT HE
 WROTE IS HE IN HEAVEN OR ON EARTH?
 WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN AFFECTS WHAT
 HAPPENS ON EARTH**

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HOW MANY BLESSINGS

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WHERE ARE THEY?

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THE CURSE

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF NUMBERS

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THE IMPORTANCE OF 7

- Divine Perfection
- Spiritual Completion
- blessed
- (6 falls short)

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THE IMPORTANCE OF 12

- Perfect Government or Rule
- Divine Organization
- Apostolic fullness
- 12 Tribes (OT)
- 12 Apostles (NT)
- 12 x 12 = 144
- 12 gates, 12 foundations

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THE IMPORTANCE OF 24

- Governmental Perfection
- Multiples of 12
- 12 + 12=24 (Elders)

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THE IMPORTANCE OF 1000

- Ever Increasing (or more)
- Amplification of the number.
- 144 X1000 used to signify a large number
- 1000 is a specific length of time
- 1000 year reign & 1000 year binding & banishment of Satan

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LITERAL & SYMBOLIC

Use the rules of common speech: the same word in the same context has the same meaning.
 Read it with common sense & take a statement at its face value.
 Not all literal. Not all symbolic.
 Try & read it through their mind, heart & eyes.
 It was written for a practical purpose.

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NOT CHRONOLOGICAL

Yet Jesus revealed it in a specific order
 If Jesus doesn't make it clear - don't speculate.

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WRITE THIS DOWN

There are a significant number of times that John has to be reminded to "Write this down" -

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Have You Ever Asked God...

Why did Paul work so hard to join Jew & Gentile into One Body?
 Who is here (as you are reading)?
 Where Are the people who didn't go to battle? The one's still living?
 When does _____ happen?
 What is my application?

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What's It All About?

It's written for suffering saints.
 It's about the faith with finish with
 It points out issues.
 It provides a remedy.
 It prepares us for
 what is coming.

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The Key Verse

Here is [encouragement for] the steadfast endurance of the saints (God's people), those who *habitually* keep God's commandments and their faith in Jesus. ~ Revelation 14:12

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WHY STUDY THIS BOOK?

- IT IS THE FULL COMPLETION OF OUR STORY
- YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DEFEND THE ERRORS THAT OTHER CULTS BELIEVE (BECAUSE THEY KNOW THIS BOOK VERY WELL)
- YOU WILL BE ABLE TO INTERPRET YESTERDAYS NEWS IN LIGHT OF WHAT IS COMING.
- IT IS OUR HOPE BECAUSE WE KNOW JESUS WINS!

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WHY STUDY THIS BOOK?

- IT SPURS US TO EVANGELISM
- IT BRINGS US TO A PLACE OF WORSHIP
- IT HELPS STAY FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE & NOT ON WORLDLY VALUES
- IT POINTS OUT WHO IS IN DANGER
- IT PROVIDES THE ANTIDOTE | HOLINESS, GODLINESS & BEING READY
- IT PREPARES US FOR PERSECUTION
- IT COMPLETES OUR UNDERSTANDING OF CHRIST.

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WHERE AM I?

IF I AM WRONG & WE ESCAPE
 - NO HARM NO FOUL
 BUT, IF I AM RIGHT
 - YOU WILL BE PREPARED & NOT CAUGHT UNAWARE

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