

The Book of Revelation: 1-What's it Really About

**Your
eschatology
directly
impacts
your
theology**



**What you believe about the Law, the
New Covenant, Israel, end times, the
Bride of Christ, & even eternity**

Our interpretation of the book of Revelation influences a lot of our theology, but we don't know that it does

We stick to our 'pet'
interpretation and resist
having it changed – for some
unknown reason

It's time to remove it from its prominence by discarding what we doggedly believe and moving on with what Heaven is trying to get our attention on



Check this out

This is a revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him so that he might show his servants what must very soon take place.

Revelation 1:1 (PHILLIPS)



“This is **a** revelation”

There isn't a definite article
here in the Greek

According to Bible Gateway:

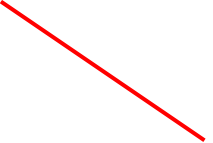
- 44 translations have “the revelation”
- 6 translations have “a revelation”
- 2 translations just have “revelation”

This is inferred. It's
not in the Greek

Which one you subscribe to makes all the difference



“revelation **from** Jesus Christ”



There is no preposition
here in the Greek

According to Bible Gateway:

- 50 translations have “of Jesus”
- 7 translations have “from Jesus”
- 3 translations have “showed to Jesus” (or similar)
- 2 translations have “that Jesus Christ revealed” (or similar)

Which one you subscribe to makes all the difference



“which **God** gave him”

i.e. Father

i.e. Jesus

Have you ‘seen’ this before?



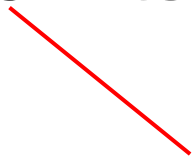
“that **he might show** his servants”

i.e. Jesus

i.e. 1st century
believers

**Not show ‘himself’, but
Father’s message**

“what must **very soon** take place”



Take note
of this

According to Bible Gateway:

- 40 translations have “soon”
- 12 translations have “shortly”
- 5 translations have “quickly”

**So, it was not a long time in the
future – e.g. 2,000 years away**



Check out Revelation's
introduction in the Classic
Amplified translation

[This is] the revelation of Jesus Christ [His unveiling of the divine mysteries]. God gave it to Him to disclose and make known to His bond servants certain things which must shortly and speedily come to pass in their entirety. And He sent and communicated it through His angel (messenger) to His bond servant John, who has testified to and vouched for all that he saw [in his visions], the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. →

Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [in the assemblies] the word of this prophecy; and blessed (happy, to be envied) are those who hear [it read] and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it [heeding them and laying them to heart], for the time [for them to be fulfilled] is near.

Revelation 1:3 (AMPC)

So, you must decide who or what is being revealed to John

This determines what you think Revelation is all about, not what it really IS about

So, don't be dogmatic about
what you think Revelation is
all about.

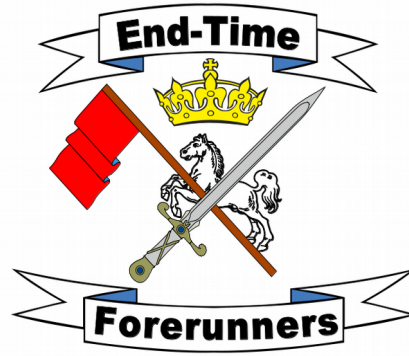
Allow Father tell you what you
need to know about it – after
all, it originated from him.

Don't let it



cause a split

Over the next few sessions we'll
look at 3 views of Revelation,
other than the **Futurist**
Eschatology which we have
been indoctrinated with



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