



THE RETURN OF THE **KING**

Part 2 – Revelation 1

Series 15 – A Live Interactive Study Of
The Book of Revelation
with Dr. Christopher Cone



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**INTRO TO THE BOOK OF
REVELATION**



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- Written by John the Apostle
- John is the last surviving Apostle
- Exiled on the Isle of Patmos (1:9) at the hands of Domitian

AUTHORSHIP OF THE BOOK OF
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- An anticipated role? John 21:20-24
- ΑΠΟΚΑΛΥΨΙΣ ΙΩΑΝΝΟΥ (Apocalypse of John)
- Between 85-95

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- It completes God's written revelation (communication) 22:18-21
- It is testimony "for the churches" (22:16)

PURPOSE OF THE BOOK OF
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- Literary genre is **prophecy** not “apocalyptic” – 1:3, 22:7

GENRE OF THE BOOK OF
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BLESSING OF THE BOOK OF **REVELATION**

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- **PRETERIST** – fulfilled in the past
- **HISTORICIST** – symbolic timeline of church history
- **IDEALIST** – timeless, symbolic patterns and cycles
- **FUTURIST** – based on literal grammatical historical hermeneutic (LGH)

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UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF
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- John assumes the LGH
 - (what value is a testimony if they can't understand it? [22:16])
 - Note his clear distinction between metaphorical and non-metaphorical language
- John assumes the reader has a rich knowledge of Scripture (particularly Daniel and Hebrew prophets)
- The genre is prophecy
- These three things provide the framework for understanding

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WORLDVIEW OF THE BOOK OF
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Revelation 12-22: God's Promises Fulfilled

The Things Which Shall Take Place After These Things (part 2): The Panorama

Pre-Tribulation 12:1-5	12:1-2	The Woman (Israel)		
	12:3-4	The Dragon (Satan)		
	12:5	The Male Child (Christ)		
Early Tribulation 12:6-16	12:6	The Woman Protected		
	12:7-16	Michael Wars With the Dragon		
Latter Tribulation 12:17-14:20	12:17	The Dragon Enraged		
	13:1-10	The Beast From the Sea		
	13:11-18	The Beast From the Earth		
	14:1-5	The Lamb and the 144,000		
	The 3 Angels	14:6-7	Proclaiming the Gospel	
		14:8	Destruction of Babylon	
		14:9-12	Destruction to Beast Worshipers	
	12:17-14:20	14:13	Blessing	
		14:14-20	Reaping	
	Conclusion Of the Tribulation 15-19	The 7 Angels	15	Their Commission
The 7 Bowls of Wrath			16:1-2	1: Malignant Sores
			16:3	2: Polluted Sea
			16:4-7	3: Polluted Waters
			16:8-9	4: Scorching Sun
			16:10-11	5: Darkness & Pain
			16:12-16	6: Assembling at Armageddon
16:17-19:4		7: Judgment of Babylon		
19:5-10	Marriage of the Lamb			
15-19	19:11-16	The 2 nd Coming		
	19:17-21	Armageddon		
20:1-6	The Millennial Kingdom			
20:7-10	Satan's Last Stand			
20:11-15	Final Judgment: The Great White Throne			
Eternity 21-22	21:1-8	New Heaven & New Earth		
	21:9-22:5	New Jerusalem		
	22:6-21	Conclusion		

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WORLDVIEW OF THE BOOK OF
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CHAPTER 1 QUESTIONS

- The book is “John’s Apocalypse, but who is it revealing? 1:1
- What do we learn about John’s faithfulness in 1:2?
- Why is there a blessing for those who read, hear, and heed? 1:3
- How can we be certain of the genre of the book? 1:3, 22:19
- How should we understand “the seven churches of Asia?” 1:4

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- Who/What are the seven spirits? 1:4
- How does “firstborn of the dead” (1:5) help us understand “firstborn of all creation” (Col 1:15) and even “only begotten Son (Jn 3:16)?
- Who is this kingdom of priests? 1:6 (cf.5:10, Ex 19:6, 1 Pet 2:9)
- Is 1:6 referencing Daniel 7:13-14 or 1 Thessalonians 4:17?
- How is 1:8 an important “trinity” passage? (cf. Isaiah 42:8, 43:1,3, 48:11-13)

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- Is John talking about the 7-year tribulation in 1:9?
- Who is the “son of man” in 1:14-18?

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