



THE RETURN OF THE **KING**

Part 1 – Introduction, Revelation 1:1-8

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

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BLESSING OF THE BOOK OF **REVELATION**

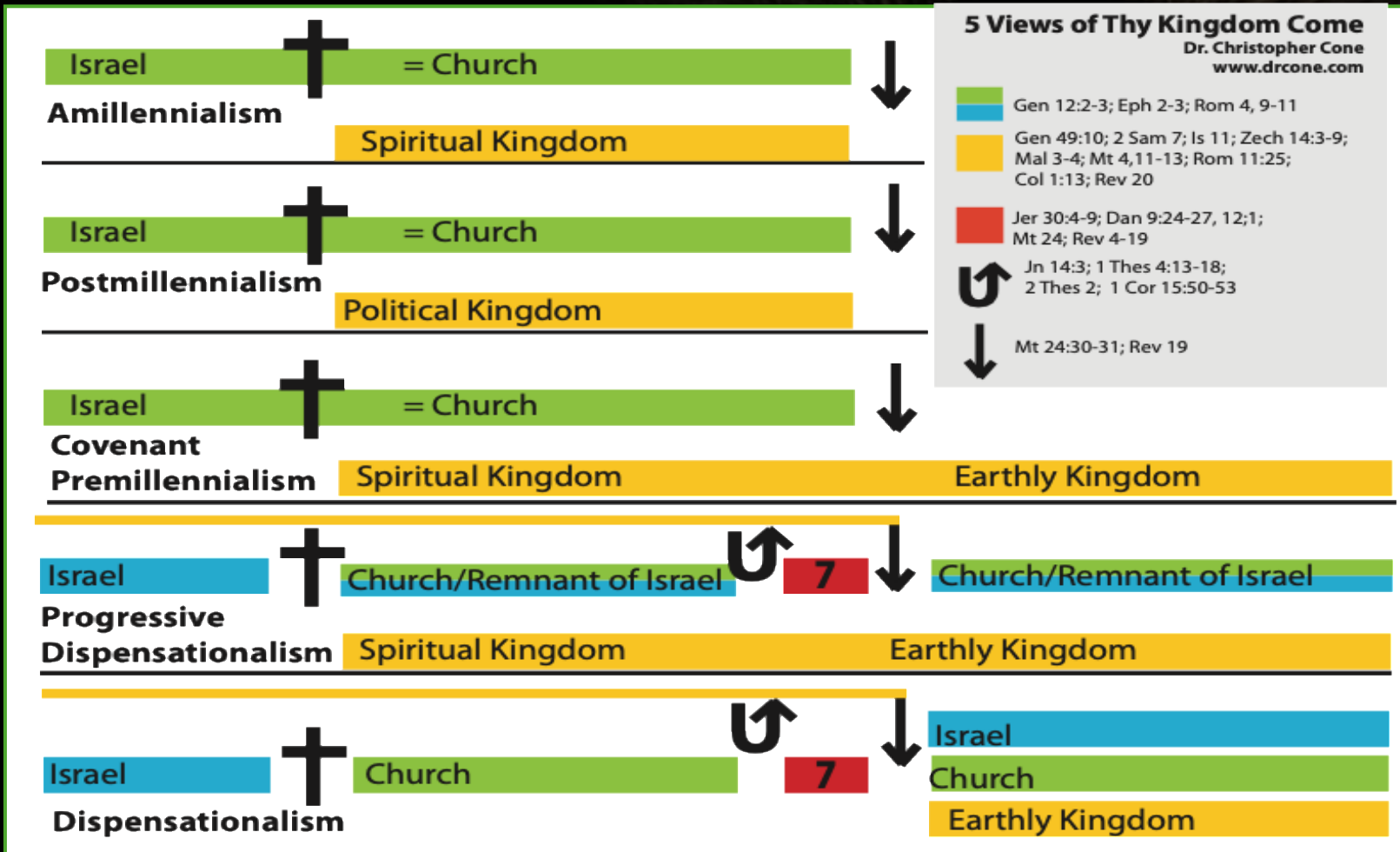
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- **PRETERIST** – fulfilled in the past
- **HISTORICIST** – symbolic timeline of church history
- **IDEALIST** – timeless, symbolic patterns and cycles
- **FUTURIST** – based on literal grammatical historical hermeneutic (LGH)

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UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF **REVELATION**

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UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF REVELATION

- 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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| 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 | The 7 Bowls of Wrath | 15 | Their Commission |
| | | | 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 | | | |
| 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 | | |

Revelation 12-22: God's Promises Fulfilled

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

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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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