



Introduction to the Book of Revelation

1. What does Revelation mean?

2. What does the book of Revelation unveil?

A. God's _____ for the end times - including key people and events. (1:19)

B. God's holiness, justice, and believe it or not even his _____ and _____.

C. A fuller or more complete picture of _____! (19:10)

3. Does God want us to understand Revelation?

Revelation ____:____ (NLT)

"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart (obey) what is written in it, because the time is near."

_____.

Further Reading: [Why Should We Study Prophecy Part 2](#)

4. What do we have to keep in mind when studying Revelation?

A) Humble dependence on the Holy Spirit to teach us.

Why? It is a revelation from God Himself about His plans and His Son for His Son to His Church.

Revelation 1:1-2 (NLT)

"The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ."

Scripture for Further Thought:

1 Corinthians 2:11-12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 John 2:26-27; 2 Peter 1:19-20; John 16:12-15

B) Interpretive Differences.

- Four Main Views for Interpreting Revelation

- Preterist (_____)
- _____ (Present)
- _____ (Timeless)
- Future (Future)

Discussion: Revelation 13:11-18

Further Reading: The Four Major Views for Interpreting Revelation

[Preterist \(Past\)](#)

[Historicist \(Present\)](#)

[Idealist \(Timeless\)](#)

[Future \(Still to Come\)](#)

C) The book's use of Symbolism.

- Every symbol points to something literal...that is the whole point of a symbol.
- A literal reading while remembering the genre is best.

- Context. Context. Context.
 - Same _____
 - Same _____
 - The Bible as a _____

Same Chapter Exercise: Revelation 1:12-16

Same Book Exercise: Revelation 2:28

Bible as a Whole Exercise: Revelation 1:13

Further Study: Keys for Unlocking the Symbols in Revelation

5. Who wrote Revelation and when did he write it?

A) Human Author: _____ the Disciple (Apostle)

B) Two Views of Dating:

- During _____ reign around 65 AD
- Towards the end of _____ reign around 95-96 AD
- External Evidence (Evidence from _____ the Bible.)
 - Irenaeus is a very powerful witness for John writing Revelation in Domitian's reign because he was discipled by Polycarp who was discipled by _____.
- Internal Evidence (Evidence found _____ the book of Revelation.)
 - i. The Seven _____
 - All seven churches show the symptoms of being second-generation churches, with six of them having serious problems.
 - Ephesus (2:1-7)
 - Smyrna (2:8-11)
 - Laodicea (3:14-22)
 - ii. John's _____ to Patmos

- See Revelation 1:9
- Nero VS Domitian and Peter, Paul VS John

For Further Reading: [Who is the Human Author of Revelation?](#)

6. Best Outline for Revelation

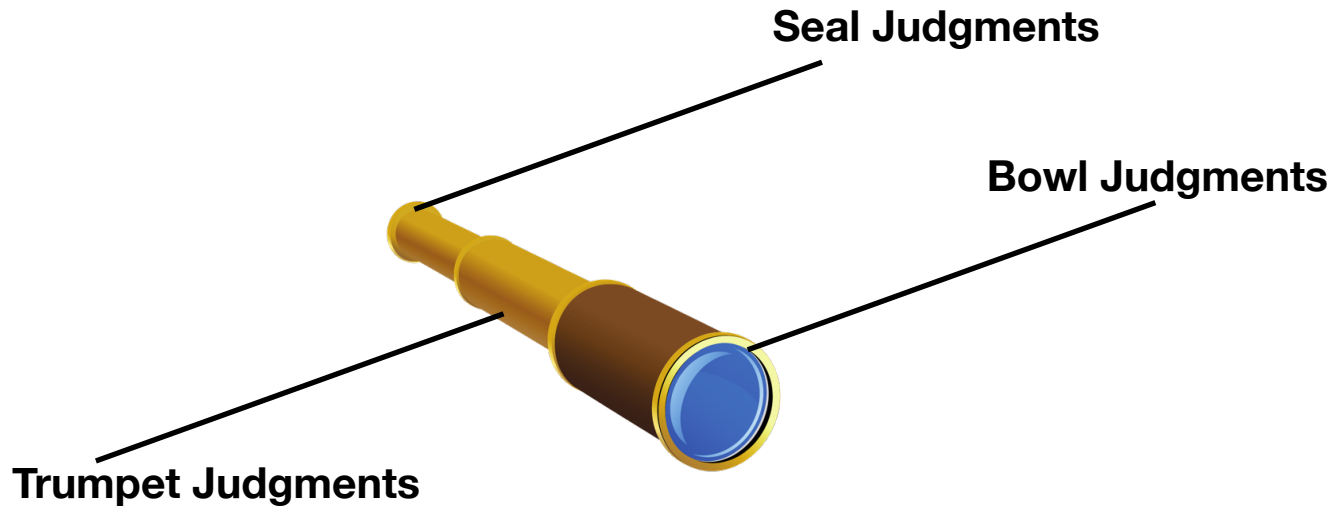
A. Revelation 1:_____

“Write, therefore,

- A. what you _____ seen, (Revelation 1)
- B. what is _____ and (Revelation 2-3)
- C. what will take place _____. (Revelation 4-22)
 - Worship in Heaven (4-5)
 - The Tribulation (6-18)
 - The Second Coming of Christ (19)
 - The Millennium (20)
 - The Eternal State (20-22)

B. Revelation 6-18 and the Judgments

Telescopic View



Crucial Beliefs for Christ's Return

What does one have to hold as true to have a true biblical view of eschatology?

1. What is Eschatology?

Eschatology comes from the Greek word *eschatos* which means "_____". Therefore, eschatology is the study of "the last things."

2. Two Types of Eschatology:

A) _____ Eschatology

B) _____ Eschatology

3. What does Biblical Christianity agree on or hold in its understanding of General Eschatology? (Note: One has to hold these core beliefs about Christ's return in order not to commit heresy.)

A) Jesus' return is _____.

(Acts 1:4-11; Luke 24:4-7; Zechariah 12:10; 14:3-5)

B) Jesus' return is _____.

(Revelation 22:20-21)

C) There will be a resurrection of the _____ to eternal life.

(Daniel 12:2; John 5:27-30; Revelation 21-22)

D) There will be a resurrection of the _____ to eternal condemnation.

(Daniel 12:2; John 5:27-30; Revelation 20:11-15)

4. End Times Road Map

