

# The Structure of Revelation

A Study into Eschatology

# Disclaimer

Trying to understand unfulfilled prophecy is like looking into a fog bank. You know something is there, but you just can't quite seem to make it out.

The purpose of this class is to look at fulfilled prophecy leading up to the End of Times and to try and clear the fog of prophecy yet to come.

# Course duration and times

This is a Twelve-week course.

Course will be broken into three blocks of four weeks each.

Course will begin at 7 PM on Wednesday nights.

There is no cost for the course.

# Different viewpoints of Eschatology

## 1. Historical Premillennialism

The belief that Christians will remain on earth during the Great Tribulation. The tribulation will purify the Churches by rooting out false believers.

Christ returns prior to the millennium.

Belief that Christians have replaced God's covenant people of Israel.

Earliest belief system for eschatology.

# Different viewpoints of Eschatology

## 2. Amillennialism

The millennium is the spiritual reign of Jesus in the hearts of his followers.

The Great tribulation has occurred already throughout church history.

First came into existence in the fifth century.

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## 3. Dispensational Premillennialism

Belief that Jesus will come back to earth after a seven-year tribulation and will rule during a thousand-year millennium of peace on earth.

The Jewish people will have their land fully restored. (King Solomon borders)

The Rapture removes Christians from the earth before the tribulation begins.

Some DP Christians believe rapture midway through the Tribulation.

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## 4. Post millennialism

Postmillennialism is the belief that the second coming of Christ will occur after the millennium. Some believe that Satan will be bound for 1000 years and the “Church” will recognize its fullness of power through the Holy Spirit.

The Church will establish God’s Kingdom on earth ushering in the golden age.

# What is the End of Times/

A period leading up to and including the Rapture  
and the seven-year Tribulation Period.



# 1 Corinthians 15:52

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

# What is the Rapture?

This will be the end of “**Church** age” also known as the “age of the **Gentiles**”

The period of the dispensation of **Grace**.

God’s removal/protection of the **Saints**.

## 2 Thessalonians 2:7

**7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.**

# What is the 7 Year Tribulation Period?

A period in time when God removes the “Great Restrainer” also known as the Holy Spirit.

A period in time divided into two blocks each lasting Three and a half years

A period in time when Satan sends his unholy Trinity to take control of the earth.

A period when God pours out his wrath upon the earth sending seven Seals, seven Bowls, and seven Trumpets.

A period ending with the battle of Armagedon.

# Finally we Start our Study

## Revelation 1:19

19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

# Outline for the book of Revelations Rev 1:19

1. Write the things you See.
2. Write the things that are.
3. Write the things that happen after these things.

# Revelation 1:12-15

12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; 15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters.

# The Vision

1. Not the same Jesus that John remembers. This is Jesus Glorified.
2. Surrounded by Seven Lampstands.
3. Is this a vision?
4. Chapter One Authenticates the Validity of this book and its author.



# Revelation 1:16-18

16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

# Two-Edged Sword?

What does this mean, “two edged sword”? Jesus is speaking of the Word or what we call the Bible.

The word is also another name for Jesus.

Why is the “Word” referred to as a two edge sword? It Cuts Both Ways.

Why does Jesus hold the Keys to Hades and Death? Because he conquered Death , Hell, and the Grave.

# Revelation 1:19-20

19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

# Numerology in the Bible...

Seven = \_\_\_\_\_

So the question arises, why are there churches listed in a book of prophecy, they must be Prophetic.

7 is significant because it is the number of Completion or Perfection.

7 is part of numerology. Do we use numerology today and if so what would be our universal number of completion?

40, 666, 6, 7 list goes on and on and on..

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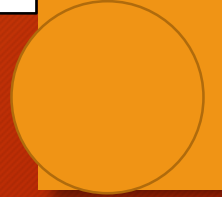
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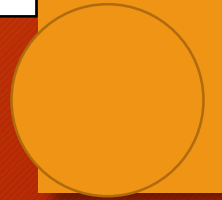
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Rev. 2 & 3





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