

Introduction To Revelation

Intro: The Book of Revelation contains warnings of a time of tribulation and suffering like the world has never seen. John's words of warning to the churches of his day are just as urgent and relevant today as they were when he wrote them twenty centuries ago in A.D. 95. The Book of Revelation predicts the climax of God's plan for the ages, and the sequence of events leading up to the return of Jesus Christ to establish His Millennial Kingdom on earth.

I. Author, Date, And Title

- A. Authorship (1:1, 4, 9; 22:8)
- B. Date: two primary views
- C. Title: "*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*" (1:1).



II. Historical Setting: *Origin and Destination*

- A. *Origin*
- B. *Destination*

III. Interpretative Approaches

1. *The Preterist School (Contemporary History)*
2. *The Historicist School (Continuous History)*
3. *The Idealist School (Spiritual History)*
4. *The Futurist School (Prophetic History)*

IV. Purpose

V. Message

John writes to comfort and encourage believers in the midst of suffering and persecution at the hands of evil Gentile rulers, assuring them that Jesus Christ will ultimately and finally cause them to triumph; and what is more, He will judge the world and will establish Israel's Kingdom under His Messianic Kingship, and will rule over the whole world as promised in the Old Testament.