

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

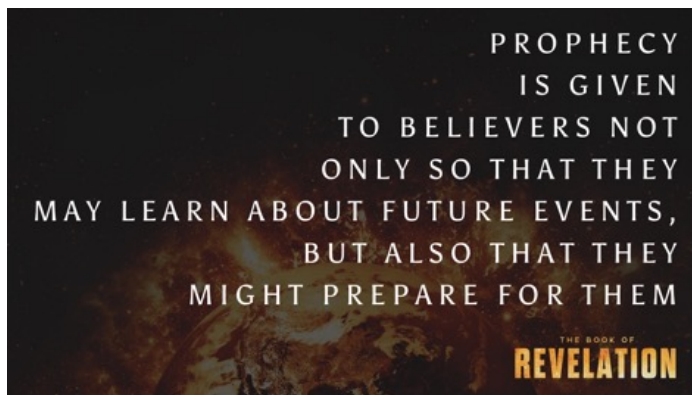
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Sermon Title	The Here & Now
Scripture:	Revelation 1-3

Why Revelation?

This final book of the canon is the consummation of all things. God wins!! For 7,000 years, sin has been a part of the human fabric and has caused havoc even in creation (Romans 8:22). The book of Revelation not only speaks of the judgment God reigning down on His creation, but this book gives us believers a glimpse of what our future holds, and the life that God intended from the very beginning of time.

Revelation- (Apa- co- Lip- see) ἀποκάλυψις to cause something to be fully known— ‘to reveal, to disclose, to make fully known, revelation.’



Timeline



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believers' marriage super of the lamb/ Awards Ceremony 	I Thess 4/ 1 Cor 15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribulation 	• Rev 6- 18/ Matthew 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Coming 	Rev 19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Millennial Kingdom 	Rev 20, Is 32 and 40, Zach 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great White Throne of Judgement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judgement of the lost 	Rev 20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eternity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Heavens & New Earth 	Rev 20

4 Methods of Interpretation

Allegorical	<i>This would be something like a bedtime story, a fairy Tale, legend or myth. More along the lines of a fable.</i>
Preterist	<i>This approach would say that the events of Revelation happened in 70 A.D.</i>
Historical	<i>This approach uses symbols in Revelation as pictures of the total Church Age. To this group, Revelation is history book of the past.</i>
Futuristic/ Literal- FBC View	This approach takes the book of Revelation as it reads in the book. When symbols are used it is interpreted by the Word of God. The events of Revelation are literal and future.

Eschatology Terms



Tribulation- 7-year event that will happen after the Rapture and will end at Jesus 2nd coming.



- **Pre Trib- FBC View- I Thess 1:9; I Thess 5:10**
- **Mid Trib-** Jesus will come mid Trib for His church
- **Post Trib-** The church will go through Trib and Jesus will come for us.



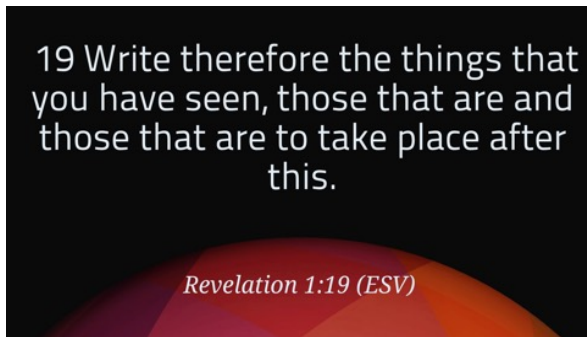
Millennial Kingdom- A literal 1,000-year reign of Christ here on earth.



- **Pre-Millennial- FBC View-**
 - We will rule and reign with Christ in His Kingdom for 1000 years.
- **Post Millennial-**
 - They believe that “1,000 years” simply means “a long period of time.”
 - Christ will return after Christians (not Christ Himself) have established the kingdom on this earth.
 - Those who hold to postmillennialism believe that this world will become better and better
- **A Millennial-**
 - An amillennialist sees the 1,000 years as spiritual and non-literal- No literal Kingdom
 - the amil position sees the millennium as “realized,” or better explained as “millennium now.”
 - Amillennialism sees the first coming of Christ as the inauguration of the kingdom, and His return as the consummation of the kingdom.

What was John to write??

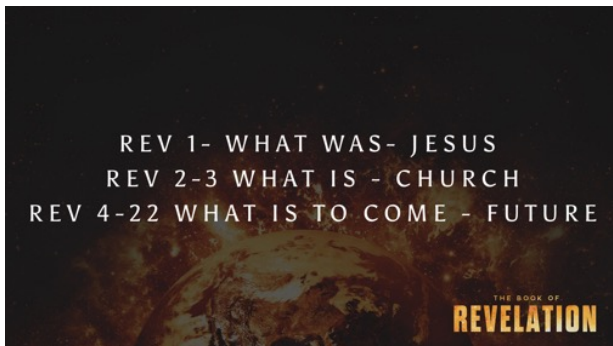
Let's look at verse 19



Revelation 1:19 (ESV) — 19 Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.

So, there you have it, Jesus gives John what this book was to be about. It is truly clear what this book is about....

Outline of the Book of Revelation:

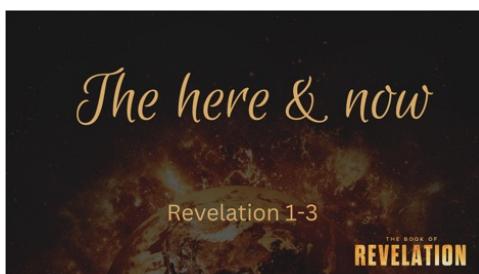


- **Revelation 1-** What Was- Jesus Christ
- **Revelation 2-3-** What Is- The 7 Churches
- **Revelation 4-22-** What is to Come- Rapture/Trib/Mill/Eternity

The Letters to the 7 Churches

1. Ephesus- Lost its First Love- Rev 2:1-7
2. Smyrna- The Suffering Church-Rev 2:8-11
3. Pergamum- The Worldly Church-Rev 2:12-17
4. Thyatira-Tolerated Sin-Rev 2:18-19
5. Sardis- The Dead Church-Rev 3:1-6
6. Philadelphia- The Faithful Church-Rev 3:7-13
7. Laodicea- The Lukewarm Church-Rev 3:14-22

Closing



So, what is the takeaway we take from these chapters?

- This book is all about Jesus and He has given us the end of the story. Even in the rejection of the Messiah, God still shows grace and wants people to accept him so they can spend eternity with Him.
- We need Jesus, He is our Pastor and our shepherd. When we follow and cling to him, we can keep ourselves out of trouble and focus on being effective as individuals and as a church. We want to have a letter written to us that is encouraging and uplifting due to how we are living. Brothers and sisters, lets live for well and look with anticipation of being with our Jesus and longing to hear those words, “ **Well done thou good and faithful servant...**”

