

Apocalypse Now

Revelation 1:1-3 (Part 2)

Recap

Revelation is...

- an unveiling of truth
- God's Word
 - It is beneficial for us (2 Tim 3:16-17)
 - It is not an isolated book

Let the Bible interpret the Bible

❖ **Genre**

❖ Literal or Symbolic?

❖ What period of time?

Genre

- Letter (epistle)
 - 1st century Roman Empire is the context
- Prophecy
 - A book to be obeyed
- Apocalyptic
 - Highly symbolic

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“The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. **He made it known** by sending his angel to his servant John”

KJV

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and **signified it** by his angel unto his servant John:”

Revelation 1:1

*The **revelation** of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that **must soon take place. He made it known** by sending his angel to his servant John”*

Daniel 2:28

*there is a God in heaven who **reveals** mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what **will be in the latter days.***

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*The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that **must soon take place**. He **made it known** (signified) by sending his angel to his servant John”*

Daniel 2:45b

*A great God **has made known** (signified) to the king **what shall be after this**.*

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Revelation 1:1-3

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that **must soon take place**. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for **the time is near**.

Interpretive Views

- Preterist
 - Destruction of Jerusalem (AD 70)
 - Fall of the Roman Empire (AD 476)
- Futurist
- Historicist
- Idealist
- **Eclectic (Modified Idealism)**

1 John 2:18

Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that **antichrist is coming** (*future*), so **now many antichrists have come** (*present*). Therefore we know that it is the last hour.

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← Babylon

← Medo-Persia

← Greece

← Unnamed 4th kingdom
(Roman Empire)

Luke 20:17b-18

“What then is this that is written: “‘The **stone** that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?

Everyone who falls on that **stone** will be broken to pieces, and **when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.**”

Mark 1:14-15

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “**The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.**”

Acts 2:16-17

“But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

“And **in the last days** it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh...”

Hebrews 1:1-2

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but **in these last days** he has spoken to us by his Son...”

1 John 2:18

Children, **it is the last hour**, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore **we know that it is the last hour.**

Daniel 12:4

“But you, Daniel, **shut up the words and seal the book,**
until the time of the end.”

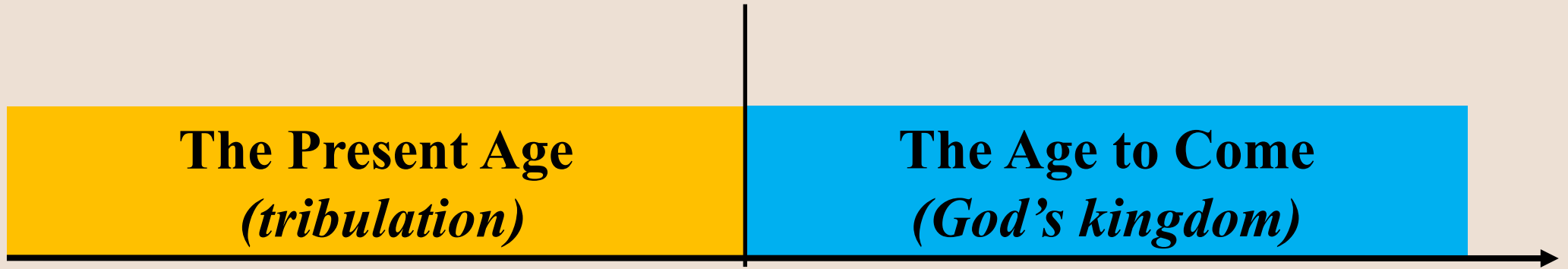
Revelation 22:10

“And he said to me, “**Do not seal up the words** of the
prophecy of this book, for **the time is near.**”

Messiah

The Present Age
(tribulation)

The Age to Come
(God's kingdom)



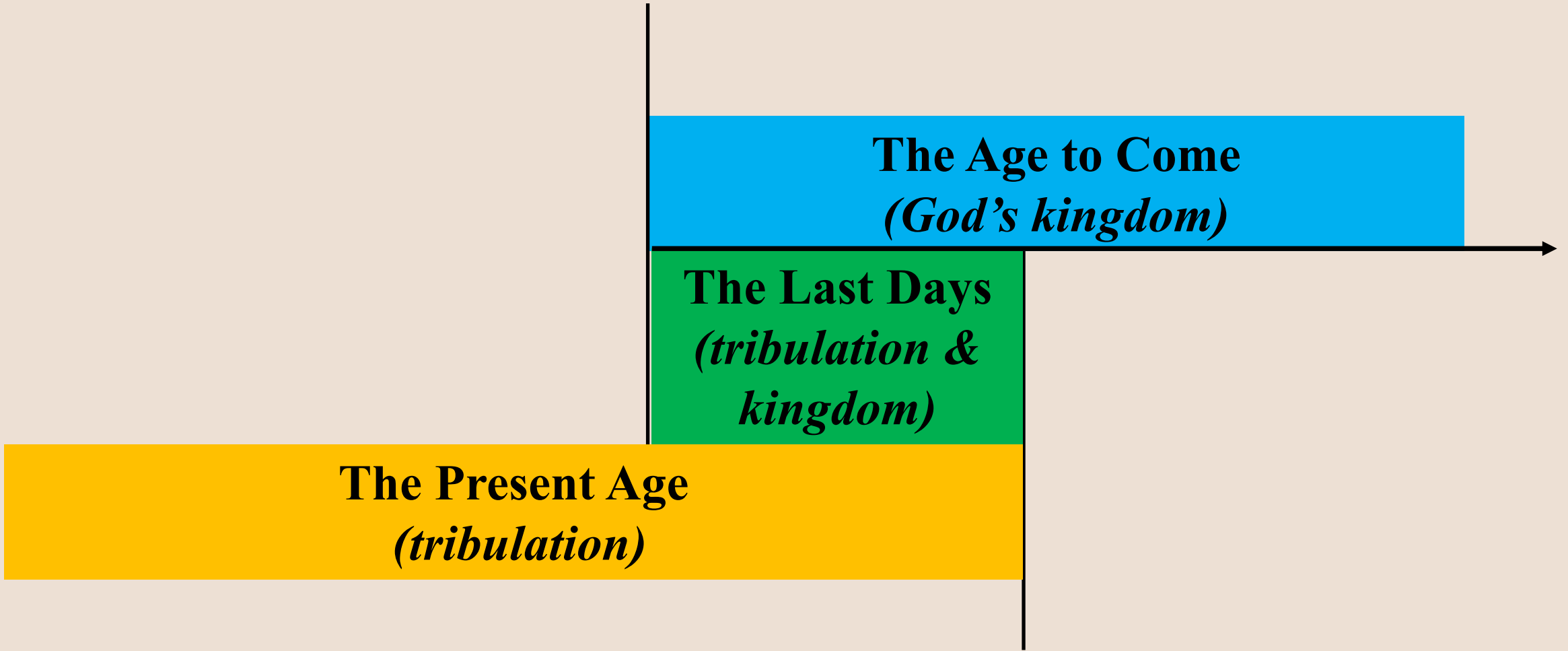
Messiah (1st advent)

The Age to Come
(God's kingdom)

The Last Days
*(tribulation &
kingdom)*

The Present Age
(tribulation)

Messiah (2nd advent)



Matthew 13:31-32

“The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

Ephesians 2:19-22

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”

The Five Kingdoms in Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Daniel 2:31-35)

	Daniel 2:31-45	Daniel 7:1-18	Daniel 8:3-8
Babylon (2:38) explicitly states Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, is the head of gold - (Jer 49:19,22) describes Babylon as lion and eagle	Head (gold)	Lion (eagles wings)	
Medo-Persia - Cyrus/Darius ruled both Medes and Persia as a joint kingdom (<i>see</i> 6:8) - In (5:28) Daniel records the fall of Babylon to the Medes and Persians. - Persia was more dominant than Medes, which is why the bear in (7:5) was raised up on one side, and the ram in (8:3) had one horn higher than the other. - (8:20) explicitly identifies the ram with the Medo-Persian empire	Chest & Arms (silver)	Bear (leaning)	Ram (two horns, one bigger than the other)
Greece - Alexander the Great is the great horn on the goat in (8:21). When he died, he was succeeded by four of his generals. The four generals are represented by the leopard with 4 heads in (7:6) and the 4 horns that replace the great horn in (8:21). - (8:21) explicitly identifies the goat with Greece	Middle & Thighs (bronze)	Leopard (4 heads)	Goat (great horn that becomes 4 horns)
Rome (Possible the clay represents Jewish leadership in Judea) - Never explicitly identified. - Historically we know Rome conquered Greece. - The establishment of the kingdom of God in (2:44) and (7:13) strongly suggests Rome is the 4 th kingdom.	Legs (iron) & Feet (iron & clay)	Beast (iron teeth)	
God's Eternal Kingdom - Jesus Christ is the stone which crushes the statue in 2:34,45 (see Luke 20:17-18). Christ's church is the mountain-temple that fills the earth, with Christ being the cornerstone (see 1 Pet 2:4-8; Eph 2:19-22). Christ is the exultant Son of Man in 7:13-14. This passage in Daniel is fulfilled in Christ's ascension and enthronement (see Acts 1:9; Acts 2:33; Heb 8:1).	Rock that progressively grows into a mountain	Son of Man	

