

01/21/2026

Wednesday Night  
Bible Study

# The Book of Revelation (1)

Introduction

# Tonight's Plan

The State of Our Understanding

Overview

Interpretive Approaches

The Purpose of This Book

## Discussion Questions:

1. Have you read the book of Revelation? If so, do you understand it? If not, why not?
1. What are some of the difficult features of the book?

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1. Bonus: Read the Prophets

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Introduction (no text)

Intro to Book (1:1-20)

The Letters (1:20-3:22)

The Heavenly Reality (4:1-5:14)

The Seals (6:1-8:5)

The Trumpets (8:6-11:19)

Satanic Attack/The Dragon (12:1-17)

Beasts, Protection, Judgment (13:1-14:20)

The Bowls (15:1-16:21)

Babylon (17:1-18:24)

Triumph of the Lamb (19:1-21)

Satan's End (20:1-15)

God Dwells With His People (21:1-22:5)

Epilogue/Exhortation (22:6-21)



BEHOLD.  
I AM COMING  
SOON!

NEW HEAVEN & NEW EARTH

## Futurism

**Most of the vision of Revelation,  
particularly chs 4-22, concern future,  
yet to be fulfilled events**

**The vision of Revelation concerns the entire history of the Church age until the second coming of Christ**



**The vision of Revelation concerns the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.**

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The vision of Revelation, *except the final few chapters*, concerns the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.



The vision of Revelation, though having some historical referents in the first century, concern spiritual realities throughout the entire Church age, culminating in the glorious return of Christ

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Stated Purpose:

Revelation 1:1-3; 22:6-21

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