

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. One of the most encouraging books of the Bible

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1. Bonus: Read the Prophets

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Introduction (no text)	Satan's End (20:1-15)
Intro to Book (1:1-20)	God Dwells With His People (21:1-22:5)
The Letters (1:20-3:22)	Epilogue/Exhortation (22:6-21)
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)	



BEHOLD.
I AM COMING
SOON!

NEW HEAVEN & NEW EARTH

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

Historicism

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

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concerns the fall of Jerusalem in 70
A.D. (HERESY)

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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Idealism: A Road Map for life in the ‘in-between’

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Stated Purpose:

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

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