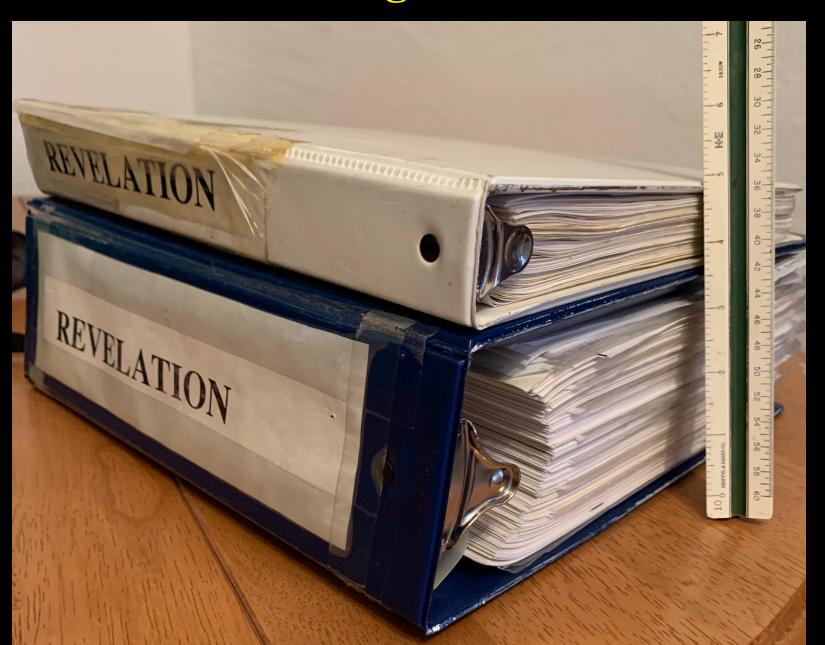


I. Introduction A. Opening



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Life-time of exegetical notes



"The Hallelujah Chorus of the Redeemed"

SL Johnson

"The goal and consummation of all the Bible"

WG Scroggie

I. Introduction

A. Opening

B. Importance



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IMPORIANCE

- 1. Importance of Prophecy
- 2. Bible & Theology Incomplete
- 3. Perspective of God on History
- 4. Ultimate Resolution of Evil
- 5. Complete Angelology
- 6. 5th Gospel of Christ
- 7. Glory of God Emphasized

I. Introduction

II. Background



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BACKGROUND

- >Author Apostle John
- > Historical Background
- >0ccasion 95-96
- > Place of Writing Patmos
- > Audience Asian Churches



I. Introduction

II. Background

III. Purpose



PURPOSE



- To encourage persecuted Christians (1:3, 20:6)
- To complete God's Revelation (22:18-19)

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IV. Approaches
A. Preterist

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ATTIUDES



Puzzle

"A famous book in which St. John the divine concealed all that he knew. The revealing is done by the commentators who know nothing."

Ambrose Bierce

ATTIUDES



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* Masterpiece

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"The book of Revelation isn't hard to understand

it's hard to BELIEVE!"

PRETERISM

Most prophetic events taking place in 1st Century

AD 70 = wrath on Israel

PRETERIST

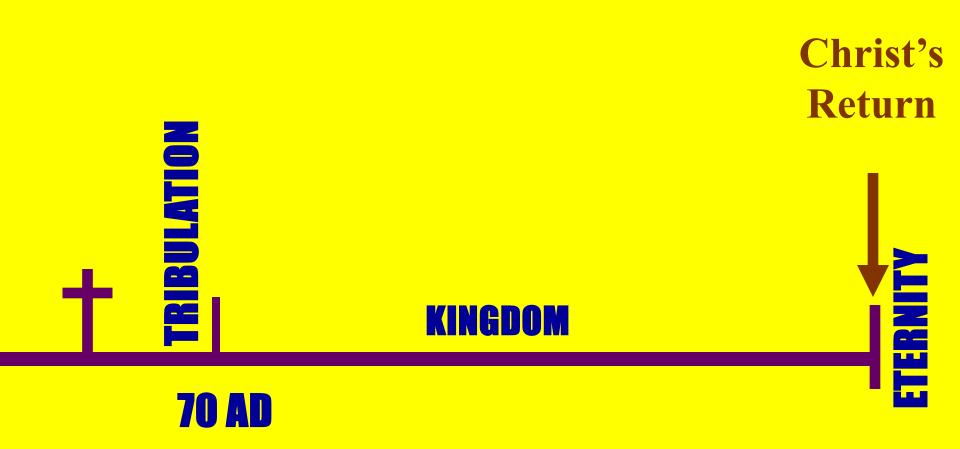
Christ's Return

KINGDOM

70 AD



MOD. PRETERIST



PRETERIST

- ▶ Proponents L Alcazar, HB Swete, RH Charles, RC Sproul
- >Strengths Historical Background
 Original Readers
- >Weaknesses -

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IV. Approaches

A. Preterist

B. Historicist

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HISTORICIST

Prophetic events taking place in History, from 1st Century to the End

EXAMPLES

- √7 Letters = church history
- ✓ Seals = fall of empire
- ✓Beasts = papacy
- **✓Trumpets** = 395-1453
- ✓ Bowls = French revolution

HISTORICIST

>Proponents - H Alford

Reformers

Postmillennialists

>Strengths - makes book somewhat prophetic

- I. Introduction
- II. Background
- III. Purpose
- IV. Approaches
 - A. Preterist
 - B. Historicist
 - C. Idealist

IDEALIST'

A picture in symbolic form of Eternal Principles

"While the Apocalypse thus embraces the whole period of the Christian dispensation, it sets before us within this period the action of great principles & not special incidents; we are not to look in the Apocalypse for special events, but for an exhibition of the principles which govern the history both of the world & the church."

W Milligan

IDEALIST

➤ Proponents - Wm Hendrickson RCH Lenski

>Strengths - Bible contains

Eternal Principles

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 - D. Futurist

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FUTURIST

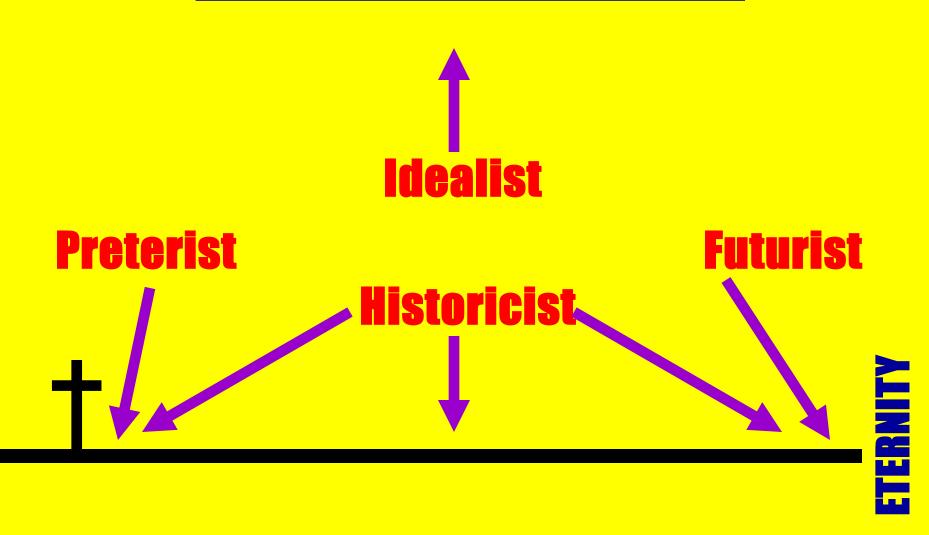
Most events taking place in the Future

FUTURIST

▶ Proponents - JF Walvoord JD Pentecost CL Feinberg

>Strengths - Consistent
Hermeneutic

APPROACHES



ECLECTIC

Combine more than One View

ECLECTIC

➤ Proponents - L Morris
RH Mounce
GR Osborne

>Strengths - Combines best of Views

I. IntroductionII. BackgroundIII. Purpose

- IV. Approaches
- V. Characteristics

CHARACTERISTICS

1. Genre -

mixed

GENRE

- > Epistolary Introduction & Closing
- > Prophecy Prophetic Visions
- > Apocalyptic Debated
 - 1. Title
 - 2. Visions
 - 3. Angelic Guide
 - 4. Exhortations to Endure
 - 5. Metaphorical Emphasis

METAPHORICAL

- > Literal unless indicators
- > Metaphorical Language
- > Symbols



SYMBOLS

$$E = MC^2$$

$$A = \pi r^2$$

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$$\theta = y/x$$

$$V = d/t$$

$$A = v/t$$



INTERPRETING SYMBOLS

- 1. Definite Meaning
- 2. Bible Interprets
- 3. Few Un-interpreted
- 4. Possibility of Multiple Uses

METAPHORICAL

- > Literal unless indicators
- > Metaphorical Language
- > Symbols
- > Nature
- > Numbers



CHARACTERISTICS

- 1. Genre -
- 2. Christology -

- mixed
- 5th Gospel