

JESUS REIGNS
Revelation
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INTERPRETIVE MODELS

1. IDEALIST – Timeless principles.
2. HISTORICIST – Detailed map from days of Jesus until His return..
3. PRETERIST – Read Revelation as the seven churches understood it.
4. FUTURIST – Some events are waiting to be fulfilled.
5. ECLECTIC – A mixture of Idealist, Preterist and Futurist.
6. SYMBOLISM – An understanding of the Old Testament helps.

Chapter 1

A vision of Jesus and the topic of his message.

This is a revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants the events that must soon take place. He sent an angel to present this revelation to his servant John, who faithfully reported everything he saw. This is his report of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near.”

(Revelation 1:1–3, NLT)

The Church is in the world to be light not blinding people with condemnation but glowing with the love and warmth of Jesus Christ to a darkened world.

Chapter 2 and 3

A letter to seven churches.

1. Ephesus must repent of loveless rigidity and return to their first love of Jesus Christ.
2. Smyrna is commended for its courageous faithfulness in persecution.
3. Pergamum is facing persecution and tempted to compromise.
4. Thyatira must confront the prophetess of compromise.
5. Sardis is the model of inoffensive christianity and must wake up.
6. Philadelphia is the model for Woodland..
7. Laodicea is the complacent church that forgot Jesus is the source of all things..

Chapter 4 and 5

Worship in heaven and our invitation to worship the Lord now.

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come.” Whenever the living beings give glory and honor and thanks to the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever), the twenty-four elders fall down and worship the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever). And they lay their crowns before the throne and say, “You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased.” (Revelation 4:8–11, NLT)

Jesus our kinsmen redeemer breaks the seal and opens the scroll.

Jesus has transformed us into a kingdom of priests who will reign on the earth.

Chapter 6 through 8

The Seals

1. The four horses.
 - a. Conquest
 - b. War
 - c. Famine
 - d. Death by various means

2. Saints on earth and in heaven.

“Don’t harm the land or the sea or the trees until we have placed the seal of God on the foreheads of his servants.” (Revelation 7:3, NLT)

“After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb.” (Revelation 7:9, NLT)

3. The Seventh Seal introduces the Seven Trumpets.

4. The Power of Prayer

“The smoke of the incense, mixed with the prayers of God’s holy people, ascended up to God from the altar where the angel had poured them out.” (Revelation 8:4, NLT)

Chapter 9

The invasions purposes are aimed at the repentance that such horrifying judgments should evoke, but do not.

“But the people who did not die in these plagues still refused to repent of their evil deeds and turn to God. They continued to worship demons and idols made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood—idols that can neither see nor hear nor walk! And they did not repent of their murders or their witchcraft or their sexual immorality or their thefts.” (Revelation 9:20–21, NLT)

Beware of compromising with the world; do not envy the world.

Revelation 10

“When the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write. But I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Keep secret what the seven thunders said, and do not write it down.” (Revelation 10:4, NLT)

Important words for us to remember; do not go beyond what the Revelation reveals.

Prognosticating is not the same as biblical prophecy preaching.

The job of the preacher is to teach us to obey God’s Word.

“God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near.” (Revelation 1:3, NLT)

Revelation 11

The sign/ministry of the two witnesses.

“I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will be clothed in burlap and will prophesy during those 1,260 days.”
(Revelation 11:3, NLT)

Revelation 12

The sign of the woman and the dragon. There has never been a time for indecisiveness.

“Then I witnessed in heaven an event of great significance. I saw a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant, and she cried out because of her labor pains and the agony of giving birth. Then I witnessed in heaven another significant event. I saw a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads.” (Revelation 12:1–3, NLT)

Revelation 13

The beast (Antichrist) and the war against believers.

This chapter warns about the demonization of government.

“Then I saw a beast rising up out of the sea. It had seven heads and ten horns, with ten crowns on its horns. And written on each head were names that blasphemed God. [2] This beast looked like a leopard, but it had the feet of a bear and the mouth of a lion! And the dragon gave the beast his own power and throne and great authority.” (Revelation 13:1-2, NLT)

The beast (false prophet) from the earth comes to deceive.

“Then I saw another beast come up out of the earth. He had two horns like those of a lamb, but he spoke with the voice of a dragon.” (Revelation 13:11, NLT)

“And with all the miracles he was allowed to perform on behalf of the first beast, he deceived all the people who belong to this world. He ordered the people to make a great statue of the first beast, who was fatally wounded and then came back to life.” (Revelation 13:14, NLT)

“He required everyone—small and great, rich and poor, free and slave—to be given a mark on the right hand or on the forehead.” (Revelation 13:16, NLT)

Revelation 14

We are able to see into eternity the victory that awaits those who overcome. The 144,000 represent those who have endured persecution and faithfully witnessed for Christ.

“Then I saw the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him were 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.” (Revelation 14:1, NLT)

Revelation 15

The bowl judgements are universal and will be the defeat of evil.

“Then I saw in heaven another marvelous event of great significance. Seven angels were holding the seven last plagues, which would bring God's wrath to completion.” (Revelation 15:1, NLT)

Revelation 16

A reminder in the midst of the coming judgments to be ready for the return of Christ.

“Look, I will come as unexpectedly as a thief! Blessed are all who are watching for me, who keep their clothing ready so they will not have to walk around naked and ashamed.” (Revelation 16:15, NLT)

Revelation 17

The judgment of the great prostitute; the spirit of Babylon.

“One of the seven angels who had poured out the seven bowls came over and spoke to me. “Come with me,” he said, “and I will show you the judgment that is going to come on the great prostitute, who rules over many waters.” (Revelation 17:1, NLT)

Revelation 18

Come out of Babylon. Stay pure and free from the corruption of the world's spirit.

“Then I heard another voice calling from heaven, “Come away from her, my people. Do not take part in her sins, or you will be punished with her.” (Revelation 18:4, NLT)

Revelation 19

The Wedding Supper of the Lamb!

“And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.” And he added, “These are true words that come from God.” (Revelation 19:9, NLT)

Revelation 20

The Millennium and the binding of Satan. Death is the great divider of human beings.

“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit and a heavy chain in his hand.”
(Revelation 20:1, NLT)

“And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:15, NLT)

God fulfills his promises to us and shows us the terrible deceit and consequences of sin.

Revelation 21 and 22

Our origins were in a garden and our future is in a city.

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” And then he said to me, “Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.”
(Revelation 21:1-5, NLT)

“Blessed are those who wash their robes. They will be permitted to enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life. Outside the city are the dogs—the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idol worshipers, and all who love to live a lie. “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning star.” The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let anyone who hears this say, “Come.” Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life.”
(Revelation 22:14-17, NLT)