

# Revelation Final Overview

Mid-Week Wednesday Night • 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. weekly  
Eschatology Study at the home of Stan and Diane Atherton in Fullerton, CA.

Join us as we study the Olivet Discourse.

The Olivet Discourse or Olivet prophecy is a biblical passage found in Matthew Chapter 24.

Then we will study the Synoptic Gospels around the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24 and 25, Mark 13, and Luke 21.

Following this, we will study all of the eschatological positions that are currently in play in interpreting the book of Revelation. Positions will include:

**HISTORICIST • PRETERIST • FUTURIST • SPIRITUAL**

Then we will discuss four positions that are under the FUTURIST umbrella. Namely:

**PRETRIBULATIONAL • MIDTRIBULATIONAL • PREWRATH •**

**POSTTRIBULATIONAL** rapture positions. We will also discuss the **PARTIAL PRETERIST** view which falls under both the Preterist and Futurist positions.

Then we will discuss the date that the book of Revelation was written.

To understand any New Testament book, it is valuable to establish the time it was written and to sketch pertinent features of its historical and cultural context. In deciding among the various possible approaches to Revelation in particular, such considerations can be altogether determinative.

The Book of Revelation was written during a time of persecution and trial for the recipient churches. Altogether, there were ten emperors who are believed to have persecuted Christians. Only two of them, however, did so within the lifetime of John—namely Nero, who reigned from A.D. 54 to 68, and Domitian, who reigned from A.D. 81 to 96.

We will discuss why both dates are in play.

Then we will start teaching in the book of Revelation in an Expository fashion that is Exegetical in nature. Starting in Chapter 1 and finishing in Chapter 22.

# Revelation Theme

Revelation is an apocalyptic study.

Revelation unveils the unseen spiritual war in which the church is engaged: the cosmic conflict between God and his Christ on the one hand, and Satan and his evil allies (both demonic and human) on the other.

In this conflict, Jesus the Lamb has already won the decisive victory through his sacrificial death, but his church continues to be assaulted by the dragon, in its death-throes, through persecution, false teaching, and the allure of material affluence and cultural approval.

By revealing the spiritual realities lying behind the church's trials and temptations during the time between Christ's first and second comings, and by dramatically affirming the certainty of Christ's triumph in the new heaven and earth, the visions granted to John both warn the church and fortify it to endure suffering and to stay pure from the defiling enticements of the present world order.

The book of Revelation is a revelation from Jesus Christ and is the only book in the Bible that promises a blessing to anyone who reads, hears and heeds the words of this prophecy.

**Revelation 1:3** • New American Standard Bible (NASB)

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.



Unless the Lord builds the house...

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