

TBS DWB 51/52 December 23rd
Reading: 2 Peter 1 to Revelations 3

Looking Back

Daily and Chapter Summaries

Friday: December 17th

2 Peter 1-3

- 1 Greeting, a final challenge: Confirm Your Calling and Election, Christ's Glory and the Prophetic Word (transfiguration and inspired words)
- 2 Warning to False Teachers, their lifestyle and their destruction (e.g. sons of God during Noah's day, flood, and Sodom and Gomorrah)
- 3 Objection the truth: why has God delayed His coming, Christ's Coming Judgment, the Day of the Lord, Final Exhortations

Saturday: December 18th

1 John 1-5

- 1 Introduction, Living in the Light
- 2 Christ Our Advocate, a New Commandment, Do Not Love the World, Warning Concerning Antichrist
- 3 Children of God, Love One Another
- 4 Discerning False Prophets, God's Love and Ours
- 5 Faith in the Son of God, Conclusion

Sunday: December 19th

2 John

- 1 Greetings, Live in the Truth, Conclusion

Monday: December 20th

3 John 3

- 1 Greetings, Caring for the Lord's Workers, Conclusion

Tuesday: December 21st

Selah

Wednesday: December 22nd

Jude

1 Greetings from Jude, God's Judgment on the Ungodly, a Call to Persevere, Doxology

Summary of Last Five General Epistles

Book	Key Phrase	Key Verses (s)	Conduct
2 Peter	rebuking false teachers	1:20-2:3, 2:10-22; 3:15-17	Moral excellence, increase in knowledge, self-control, endurance, godliness, brotherly affection, love for one another, sexual purity, grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus
1 John	The tests of a person who claims to walk in the light	Obey God ...2:1-6, 2:29, 3:4-10, 5:18 Love one another ...2:7-11, 3:11-20, 4:7-21 Believe that Jesus is the Christ ...2:20-23, 4:1-3, 5:1-10 Summary ...1:5-7, 3:23-24, 5:11	Obey God's commandments and love one another Pride and sexual misbehavior
2 John	walking in the truth	Truth ...1, 2, 3, 4, 10 Walk ...5-11	Obedience to God's commandments and love one another
3 John	partnering with true teachers	Truth ...3, 4, 8, 12 Partners ...5-10 Test...11	Showing hospitality to traveling teachers
Jude	exposure of corrupt teachers	False teachers...4, 8, 10, 12, 15, 18-19 OT examples...5-7, 9, 11, 14-15 Natural examples...4, 10, 12-13	Defend truth, moral lives, faithfulness, under God's authority, sexual purity, murder, rebellious, show mercy, ungodly, grumbling, braggers, scoffers, divisions,

Thursday: December 23rd

Revelation 1:19 “Write down **what you have seen**—both the things that are now happening and the things that will happen.

Revelation 1-3

Revelation of Jesus Christ...[a vision of Christ](#)

1 Prologue, Greetings and Doxology, John’s Vision of Christ

“Write down what you have seen—both the things **that are now happening** and the things that will happen.

Message to Seven Churches

Seven **historical churches** that had different characteristics, problems and positive characteristics

Seven **historical conditions** of the church, seven eras

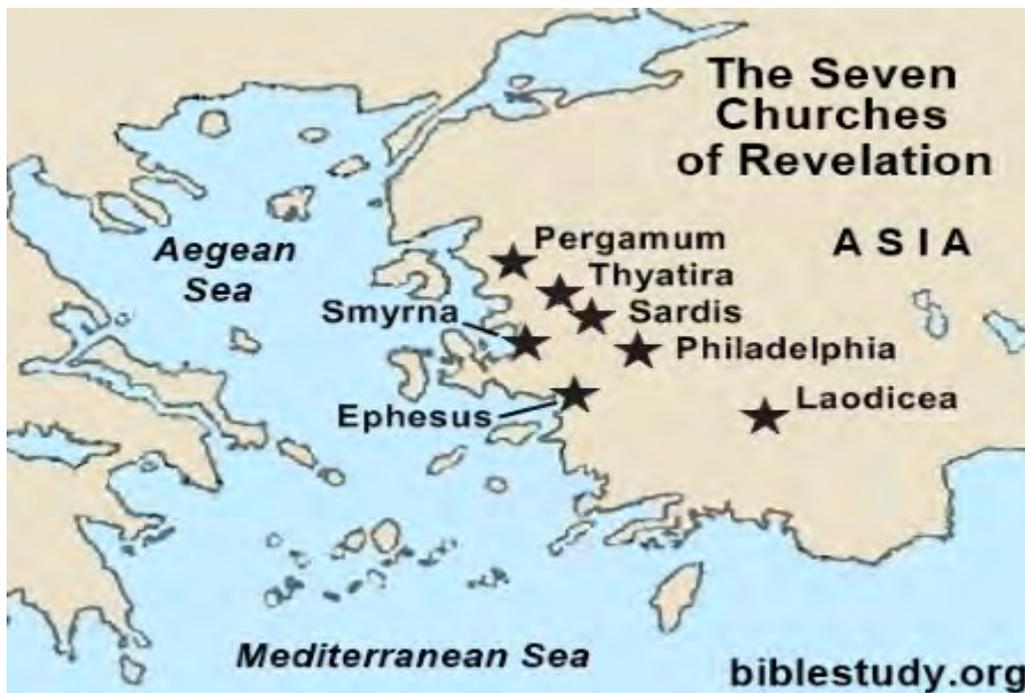
Seven characteristics to different **current churches**

Seven characteristics of **individual Christians**

Revelation of Jesus Christ...[the Lord over the church/ the head of the church](#)

2 To the Church in **Ephesus**, To the Church in Smyrna, To the Church in **Pergamum**, To the Church in **Thyatira**

3 To the Church in **Sardis**, To the Church in **Philadelphia**, To the Church in **Laodicea**



THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

CHURCHES:	STRENGTHS:	FAILURES:	INSTRUCTION:	PROMISE TO THE FAITHFUL:
EPHESUS "LOVELESS" REV. 2:1-7	HARD WORK; PATIENT ENDURANCE; REJECTED EVIL; PERSEVERANCE	YOU HAVE FORSAKEN YOUR FIRST LOVE	REPENT AND DO THE WORKS YOU DID AT FIRST	YOU WILL EAT FROM THE TREE OF LIFE
SMYRNA "SUFFERING" REV. 2:8-11	ENDURING YOUR SUFFERING AND POVERTY – YET YOU ARE RICH	NONE	REMAIN FAITHFUL EVEN WHEN FACING PRISON, PERSECUTION OR DEATH	I WILL GIVE YOU THE CROWN OF LIFE: YOU WILL NOT BE HURT BY THE SECOND DEATH
PERGAMOS "WORLDLY" REV. 2:12-17	LOYALTY TO CHRIST; REFUSE TO DENY HIM	TOLERATES CULTS, HERESIES, IDOLATRY AND IMMORALITY	REPENT!	HIDDEN MANNA AND A STONE WITH A NEW NAME ON IT
THYATIRA "WRONG DOCTRINE" REV. 2:18-29	LOVE, FAITH, WORKS; PATIENT ENDURANCE; CONSTANT IMPROVEMENT	TOLERATES PAGAN CULTS, IDOLATRY AND IMMORALITY; JUDGMENT COMING!	REPENT!	FAITHFUL WILL HOLD FAST UNTIL I COME; I WILL GIVE YOU THE MORNING STAR
SARDIS "SPIRITUALLY DEAD" REV. 3:1-6	ONLY A FAITHFUL FEW HAVE KEPT THE FAITH; CHURCH SPIRITUALLY DEAD	REPENT AND TURN BACK TO CHRIST	STRENGTHEN WHAT LITTLE FAITH REMAINS	FAITHFUL WILL WALK WITH JESUS AND NOT BE BLOTTED OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE
PHILADELPHIA "SPIRITUALLY ALIVE" REV. 3:7-13	KEPT MY WORD AND HAVE NOT DENIED MY NAME	NONE	YOU HAVE AN OPEN DOOR; I WILL KEEP YOU FROM THE HOUR OF TRIAL	I WILL MAKE YOU A PILLAR IN THE TEMPLE OF MY GOD
LAODICEA "COMPLACENT" REV. 3:14-22	NONE	NEITHER HOT NOR COLD; YOUR RICHES MAKE YOU IMPOVERISHED	TURN FROM INDIFFERENCE AND REPENT!	I WILL INVITE THOSE WHO OVERCOME TO SIT WITH ME ON MY THRONE

The events of the last days with the epistles of 1 and 2 Thessalonians as the outline

1 Thessalonians 1

2We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. 3As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring **hope** you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

10And they speak of how you are looking forward to the coming of God’s Son from heaven—Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. He is the one who has rescued us **from the terrors of the coming judgment**.

1 Thessalonians 2

18We wanted very much to come to you, and I, Paul, tried again and again, but Satan prevented us. 19After all, what gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud reward and crown as **we stand before our Lord Jesus when he returns**? It is you! 20Yes, you are our pride and joy.

1 Thessalonians 3

12And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows. 13May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when **our Lord Jesus comes again** with all his holy people. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 5

23Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until **our Lord Jesus Christ comes again**.

2 Thessalonians 2

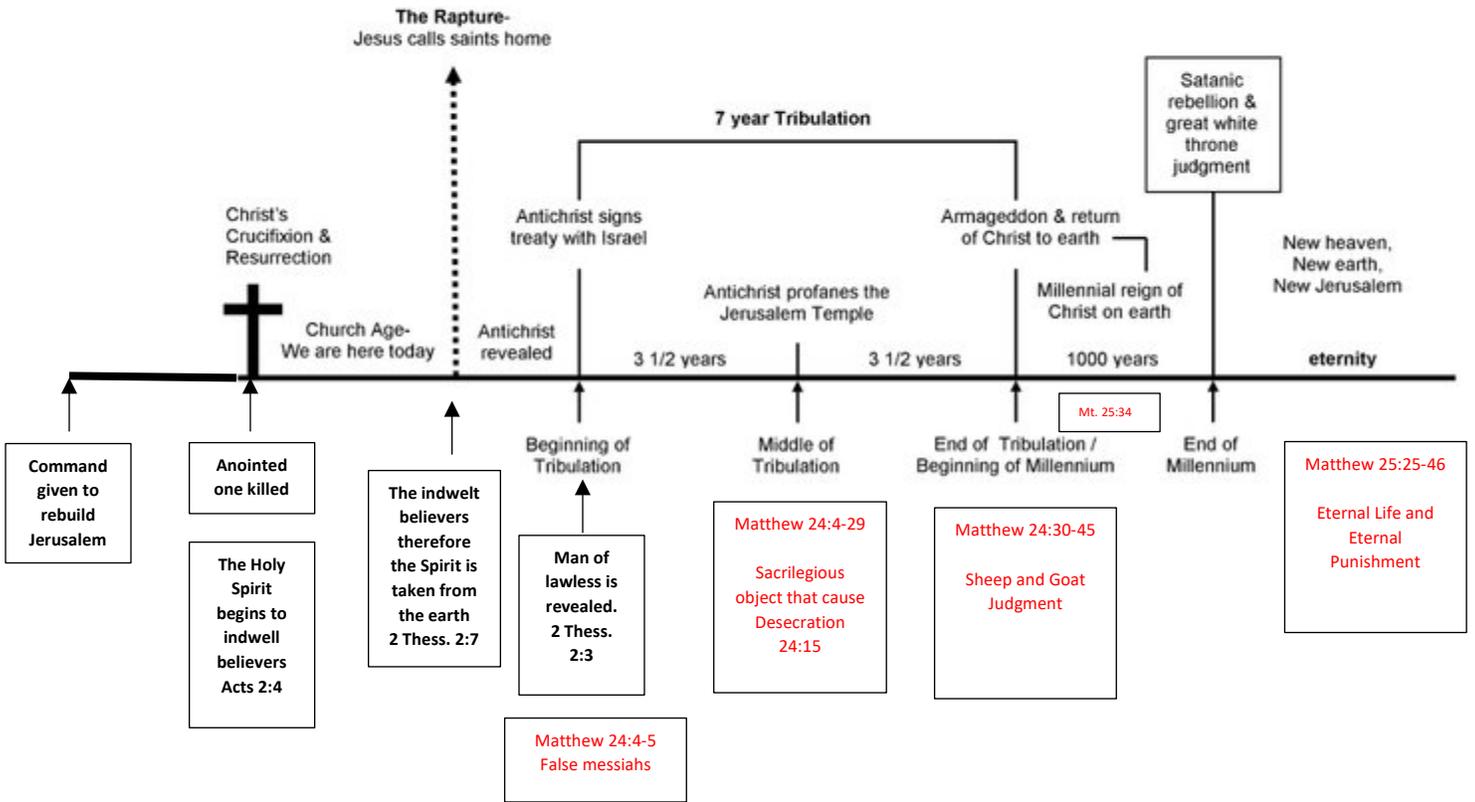
16Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us **eternal comfort and a wonderful hope**, 17comfort you and strengthen you in every good thing you do and say.

Events	Related Passages from 1 and 2 Thessalonians	Cross References
<p>Anticipating the 2nd coming</p>	<p>1 Thessalonians 5 <u>1</u>Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don’t really need to write you. <u>2</u>For you know quite well that the day of the Lord’s return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. <u>3</u>When people are saying, “Everything is peaceful and secure,” then disaster will fall on them as suddenly as a pregnant woman’s labor pains begin. And there will be no escape.</p> <p><u>4</u>But you aren’t in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won’t be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief. <u>5</u>For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don’t belong to darkness and night. <u>6</u>So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded. <u>7</u>Night is the time when people sleep and drinkers get drunk. <u>8</u>But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation.</p> <p><u>9</u>For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. <u>10</u>Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. <u>11</u>So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.</p> <p>2 Thessalonians 2 <u>1</u>Now, dear brothers and sisters, let us clarify some things about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we will be gathered to meet him. <u>2</u>Don’t be so easily shaken or</p>	<p>Matthew 24:4-14 1 Timothy 4:1 1 Peter 3:22; 4:7 2 Peter 3:3-9, 11-12a, 14 1 John 4:1-3 2 John 7 Jude 18-19</p>

	alarmed by those who say that the day of the Lord has already begun. Don't believe them, even if they claim to have had a spiritual vision, a revelation, or a letter supposedly from us. 7 For this <i>lawlessness</i> is already at work secretly	
Believers who die	1 Thessalonians 4 13 And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.	2 Corinthians 5:1-9 Luke 16:19-31 (Lazarus)
Non-Christians who die	1 Thessalonians 4 13b like people who have no hope .	Luke 16:19-31 (rich man)
Rapture	2 Thessalonians 2 5 Don't you remember that I told you about all this when I was with you? 6 And you know what is holding him back, for he can be revealed only when his time comes. 7 For this lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way. 1 Thessalonians 4 15 We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. 17 Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. 18 So encourage each other with these words.	1 Corinthians 15:51-54 2 Corinthians 5:10 Romans 14:10 1 Peter 1:5 2 Peter 2:10a
Tribulation	2 Thessalonians 2 8a Then the man of lawlessness will be revealed 2 Thessalonians 2 3 Don't be fooled by what they say. For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed—the one who brings destruction . 4 He will exalt himself and defy everything that people call god and every object of worship. He will even sit in the temple of God, claiming that he himself is God. 2 Thessalonians 2 9 This man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles. 10 He will use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction, because they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them. 11 So God will cause them to be greatly deceived, and they will believe these lies. 12 Then they will be condemned for enjoying evil rather than believing the truth.	Daniel 7:25; 8:25; 9:26-27; 11:36 Matthew 24:15-36
2nd Advent	2 Thessalonians 1 7b when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven . He will come with his mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power. 10 When he comes on that day, he will receive glory from his holy people—praise from all who believe. And this includes you, for you believed what we told you about him. 2 Thessalonians 2 8b but the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by the splendor of his coming.	Matthew 24:37-51a Matthew 25:31-46 2 Peter 3:10a Jude 14-15 Revelations 19:11-21 Revelations 20:1-2
Millennial Kingdom	2 Thessalonians 1 7a And God will provide rest for you who are being persecuted and also for us	Acts 3:19-21 Hebrews 4:9-10 Revelation 20:1-10
Great White Throne Judgment		1 Peter 4:5 Revelation 20:11-13

<p>Second Death</p>		<p>Matthew 24:51b 1 Peter 4:17 2 Peter 3:10b-12 Revelation 20:14-15</p>
<p>New Heavens and New Earth</p>		<p>Revelation 21-22 2 Peter 3: 13</p>

BIBLICAL TIMELINE - The past, the present and the future...



	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Books	Gen - Exodus	Lev -Dt	Joshua - 1 Kings	2 Kings- 2 Chron	Ezra - Job	Psalms	Prov - Isaiah	Jer - Daniel	Hosea - Malachi	Matt - John	Acts - Col	1 Thess- Rev.
Pages	113	125	168	112	94	101	130	152	97	138	112	112
Pages/Day	3.6	4.5	5.4	3.7	3	3.4	4.2	4.9	3.2	4.5	4.1	3.6
Difficult												
Easy												
Era	Creation Patriarchs Exodus	Exodus	Conq. Judges King	King Exile	Return Silence Poetry	Poetry	Poetry Prophet	Prophet	Prophet	Gospels	Church Mission Epistles	Epistles

- Pentateuch: Genesis -> Deuteronomy (January 1- February 28th)
- Historical Books: Joshua -> Esther (March 1 -> May 15th)
- Poetical Books Job: -> Song of Songs (May 15th -> July 12th)
- Major Prophets: Isaiah -> Daniel (July 13 -> August 31st)
- Minor Prophets: Hosea -> Malachi (September 1st -> September 30th)
- The Gospels (October)
- NT History (November 1st -> November 11th)
- Pauline Epistles (November 12 -> December 6th)
- General Epistles (December 7th -> December 22nd)
- NT Prophecy (December 23rd -> December 31st)

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Genesis Exodus	Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel	1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles	Ezra Nehemiah Esther Job	Psalms	Proverb Ecclesiastes Song of Songs Isaiah	Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel	Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum HABAKUK Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi	Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts Romans 1 Corinthians 1 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians	1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy 2 Timothy Titus Philemon Hebrews James 1 Peter 2 Peter 1 John 2 John 3 John Jude Revelation

Questions

Is God finished with Israel? Up to now in our reading has he given up on them? We will make our decision on “is he finished with Israel” based on reading of the Word of God. These are important passages and concepts... what is the nature of God, what is the nature of man, why did God enter into Covenant or this holy contract with Israel in the first place, what is that Covenant or contract?

Why do we daily read God’s Word?

“...you can have all the right notions in your head without ever tasting in your heart the realities to which they refer; and **a simple Bible reader and sermon hearer who is full of the Holy Spirit** will develop a far deeper acquaintance with his God and Savior than a more learned scholar who is content with being theologically correct. The reason is that the former will deal with God regarding the practical application of truth to his life, whereas the latter will not.”

— J.I. Packer (Knowing God p. 39)

Quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer **Life Together** pp. 54-55 We must learn to know the Scriptures again, as the Reformers and our fathers knew them. We must not grudge the time and the work that it takes...But one who will not learn to handle the Bible for himself is not an evangelical Christian.

SCRIPTURE BEFORE PHONE

The Habit at a Glance:

Refusing to check the phone until after reading a passage of Scripture is a way of replacing the question “What do I need to do today?” with a better one, “Who am I and who am I becoming?” We have no stable identity outside of Jesus. Daily immersion in the Scriptures resists the **anxiety of emails, the anger of news, and the envy of social media**. Instead it forms us daily in our true identity as children of the King, dearly loved.

WE BECOME WHAT OR WHO WE REFLECT, WHICH IS TO SAY WE BECOME WHAT WE PAY ATTENTION TO

An Excerpt From The Common Rule:

I often turn to work and career in the search for my identity. I hope that by achieving success I will finally become someone who is approved of. This means—as an identity reflector—I have to look at other people’s faces, and my identity is tacked to whether they look happy with me and my work or not.

The habit of checking work emails first thing every morning encouraged this misguided search for identity because it started my day with the questions: What do I need to do to make someone else happy with me? How can I justify my existence in the world today?

Book and Key Word(s)

Matthew...the king of the Jews

Mark...the suffering servant

Luke...the savior of the World

John...God come in the flesh

Acts...the activities of the Holy Spirit from Jerusalem to Rome

Romans...the righteousness of God

1 Corinthians...misconduct in the church

2 Corinthians...Paul’s authority as an apostle

Galatians...free from the law

Ephesians...the mystery of the Gospel

Philippians...the humble example of Jesus

Colossians...the preeminence of Christ

1 Thessalonians...Conduct in the light of a future hope

2 Thessalonians...endurance in the light of a future hope

1 Timothy...problems in Ephesus

2 Timothy...handling and preaching the inspired Word of God

Titus...right living in a corrupt culture
 Philemon...a request for forgiveness
 Hebrews...the superior Christ
 James...New Testament wisdom book
 1 Peter...hope in the midst of suffering
 2 Peter...rebuking false teachers
 1 John... The tests of a person who claims to walk in the light
 2 John...walking in the truth
 3 John...partnering with true teachers
 Jude...exposure of corrupt teachers
 Revelation...Apocalyptic

Test over 2 Peter

1. What is the key phrase of this book?
2. What did they teach and how did they live?
3. What was the source of the apostles' teaching?

Test over 1 John

1. Who was the author?
2. When were these books written?
3. What should the Christian do about sin in his life? What does God do with it?
4. What are the three test for true believes?

Test over 2 John

1. To whom was the book addressed?
2. What are the two evidences of walking in the truth?
3. What is the antichrist?

Test over 3 John

1. To whom is the book addresses?
2. What is the issue addressed by John?

Test over Jude

1. Who was Jude?
2. What is the issue addressed?
3. What three OT references illustrates this issue?
4. What three references from nature illustrate this issue?

Looking Forward

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Reading: Revelation 3-22

Daily and Chapter Summaries

Friday: December 24th

“Write down what you have seen—both the things **that are now happening** and the **things that will happen**.”

After chapter 3 the **Church** does not appear again until Revelation 22:16 (why? Because the church, the body of Christ, the believers have been raptured or caught up with Jesus and are gone)

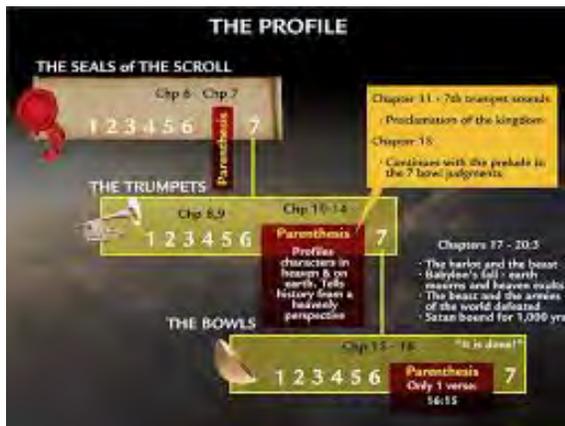
Revelation of Jesus Christ...the glorified Lamb of God

Revelations 4-5

Adoration/Worship in Heaven

4 The Throne in Heaven, Worship of the Creator

5 The Lamb Takes the Scroll (Jeremiah 31:9-11), the Lamb Exalted



Saturday: December 25th

Revelation of Jesus Christ...the judge of all the earth (6-19)

Revelations 6-7

Tribulation on earth

Not just a really bad day but...

Jeremiah 30 7In all history there has never been such a time of terror. It will be **a time of trouble for my people Israel**. Yet in the end they will be saved!

Daniel 12 1“At that time Michael, the archangel who stands guard over your nation, will arise. Then there will be **a time of anguish greater than any since nations first came into existence**. But at that time every one of your people whose name is written in the book will be rescued

Matthew 24 21for there will be greater anguish than at any time since the world began. And it will never be so great again. 22In fact, **unless that time of calamity is shortened, not a single person will survive**. But it will be shortened for the sake of God’s chosen ones.

Six Seal Judgment

6 The Lamb Breaks the First **Six Seals**

Parenthesis chapter 7

7 God’s People Will Be Preserved...144,000 people (Jews) and vast crowd (Gentiles) *people saved during tribulation period...no believers enter the tribulation period*

Seven Seals, Trumpets and Bowls

Revelation 5 showed us that the Lamb (Jesus) is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll – the title deeds to the earth.



Seals 1-4 *Revelation 6* - the four horsemen are related: war leads to worldwide economic collapse, which leads to famine and death. The 'man of peace' (conqueror on white horse) steps forward to end war by creating the first global empire.

Seal 5 The martyrs in heaven

Seal 6 Natural disasters

INTERVAL *Revelation 7* The 144,000 on earth and the great multitude in heaven

Seal 7 *Revelation 8* – breaking Seal 7 brings on the trumpets

Trumpets 1-4 natural disasters caused by a massive earthquake and two meteors striking the earth – destruction of 1/3 of land vegetation, marine life, fresh water & light

Trumpet 5 *Revelation 9* - demonic attack

Trumpet 6 further demonic attacks



INTERVAL *Revelation 10 & 11:1-14* The mighty angel and the two witnesses.

Trumpet 7 *Revelation 11:15-19* - ushers in the Day of the Lord, comprising the 7 bowls of God's wrath (*Revelation 15-16*) and the return of Christ.



Bowls 1-4 Four global judgements - disease for all beast worshippers, poisoned seas worldwide, all fresh water poisoned, harmful sun rays causing serious burns

Bowl 5 Darkness over Antichrist's control centre

Bowl 6 Euphrates dries up – preparation for coming war – the devil, the beast and the false prophet gather the armies of the world to Armageddon

Bowl 7 "It is done" – lightning, thunder, earthquake, cities fall, islands and mountains disappear, gigantic hailstones

Sunday: December 26th

Revelation 8-9

Trumpet Judgments

8 The Lamb Breaks the Seventh Seal, the First Four **Trumpets**

9 The Fifth Trumpet Brings the First Terror, the Sixth Trumpet Brings the Second Terror

Monday: December 27th

Revelation 10-13

Parenthesis 10:1-11:14

10 The Angel and the Small Scroll

11 The Two Witnesses (Elijah and Moses), the Seventh Trumpet Brings the Third Terror

The "Great Parenthesis" (12:1-15:8)

12 The Woman and the Dragon (see Genesis 37:10-11)

Since Genesis 3:15... Cain kills Able, sin in Noah's day, Jacob and Esau, Israelite children in Nile, Israelites at the Red Sea, Saul trying to kill David, Queen Athaliah, Esther and Haman, Herod and infants in Bethlehem, killing of Jesus then anti-Semitic genocide throughout history.

The time of Jacob's trouble Jeremiah 30:7

13 The Beast (the Antichrist) out of the Sea (a Gentile) compare (2 Thessalonians 2:8-12), The Beast out of the Earth (a Jew)

Tuesday: December 28th

Selah

Wednesday: December 29th

Revelations 14-16

14 The Lamb and the 144,000, the Messages of the Three Angels, the Harvest of the Earth

15 The Seven Angels with Seven Plagues

16 The **Seven Bowls** of God's Wrath, The Seventh Bowl

Thursday: December 30th

Revelation 17-19

17 The Great Prostitute and the Beast

18 The Fall of Babylon

Revelation of Jesus Christ...the returning Lord Jesus
Jesus comes from Heaven

19 Rejoicing in Heaven, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the Rider on a White Horse, Battle of Armagedon

Friday: December 31st

Revelation 20-22

Revelation of Jesus Christ...Jesus rules on earth

20 The Thousand Years, the Defeat of Satan, Judgment before the Great White Throne
1,000 years mentioned seven times

Revelation of Jesus Christ...the bridegroom and the illuminator of the New Heavens and New Earth
The New Heaven and New Earth

21 The New Heaven and the New Earth, the New Jerusalem

22 The River of Life, Jesus Is Coming

25% of the Bible is prophetic material. Therefore the book of Revelation is not an outlier but “part and parcel” with the theme of Scripture.

In the past the things in Revelation seem hardly possible, today they seem highly probable.

404 verses in the book of Revelation and 360 of these have some reverence or allusion to the Old Testament.

The Events of Revelation	The Character of Revelation	The Numbers in Revelation

Schools of Interpretation of Revelation

Preterist view, teaches that *all* biblical prophecy has been fulfilled, including the second coming of Christ, Satan and the Antichrist being thrown into the lake of fire, the resurrection of the dead, and the full arrival of the kingdom of God.

Idealism (also called the spiritual approach, the allegorical approach, the nonliteral approach, and many other names) in Christian eschatology is an interpretation of the Book of Revelation that sees all of the imagery of the book as non-literal symbols.... It is distinct from Preterism, Futurism and Historicism in that it does not see any of the prophecies (except in some cases the Second Coming, and Final Judgment) as being fulfilled in a literal, physical, earthly sense either in the past, present or future, and that to interpret the eschatological portions of the Bible in a historical or future-historical fashion is an erroneous understanding.

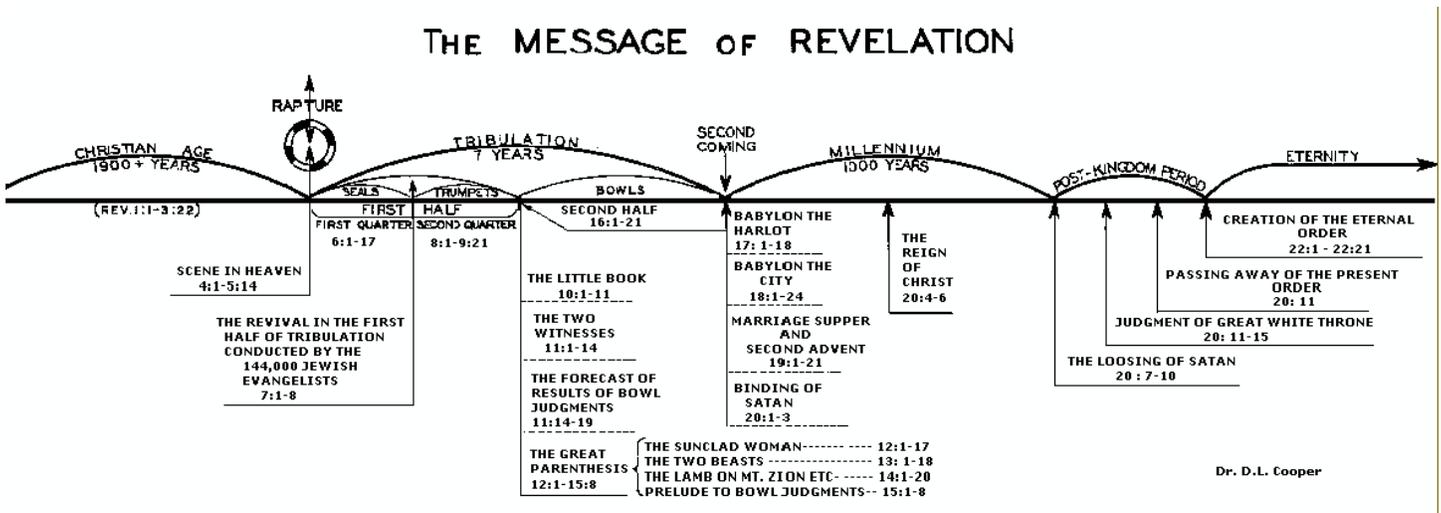
Historicism is a method of interpretation in Christian eschatology which associates biblical prophecies with actual historical events and identifies symbolic beings with historical persons or societies; it has been applied to the Book of Revelation by many writers.

The futurist approach basically sees John’s vision as a series of chronological events, although some futurists see parallel or cyclical patterns in the visions of [Revelation 4–19](#). The futurist interpretation lends itself to a more literal view than do the other interpretive systems, which tend to allegorize the events of Revelation.



Outline of Revelation

Revelations 1 Grace and peace to you from the **one who is, who always was, and who is still to come**; from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne; **5** and from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world.



The First 100 Years of the First Century

10 BC	Jesus Birth 6 BC	
5 BC	Herod the Great dies at 4 BC	
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5 AD	Jesus visits the Temple 6 BC	
10 AD		
15 AD		
20 AD		
25 AD	John begins ministry 26 Beginning of Jesus' Ministry 27	
30 AD	Jesus Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension 30, Peter preaches at Pentecost 30 in Jerusalem Stephen martyred 34, Paul's Conversion 34, Philip preaches to the Samaritan and to Ethiopian 34	Acts 1-5 Acts 6-8
35 AD	Paul in Arabia 3 years Paul in Jerusalem, Tarsus, Syria, and Cilicia, Peter goes to Cornelius home 39	Acts 9 Acts 10-11
40 AD	James martyred 44	Acts 12
45 AD	Paul in Jerusalem and Antioch 46-47 1 st Missionary Journey 48-49	James, Galatians Acts 13-14
50 AD	Jerusalem Council 50 2 nd Missionary Journey 51-53 Macedonian Vision (in Corinth for 1 ½ years)	Acts 15 1,2 Thessalonians Acts 16-18
55 AD	3 rd Missionary Journey 54-57 (in Ephesus for 2-3 years), Jerusalem arrest 57 Caesarea Imprisonment 57-59 (in Caesarea for 2 years) Journey to Rome 59-60	Corinthians, Romans Acts 19 Acts 22-27
60 AD	Paul's House arrest 60-62 then released James (Jesus' brother) martyred 62, Peter martyred 64	Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon Acts 28 1 Peter; 1, 2 Timothy, Titus
65 AD	Paul arrested in Troas and taken to Rome, martyred 67 Ignatius (Apostolic Father) bishop of Antioch 69	2 Peter, Jude Hebrews
70 AD	Fall of Jerusalem 70	
75 AD		
80 AD		
85 AD	Polycarp (Apostolic Father) bishop of Smyrna 85 Clement (Apostolic Father) bishop of Rome 88	1,2,3 John
90 AD		
95 AD	John exiled to Patmos 95 John dies in Ephesus 98	Revelation
100 AD		

