
REVELATION
IT'S BETTER THAN YOU THINK!
FALL SERIES

Exegesis – "there and then"
Should come first

Hermeneutics - "here and now"
Should come second!



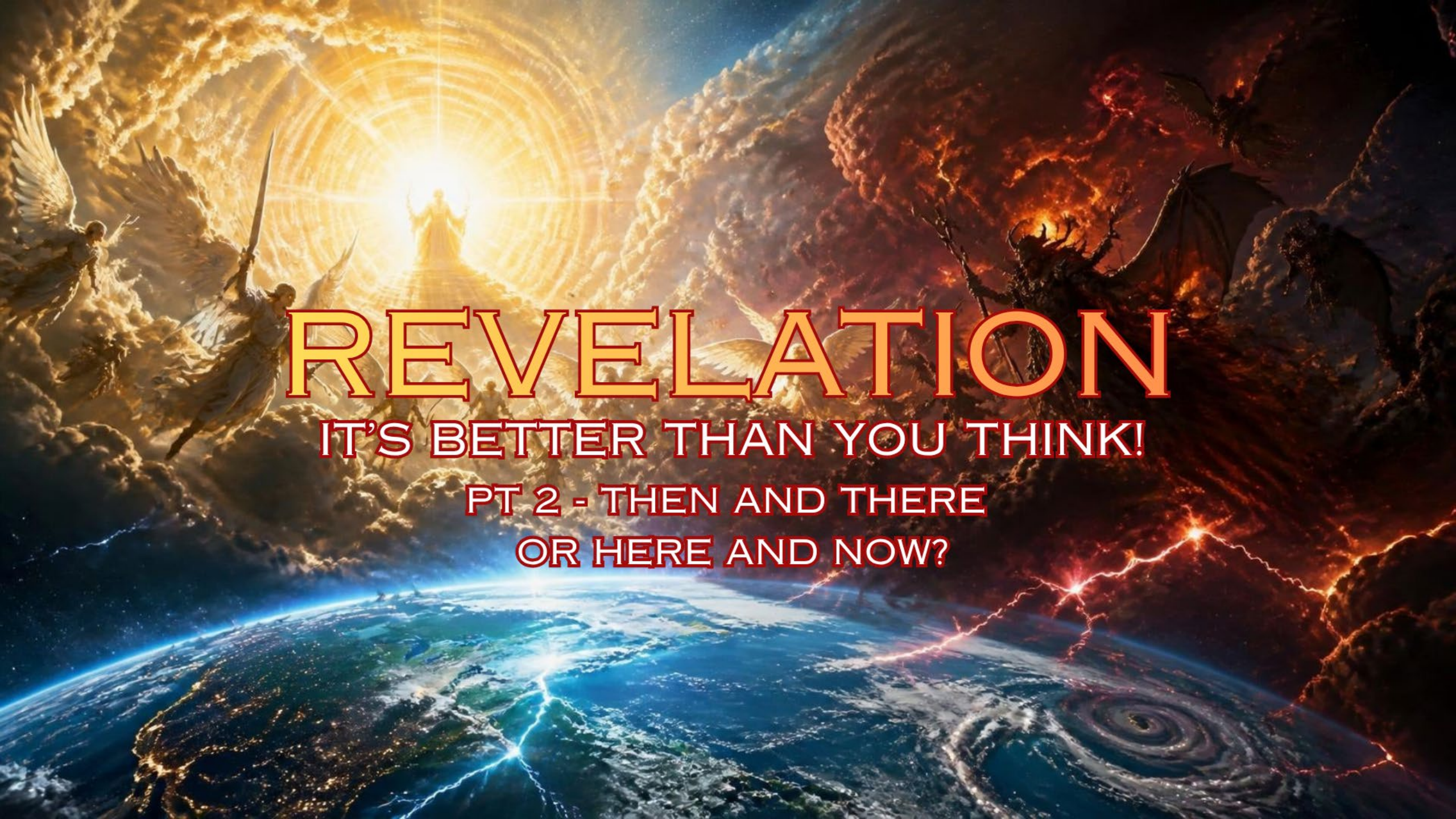
Nero 54 - 68



Domitian 81 - 96

The fusion of apocalypse, prophecy and epistle is completely unique

There is nothing like the book of Revelation!


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PT 2 - THEN AND THERE
OR HERE AND NOW?

What does the author allow us to "decode?"

Seven Golden Lampstands	*= The seven churches (Rev 1:20)*
Seven Stars	*= The angels (messengers) of the seven churches (Rev 1:20)*
Great Dragon	*= The Devil or Satan, who deceives the whole world (Rev 12:9, 20:2)*
Fine Linen	*= The righteous acts of the saints (Rev 19:8)*
Incense in the Golden Bowls	*= The prayers of God's people / saints (Rev 5:8)*
The Waters	*= Peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages (Rev 17:15)*

“Is it a robot?”

Revelation 13



Revelation 13:3-4



Revelation 13:14-18



"Here and now"

***Church has been raptured in 4:1; (3:1)*

Dragon	*= devil or Satan*
Beast out of sea	*= antichrist (Daniel 7)*
Seven heads	*= seven world powers*
Ten horns	*= Ten leaders*
Fatal wound	*= the antichrist is killed and raised to life*

Worship of Satan due to awe of the antichrist


Rome +
future
Daniel 2
Legs of iron
Feet of iron
+ clay


AntiChrist


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"Here and now"

Second beast = false prophet, causes people to worship antichrist

False prophet has supernatural power

False prophet builds idol of antichrist (a robot?)

“Here and now”

False prophet causes the idol to supernaturally speak and kill those who refuse to worship

False prophet/antichrist idol? forces the antichrist’s mark (piece of technology?)

666 = tied to antichrist’s name somehow

"Then and there"

Dragon	*= devil or Satan*
Beast out of sea	*= a Roman Emperor (Daniel 7)*
Seven heads	*= successive emperors*
Ten horns	*= subordinate kings*
Fatal wound	*= emperor supernaturally raised from dead*

Worship of Satan due to awe of the Emperor


Rome +
future?
Daniel 2
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Roman Emperor




Roman Emperor

“Then and there”

Second beast = subordinate to emperor

Subordinate has supernatural power

Subordinate builds idol of emperor

“Then and there”

Subordinate causes the idol to supernaturally speak and kill those who refuse to worship the emperor

Subordinate physically marks those allied to the emperor

666/616 = Hebrew Gematria “Ceasar Nero(n)”

Could it be both?

What is the point?

Things will get worse before they get better

Worship of Christ exclusively in worldview and practice may cost your life

The mark is a visible religious and structural allegiance