



# A STUDY ON REVELATION

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Intent and Framework of the study

Discussion breakouts and purpose

Introduction to Revelation

Revelation 1:1-3

# INTENT AND FRAMEWORK

- General Framework
  - Verse by verse study
  - Scheduled through November, but flexible
  - Livestreamed for missed sessions
  - 40 minutes of study and 40 minutes of discussion

## INTENT AND FRAMEWORK

- Objective of this study
  - To teach biblical truth in a way that glorifies God through the truth of Christ so as to bind His church together (Ephesians 4:14-16)

# INTENT AND FRAMEWORK

- 4 Intentions
  - To present the promise of Christ as revealed by God to Christ and then to John through an angel of the Lord in order that we may be blessed in the truth (Revelation 1:1-3)

## INTENT AND FRAMEWORK

- 4 Intentions
  - To equip and edify the saints of Community's expression of Christ's church in order that we would be united and grow in our knowledge and be effective and productive for our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:3-9, Ephesians 4:11-13)

## INTENT AND FRAMEWORK

- 4 Intentions
  - To build community through small groups within the family of believers God has sent to Community in order that we may strengthen each other as the Day of the Lord approaches (Hebrews 10:19-25)

## INTENT AND FRAMEWORK

- 4 Intentions
  - To offer an opportunity where all the saints may come and hear the truth of Christ in order that they may be motivated through Christ so that our entire community may be reached for Christ and sent to the world (Romans 10:9-15)

## INTENT AND FRAMEWORK

- Vision
  - The believers in Christ within Community will be strengthened and emboldened in their growing faith.
  - This faith will manifest in deeper roots in Christ and stronger relationships with other believers in our body.
  - As this happens, others will be drawn from His church and our greater community to be effective laborers in the vineyard.

## INTENT AND FRAMEWORK

- **Vision**
  - The expression of Christ's body in Community will be strengthened, the expression of Christ's body in the community of West Bend will be emboldened, and the lost needing His grace will be reached (Acts 1:8)

# DISCUSSION BREAKOUTS



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- What to Expect
  - God's Blessing
  - Know Jesus
  - Learn
  - Worship

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- What to Expect
  - Prayer
  - Discussion
  - Encouragement
  - Worship

# DISCUSSION BREAKOUTS

- Resources
  - A Bible
  - Journal or Notebook
  - One Another

# INTRODUCTION TO REVELATION



# INTRODUCTION – UNDERSTANDING REVELATION

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**1**

**Genre (Type  
of Literature)**

**2**

**Date of  
Authorship**

**3**

**Intended  
Audience**

**4**

**Views of  
Interpretation**

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**INTRODUCTION  
- GENRE**

**Prophetic**

**Apocalyptic**

**Letter - Circular**

## INTRODUCTION - GENRE

- D.A. Carson – “A prophecy cast in an apocalyptic mold and written down in a letter form” in order to motivate the audience to change their behavior in light of the transcendent reality of the book’s message.

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## INTRODUCTION - DATE OF AUTHORSHIP

### Early Date

- Pre - 70 AD
- Reign of Nero
- Prior to the fall of the temple

### Late Date

- 90's AD
- Reign of Domitian
- After the fall of the temple

# INTRODUCTION – DATE OF AUTHORSHIP

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Early date was more  
advisable

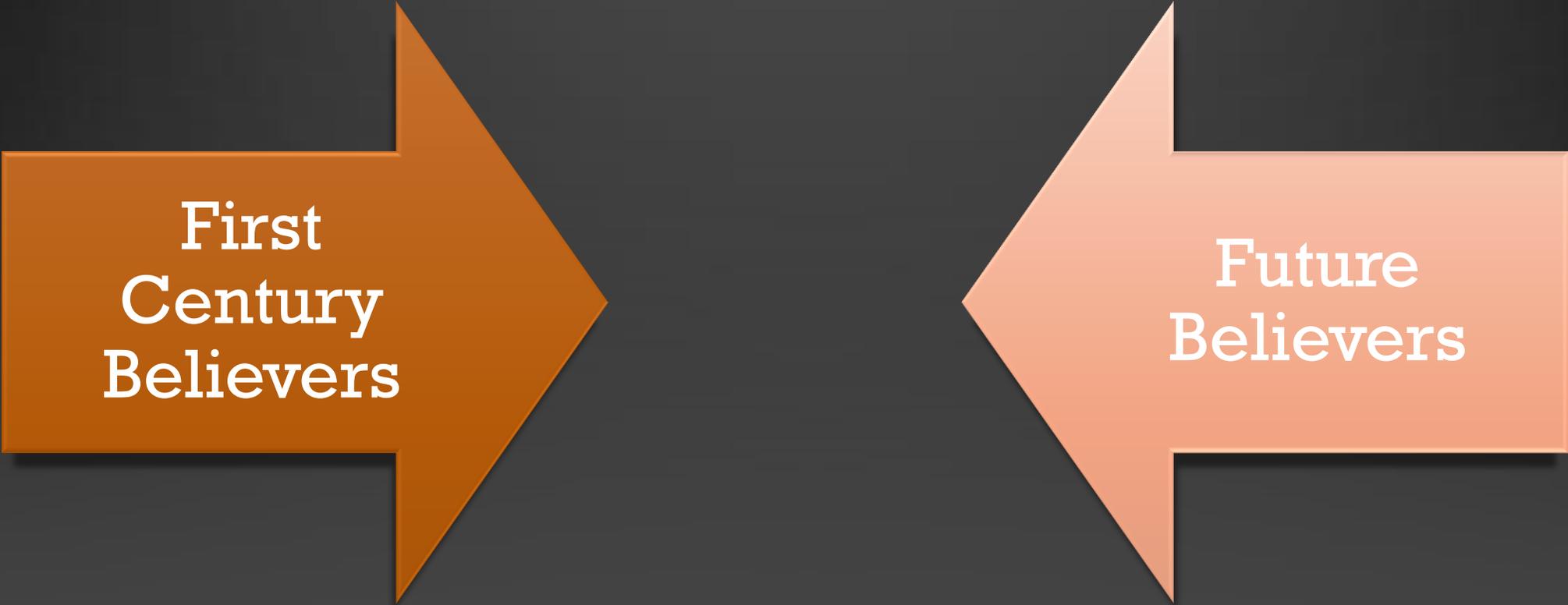
**20th century and after**

**19th century and  
prior**

Largely affirm a late date

# INTRODUCTION – INTENDED AUDIENCE

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First  
Century  
Believers

Future  
Believers

**4 VIEWS OF  
INTERPRETATION**

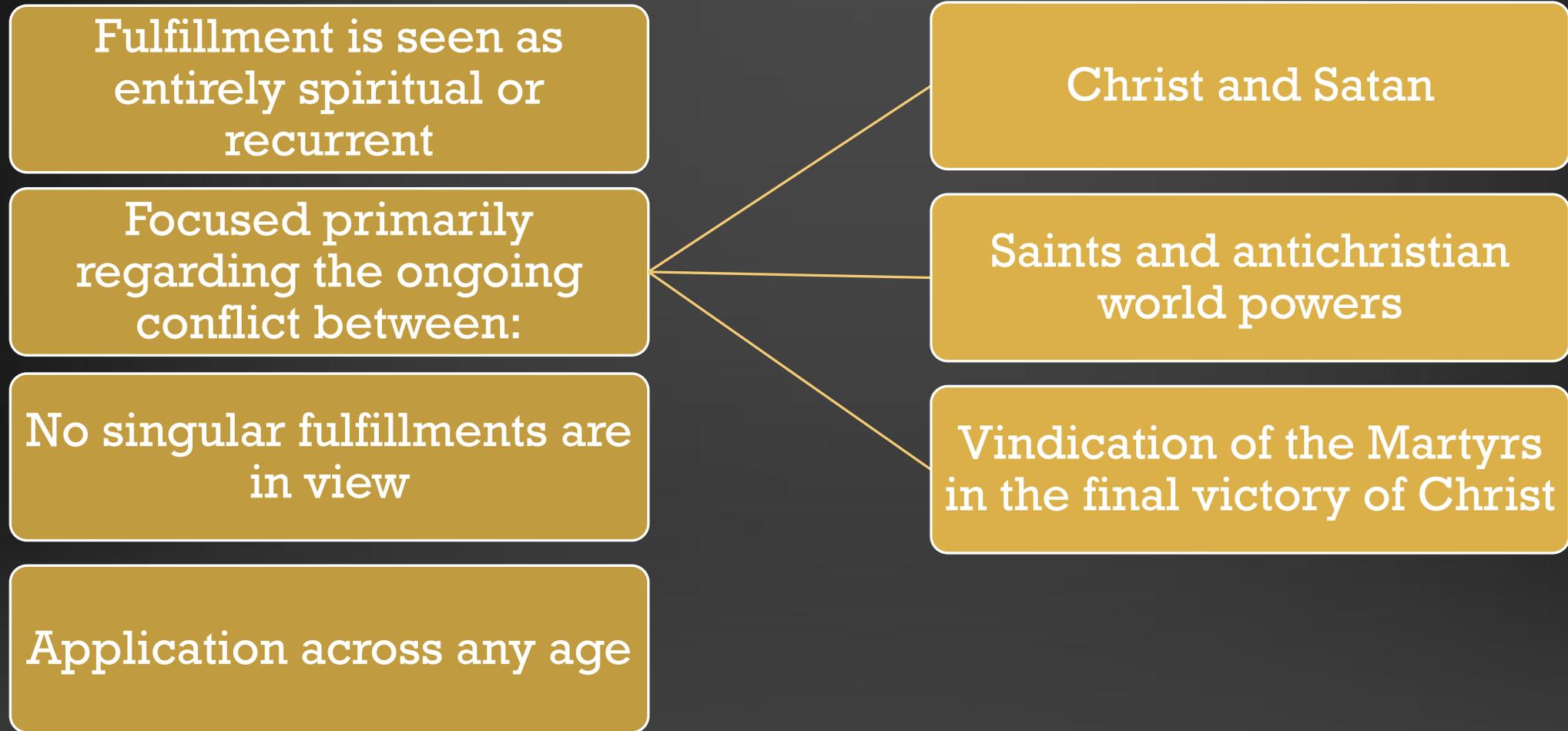
**Idealist**

**Historicist**

**Preterist**

**Futurist**

# IDEALIST VIEW OF INTERPRETATION



## HISTORICIST VIEW OF INTERPRETATION

Classic Protestant view

Prewritten record of history from John through the end of the world

Fulfillment is in progress and will continue until the Scripture is complete

# PRETERIST VIEW OF INTERPRETATION

Fulfillment was in the future from the author's standpoint, yet in the past from our standpoint

Mild, or partial, preterists view:

- From our standpoint, all fulfillments are in the past, except for the Second coming of Christ which is still to come.

Extreme, or full or consistent, preterists view:

- Christ has returned already since all prophecies in the OT must be completed by the destruction of the Jerusalem.
- We are living in the eternal state, or the new heaven and new earth of Revelation 21 and 22.
- Full preterism has been deemed heretical.

## FUTURIST VIEW OF INTERPRETATION

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Majority of prophecies are not yet completed.

All prophecies after chapter 4 will occur in a brief period before Christ returns.

**3 VIEWS OF THE  
MILLENNIUM**

**Premillennial**

**Amillennial**

**Postmillennial**

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## THE MILLENNIUM

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Revelation 20 presents the  
“thousand years”

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Represents the most  
controverted topic in the Bible  
since the 3<sup>rd</sup> century

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Understanding of the  
millennium determines  
understanding of OT fulfillments

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## PREMILLENNIAL VIEW

Second coming of Christ  
will precede the millennial  
kingdom

Christ will rule with saints  
and peace and justice will  
reign

Satan will create one final  
test at the end of this time  
before the final judgement

## Rapture

- When all believers (living and dead) will be called to Christ
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

Pre-tribulation

Mid-tribulation

Post-tribulation

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**PREMILLENNIAL  
VIEW -  
RAPTURE**

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## AMILLENNIAL VIEW

Millennium is not a literal time period, but that of a symbolic extended period of time

The Millennium represents the time between the first and second coming of Christ

The Millennium is known as the “Church Age”

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## POSTMILLENNIAL VIEW

Christ will return at the end of the millennial period

The peace of the millennium will be attributed to the success of the evangelical efforts

All (or the vast majority) of people will be believers, resulting in peace and justice

