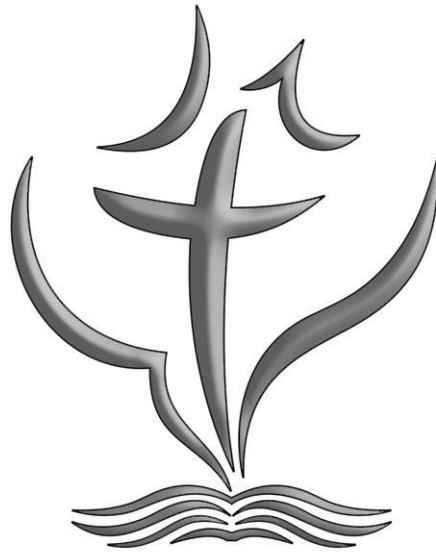


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# **Revelation 1:1-5**

## **A Lengthy Introduction**

# Introduction

*The “bookends” concept of biblical theology illustrates that in the third-to-last chapter of the Bible (Revelation 20) God removes his enemies—Satan, death, and evil—that entered the story line in the third chapter of the Bible (Genesis 3), thus completing the story of redemption. The last two chapters (Revelation 21–22) don’t simply restore the first two chapters (Genesis 1–2); they go beyond them to a world that is fully ordered and holy, in which God is fully present with his people, completing the story of creation. –ESV.org/resources*

# Introduction -Intent

*KeyVerse*

*Revelation*

*1:1*

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants--  
things which must shortly take place.*

# Introduction -Intent

*Titus 2:12-13*

*teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,*

# Introduction -Characteristics

## *Apocalyptic Literature*

*Revelation is the opposite of scientific research or human reasoning. The knowledge that God has revealed about Himself to humankind could never be attained through any type of scientific experiment or logical reasoning. It is entirely a supernatural disclosure from God. This point must be understood! Revelation Consists of Truths Revealed by God Alone. Therefore, only God reveals the truths of revelation. He alone is the source of knowledge about Himself and His plan. Revelation is, therefore, an act of God. -Don Stewart*

# Introduction - Characteristics

## *Apocalyptic Literature*

- *Isaiah 24-27*
- *Ezekiel 38-39*
- *Daniel 7-12*
- *Zechariah 9-14*

# Introduction -Characteristics

## *Apocalyptic Literature*

*Apocalyptic writings may be distinguished by dreams or visions of end-times conflicts between the supernatural forces of good and evil. Persons or kingdoms are represented as animals; historical events take the form of natural phenomena. Colors and numbers have secret meanings. And everything points to the end of the world*

*–Dr. Ed Hindson*



# Introduction -Characteristics

## *Numeric Symbolism*

•*3's (symbolic number of the Trinity)*

*1:19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.*

✓ *Past –the things you have seen (chap 1)*

✓ *Current –the things which are (2-3)*

✓ *Future –the things which will take place after this (4-22)*

# Introduction -Characteristics

## *Numeric Symbolism*

7's –the number of perfection

### **Visions**

- **churches (1:9-3:22)**
- **seals (4:1-8:1)**
- **trumpets (8:2-11:19)**
- **symbolic figures (12:1-14:20)**
- **bowls (15:1-16:21)**
- **judgments (17:1-19:10)**
- **triumphs (19:11-22:5)**

### **Other**

- **Spirits**
- **Churches**
- **Lampstands**
- **Stars**
- **Lamps of fire**
- **Horns**
- **Eyes**
- **Songs**
- **Mountains**
- **Kings**
- **Crowns**

# Introduction -Characteristics

## **4's –the earth**

- Regions
- Seasons
- Living creatures
- Angels at the four corners holding the four winds
- Bound angels in the Euphrates
- Four-fold description of the inhabitants: tribes, tongues, peoples, nations

## **6 –number of man**

(day 6 of Creation) –represents the AntiChrist

## **12 –completeness**

- Tribes
- Apostles
- Elders (12x2)
- Fruits on the Tree of Life
- Gates and Angels in New Jerusalem
- Precious stones adorning the foundation stones and pearls
- 12 tribes x 12,000
- Wall measures 12x12

# **Introduction –Helpful Outlines**

## **Ages**

- **Church Age –1-3**
- **Tribulation Age –4-19**
- **Kingdom Age –20**
- **Eternal State –21-22**

# **Introduction –Helpful Outlines**

## **Outline of Jesus Revealed**

- **1-3 –Exalted Priest-King, ministering to the churches.  
(Church is not mentioned again until chapter 20.)**
- **4-5 –In heaven as the glorified Lamb of God on the throne**
- **6-18 –Judge of all the earth.**
- **19 –Conquering King of Kings**
- **20-22 –the Bride of Christ in the Millennial Kingdom and  
New Jerusalem**

**Vv1-2**

**The Intent of the Book**

**V. 3 - A Blessing To the  
Reader and Keeper Of This  
Book**

# **V3 –A Blessing**

**1st of Seven Beatitudes (Blessings)**

**1:3 –To those who read and keep**

**14:13 –the dead who die in Christ**

**16:15 –those who watch for His coming**

**19:9 –those called to the marriage supper of the Lamb**

**20:6 –those who are part of the first resurrection**

**22:7 –those who keep the words of prophecy of this Book**

**22:14 –those who do His commandments**



## **V3 –A Blessing**

### ***4 Views***

**Preterist–dealt only with the church in John’s day**

**Historicist–predicts the panoramic future of church history**

**Poetic–(allegorical) –not literal or historic. A book of personal meaning**

**Futurist–beginning with Chapter 4 it describes the end times**

**Vv4-5a**

**Grace and Peace**

# Vv4-5a –Grace and Peace

*Isaiah 11:2*

*The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.*

# MEDITATION VERSE

*Revelation 1:1*

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants--things which must shortly take place.*

# BENEDICTION

*Rev 1:3*

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