



"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" - Hebrews 6:19

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Sunday - July 9, 2023

Four Interpretive Views of Revelation

by Troy Spradlin

There is so much confusion when it comes to the Book of Revelation. One reason for this is because of the various ways that people "interpret" the book. Almost everyone agrees with the timeline of the first three chapters, but after that, the interpretations of the remaining prophecies differ greatly. It is important to have a strong, rational, and Scriptural perspective of Revelation before studying the book, otherwise, it's easy to get caught up in all the mystic and almost fantastical imagery of the book. Remember, God intends for us to understand His word and that includes the last book, also. Despite all that, people have allowed their imaginations to speak, instead of listening to God. Here are four views that people hold of Revelation:

THE FUTURIST VIEW

Futurism is the largest and most popular category of these interpretation viewpoints. There are not only multiple variations of this view, but it is also what a large majority of denominations believe. Just as the name suggest, this view believes that most of the prophecies have yet to be fulfilled, with some of the variations including, *dispensationalism* and *premillennialism*. Futurist read almost everything as literal, which ignores the literary style and obvious allegories. This approach, essentially, renders the book almost useless for any modern disciples.



THE PRETERIST VIEW

The name of this view comes from the Latin word *praeteritus* which means "gone by." Basically, there are a couple of variations of this viewpoint: one thinks that most prophecies have already been completed; the other thinks the text is not inspired prophecy. In either case, this belief discounts, or removes Revelation as being relevant to our lives, because we are now living in the "new heavens and new earth." It's a little more complicated than that, but just know that there are many prominent scholars who subscribe to this view.

THE HISTORIST VIEW

The historist view asserts that the prophecies of Revelation refer directly to world events in history and are still being completed today. This view is difficult to follow because people interpret the text through the context of their period. This theory arose during the Middle Ages and is no longer as popular as it was.

THE SYMBOLIC VIEW

Also known as the "Spiritualist," or "Idealist" viewpoint, which interprets John's visions as almost entirely figurative. This view represents a variety of approaches that look for lessons or principles — often recurrent throughout history — that are symbolically depicted from within the text. The approaches, which seem to be the most Scripturally correct and applicable way to read the letter, takes into account things like: the **context** (it is a series of visions, not physical reality); **literary style** (figurative language is prominent - for example, Jesus is not literally "a lamb" and Satan is not literally a "dragon"); and **Scriptural harmony**, (most prophecies and apocalyptic figures have a correlating passage, or reference in the Old Testament).

Of the four, interpretative viewpoints listed, which one sees Revelation as still useful and valuable for all Christians, and not just those of John's era? God gave us Revelation for a reason - to encourage us, too!

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"Going to Church"

by: Neil Richey

I've heard all my life that "We don't go to church, but we are the church." I've also heard, "The church is the people, not the steeple." The reality is, this is only partly true. It is true that the church is not a building, but rather the people in the building. However, it is not entirely true that we "don't go to church."

I was taught, and have been teaching my children, that it's better to say "we're going to worship" rather than "we're going to church." However, I think I've been missing something. Yes, we do go to worship on Sunday. We go to Bible class on Wednesday night. The purpose in our going, primarily, is to glorify God. However, if I become adamant and say, "we don't go to church," then I'm missing the mark. You see, as Christians, we do go to church.

The word "church," to the Greeks, meant, "assembling." That's why the Hebrews writer said, forsake not the "assembling" (Heb. 10:25). He could have said to "forsake not the church" and it would not have done any damage to the text. It is a real blessing for Christians to be able to assemble together on the Lord's Day, or on any day for that matter. There's just something special about surrounding ourselves with our brethren. Why? Well, let's go back to the meaning of the word "church."

Not only does the word mean "assembling," but also it means "the called out ones." That's the etymology of the Greek, *ekklesia*. I love how Peter described the church in his first epistle. He said, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shed forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Pt. 2:9). We are often called to look at the before and after picture of God's "called-out"—the church. For instance, in 1 Corinthians 6 Paul wrote about who the Corinthians used to be (unrighteous, fornicators, idolaters, homosexuals, etc) and who they became. He said they were "washed...sanctified...[and] justified" (1 Cor. 6:9-11).

It's a great thing to assemble with Christians, because we're called out of the world into the marvelous light of Jesus Christ. We share in common: goals, interests, hopes, dreams and of course we also share in common our Savior. The more we can go and be with the church, the better off we will be.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Patricia Ann* - prayers, health (MZL)
- Mike Brown* - stroke, recovery (frmer mem)
- Jack Davis* - pending health concerns
- Maelean Danley family - passing of Maelean
- Hatcher family* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Arva Fisher/family* - loss of brother, George
- Stefanie Jennings* - surgery, recovery
- Terry Jennings* - medical complication
- Linda Loftin* and family - loss of Jim*
- Wendy Maduell* - broken foot, recovery
- Larry McDaniel* - fractured hip, SRH
- Donald McGriff* - health, prayers
- Scott Shanahan - loss of father, Kevin
- Vonada family - loss of Troy*
- Gloria Vonada* - foot surgery / recovery
- Jan Whitney* - heart procedure, recovery
- Dixie Gorham - recovery - heart failure
- Elsa Nunes* - loss of brother, **Guegermo Deir**

2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

- Brittany Parker* - Baptized
- Dawson Hitchcock* - Baptized
- Olivia Gingerich* - Baptized
- Lanie Scott* - Baptized
- Sharon Parker* - Baptized
- Terry & Judy Jennings* - Identified
- Josh & Stephanie Jennings* - Identified
- Laura Oliver* - Identified
- Jeremy & Amber Dunaway* - Identified

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Sherryn Canniff - homebound
- Josie Coons - hospice (McReynolds*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia* - Fort Walton Beach
- Betty Lee - homebound (D. Lee's mom*)
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Ina Ruth Miller*
- Ruth Phillips* - Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith (Jeanna's mom) - Shut In

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Sharon Ates - recovery (Gallagher*)
- Bob Black - health (Lipford*)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Winston Burnham* - health
- Sherryn Canniff* - health, pain
- Janice Carter* - tests, waiting on results
- Robert Collins - foot problem (J.Pace cousin)
- Sherry Davis* - health
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Daphne Hamilton - surgeries, health
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Steve Hartzog - health issues (Alonna's friend)
- Barbara Helms* - health
- Chris Hollis - (McGriff)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Marcia Jones - (Kenya's* friend)
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Martin family* - moving, prayers
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Mary McGriff* - health, asthma
- Ron Miller - esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- August Smith - cleft palate (J.English*)
- Zylar Thompson - rescheduled surgery
- Julia Torpey* - health

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Students in College

- Seth Crider
- Stephen English
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Jackson Lash
- Caleb Owens
- Nick Webb
- Reed Wilson
- Lexi Wildes

Cancer

- Kandi Armand - (Bostwick*)
- Ron Bartanen* - cancer
- Darlene Baxley* - spread to her spine (Baxley*)
- Darrell Bozeman*
- Misty Bray* - (Bird*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher*)
- Pat Deforest*
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill*)
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Megan Sanders - brain cancer (Blisse*)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley* - good news!
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)
- Donnie Turner - cancer (Helms*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

Military

- Nick Bartell - Ft. Walton Beach
- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Japan
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

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Men's Breakfast

Date : July 16th
Fellowship Hall @ 7:30 AM
Sign up at information Station

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JOIN US!

Thurs July 20 @ 6:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, JULY 9

MORNING

Opening Prayer Josh Owens
 Song Director Mason Chandler
 Sermon Troy Spradlin
 "Godly Regret"
 Scripture Reading .. Luke McReynolds
 2 Corinthians 7:8-12
 Closing Prayer Joe Wilson

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Josh Jennings Judsen Jennings
 Cooper Jennings Brody Crider
 Seth Crider (Balcony)
 Comments Jeff Scott

EVENING

Opening Prayer Phillip Webb
 Singing Jake Armstrong
 Scripture Gabriel Lee
 Revelation 1:9-11
 Comments Jeff Scott

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep Chandler family
 PowerPoint Connie Bartell
 Greeters:..... Bob and Rhonda Locklin
 Secure Building Jak Gallagher

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Summer Series Chris Pinney
 David and Bathseba
 Song Director Mark Hitchcock
 Opening Prayer Joe King

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 154
 AM Worship 206
 PM Worship 111
 Wed. Night Bible Class 160
 Contribution 6/25 : \$9,592
 7/2 : \$9,577

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
 Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship . 6:00 pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming! You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is Thursday, by noon.
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa for Bible studies, meetings, etc.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.

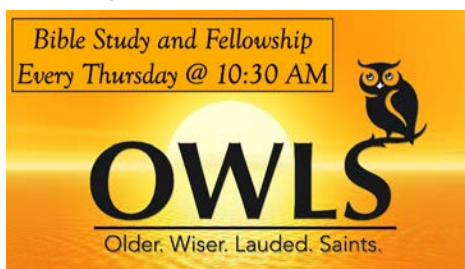
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FOOD PANTRY
 Food Pickup : 7/11 @ 9:30 AM
 Preparing Boxes:
 7/12 @ 5:30 PM
 7/13 @ 9:30 AM
 Distribution : 7/13 @ 2:30 PM
 Please consider donating travel size toiletries!!

EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



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