

DOMINION OR DEPARTURE

SESSION #5 – INTRO TO REVELATION



TERMS

- **PRE-MILLENNIAL** – Jesus returns & establishes visible earthly kingdom for 1,000 years.
 - **A-MILLENNIAL** – Don't believe in a visible earthly kingdom prior to final judgement.
 - **POST-MILLENNIAL** – Church brings kingdom to earth, and then Jesus returns.
1. **IDEALIST INTERPRETATION** – Revelation only sets forth timeless truths concerning battle of good and evil throughout the church age.
 2. **HISTORICAL INTERPRETATION** – Revelation contains visions that reveal in advance outstanding moments in human history from days of Rome until end of this present evil age.
 3. **FUTURIST INTERPRETATION** – Revelation primarily a prophecy concerning the future of the church and the world. This view is Pre-Millennial but not dispensational (not a Jewish political kingdom).
 - a. **DISPENSATIONAL INTERPRETATION** – most recent to appear in church history (about 150 years). Letters to 7 churches are outline of 7 stages of church age. Revelation 4:1 is interpreted as the rapture of the church before the great tribulation. Rest of Revelation concerns great tribulation and the fate of Israel at the hands of Anti-Christ. Christ returns to destroy the beast and establish 1,000 year reign on earth. During this time the Jewish theocracy with the temple, the sacrificial system, and the law of Moses are restored.

REVELATION 1:1 (NKJV) – “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John...”

REVELATION 1:3 (NKJV) – “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.”

REVELATION 3:14-16 (NKJV) – “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, “These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the beginning of the creation of God: “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.”

4. **PRETERIST INTERPRETATION** – Revelation refers to events belonging to the closing decades of the 1st century, contemporary with the prophet John. It is concerned with the persecution of Christians by the “beast”, usually understood to be Nero. Written to encourage believers in the hope that God would intervene, destroy the beast, bring deliverance to His people, and establish His everlasting Kingdom. Accordingly, Revelation speaks to the destruction of Jerusalem, the temple, and apostate Judaism all of which took place in 70 AD.

SCRIPTURES

PSALM 110:1 (NASB) – “The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”

ROMANS 16:20 (NASB) – “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.”

REVELATION 1:9 (NKJV) – “I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

2 TIMOTHY 1:15 (NKJV) – “This you know, that all those in Asia have turned away from me, among whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.”

- **1 TIMOTHY 4:1-6; HEBREWS 1:1-2; HEBREWS 9:26; ACTS 2:16-18; 1 PETER 1:19-20**

1 JOHN 2:18-23 (NIV) – “Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us. But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.”

1 JOHN 4:1-5 (NIV) – “Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is

how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them.”

2 JOHN 7-11 (NIV) – “I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.”

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-17 (NKJV) – “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

ACTS 28:12-16 (NKJV) – “And landing at Syracuse, we stayed three days. 13 From there we circled round and reached Rhegium. And after one day the south wind blew; and the next day we came to Puteoli, where we found brethren, and were invited to stay with them seven days. And so we went toward Rome. And from there, when the brethren heard about us, they came to meet us as far as Appii Forum and Three Inns. When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage. Now when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him.”

MATTHEW 25:6-10 (NKJV) – “And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.”