

**Studies in Biblical Eschatology**  
**What About the Book of the Revelation? (Part 1)**  
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**I. The Purpose of the Book of Revelation**

- A. The book is designed to reveal Jesus Christ and show what must take place (1:1)
- B. To Comfort the Persecuted Church
  - 1. The Church's persecutors
  - 2. The Church's hope
  - 3. The Church's call
- C. To Exhort the Compromised Church
  - 1. The seven letters to the seven churches reflect the universal church through its local manifestations.
  - 2. Notice the nature of the rebukes
  - 3. The warnings against compromise and idolatry are striking
- D. The Book of Revelation's Relevance to Every Generation
  - 1. Not pre-written history, per se, only relevant to the final generation
  - 2. A wartime manual on perspective and perseverance
  - 3. Depicting spiritual realities true in every age

**II. The Themes of the Book of Revelation**

- A. The sovereignty of God
- B. The victorious Lamb
- C. Suffering and spiritual war
- D. The perseverance of the true church
- E. The triumph over evil and the consummation of the plan of God
- F. Worship and the Glory of the Triune God

### III. The Style of the Book of Revelation

#### A. Genre (literary type)

1. A prophecy
2. An Epistle
3. Apocalyptic

#### B. Rich in OT imagery

#### C. Rich in symbolism

### IV. The Structure of the Book of Revelation