

Bible Extra 2019

Revelation – Week 2

Part 1

“Alpha & Omega” – Chapter 1



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Key lessons from last time

1. Respect the GENRE
2. Don't look for an events time-line
3. Recognise the non-linear structure

Because it is APOCALYPTIC literature we must not press the language too literally, especially the numbers. Neither should we assume that the structure is linear or that it is even attempting to offer chronological information which will match up with events in history.

Key lessons from last time

1. Respect the GENRE
2. Don't look for an events time-line
3. Recognise the non-linear structure
4. Remember it's a letter to real people

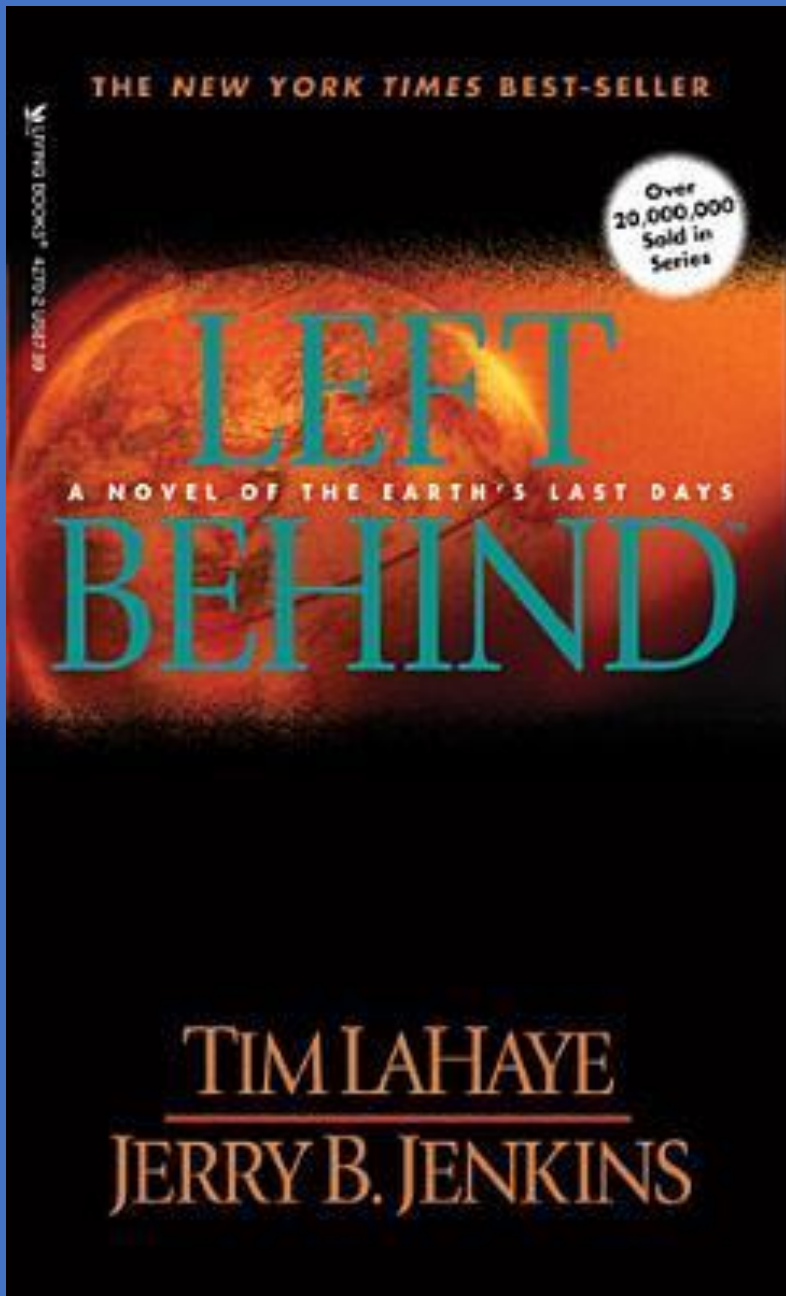
Because it is EPISTLE, the primary meaning of Revelation must always be the meaning which John intended for his readers, which in turn must be something that his readers could have understood it to mean. Our keys to interpretation must therefore either be intrinsic to the text or otherwise available to John's readers in their historical context.

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The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,² who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:
Grace and peace to you from him who is, and
who was, and who is to come, and from the
seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from
Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the
firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the
kings of the earth.

“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”
and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;
and all peoples on earth “will
mourn because of him.”
So shall it be! Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Three truths about Jesus

1. This Jesus IS God

- He is Alpha and Omega
- His appearance is like God's in OT visions
- Verse 4 is trinitarian

2. This Jesus has conquered death

3. This Jesus has shed his blood in sacrifice

Four truths about US

1. We are loved! (v. 5)
2. We are a royal priesthood (v. 6)
3. We are his SERVANTS (v.1 & 6)
4. If we share Christ's Kingdom, we also should expect suffering and the need for endurance. (v. 9)