

Revealing Revelation...

1. The book of Revelation is not complicated.

Rev 1:1 [THIS IS] the revelation of Jesus Christ [His unveiling of the divine mysteries]. God gave it to Him to disclose and make known to His bond servants certain things which must shortly and speedily come to pass in their entirety. And He sent and communicated it through His angel (messenger) to His bond servant John,

2. The book of Revelation is not "scary" for the Christian.

Rev 1:3 Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [in the assemblies] the word of this prophecy; and blessed (happy, to be envied) are those who hear [it read] and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it [heeding them and laying them to heart], for the time [for them to be fulfilled] is near.

3. The book of Revelation was not written in "time" but in "eternity", that is why it is not "Chronological."

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit [rapt in His power] on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a great voice like the calling of a war trumpet,

One must understand the rules of "Bible Doctrine" and how to interpret scripture with scripture. Here is a simplified/short/quick version of the basics!

1. All Bible doctrine must run in "circular" form, scripture must interpret scripture infinite.

Diagram:



"to infinity & beyond" ... ∞

2. Bible Doctrine must ask these questions and in this order.
 - A. Who is speaking (The author?, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit?)
 - B. Whom are they speaking to, (which people group, person)
 - C. What: Time period (see dispensations of time below)
 - D. What: Subject (read whole chapter, passages above and below)
 - E. What: Context, (What subject is the author writing about, who does it apply to and when)

The Bible is written to and about 3 groups of people:
The Jews, The Church (Christians), The Gentile (lost).

There are dispensations of time:

The Kosmos: The World that was, ruled by Lucifer before Adam

Dispensation of Man: 6000, year lease of man on the earth

Rapture: Marriage supper of the lamb, Judgement seat of Christ, (7 years in Heaven)

7 Years of tribulation: (On earth during same 7 years saints are in heaven)

Millennial Reign: Christ returns with the armies of Heaven and rules with us here on the earth. (1000 years)

Ages to come: White Throne judgement of God, Satan in the lake of fire, new heaven/new earth.

We can call it: "Eternity past, present, future"

A "thread or theme" must run from Genesis to Revelation on the Nature of God, scripture cannot be taken out of context.

2Pe 1:20 [Yet] first [you must] understand this, that no prophecy of Scripture is [a matter] of any personal or private or special interpretation (loosening, solving).

Rev. Chapters 1-3 Pertains to the Church Age

Hint: You should not be present on the earth at this point going forward, this applies to Jews and those left behind.

Rev. Chapters 4-5 Events in Heaven

Rev. Chapters 6-19 Future Tribulation period

Rev. Chapter 20 Events of the Millennium

Rev. Chapters 21-22 Events of the new heaven and new earth