



THE BOOK OF  
REVELATION

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# WHAT WE WILL COVER



What is it?



How to Read it?



Overview



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WHAT GENRE IS  
REVELATION?

# WHAT GENRE IS REVELATION?

## Genres in the Bible

- Narrative
- History
- Law
- Wisdom
- Poetry
- Prophecy
- Letters
- Sermons
- Parables
- Apocalyptic



# WHAT GENRE IS REVELATION?

*“Genre triggers reading strategy.”*

Tremper Longman





# WHAT GENRE IS REVELATION?

## *Apocalyptic Literature*

*“A genre of revelatory literature, in which a revelation is mediated by an otherworldly being to a human recipient, disclosing a transcendent reality.”*

- John J. Collins, *Apocalypse: The Morphology of a Genre*

*“It is intended to interpret present, earthly circumstances in light of the supernatural world and of the future.”*

- Adela Yarbro Collins, *Early Christian Apocalypticism*



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## *Features of Apocalyptic Literature*

- **Visions:** Uses prophetic vision formula to see the future, “and I saw...”
- **Symbolic:** The literature uses mysterious and symbolic language.
- **Future orientated.**
- **Good over Evil:** Main theme throughout the life of the genre is God’s victory over evil.



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**Revelation is also a Letter!**

*"John to the seven churches that are in Asia:"*

*- Revelation 1:4*



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***Revelation 1:4***





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“The *Revelation* of Jesus Christ.” – Revelation 1:1

Ἀποκάλυψις Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ



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*Apocalypse*  
uncovering  
unveiling



# WHAT GENRE IS REVELATION?

## *Apocalypse*

**Καλύπτω** - to cover, veil, or hide

**ἌΠΟ** – to take away

**ἌΠΟ + Καλύπτω** = To take away the veil.



# WHAT IS THE “KINGDOM OF GOD”?

## **The Kingdom of God = God's Rule.**

- God's desire for how the world should be.
- God's righteous and restorative reign.
- God putting things to right and restoring humans to a right relationship with God.



# Story Arc

