

Revelation 1:1-3, Blessed Is He Who Reads and Those Who Hear

July 12, 2020, S-1393-KL

All Verses are in New King James Version, 1985 Thomas Nelson

Revelation 1:1 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, 2 who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. 3 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 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants — things which must shortly take place.

Preterism is a [Christian eschatological view](#) that interprets [prophecies](#) of the [Bible](#) as events which have already happened. [Daniel](#) is interpreted as events that happened in the second century BC while [Revelation](#) is interpreted as events that happened in the [first century AD](#). Preterism holds that [Ancient Israel](#) finds its [continuation or fulfillment](#) in the [Christian church](#) at the [destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70](#). The term **preterism** comes from the Latin *praeter*, which is listed in Webster's 1913 dictionary as a prefix denoting that something is "past" or "beyond," signifying that either all or a majority of Bible prophecy was fulfilled by AD 70. Adherents of preterism are commonly known as *preterists*.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again [*born again - John 3*] to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you [Revelation 21-22], 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith — the salvation of your souls. 10 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, 11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. 12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven — things which angels desire to look into.

1 Thess 5:1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that

whether we wake or sleep [**physically die**], we should live together with Him. 11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

Chapter 1-3 - Church on earth

Chapters 4-5 - Church in heaven

Chapters 6-19 - Tribulation to those on earth – written with the Jew in mind, could not have been fulfilled until Jews are living in Israel as a nation

Chapters 19-20 -Second coming and 1,000 year reign of Christ on earth over those who live through the tribulation and are allowed to enter Jesus' kingdom

Chapter 20 - Satan's final rebellion after the 1,000 years final judgment of all lost souls in the lake of fire

Chapter 21-22 - The eternal heaven for all those that trusted in Jesus as their savior