

Week #:	106	Series:	Breaking the Apocalypse Code	Title:	Breaking the Apocalypse Code – Week 1 - Introduction
Text:	Revelation 1:1-8; Revelation 1:19				
Songs:	God of Wonders – Thirs Day (5:07)				
	Revelation Song – Kari Jobe (5:59)				
	PRAYER: Famous For – Tauren Wells (4:05)				
Video	Breaking the Apocalypse Code DVD series, by Perry Stone; #1				

Breaking the Apocalypse Code, by Perry Stone (begin DVD #1 at 00:00:00) (Syllabus: pages 5-8)

Notes I made:

Why don't more people study Revelation or ministers preach from it? Some believe:

- The symbolism is too confusing
 - The Bible interprets itself.
- The message is too negative
 - Judgment can be a negative message, but read the end to see the ultimate outcome. It's a great ending!
- The prophecy has already occurred

A. The book of Revelation is interpreted 5 different ways:

1. The *Preterist* interpretation – end-time prophetic events were fulfilled in the 1st century
 - a. There are three fathers who indicate that the book of Revelation was written during the time of the Emperor Domitian. For the Preterists to teach this, everything falls apart for them with this one thing – that the book of Revelation was not written before the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD, it was written 25 years after the destruction. They make it such an issue because John talks about a temple in Revelation 11, and they want to make it the temple that existed before the Romans destroyed it. Revelation 11 refers to a temple that will be built during the tribulation.
2. The *Historical* interpretation – events were fulfilled from the 1st century to the return of Christ.
 - a. Example: Revelation 9:3-13 - demon locusts are coming up out of the abyss and they torment people for five months. Many people of historical view interpret that to mean the Turkish hordes from the Ottoman-Turkish Empire who fought battles through Europe.
 - b. This event has not happened yet.
3. The *Allegorical* interpretation – the book is an allegory, symbolizing battles between good and evil
 - a. You can always find allegorical references in the scripture, however, remember: **when the plain sense of the scripture makes sense, seek no other sense.** In prophetic scripture, the prophecies line up with other prophecies that are found in the Old Testament as well. "...Line upon line, precept upon precept - here a little, there a little..." (Isaiah 28:10)
4. The *A-millennial* interpretation – the book represents seven phases of church history
5. The *Futuristic* interpretation – events from chapters 4 to 22 deal with the tribulation
 - a. Chapters 1-3 are the things which have been.
 - b. Chapters 4-22 are to be in the future. This is called the futuristic interpretation of the book.

THE INTRODUCTION TO REVELATION

Revelation 1:1-8

¹ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

² Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

³ Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

⁴ John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

⁵ And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

⁶ And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

⁸ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

ALPHA is the first letter of the Greek alphabet. **OMEGA** is the last letter of the Greek alphabet.

ALPHA is the LAMB – OMEGA is the LION.

First He came as the lamb (alpha) and He will return as the lion (omega)

In Hebrew this reads “I am the א [aleph] and the ט [tav]...”

Early Hebrew is written as symbols or emblems. Aleph’s emblem is an ox, or a sacrifice. Tav’s emblem is a cross. The picture is that Jesus, the sacrifice, would come and go to the cross.

D. The activity of the book

Revelation 1:19

¹⁹ Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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