

Revelation:

**Understanding
Biblical Context**

Nature of Scriptures

1. Inspired – 2 Tim. 3:16-17, 2 Pet. 1:21
2. Protected – 2 Pet. 1:22-25
3. Understandable – Eph. 3:3
4. Total – 2 Tim. 3:17, 2 Pet. 1
5. Lost when refused – Mark 4:15, 1 Cor. 2:8-10

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Some Scriptures are hard to understand

The basics tend to have a simplicity – 2 Cor. 11:3

Scriptures often present ideas built on ideas

Rules for Hard Things

1. Ascertain what is NOT being said

Warning of the Untaught

- Not knowing what other Scriptures say

The Unstable

- Unstable: not grounded in truth
- Refusing to apply other Scriptures first

Rules for Hard Things

1.

Sometimes it is more important to know what Scripture is NOT saying than what it is saying

Rules for Hard Things

2. Establish context as king

To the covenant

To the book

Immediate

Rules for Hard Things

3. Find the parallel passages

Parallel wording

“coming in the clouds”

Parallel content

Horsemen

Olive trees

Rules for Hard Things

4. Outside sources (*very limited usage*)

Know the bias of the source

- Dangers of commentary and lexicons
- Dangers of historical applications

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Considering context

Revelation 1:1

Revelation 1:11-13

Revelation 10:11

Revelation 22:18-19

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Which one fits the context best?

Immediate
Kingdom accurate
Jewish persecution
Gentile persecution



Roman
Persecution

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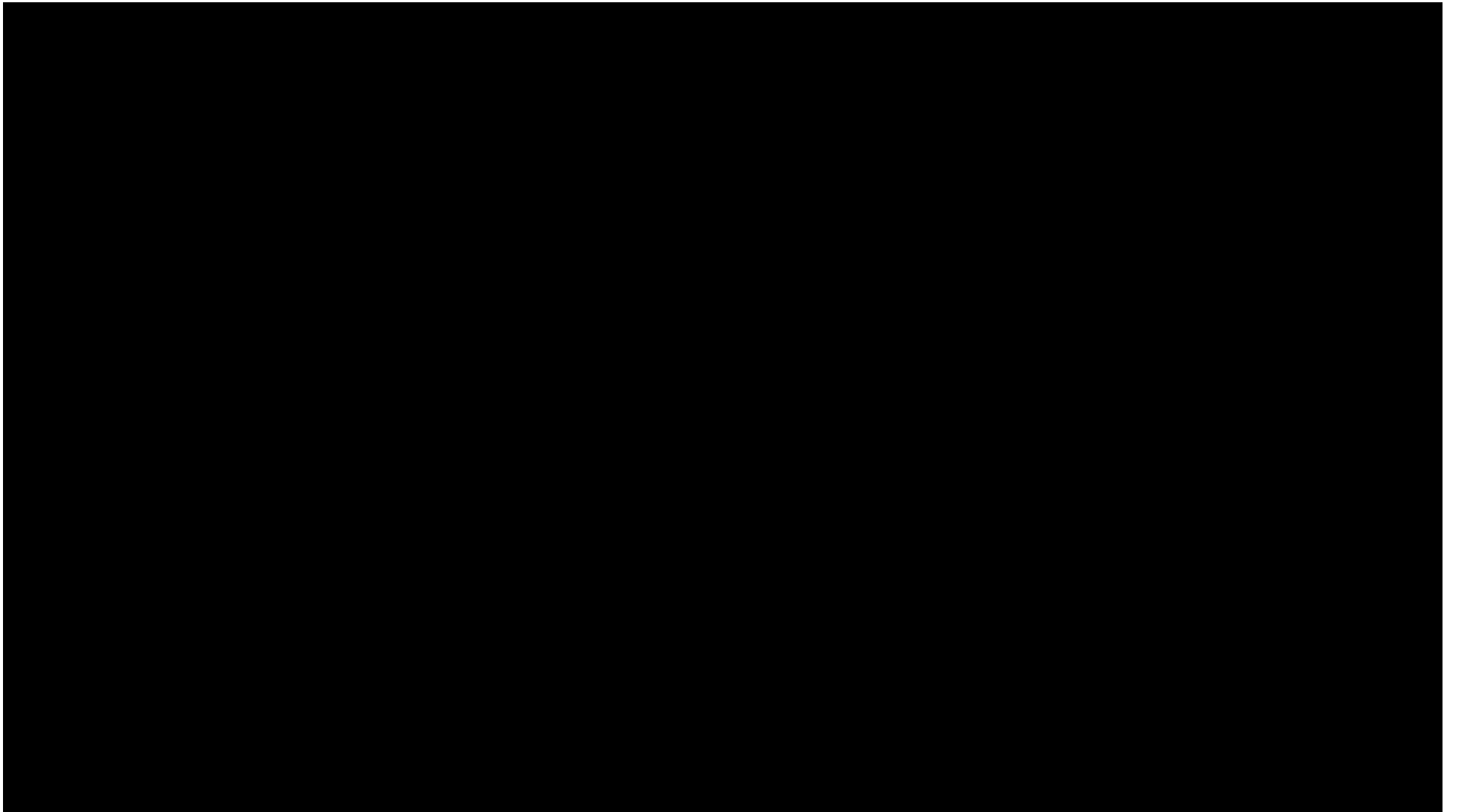
Understanding Revelation

We need to examine:

Prophecy of persecution of the church

Parallel passages

Testimony of witnesses



Inheritance of the Kingdom

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Inheritance of the Kingdom

Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:11

Baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Matthew 28:19