# **Revelation:**

# New Testament Prophecy

## **Revelation 1**

Introduction to the Revelation

- Purpose of the message
- Value of the message

## **Revelation 1**

Author of the message John – the Apostle of Christ Jesus Christ – Ruler of the Kings of Earth

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Audience of the message Seven churches of Asia Those who are kings and priests Those who are brethren of tribulation Those who are brethren in the kingdom

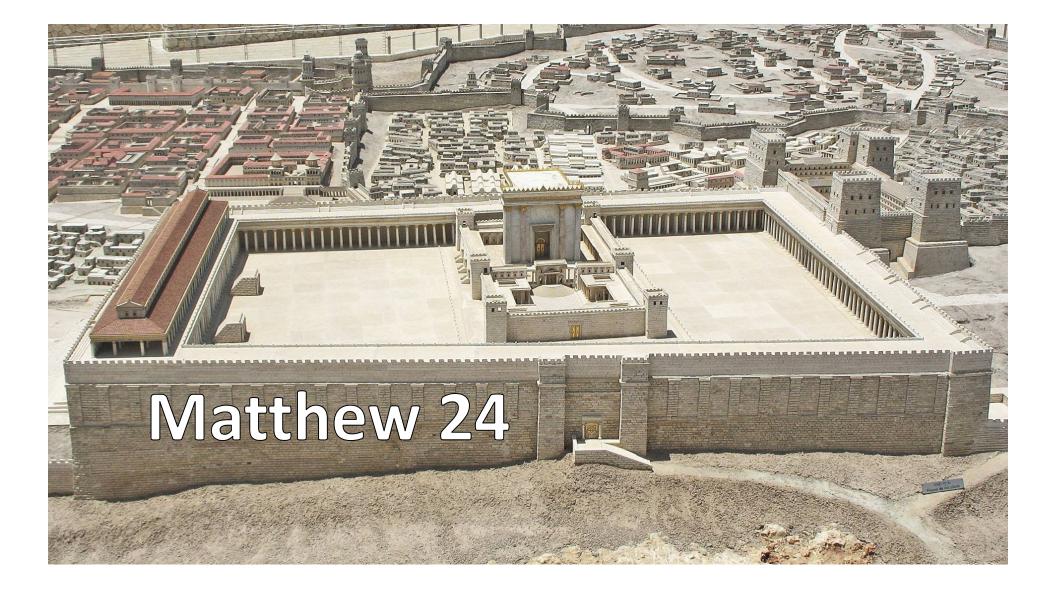
# The Story of Prophecy

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

**Revelation 1:7** 

# The Story of Prophecy

"Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" Matthew 24:30



#### Matthew 24:1-3

"Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

- 1) WHEN
- 2) WHAT SIGN
- 3) WHAT ABOUT THE END OF THE AGE

#### Matthew 24:4-14

The WHEN:

- Many come claiming to be Christ
- Wars and rumors of wars
- Tribulation and murder of Christians
- Many fall away
- False prophets arise
- Kingdom preached to the whole world

"then the end will come"

#### Matthew 24:15-28

The SIGN:

Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains

#### Matthew 24:15-28

The SIGN:

Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate."

Daniel 9:27

#### Matthew 24:15-28

The SIGN:

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains..." Luke 21:20-21a

#### Matthew 24:29-35

The results

- A day of darkness (Isa. 13:10, Ezek. 32:7)
- A sign of the Son of Man in the sky (Dan. 7:13)
- The salvation of God's people (Luke 21:28)

#### Matthew 24:1-35

Question

– When will the TEMPLE BE DESTROYED

**External Fact** 

– Temple was destroyed August 70AD

#### Matthew 24:1-35

But the people of the church in Jerusalem had been commanded by a revelation, vouchsafed to approved men there before the war, to leave the city and to dwell in a certain town of Perea called Pella. And when those that believed in Christ had come thither from Jerusalem, then, as if the royal city of the Jews and the whole land of Judea were entirely destitute of holy men, the judgment of God at length overtook those who had committed such outrages against Christ and his apostles, and totally destroyed that generation of impious men.

Eusebius' <u>Ecclesiastical History</u>, Book 3, Chp 5.3, (324AD)

False Prophets, False Christs

- Paul: false teachers were coming to Ephesus (Acts 20:30)
- Paul: false teachers were in Galatia (Gal. 2:4)
- John: false teachers were already present (I John 2:18)
- Jude: false teachers were already present (Jude 4,18)
  Timeframe: 55 90AD

False Prophets, False Christs

55 – 90 AD

The Gospel preached to the world

Their sound has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world - Romans 10:18 Which has come to you, as it has also in all the world - Colossians 1:6

The gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven - Colossians 1:23

Timeframe: 55 - 63AD

False Prophets, False Christs55 – 90 ADThe Gospel preached to the world55 – 63 ADThe Great Tribulation55 – 63 AD

- Paul: Jewish persecution was widespread (1 Thes. 2:14-15)
- John: "In the tribulation" (Rev. 1:9)
- Roman persecution began with Nero (July 64 AD)
  Timeframe: 55 65 AD

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Luke says "when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near" Timeframe: February, 70AD

- False Prophets, False Christs The Gospel preached to the world The Great Tribulation Abomination of Desolation Generation passing away - Generation: Numbers 32:13 is 40 years
  - 30 to 33AD = 70 to 73AD

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All signs (through vs 35) point to events in 70AD

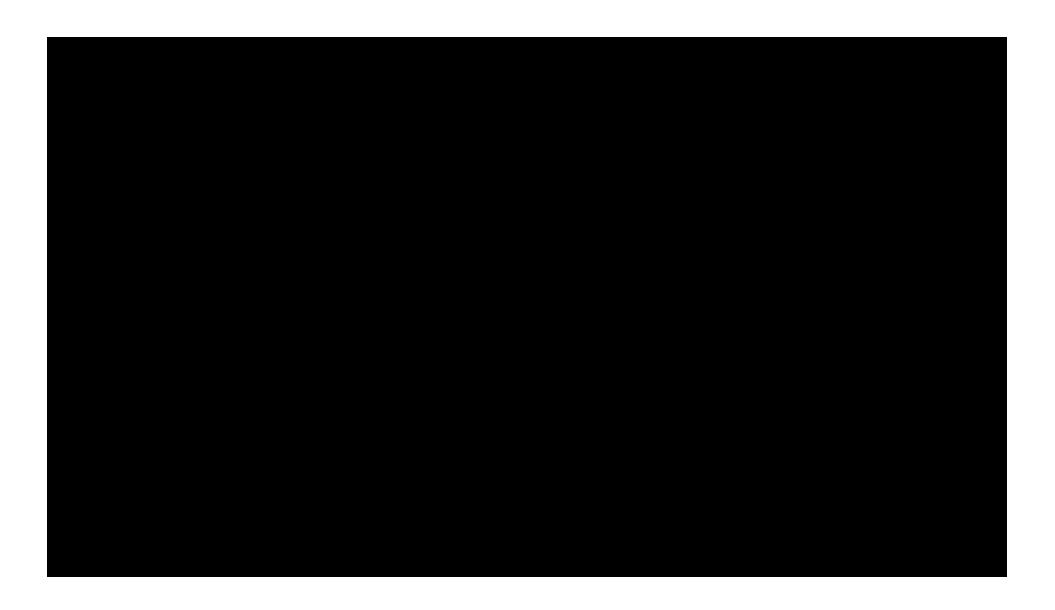
# **Pointing Out Error**

The AD 70 Doctrine "Realized Eschatology" "Hyper-Preterism" Teaches ALL prophecy concluded in AD 70 Christ will not return again A FALSE doctrine – 2 Timothy 2:18

## **Returning to Revelation**

Referencing the temple destruction in 1:7

- Sets us up for a portion of the book
- 6 Seals parallel Matthew 24



## The New Covenant

"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Jeremiah 31:34-35

## 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