

Study Aids
Discussion Items
For “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson 156

We complete our excerpts from Dr. Franzmann with these comments on Contrasting Approaches to Interpretation of the book of Revelation:

- Past – Revelation is seen as no more than a picture of what has already happened in the early church
- Futurist – all but chapter 1 – 3 are seen as have reference to the future
- Dispensationalist – there are seven “dispensations” in the history of the universe. Revelation is seen as presenting the 6th and 7th dispensations
- The Church Historical – this is the approach of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Each of the seven visions presented are seen as portraying the same history over and over again – from Christ until His return! This is John’s circular method of outlining and presenting an argument. He will travel around the same subject matter 7 times, each time telling us something new about the subject, until he hones in on his central message.

Some of our listeners may be disappointed that we did not go through the book chapter by chapter explaining each mysterious symbol or event. When that is done, typically students lose the primary message, which is precisely what we wanted to focus upon. Now that you have that simple message, you may wish to go further and study the details of this book. For that, we offer these options:

Send me an email, to: logwtm@gmail.com and request a copy of my notes on the lectures of Dr. Wayne Braun on Revelation. Be sure to include your return address so that we can send it to you. There is no charge for this, of course.

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The Revelation to John, by Martin H. Franzmann (\$10)

Explaining All the Scary Stuff in Revelation, by Dr. Ken Klaus (\$15)

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