

Rev. 1:1-3

VIEWS OF INTERPRETATION

SUBJECT: 'For The Time
In at Hand'

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FOR THE TIME IS AT HAND

- 1:1 "things which must shortly ^{or myco} come to pass" } what mean?
- 1:2 "for the time is at hand." } when fulfilled?

Four answers, ways, interpretation

I. Preterist.

The book fulfilled in the days of the Roman Empire.
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 (1) Prophecy, written in day of Nero - fulfilled in 2 or 3 years.
 (2) Omnipotent, written in days of Domitian (81-96) and fulfilled in 3 or 4 centuries. (most Roman writers to get away from identification of the Scarlet woman, the city of the 7 hills as the A.C. church in Rev. 17) Nero, Domitian, the two beasts; Rev. 17

The word "preterist" - from "preter", a prefix from the Latin "preter" meaning "past". Takes place in the past. No message next for those who received it. A literary curiosity for our day, the language the construction of all such Jewish apocalyptic literature.

II. Historicist. (Historicist - Continuous Historical)

The history of the church from the apostolic days to the end of time. A symbolic panorama of all history to the end, time - millennium, Rome, rise of the papacy, baseness in various, the Reformation, struggle with the papacy. Held especially by the leaders of the Reformation who saw in it a prophesy of the papacy as destroyer of the Roman Church. The Scarlet of Rev. 17 the A.C. church - the first beast of Rev 13 political power that maintains the system; the second beast, the false prophet, the papal ecclesiastical power itself. The destruction of Babylon the fall of the papacy.

- (1) Synchroism, the 3 series of (revel, trumpet, bowl) parallel.
- (2) Continuous, succession.
- (3) Dr. Joseph Angus

2. The book is definitely prediction. 1:3 "to show that... come to pass" what it is.

No talk in advance what the signs & the clouds are
 - "landmark is world fold" is only to ^{one gen.} "relig."
 - "outlines of the end."

of "significant" on a view - to make known by signs, symbols. Just as signs on the road tell the motorist what to expect - course P.P. coming. danger - no in place. the reader is told what to expect on the road of history very strictly says so.

Definitely stated, the Rev. & book of prophecy. 1:3. men with history but the writer prophecy. [The distinctive mark of the vs religion - prophecy. in the religion possessible prophecy] A prophecy of the second way "X" - the events which shall precede it. For the X is the great event in the future is the return of my son - other things which they inquire from the relation to it. We stand in the same great position that the first readers occupied - look for the great way event.

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BUT: what of ἐν ταύτῃ?
 " " ἐν αὐτῇ?
 (18)

(9) Ray Sumner, 'Watch to the Land'
 But must be more to the meaning than that.

James 5:7, encourage, comfort the people.
 Rev. 16:20
 Th. 18:7,8 long delay is implied.

1. 'Certainty': In Th. 18:7,8 ^{How long in this English. delay was not meant to be (the English was) so implied.}
2. 'speedily' - when ^{some say that the place is immediately, would be sign of it.} these things begin to come to pass, they will occur rapidly.

3. The time of the culmination not stated. Time not according to human measurement, by D.P. 3:8, as time is computed by God. A relation term by such clock, not ours.

So Rev 22: 6, 12-14, 20

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2 two. I want to see you. I don't
know how long I can hold out, so
much in the next few thousand
years (TAXES) - any time will
be all right. Misable ditto!
But this is no more absurd than
to take the position that the phrase
in Rev. 1:1 means "certainty?"
fulfillment, rather than a
speedy fulfillment. Here John
says to the suffering, persecuted
Christians, "Asia Minor!" That's all
right. Don't be disturbed. After a
few thousand years the nations
will gather together for a great
battle in the valley of Megiddo and
when it's all over, God will set
up on earthy kingdoms and reign
with his saints and all the followers
of Antichrist will be destroyed. I feel
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On Joseph Augustin on the Historist theory:

"It would be wrong to
ridicule the mistakes and
contradictions of interpreters whose
solemn pursuit was that of
truth, in their calculations of
times and seasons and their
interpretations of apocalyptic
symbols; but in ^{THE} fact that
authorities of such reputation as
Bengel, Wadsworth, Elliott and
others are at hopeless variance,
this system breaks down. Where
one interpreter (Elliott) sees in
the sixth seal a reference to
Constantine, another (Fabry) sees

Τάχα, quickly, perhaps Rom. 9:17 Gal. 1:5
 Τάχεως (adv) soon, quickly Gal. 1:6 hastily II Thim. 2:2
 Τάχεως swift, quick 2 Peter 1:14: 2:1
 Τάχος quickness, speed, only in phrase ἐν τάχει quickly 2 Th. 1:18
 Τάχος quick, swift Mt. 1:19

1:1
 Things which must shortly come to pass
 ὅ δεῖ γενέσθαι ἐν τάχει
 things must to be shortly
 ὅ = necessary ὅ = must to pass

1:3
 "for the time is at hand"
 ὁ γὰρ καιρὸς ἐγγύς
 the for time [is] near
 χρόνος is time generally
 καιρὸς is a fixed time, crisis, the time, some discuss must

Τάχυ - adv. quickly, swiftly
 Τάχιον - more swiftly
 Τάχιστα - most
 Surely I come to you quickly Rev 2:5, 16
 Behold I come quickly 3:11: 22:7, 12
 Surely I come quickly 22:20

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the 7 year period ends - X will reach. The years who
 have been returned & statistics will reach? can it
 with be for the restoration of their work. The
 Tube will be rebuilt at yr. After 3 1/2 years, a box
 will break first next the year. This will be followed
 by next tribulation, next in the fall, then why
 have these poles in the night? Why will
 change be to work, repeat 7 yr 2 year will
 be about the next tribulation. X comes to
 the scene, overthrow a day at Armageddon. X will
 be established by early yr. & reg. with his saints for
 a 1000 years. rules 10 yrs - 11:18; 11-26.

don't worry, in any way just. in unity for us. right things coming
 - the 2nd yr: in a 2nd yr. Some to move.
 Why is the 2nd writing for them. not for us. the things like days
 but for the whole world - for the, for us, for the and times. much
 just to see it all. so a deliverance? + all.
 How? can you? But what come? next times? [11:13] 11:14-15
 2 days - 3 = 47
 rain in 10!

On one occasion, the prince & princess were recorded by a
 critic with a press from the Bible. "Then now, can you tell
 me what that means?" flattered his would-be trigger-
 up. With a well-known miracle in his eye, Spang
 replied, "Why, of course, I can tell you what it means
 it means just what it says."

A question may be asked in a sentence; the reply may