

YOU ASKED FOR IT

Revelation and the End of Time: Revelation 1, 19-22 ESV

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The Bible doesn't talk about Jesus returning...it talks about Jesus appearing. He is not an absent Lord who will return but a present Lord who will appear in power! *Hebrews 9:28*

The Bible has a number of "kinds" of books: Historical narratives, prophetic books, poetry, collections of proverbs and apocalyptic writing.

John 10:9

I. Three Symbolic Issues in Revelation:

1. Symbolic Objects
2. Symbolic Numbers
 - 7 can symbolize perfection.
 - 12 can symbolize God's people.
 - 1,000 can symbolize issues of infinity. *Psalms 50:10*
 - 6 can represent something that is wrong.

Deuteronomy 6:6-8 NLT

3. Symbolic Images *Revelation 5:5-6*

II. Four Ways to Understand the Millennium in Revelation:

1. Pre-Millennial view: Imminent appearance of Jesus.
2. The A-millennial view: The millennium is a figurative reference to the church age.
3. Post Millennial view: Jesus is reigning now and the world is getting better and better.
4. The Dispensational Pre-millennial view: There will be a rapture of the church...and two bodily resurrections...and a great tribulation that culminates in a huge battle at Armageddon...and then begins Jesus' literal reign on earth for a literal 1k years.

If the greatest Bible scholars on earth misunderstood the first appearance of Jesus at Bethlehem, don't you think we should approach the second appearing with some humility?

It's ok to disagree on non-essential issues...it is a sin to divide.

The Pro-Millennial view – we're for it!

III. Three Future Events to Prepare for in Revelation:

Acts 1:6-8 NLT

1. The Best Wedding Ever! *Revelation 7:14*
2. The Best Judge Ever!
3. The Best Future Ever! *Revelation 21:5, 21:3-4*

When you know your team has already won...it makes you very bold!

Five for the Drive

A family conversation starter for the ride home

1. Why do you think people are so interested in the book of Revelation and the End of Time?
2. What are some symbols today that would be difficult to explain to someone who does not understand our culture?
3. If the Old Testament prophets do not understand all of the prophecies about Jesus' birth, do you think it possible for us to understand all the prophecies about Jesus' reappearing? Why or why not?
4. We all have symbols we wear to show our allegiance to something like a wedding ring or your team's colors or jersey. How can you publicly show your allegiance to Christ?
5. If you knew that Christ would reappear next year, how would that change how you are living your life today?

Ministry Opportunities

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Baby Dedication Classes

6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 or 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 28

Room 203

A baby dedication ceremony is a time for parents to publicly dedicate their child to God. Parents commit to raise their child in ways that honor God, and the church agrees to support each child and family in this endeavor. If you would like to take part in a dedication ceremony on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday, Oct. 15, 18 or 19, attend one of these preparation classes. You must be a baptized member of Savannah Christian Church to participate.

Pivot Men's Conference

5:30 – 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26

Johnny Mercer Theatre, Savannah Civic Center

This conference will equip men with knowledge, truth and passion to live as a leader for Christ. Be inspired by our guest speakers Cam Huxford, Kenny Grant and Dr. Tony Evans. Through dynamic teaching, incredible worship and interview sessions, this experience will challenge men to lead biblically, live radically and pursue Christ relentlessly. Purchase your ticket for the afternoon workshops, evening rally or both at PivotConference.org.

Step into the Deep Women's Retreat

5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3 – 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4

Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons

Ladies, join us for an overnight retreat as we take time out from the busyness of life and focus on finding our strength in Christ. This is an opportunity to take a step deeper in your relationship with Him and refresh your understanding of who He is. The retreat costs \$80 per person (four per room) or \$100 per person (two per room). Pay the registration fee online at SavannahChristian.com by Friday, Sept. 26.

Moses: Prince of Egypt

7 – 9 p.m. Friday – Sunday, Oct. 10 – 12

Worship Center

In this epic musical based on the book of Exodus, witness the majesty of ancient Egypt and the persecution of the Hebrew slaves. Meet Moses, the man God raises to become their deliverer. Feel God's sovereign power in the middle of the Red Sea. Experience the celebration of the Israelite people on their path to freedom. Purchase your \$5 ticket for this production performed by our youth drama team from The Source bookstore.