

# Sunday NightLife

West London Alliance Church

## A Study of The Book of Revelation

#2. CHAPTER ONE

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From #1:

- According to Revelation 1:3, *The Revelation* is meant to be a blessing.
- The specific challenge is “correctly identifying the literary genre of the passage.”

### Four Views

1. The futurist view: “*It’s about things that are to happen in our future!*”
2. The historicist view: “*It’s about the entire history of the Christian church!*”
3. The poetic view: “*’Tis about the continual conflict betwixt good and evil!*”
4. The preterist (“now past”) view: “*It’s about the things that were soon to happen in John’s day.*”

TONIGHT...

- According to 1:1,4,9-11, it is the Revelation of \_\_\_\_\_ communicated to \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ in regard to “\_\_\_\_\_”  
Galatians 5:22,23; II Timothy 3:16,17

“CURRENT” EVENTS AT THE TIME OF *THE REVELATION*

- The Christians were facing bitter persecution \_\_\_\_\_.  
Acts 4:1-3; 5:17,18,40; 7:57,58; 12:1-4; I Thessalonians 2:13-16
- Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_ these persecutors.  
Matt. 23:32-36; 24:2,(3),34; Luke 23:27-31
- In doing so, He spoke repeatedly of “\_\_\_\_\_”  
Matthew 16:28; 24:30; 26:64; Daniel 7:9,10,13,14; Revelation 1:7 (Matthew 22:44)

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN *THE REVELATION* & THE TRIBULATION THE ORIGINAL READERS WERE ENDURING

- According to the “futurist” view,  
*The Revelation* reveals events that would occur \_\_\_\_\_.
- According to the “preterist” view,  
*The Revelation* reveals events that would occur \_\_\_\_\_.

PRETERIST RELEVANCE OF *THE REVELATION* TO MODERN-DAY READERS

1. “Every Word of God is \_\_\_\_\_”  
Proverbs 30:5
2. “He is a shield to those who \_\_\_\_\_”  
Proverbs 30:5
3. “Blessed is the man who \_\_\_\_\_”  
James 1:12 (Revelation 2:7,11,17,26; 3:5,12,21)