

REVELATION

A large aircraft carrier is shown from a high-angle perspective, sailing on the ocean. The deck is visible, with several fighter jets parked. The ship is moving towards the right, leaving a white wake behind it. The sky is overcast.

**One of the most important
books of the entire
BIBLE**

“Even a casual reader of the book of Revelation is impressed with the tremendous scope of its prophecies. Here is obviously an important book, one intended by God to be a final word to man.”

JF Walvoord

**“The Hallelujah
Chorus of the
Redeemed”**

SL Johnson

**“The goal and
consummation of all
the Bible”**

WG Scroggie

IMPORTANCE

➤ **All have An Eschatology**

ESCHATOLOGIES

➤ **Eschatology of All**



**“I’m gonna
Learn to fly
when I grow
up, so I
won’t
be scared
later when I
become an
Angel.”**

ESCHATOLOGY OF ALL

➤ All Created in Image of God

hope

➤ All believe in after life

➤ All yearn for solution to Evil

➤ All hope for better World

➤ All history show desire for utopia

-> Babel

ESCHATOLOGIES

- **Eschatology of All**
- **French Revolution**
- **Communism**
- **Nazi Germany**

“Hitler believed that primitive Christianity was the ‘first Jewish-Communist cell.’ The Nazis therefore propounded their own Millennium . . . The 1000 year Reich was propagated as a counter culture millenarianism directly opposed to the very originators of the millennial/apocalyptic worldview—Jews and Christians.”

Mark Musser, Nazi Oaks

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- **Islam Dominance**

WORLD DOMINANCE

- ✓ **Return of their Mahdi**
- ✓ **Worldwide caliphate**
- ✓ **Based on sharia law**
- ✓ **Final apocalypse**

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- **Politics Today**

POLITICS TODAY

- ✓ **Globalism of today**
- ✓ **Environmentalism**

“The fate of mankind, as well as of religion, depends upon the emergence of a new faith in the future. Armed with such a faith, we might find it possible to resanctify the earth”

Al Gore

POLITICS TODAY

- ✓ **Globalism of today**
- ✓ **Environmentalism**
- ✓ **Social gospel**

2 ALTERNATIVES

- **Man's ideas & resources**
- **God's Plan**
- **Eschatology not side issue**

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- **NT Incomplete**

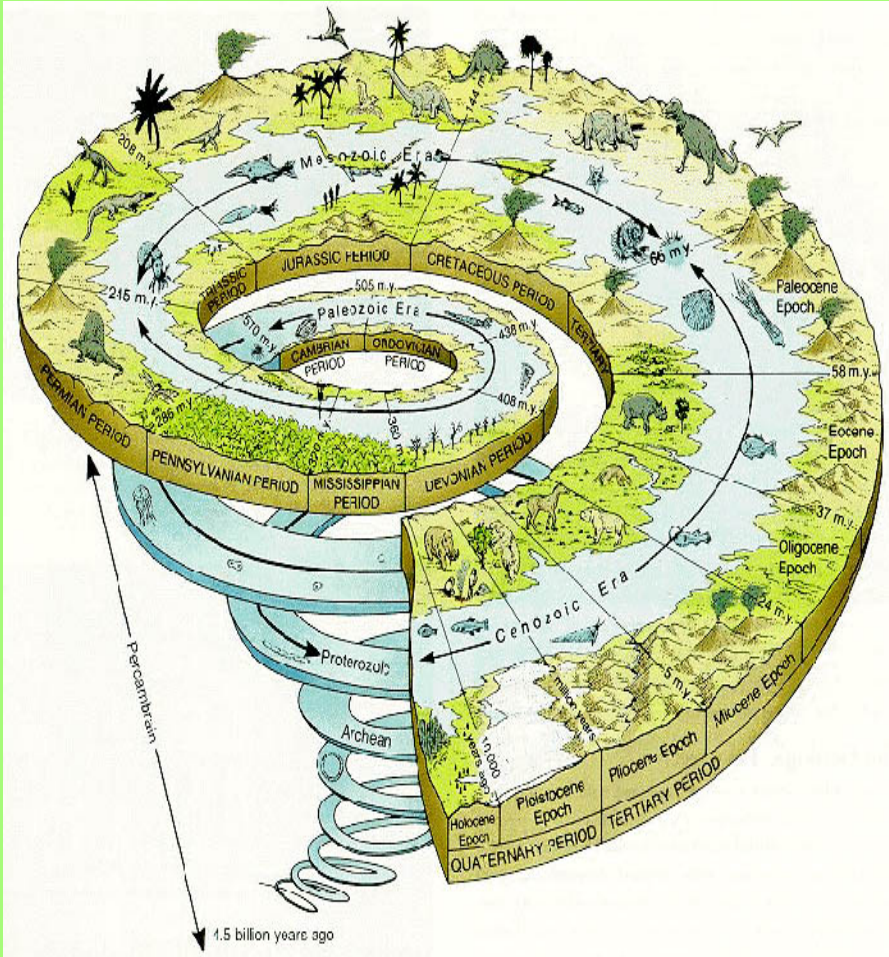
THEOLOGY

- ✓ **Theology Proper**
- ✓ **Christology**
- ✓ **Anthropology**
- ✓ **Soteriology**
- ✓ **Angelology**
- ✓ **Eschatology**

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- **God's Perspective**

PERSPECTIVE



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BEGINNING



IMPORTANCE

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- **NT Incomplete**
- **God's Perspective**
- **Resolution of Evil**
- **Only Hope**
- **5th Gospel**
- **God's Glory**

ATTITUDES



➤ Puzzle

➤ Masterpiece

HERMENEUTICAL

POSITIONS

**“The book of Revelation
isn’t hard to understand
–
it’s hard to BELIEVE!”**

APPROACHES

- **Preterist - 1st Century**
- **Historicist - Church Age**
- **Idealist - Symbolic**
- **Futurist - Prophetic**

PRETERIST

Most prophetic events
taking place in 1st Century

PRETERIST

➤ **Proponents - HB Swete**

RH Charles

RC Sproul

➤ **Strengths - Historical Background**

Original Readers

HISTORICIST

**Prophetic events taking
place in History,
from 1st Century to the End**

HISTORICIST

- **Proponents - H Alford**
 - Reformers**
 - Postmillennialists**
- **Strengths - makes book**
 - somewhat prophetic**