

OUTLIERS

November 5, 2023 Revelation 8:1-5 by Bob Branch
Standing In The Fire, part 16

Revelation 8:1-5 CSB 3 sets of 7 judgments + PAUSE THE 7

WHEN does this scene occur?

- ☐ **Preterists** read Revelation as written to first-century churches about first-century topics.
- ☐ **Historicists** read Revelation as a sketch of the history of the church from the first century until the end.
- ☐ **Futurists** think Revelation is totally, or nearly entirely, about the future.
- ☐ **Idealists** read Revelation as timeless images, truths about God, church, state, and God's plan for this world.

Which one best describes how you have learned to read Rev.?

Out·li·er, 'out·lī(ə)r, *n.* a person or thing situated away or detached from the main body or system.

CHALLENGE: Wrestle with the text, **Listen** for the Spirit's voice

On the same team! Think critically, deeply, humbly

"How did I come up with the way I am reading the Revelation?"

MAIN THEMES OF REVELATION

- ¹ _____ **is a reality.** "Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. Look, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison to test you, and you will experience affliction for ten days. Be faithful to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." (2:10; 1 Pet 4:13)
- ² **God will** _____ **evil.** "His judgments are true and just!" (19:2) "With justice he judges" (19:11)
- ³ **God's** _____ **is at work.** "The rest of the people did not repent of the works of their hands to stop worshiping demons and idols..." (9:20; cf. 16:9, 11)

⁴ _____ **played out.** "The great dragon was thrown out—the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the one who deceives the whole world. He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him." (12:9)

⁵ _____, _____ **and** _____ **in the midst of pressure.** "They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death." (12:11 ESV)

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⁶ _____ **and** _____ **conquer evil in every form.** "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." (11:15 ESV)

⁷ **Where** _____ **—heaven & earth remade, in sync.** "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more." (21:1)

⁸ **Your** _____. "They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" (6:10) "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Mt. 6:10)

"Jesus gonna win!"

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." **John 16:33**

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