

Syllabus for “The Keys: Revelation 1-5”

November 8 – Introduction / Chapter 1 (prologue)
November 15 – Chapter 1 cont.
November 22 – Chapter 2 (This class may be Facebook only)
November 29 – Chapter 3
December 6 – Chapter 4
December 13 – Chapter 5

Introduction Notes

Author and Title –

Genre – Apocalyptic

Setting –

Schools of interpretive thought

Historicist School –

Futurist School (Historical Premillennialism) –

Preterist School –

Idealist School –

The fundamental perspective of the book is the exhortation to endure persecution on the basis of the transcendent reality of God’s kingdom in the present as grounded in God’s control of the future. - Grant R. Osborne

It is important to realize that we know no more about the second coming than Jesus’ Jewish disciples did about the first. They too thought they were reading the Scriptures rightly. . . . In interpreting the symbols of the book, we first need the “hermeneutics of humility” to realize we “see things imperfectly as in a poor mirror” (1Cor 13:12). - Grant R.