

**problem:**

we tend to avoid Rev.  
 too hard to understand  
 too scary  
 not relevant  
 too symbolic  
 too crazy to consider

CPT:

**Main idea:**

Revelation is not a mystery- it is an unveiling  
 Revelation is not terrifying - it is encouraging  
 Revelation is not irrelevant - it is for you now  
 Revelation is not allegorical - it is literal  
 Revelation is not a possibility - it is a certainty

**Implication:**

the first time we only saw a manger, a donkey. a cross  
 we must see beyond the manger and see the throne  
 we must see beyond the donkey and see the war horse  
 we must see beyond the cross and see the crown

**Application:**

behold He is coming and He will make all things new  
 we must know this Christ

text:

**Revelation is not a mystery - it is an unveiling**

Rev. 1:1 **The revelation of Jesus Christ**, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon (rapidly) take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, Rev. 1:2 who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

*not a mystery - dan 12:1-4; Rev 22:10, 18-19 -unveiling*

*God gave -exalted Him - phil 2:5-11*

*revelation=unveiling of Jesus Christ*

*the Word - Jn 1:1, 14, 18*

*testimony - 1 Jn 1:1-4*

**Revelation is not terrifying - it is encouraging**

Rev. 1:3 **Blessed** is the one who **reads** aloud the words of this prophecy, and **blessed** are those who **hear**, and who **keep** what is written in it, for the time (year 12:14) is near.

*not terrifying but encouraging - 2 Pet 3:1-13 - new heaven*

**Revelation is not irrelevant - it is for you now**

Rev. 1:4 ¶ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: ¶ Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

Rev. 1:5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. ¶ To him who **loves us** and has **freed us** from our sins by his blood (*exodus imagery*)

Rev. 1:6 and **made us** a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

*not irrelevant - Rev 5:8-14 -it is for you now to worship  
the triune God*

*father - who is - (ex 3:14)*

*seven spirits - (Zech 4:2, 6, 10; is 11:2) - holy Spirit*

*-who indwells the church (Rev 3:1; 8:2 - restrainer)*

*Christ -*

### **Revelation is not allegorical - it is literal**

Rev. 1:7 **Behold, he is coming** with the clouds, and **every eye will see him**, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

*not allegorical - literal - Acts 1:1-11*

*with the clouds - Dan 7:13-18*

*every eye --> Zech 14:1-5*

*pierced Him - Zech 12:9-14; -jn 19:33-37*

*mourn - matt 24:27-30*

*literally fulfilled - Rev 19:11-16*

**implication** *contrast with first coming - lk 19:41-44*

### **Revelation is not a possibility - it will happen**

Rev. 1:8 ¶ **“I am the Alpha (first letter) and the Omega (last letter),”** says the Lord God, **“who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”**

*alpha omega - it is certain - rev 21:1-6*

### **some articles for further study:**

<http://www.gotquestions.org/futurist-Revelation.html>

<http://www.pre-trib.org/data/pdf/Woods-ACasefortheFuturistI.pdf>