

SERMON OUTLINE

The Apocalypse Code Unveiled: Find Out What the Bible Really Says About the End Times and Why It Matters Today

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INTRODUCTION

- The goal of reading Scripture is to get you into the Word of God, and to get the Word of God into you.
- Since God has spoken, the next question is-What has God said?
- How can I read the Bible for all it's worth?
- One key is to read it as you would any other form of communication: taking it in the most obvious and natural sense.

LIGHTS: A Methodology for reading the Bible for all it's worth

- Literal Principle of Biblical Interpretation
 - We are to take the Bible in the sense in which it is intended.
 - That does not mean we take biblical language in a woodenly literalistic sense...a simile is still a simile, a metaphor still a metaphor.
 - Jesus is the heir of the linguistic richness of the Old Testament. He doesn't turn that language into flat and literal prose but amplifies it.
- Illumination Principle of Biblical Interpretation
 - A model is a framework you impose on Scripture.
 - A proper methodology means understanding the art and science of biblical interpretation.
 - Biblical interpretation is an art because the more you do it, the better you get at it.
 - Biblical interpretation is a science because certain rules apply.
 - Exegesis: taking out of Scripture what God has placed there.
 - Eisegesis: reading into Scripture one's own pet theories.
- Grammar Principle of Biblical Interpretation
 - When we read a word in Scripture, we are not to re-interpret that word unnecessarily.
 - The rules of grammar are still the rules of grammar when we are reading the Bible.
- Historical Principle of Biblical Interpretation
 - This principle asks, "How did this text originally work as communication to people living in a specific time and place?"
 - The Book of Revelation is many things, but first it is seven love letters to a persecuted Bride experiencing the full fury of the Beast.

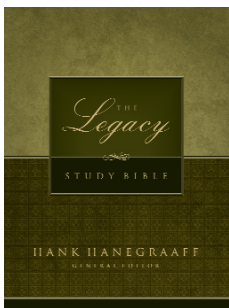
- Typological Principle of Biblical Interpretation
 - o Typology is the idea that people, places, things, and events of the Bible are really just types or shadows of bigger spiritual truths.
 - o All types of the Old Testament find their culmination in Jesus Christ.
 - o New Testament writers saw Jesus in everything that went before in the Old Covenant.
- Scriptural Synergy
 - o We must always read Scripture in light of Scripture.
 - o The greatest problem within evangelicalism is that we are Biblically illiterate.
 - o If you aren't familiar with the genuine article, you will fall for every counterfeit that comes along.

CONCLUSION: The LEGACY method for understanding a book of the Bible:

- **L**ocation
- **E**ssence
- **G**enre
- **A**uthor
- **C**ontext
- **Y**ears

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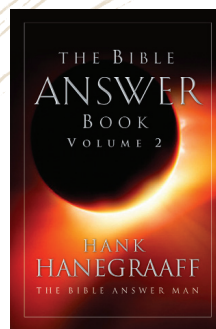
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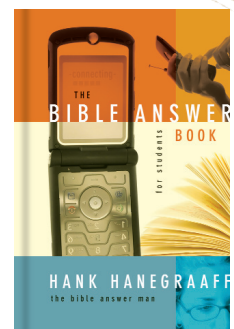
THE APOCALYPSE CODE

Breaking the code of the book of Revelation has become an international obsession. The result, according to Hank Hanegraaff, has been rampant misreading of Scripture, bad theology, even bad politics and foreign policy. Hanegraaff argues that the key to understanding the last book of the Bible is the other sixty-five books of the Bible – not current events or recent history, and certainly not any complicated charts.



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