

ESCHATOLOGICAL TIME REV. 1:19; 2 PET. 3:8; Ps. 90:4

Communication is communication and it is always difficult for both sides to give and receive the same information.

Author → text → reader / hearer

The locus of authority: the original intent of the author as found in / expressed by the text!

Examples:

Revelation:

This discussion in **not** primarily / just about numbers...though that is usually included.

This is more about **when** Revelation transpires:

- In the 1st century
- Throughout the centuries
- In the future
- Not directly related to time

<u>Revelation 1:19</u> Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;	<u>Revelation 1:19</u> Γράψον οὖν ἃ εἶδες, καὶ ἃ εἰσιν, καὶ ἃ μέλλει γίνεσθαι μετὰ ταῦτα.
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I. **Historicist** approach

Revelation surveys all of church history up to the time of the author / preacher or shortly thereafter.

In its pure form this is rarely, if ever, found today.

This was the common view during the Reformation and following.

Many of our heroes of the faith held to this position. This position with just a **smidgen** of added fanaticism &/ the gift of prophecy &/ the Holy Spirit told me...!

- The prophecies are up till my time
- I'm the good guy / we are the chosen ones
- We **must aid** the side of righteousness → militarily
- We will usher in the kingdom
- Antichrist = pope

Ezekiel 4:4 Lie thou also upon thy **left side**, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity. Ezekiel 4:5 For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, **three hundred and ninety days**: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. Ezekiel 4:6 And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy **right side**, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: **I have appointed thee each day for a year.**

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that **one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**

Psalms 90:4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but **as** yesterday when it is past, and **as** a watch in the night.

Problems:

- This view requires symbolic interpretation

- **There is no agreement / total disagreement among its advocates.**
- **This view never mentions the church outside of Europe → as if no other Christians exist in the Middle East or Far East or India**
- **This says nothing to the 7 churches in Asia Minor!**