



**BIG IDEA:** Revelation means to unveil or bring to light that which had been previously hidden.

## WHEN WAS REVELATION WRITTEN?

EARLY DATE (circa 65 AD under Nero)

- “The things that must soon take place” (*Revelation 1:1*)
- Coming on the Clouds (*Revelation 1:7*)
- The Temple is still standing (*Revelation 11:1-2*)
- The Beast from the Sea (*Revelation 17:9-10*)
- Great City–Babylon/Jerusalem (*Revelation 8, 10, 11, 16, 18, 19*)

LATE DATE (circa 95 AD under Domitian)

- John’s exile at Patmos (*Revelation 1:9*)
- Spiritual conditions of the churches (*Revelation 2-3*)
- “Wine and Oil” (*Revelation 6:6*)

## HOW SHOULD REVELATION BE READ?

LINEAR (*chronological*)

- Revelation 1:19 lays out the outline of book
- The revealing of what is to come with each part being different and chronological leading the reader to one final climax.

SPIRAL (*recapitulation*)

- Revelation is divided up into seven sections
- The retelling of the same story over and over with new insights given in each movement with the climax at the end.