

REVELATION

How To Read Revelation Responsibly?

REVELATION SNAPSHOT

- **22 Chapters. 404 Verses.**
- **Can be read in 1.5hrs at conversation speed.**
- **Author: John**
- **Date Written: Last 1st Century**
- **Location: Island of Patmos**
- **Final book of Christian Bible**
- **God Wins. Satan Loses.**

THE BLESSING

Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep what is written in it, because the time is near.

TO KNOW CHRIST BETTER

In this last book of the Christian Bible , Jesus is portrayed especially as

- 1 . The Faithful Witness , who remained true to God despite tribulation ;
- 2 . The Present One , who walks among the communities of his followers , speaking words of comfort and challenge through the Spirit ;
- 3 . The Lamb that was slain and now reigns with God the Creator , sharing in the devotion and worship due God alone ; and
- 4 . The Coming One , who will bring God's purpose to fulfillment and reign with God among the people of God in the new heaven and earth.

**WHAT WORDS COME TO MIND
WHEN YOU HEAR “REVELATION?”**

END TIMES

ANTICHRIST

RAPTURE

REVELATION

APOCALYPSE

(apokalypsis)

IMPORTANT PASSAGES

Revelation

Daniel 12

Joel 2:28-32

Matthew 24

Mark 13

Luke 21

2 Thessalonians 2

2 Timothy 3:1-5

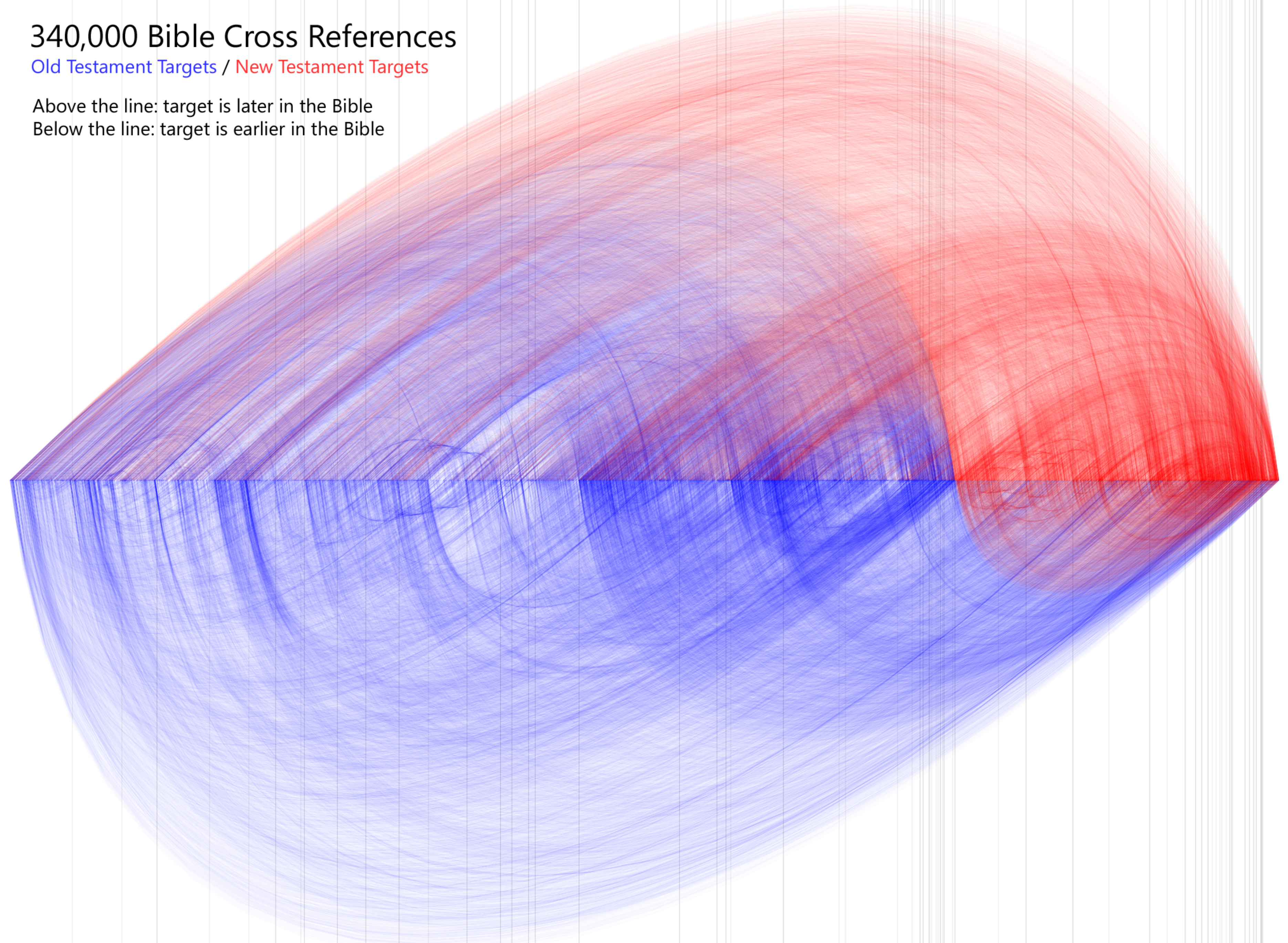
2 Peter 3:1-13

Gen Exod Lev Num Deut Josh 1Sam 1Kgs 1Chr Ezra Ps Prov Isa Jer Ezek Hos Matt Luke JohnActs Rom Gal Hb Re

340,000 Bible Cross References

Old Testament Targets / New Testament Targets

Above the line: target is later in the Bible
Below the line: target is earlier in the Bible



THE 4 VIEWS

- **PRETERIST - MOST PROPHECIES IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION WERE FULFILLED DURING THE TIME OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE.**
- **HISTORICIST. THE PROPHECIES HAVE BEEN FULFILLED THROUGHOUT HISTORY AND ARE STILL BEING FULFILLED TODAY.**
- **FUTURIST. MOST PROPHECIES BEYOND REVELATION 3 ARE YET TO BE FULFILLED.**
- **SPIRITUAL (OR SYMBOLIC OR IDEALIST). MOST PROPHECIES PORTRAY THE ONGOING COSMIC CONFLICT OF SPIRITUAL REALITIES AND MAY HAVE MANY FULFILLMENTS THROUGHOUT HISTORY.**

CODE VS. LENS

Is Revelation a code to be cracked?

Or

**Is Revelation a lens through which
to look?**



Past Focus



Present Focus



Future Focus

Text as Code

Strategy: Decoding/deciphering

Goal: Discovering precise correspondence



Text as Lens

Strategy: Thinking analogically

Goal: Discerning similarities

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POETIC, PROPHETIC, PASTORAL

Poetic - Examine analogies and symbols in context of entire Bible

Political - Understanding political climates in light of God's Kingdom

Prophetic - Focusing on the explicit eternal truths rather than ambiguous images

Pastoral - Spiritual formation for the Church

THE CHAPEL AT FISHHAWK

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RESOURCES

Reading Revelation Responsibly by Michael J. Gorman | Jan 1, 2011

**Revelation: Four Views, A Parallel Commentary, Revised & Updated Edition
by Steve Gregg and Robert G. Clouse | Jul 2, 2013**

The Last Days according to Jesus by R. C. Sproul | Oct 6, 2015