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BOOK  
OF

# REVELATION

Revelation: Introduction // Rev. 1:1-8

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# REVELATION 1:1

*"The **revelation** of Jesus Christ..."*

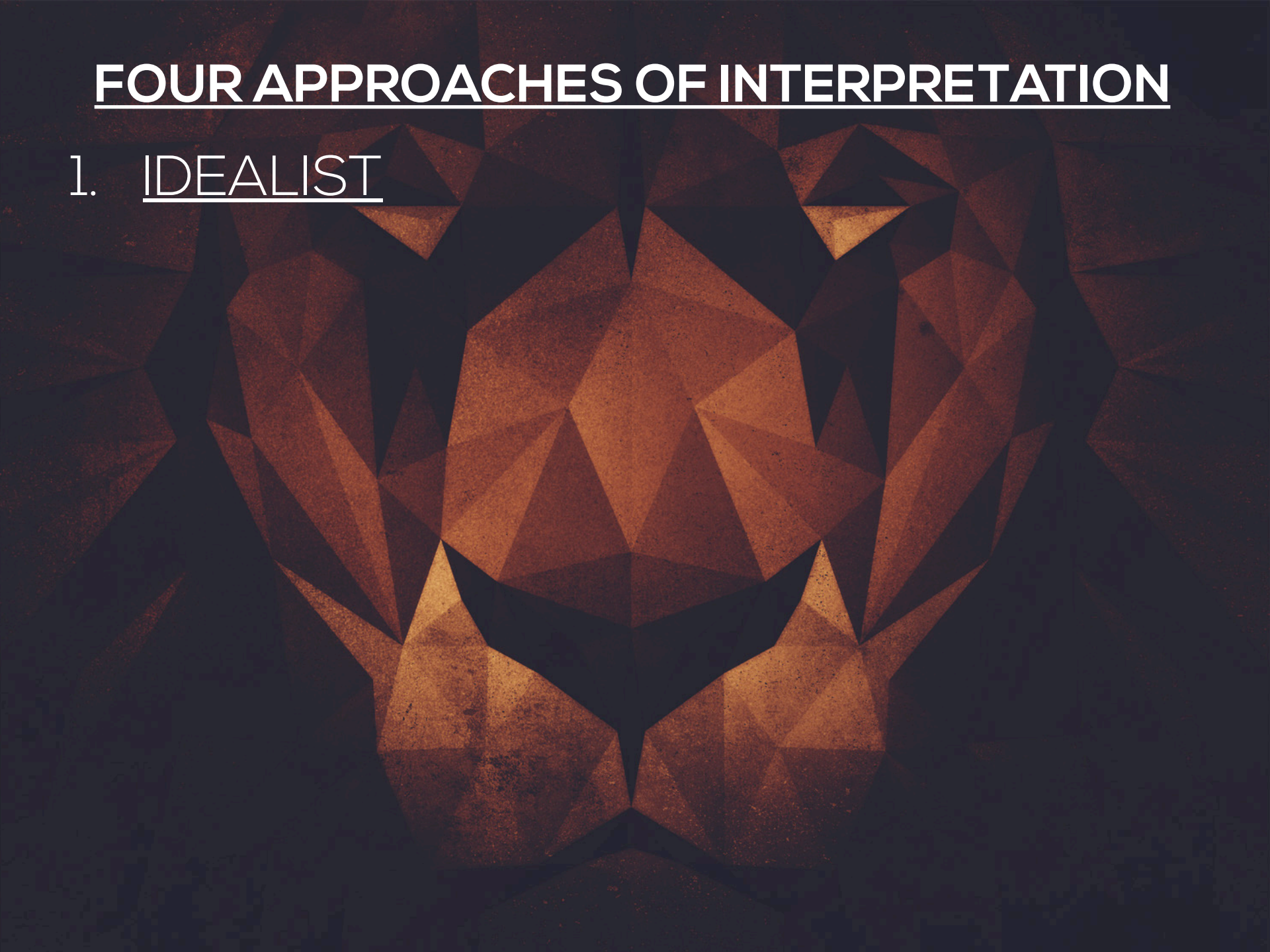


Greek: **apokalupsis** (Eng.—"apocalypse")

"an unveiling" or "a revealing"

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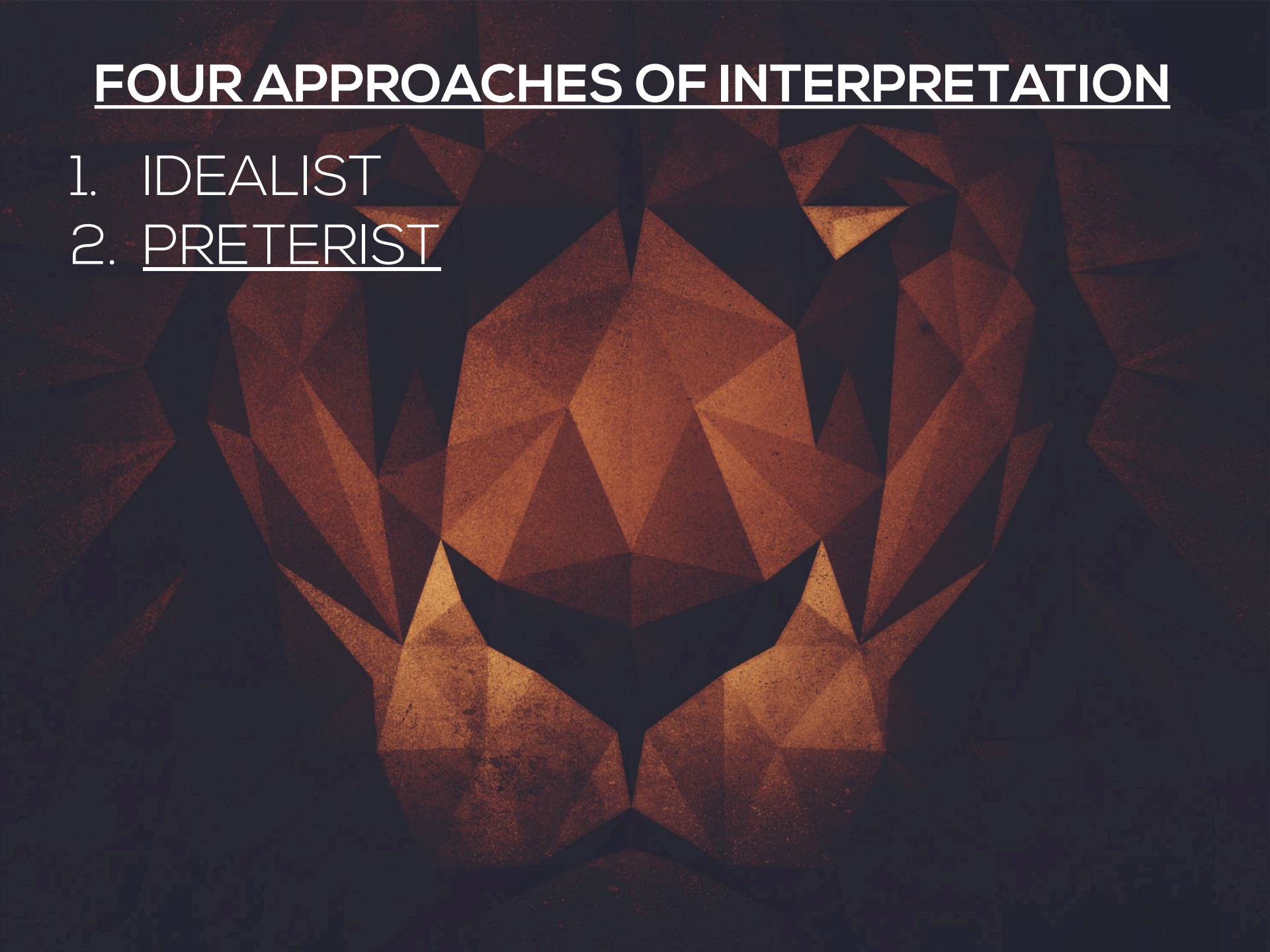
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Revelation describes in symbolic language the battle throughout the ages between God and Satan and good against evil.

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Revelation was largely fulfilled in 70A.D. with the fall of the Jerusalem Temple.

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Revelation is a symbolic presentation of church history beginning in the first century AD through the end of the age. The prophecies of Revelation are fulfilled in various "historic" events such as the fall of the Roman Empire, the Protestant Reformation, and the French Revolution.



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Revelation prophesies events that will take place in the future.

# OUTLINE OF REVELATION

(Revelation 1:19)

1. *"have seen"* –Ch. 1
2. *"that are"* –Ch. 2-3
3. *"those that are to take place"* –Ch. 4-22





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God → Jesus → angel → John

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God promises a blessing  
to those who read, hear, and keep  
what is written in Revelation.

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***"the seven spirits" (1:4)***

- 1) seven qualities of the Holy Spirit (Isa. 11:2)
- 2) seven angels (Rev. 8:2)



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His Description (v. 5a)

His Deeds (v. 5b-6)

His Declaration (v. 7-8)





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