How has Revelation, a book of visions written as wartime literature by a Jewish prophet nearly two thousand years ago, not only come to be included in the New Testament, but still read by countless people interpreting world events today? We’ll consider how the structure of these visions allows for such wide-ranging—often diametrically opposite—interpretation of the same events, from the Muslim conquest of Egypt to the presidency of Barack Obama.


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