

Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea, which although only planted half a century, had all but the church of Philadelphia apostacised and fallen from grace.

The book is manifestly hard to understand and has been interpreted in no end of ways by countless wise men in all ages. The end of the world has been calculated from it hundreds of times and no doubt will be again.

The Praeterists believe that the Revelation has been almost altogether fulfilled.

The Continuous expositors believe the Revelation to be a progressive history of the fortunes of the church.

Various ingenious and curious explanations of Antichrist, Magog and the Beast and the number of the Beast have been given.

Napoleon Buonaparte, the Romish church and Mohammedanism playing conspicuous parts.

The seventh chapter records the sealing of all the tribes of Israel to the number of one hundred and forty and four thousand, but the tribe of Dan is not mentioned.

The book is replete with allegorical figures, mysterious heiroglyphics, and incomprehensible symbols including

The Seven Spirits of God

The Seven Golden Candlesticks

The Seven Stars

The Seven Heads