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INTRODUCTION -- PART II
{Sunday, May 17, 2015 A.D.}

- **Themes:**

- **Sovereignty of God –**
 - God's **absolute power and authority**, having **total control** over all the affairs and rulers of all men, in all kingdoms, at all times
 - **His control is at every level** including purpose, design, reason, timing, method and agency (including first order, second order and beyond)
 - The **ultimate subjection and submission of all things to The One True King of kings and Lord of lords – Jesus Christ**
 - God is **most free** to act and reveal whatever He wills
- **The Glory of God alone –**
- **God requires our absolute and total trust of Him at His word.** Regardless of the context in which we find ourselves, He demands our whole-hearted loyalty, expressed by character and service

- **Genre:**

- Apocalyptic – “Revelation”
- Ordinary or Sacred????
 - **ORDINARY**
 - **Tracts during and for difficult/dangerous times**
 - **Purpose is to encourage**
 - Most derived from the inter-testamental period
 - Transmission by way of visions and dreams
 - Symbolic and mysterious
 - Interpretation requires a heavenly mediator, one is typically provided
 - Regard the future and God's final eschatological judgment
 - Written under a pseudonym
 - Employ well known events of the past, written and cast as predictive and futuristic
 - Deception is ok
 - **SACRED**
 - **Tracts during and for difficult/dangerous times**
 - **Purpose is to encourage**
 - Parts of Joel/Isaiah/Ezekiel/Zechariah/Revelation
 - Not primarily focused on Israel and Covenant, but having a wider world perspective and God's Ultimate Kingdom
 - Faithfulness during difficult times
 - True history/future

- **Interpretive Paradigms:**

- Ordinary history, after the fact {late dating/Daniel is not the actual author}
 - Focus on the **first** Advent of Jesus Christ {inter-testamental period included}
 - Focus on Antiochus Epiphanes and the tribulation under his reign **and** the **second** Advent of Jesus Christ
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