

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

REVELATION CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Revelation 1

Sadly Today, Many Wonderful Christians
Are **frightened** by the prophetic books of the Bible.

They Love the Psalms, They Love the Gospels, Some Proverbs and a Little Bit of Genesis... But Please
Don't Turn to The Prophetic, Futuristic books of the Bible - *it scares us!*

Yet, the Vast Majority of the Bible
Speaks about the future, and future events that have yet to happen

Authentication !!!

Isaiah 46:9

Remember the former things of old, For I *am* God, and *there is* no other; I *am* God, and *there is* none like Me,
:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times *things* that are not *yet* done, Saying, "My
counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,"

He wants us to see ahead too

Revelation 1:3

Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are
written in it; for the time *is* near.

To What End / For What Reason?

1 Thessalonians 5:4-6

But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. :5 You are all sons of
light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. :6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*,
but let us watch and be alert.

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that
when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. :3 And everyone who has this hope
in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Revelation 19:10b

For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

The Greatest of All Prophetic Teachings, Our Salvation...

John 13:19

I am now telling you these things before they come to pass,
that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am *He*.

There is in Fact no need to be frightened by What God has Told about What is Going to Happen – as long as you know and understand what God has Said and Why.

An Open Book to Open Church The Bible, Unique

Among all other books of All Time, it is the only Book with the Boldness and the Accuracy to Predict with Perfection Future Events.

As we approach this most fantastic book of the Bible,
there are things that we need to settle in our minds.

#1

The God Almighty of the Bible - is The Lord
(His view, His vantage point, His knowledge is complete)

#2

God Cannot Learn Anything
He Knows All that there is to Know.

#3

The God of the Bible who knows
Has Chosen to Tell Mankind Certain Things about the Future.

#4

That God is not Afraid of the Future,
Because He Presides Over the Future.

#5

And That Clearly – The Future is All About Jesus Christ
And the things that God cares about.

From Where He Sits

He sees all things -- all things at once.

The past to us, is over, the now to us is here, and the future,
to us is a mystery - But Not To God

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counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,"

At the Time of Christ

1/5th of Old Testament Prophecy Scriptures had Been Fulfilled
or was Being Fulfilled in the Events of Jesus' Life

What's Your Reaction

To what the Bible has to say about these Coming Events?

THE BOOK AMONG BOOKS

1.) *Jesus IS Coming Again*

We Know This Because - it's What the Bible Says.

How Can We Know That Jesus is Coming Again?

a.) *The Bible says - Jesus will come again*

There's a Reunion to Take Place
There's a wedding to take place in heaven

Acts 1:7-11

And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.
:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in
Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." :9 Now when He had spoken these
things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. :10 And while they
looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, :11 who
also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from
you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

How Can We Know That Jesus is Coming Again?

b.) *The Apostles said – Jesus will come again*

Titus 2:13

For We are filled with hope, as we wait for the glorious return of
our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

How Can We Know That Jesus is Coming Again?

c.) **Jesus said Himself – I will come again**

John 14:1-3

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. :2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. :3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

HE ’ S COMING BACK , So...

2.) **Reasons for His Return**

Reasons why Jesus Must Come Again

a.) **Is indicated by *Political Events of the World***

Wars and Rumors of Wars

Matthew 24:3-6

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” :4 And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. :5 For many will come in My name, saying, “I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. :6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

the Rise and Fall of Nations

the alignment of Certain Political Powers Mentioned in the Bible
Regions of the Former Soviet Union, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Iraq,
Ethiopia, Jordan, - - the Unification of Europe.

And the Chief Nation of All, Israel

May 14th 1948

The RE-Birth of the Nation Israel

(This the single most important development in Bible prophecy)

Matthew 24:32-33

“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch have already become tender (alive) and puts forth leaves (growth), you know that summer *is* near. :33 So likewise, you also, when you see all these things begin to happen, know that my coming is near—even at the doors!

Geo-Political Problems are Rampant Worldwide
With seemingly no answers

Reasons why Jesus Must Come Again

b.) **Is indicated by *Societal Events - Globally***

General Lawlessness
(Man's incorrigible attitude)

Racial Divisions
(The wedging of racial gaps)

Aberrant Human Sexuality
(The violation of natural laws)

The Redefinition of Meanings
(The refusal to recognize history)

"..As it was in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah, so shall it be..."

Reasons why Jesus Must Come Again

c.) Is indicated by *Natural Events* on a Grand Scale

Natural Disasters

Volcano's
(Are waking up, underwater volcano's are appearing, fissures in the earth)

Earthquakes
(There have been more killer-quakes worldwide
In the past 6 years than in the last 200 years on record)

Weather
(Global warming and the increase in deserts,
In France alone over 3,000 people of been "heated" to death.

Super Storms,
The greatest storms and frequency of category 5 storms are on the increase,
Large storms and frequency is over 500%

Jesus Said "there'd be days Like this"

d.) Is indicated by *Satanic Events* Worldwide

the Rise in the Occult(s) Occultism

A Fascination with "Dark Things"

e.) Is indicated by *Religious Events*

Cults and non-Biblical liberal Christianity (impossible)

Matthew 24:4-5

...“Take heed that no one deceives you. :5 For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many...

f.) Is indicated by *His Promised Events*

By Promised Events I Mean,
Things That Jesus Christ Must Do

As indicated by His Promised Events

#1

Jesus is Returning in the Rapture
(In His Appearance for the Church)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. :14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. :15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. :16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. :17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

:18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

As indicated by His Promised Events

#2

In the Second Coming, His Physical Return to Earth
He will bring a close to the Battle of Armageddon

As indicated by His Promised Events

#3

Jesus Will Come Again
And He will Literally Judge the People of the Earth in Righteousness

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. :9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

As indicated by His Promised Events

#4

Jesus will establish His Kingdom

!!!!!! In the city of Jerusalem !!!!!!

Daniel 7:13-14

"I was watching in the night visions, And behold, *One* like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. :14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom *the one* Which shall not be destroyed.

Revelation 11:15

The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord,
and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Matthew 24:3

:3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And **what will be the sign of Your coming**, and of the end of the age?"

Rev. 1:7-8

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

HE ' S COMING BACK , So...

3.) What does His return mean to you?

John 14:3-4

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. :4 And where I go you know, and the way you know."

What does His return mean to you?

a.) It should mean that you and I are not in control

He Allows us to be Involved

We Are Not In Control – but He is!!!

Is That Concerning to You?

2 Timothy 4:8

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

What does His return mean to you?

b.) It should mean that there is great hope for us

Luke 21:28

Now when these things begin to happen, FREAK OUT, PANIC, WORRY?
look up and **lift up** your heads, WHY? because your redemption draws near."

What does His return mean to you?

c.) It should mean that you are now ready to meet Him

How Does Someone “Get Ready” to Meet Jesus Christ?

You First, Wake Up!

(hear the alarm)

You Make Priority Decisions

(like you put your pants on – put on Christ)

You Receive Jesus Christ

(To receive = acknowledge your great need for Him)

You Walk, Live, Continue with Jesus Christ

(Begin to daily live life with Jesus Christ)

John 6:66-69

From that *time* many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. :67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” :68 But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. :69 Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

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