

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Chapter 1 – The Key to Understanding Revelation – Addendum 6

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING FAITHFUL BELIEVERS IN THE LAST DAYS – REVELATION 1:3

God's purpose for the book of Revelation is to reveal the prophetic events leading up to and following the restoration of his Kingdom. In the beginning of our study, we learned of God's desire and promise to _____ those servants who are willing to respond to the truths he reveals (Rev. 1:3; 22:6-13). Though we are only three chapters into the book, God has already pulled no punches calling out Satan's end-time religiopolitical system, its adherents, and its ultimate destruction. Therefore, it is of no surprise that it is the most feared, hated, misunderstood, and attacked book in the Bible by believers and non-believers alike. So much so that it was missing from codex Vaticanus, rejected by early church heretics, and was even attempted to be removed from the hands of the common man by the Roman Catholic Church for nearly a millennium.

If Revelation is such a controversial theological battleground, then we better know what we are contending for and why. But God only reveals this knowledge to faithful servants who are willing to read, hear, and keep the truths found within this book, recognizing the time is at hand.

1. FAITHFUL TO READ – *Blessed is he that readeth...*

a. Tolle Lege – take up and _____ the Scriptures

- God inspired 40 men from different backgrounds, many of which did not know each other, over the span of 1,500 years on 3 different continents, to write his word as one consistent message, being 100% historically and prophetically accurate, preserving it along the way over the past 4,000 years. That makes the Bible a supernatural book – II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:3, 16-21
- We have already seen how God supernaturally purified and preserved the King James Bible as the 8th version of the Bible in English – Ps. 12:6-7
- We then identified the book of Revelation as the capstone of this incredible, inspired, purified, and preserved supernatural Book – Rev. 22:16
- We also saw how the Bible is the Key of David, which makes Revelation the tip of the blade that unlocks the door to understanding all prophecy – Ps. 73:17; Dn. 12:4, 9; Heb. 4:12; Rev. 3:7; 22:10
- God desires to bless the faithful servants willing to *take up and read* this book – Heb. 11:6
- What we have studied in chapters 1-3 will culminate at the end of the book, as the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus the Lord is manifested – Phil. 3:7-8; Rev. 1:7-8, 13-18; 19:11-16

b. But one of the biggest end time battles lies with the “Keyring” of David and the multitude of versions

- There is a blessing for those that read it, but a curse for those that change it – Dt. 4:2; 12:32; Pr. 30:5-6; Rev. 22:18-19
- Things that are different are not the _____ – II Cor. 2:17; II Thess. 2:1-2; II Tim. 4:1-5

2. FAITHFUL TO HEAR – and they that hear the words of this prophecy...

a. Prophecies of church history – Rev. 1:10-3:22

- Knowing and understanding the Dispensation of the Church Age – Heb. 1:1-2; Rev. 1:19-20
- Learning to be Philadelphians in Laodicea – Is. 5:20; Jer. 4:22; Rm. 16:19; II Pet. 2:13; Rev. 3:14-4:1

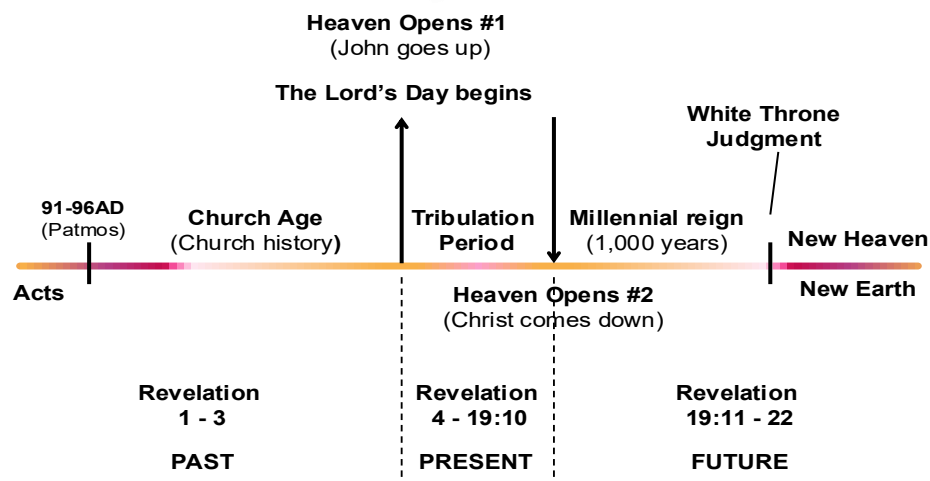
b. Prophecies of the signs of the times – Rev. 6

- _____ of false teachers, Christs, and prophets; wars and rumors of wars; famines; pestilences; natural disasters; betrayal, hatred, and martyrdom – Mt. 24; Mk. 13; Lk. 21
- To be a faithful believer in these last days we must read and hear the prophecies of future tribulation events and see out how those things are developing and happening right now

c. Prophecies of literal, future end time events – Rev. 1:19

- The Rapture, the Tribulation Period, the 2nd Coming of Christ, the final Satanic Kingdom and its destruction, the Millennium, Hell and the Lake of Fire, Heaven and Eternity Future – I Chron. 12:32

Outline of Revelation



3. FAITHFUL TO KEEP – and that keep those things which are written therein...

a. We are accountable to be _____ of the Seven Mysteries found within the book – I Cor. 4:1

- *Mystery of Godliness:* Jesus is God, King of kings, Lord of lords
- *Mystery of Christ Indwelling the Believer:* NT Church Age Salvation vs. Tribulation, Millennium etc.
- *Mystery of the Church in Christ:* The Body of Christ
- *Mystery of the Rapture:* The Removal of the Body of Christ from earth
- *Mystery of Iniquity:* The history of the Antichrist and his kingdom revealed and destroyed
- *Mystery of Israel's Restoration:* God is not done with Israel, and he will bless those that help them
- *Mystery of Babylon the Great:* The history of the unified end time religion revealed and destroyed

- b. Through our study of Church History, we have learned to fulfill the Seven Wills of God – Eph. 5:17
 - *Repentance*: God wants all to be saved
 - *Sanctification*: God wants us all to be set apart unto him
 - *Transformation*: God does not want us conformed to this world but transformed into his image
 - *Obedience*: God wants us to obey authorities
 - *Thankfulness*: God wants us to be thankful at all times
 - *Motivation*: God wants us to have pure motives from a pure heart
 - *Circumspectly*: God wants us to walk wisely and aware, not wasting time
- c. As well as our Great Commission of Evangelism and Discipleship – Mt. 28:18-20; Lk. 11:28; Jn. 15:1-16

4. FAITHFUL UNTIL THE END – *for the time is at hand*

- a. Our obedience and faithfulness to Jesus Christ _____ us both now and, in the future – Heb. 11:6
 - Not only for our rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ as we lay the crowns we earn at the feet of Jesus – *I Cor. 3:10-15; Phil. 3:8-14; II Jn. 1:8; Rev. 4*
 - But for our future role in the coming kingdom – *Lk. 19:11-27; Rev. 1:5-6; 5:9-10*
 - And for our millennial inheritance earned on earth – *I Cor. 6:9-10; Col. 3:22-25; II Tim. 2:11-12*
 - Which may carry over into our eternal inheritance – *Gal. 3:19-29; Eph. 1:10-11; I Pet. 1:23-29*
 - As Church Age Saints (with the 12 apostles and tribulation saints) will rule as Kings and Priests – *Mt. 19:28; Rm. 8:17; I Cor. 6:2-3; Rev. 1:5-6; 2:26-28; 5:9-10; 20:4-6*
 - After God's final judgment he creates a new heaven and a new earth – *II Pet. 3:7-14; Rev. 21:1-2*
 - The increase of Christ's government will continue to expand into the universe – *Is. 9:7; 45:17-18*
 - So, we (with other saints) will reign with Christ forever and ever – *Dn. 7:14, 18; Rev. 22:3-5*
- b. Therefore, we must be _____ to truths revealed in this book – *Jonah 1:6; Rm. 13:11-14; I Thess. 5:1-9; I Pet. 4:7; Rev. 22:10*
- c. We must not get weary in well doing – *Prov. 8:32-35; Acts 20:7-12; Gal. 6:7-9; Rev. 3:14-22*
- d. We know Christ is coming quickly, and if we are faithful servants willing to constantly ask ourselves, "How can I do better for God?" then we can say with full confidence *even so, come, Lord Jesus* – *Rev. 22:7, 12, 20*