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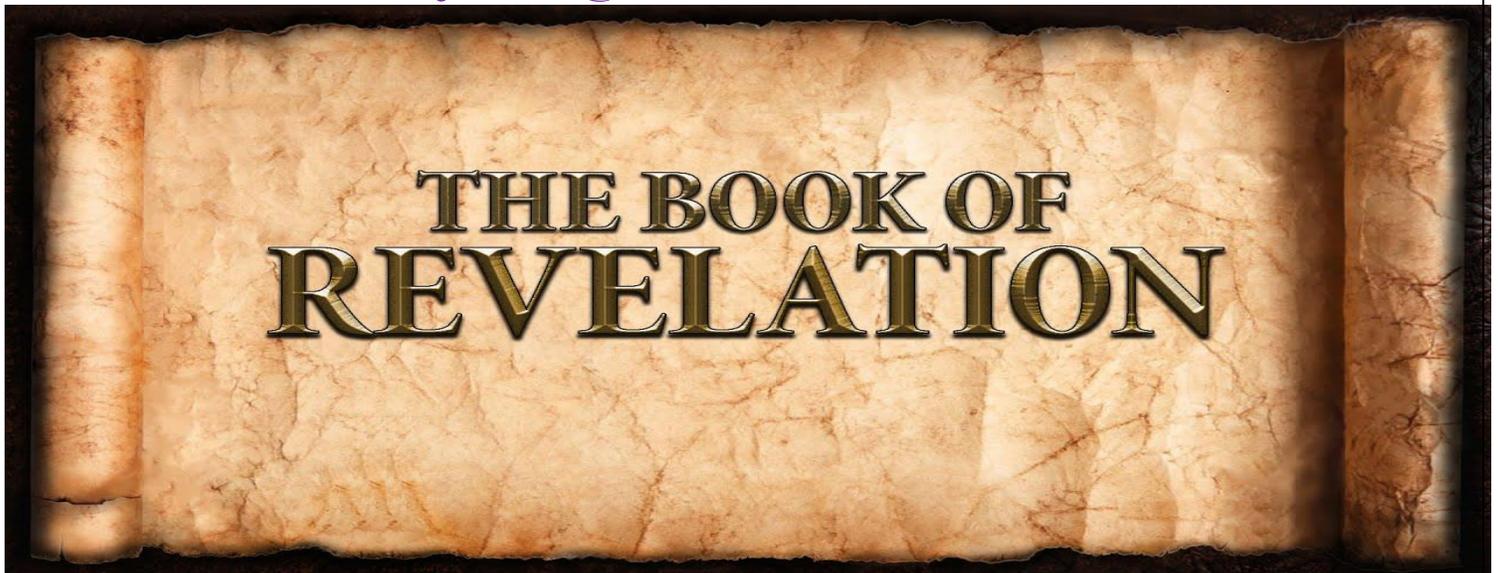
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“Almost” Everything You Need to Know About...



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Online Bible Study



1. The history of fear when it comes to reading/studying the Book of Revelation.
 - a. Scary, weird images
 - b. Deals with end of life, end of the world
 - c. Hard to understand, decode, literal vs. figurative

I BEG TO DIFFER

The Book of Revelation is Really About

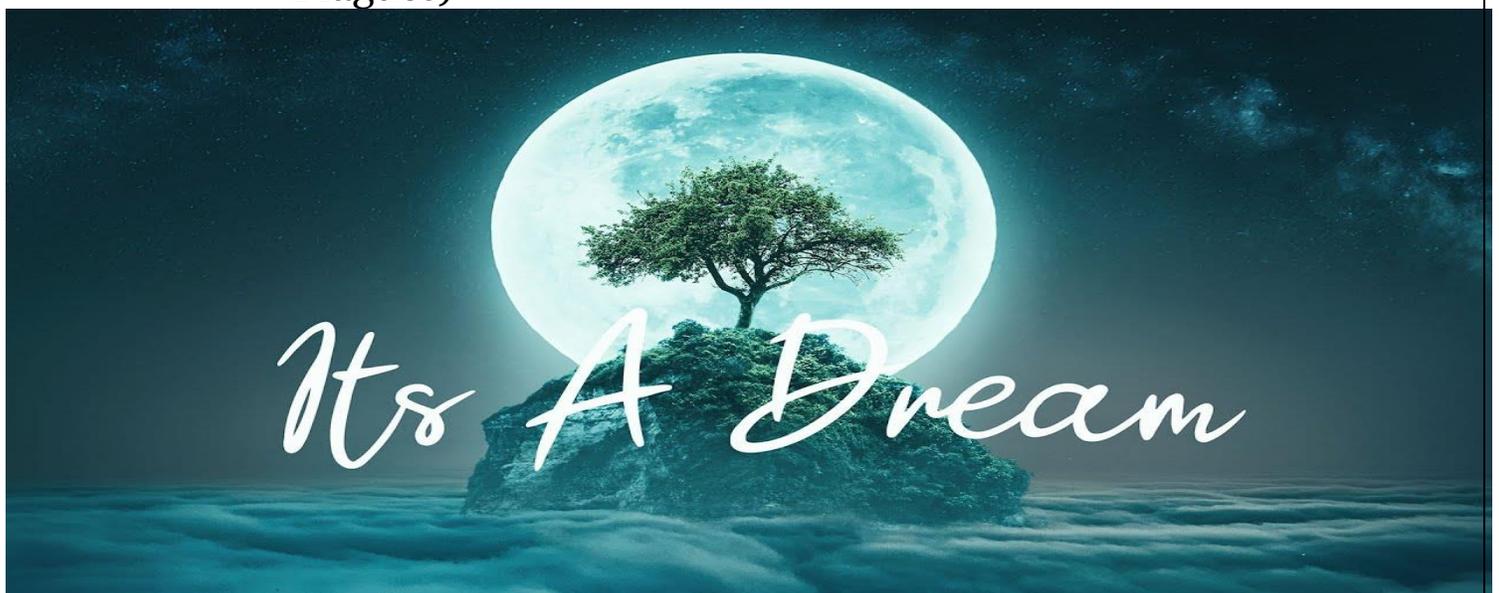


I. THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE BOOK OF REVELATION

1. It is the 66th and last book of the Protestant Bible.
2. **“Revelation”** is from a Greek word meaning **“to uncover, to unveil.”**
3. Author is believed to be John the Apostle (Gospel of John, 1st John, 2nd John, 3rd John)
4. John is an **“apocalyptic”** book. Addresses **“the end”** of:
 - a. The biblical story

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. ¹⁹ And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll. – 22:18-19

- b. Earth/life as we know it
 - c. Evil/the reign and rule of Satan on earth
5. First and only book of prophecy in the New Testament
6. Several sets of **“Sevens”**:
 - a. Seven Churches of Asia – 1:9 – 3:22
 - b. Seven Seals – 4:1 – 8:1
 - c. Seven Trumpets – 8:6 – 11:19
 - d. Seven Bowls of Wrath – 15:1 – 19:6 (Seven Angels, Seven Plagues)



“The revelation **from** Jesus Christ, which God gave him...”

II. THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING REVELATION: LET'S READ

- 1:1-3
- 1:4-8
- 1:9-11
- 1:12-16
- 1:17-20

III. WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THE 144,000? (JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES TEACHING)

- Only 144,000 will go to heaven – “**heavenly hope**”
- Everybody else will live forever in Paradise on earth – “**earthly hope**”
- One response:

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude **that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.** They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. – 7:9

IV. SOME OF THE VERSES YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT ARE IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” – 1:8

14 The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. – 1:14-16 (**A black Jesus?**)

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. – 1:17-18

⁷ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. – 2:7

⁴ Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. – 4:4

¹² In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” – 5:12

¹⁵ The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.” – 11:15

¹³ Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.” – 14:13

After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, - 19:1

The bottom line

- Things are bad. Christians will suffer.
- They will get worse before they get better.
- There will be an ultimate showdown between good (God) and evil (Satan).
- There will be suffering.
- God will ultimately win. There is hope for the future.

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them

and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. ⁸ But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death." – 21:1-8

The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place." ⁷ "Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll." ⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. ⁹ But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!" ¹⁰ Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. ¹¹ Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy." – 22:6-11

¹² "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. ¹⁴ "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. ¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you^[a] this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." – 22:12-16

V. BIBLE PROJECT VIDEO ON REVELATION, PART 1



Tentative Bible Study Gathering
Tuesday, August 10 @ 6:00 pm
The Home of Sis. Laury Tilus
409 Tremont Avenue
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Wear masks, bring a lawn chair

Join us on the St. Matthew Prayer Line daily at 6 am & 9:30 pm.

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