

MISSED, MISQUOTED, & MISUNDERSTOOD?

Part 12

I believe the most missed, misquoted and misunderstood book of the Bible is the book of Revelation. It is literally the revelation or the revealing of the other 65 books of the Word, Jesus is the Word. (John 1:1)

Why don't more people study Revelation? Why don't pastors, preachers and teachers teach from it? Some believe: The symbolism is too confusing, the message is too negative or the prophecy has already occurred.

The book of Revelation is called the Apocalypse, or in Greek the *Apokalupsis*, meaning ***the uncovering of what is hidden***. There are different terms/ideas regarding how the book of Revelation is interpreted from 1. The Preterist interpretation – end-time prophetic events were fulfilled in the 1st century 2. The Historical interpretation – events were fulfilled from the 1st century to the return of Christ 3. The Allegorical interpretation – the book is an allegory, symbolizing battles between good and evil 4. The A-millennial interpretation – the book represents seven phases of church history which is currently taking place (the 1,000 year future reign of Christ is considered allegory) 5. The Futuristic interpretation – events from chapters 4 to 22 deal with the tribulation that has yet to occur that will take place the future. After years of studying the entire Bible, I view chapters 4 to 22 as futuristic meaning: they have yet to occur and it will take place as God's Word said they will. Why would Revelation 1 state you are blessed to preach it, if it wasn't true?

In part 12 of our series we will be looking at the book of Revelation. This will be an overview of why the book has been missed, misquoted and misunderstood. In the next series I will be teaching from God's Word in order to answer the questions in order for no "thing" to be missed, misquoted or misunderstood. This is the revelation or the disclosure of what has already been written and it is happening and it will all take place shortly.

Galatians 5:9-10,12 AMPC

9 A little leaven (a slight inclination to error, or a few false teachers) leavens the whole lump [it perverts the whole conception of faith or misleads the whole church].

10 [For my part] I have confidence [toward you] in the Lord that you will take no contrary view of the matter but will come to think with me. But he who is unsettling you, whoever he is, will have to bear the penalty.

12 I wish those who unsettle and confuse you would [go all the way and] cut themselves off!

Matthew 24:4-5 AMPC

4 Jesus answered them (His Disciples or followers), Be careful that no one misleads you [deceiving you and leading you into error].

5 For many will come in (on the strength of) My name [appropriating the name which belongs to Me], saying, I am the Christ (the Messiah), and they will lead many astray.

John started the book of Revelation stating that the pastor, preacher and teacher is blessed to teach about these "things" and the people are blessed to hear it and keep true to God's Word.

O Revelation 1

Revelation 1:1-3 AMPC

1 [This is] the revelation of Jesus Christ [His unveiling of the divine mysteries]. God gave it to Him to disclose and make known to His bond servants certain things which must shortly and speedily come to pass in their entirety. And He sent and communicated it through His angel (messenger) to His bond servant John,

2 Who has testified to and vouched for all that he saw [in his visions], the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [in the assemblies] the word of this prophecy; and blessed (happy, to be envied) are those who hear [it read] and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it [heeding them and laying them to heart], for the time [for them to be fulfilled] is near.

O Revelation 2

The churches are listed (7 total) and their obedience/works is broken down on what they have been doing/not doing in chapters 2 and 3.

Revelation 2:2-5 AMPC

2 I know your industry and activities, laborious toil and trouble, and your patient endurance, and how you cannot tolerate wicked [men] and have tested and critically appraised those who call [themselves] apostles (special messengers of Christ) and yet are not, and have found them to be impostors and liars.

3 I know you are enduring patiently and are bearing up for My name's sake, and you have not fainted or become exhausted or grown weary.

4 But I have this [one charge to make] against you: that you have left (abandoned) the love that you had at first [you have deserted Me, your first love].

5 Remember then from what heights you have fallen. Repent (change the inner man to meet God's will) and do the works you did previously [when first you knew the Lord], or else I will visit you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you change your mind and repent.

18 And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, Who has eyes that flash like a flame of fire, and Whose feet glow like bright and burnished and white-hot bronze:

19 I know your record and what you are doing, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your recent works are more numerous and greater than your first ones.

20 But I have this against you: that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired], and who is teaching and leading astray my servants and beguiling them into practicing sexual vice and eating food sacrificed to idols.

21 I gave her time to repent, but she has no desire to repent of her immorality [symbolic of idolatry] and refuses to do so.

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22 **Take note:** *I will throw her on a bed [of anguish], and those who commit adultery with her [her paramours] I will bring down to pressing distress and severe affliction, unless they turn away their minds from conduct [such as] hers and repent of their doings.*

23 And **I will strike her children (her proper followers) dead [thoroughly exterminating them].** *And all the assemblies (churches) shall recognize and understand that I am He Who searches minds (the thoughts, feelings, and purposes) and the [inmost] hearts, and I will give to each of you [the reward for what you have done] as your work deserves.*

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O Revelation 3

Revelation 3 AMPC

1 *And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Sardis write: These are the words of Him Who has the seven Spirits of God [the sevenfold Holy Spirit] and the seven stars: I know your record and what you are doing; you are supposed to be alive, but [in reality] you are dead.*

2 **Rouse yourselves and keep awake,** *and strengthen and invigorate what remains and is on the point of dying; **for I have not found a thing that you have done [any work of yours] meeting the requirements of My God or perfect in His sight.***

3 So call to mind the lessons you received and heard; continually lay them to heart and obey them, and repent. In case you will not rouse yourselves and keep awake and watch, I will come upon you like a thief, and you will not know or suspect at what hour I will come.

4 Yet you still have a few [persons'] names in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes, and they shall walk with Me in white, because they are worthy and deserving.

5 Thus shall he who conquers (is victorious) be clad in white garments, and I will not erase or blot out his name from the Book of Life; I will acknowledge him [as Mine] and I will confess his name openly before My Father and before His angels.

After chapter 3, the church is no longer mentioned ... Revelation 3:10. Christ promises the faithful church in Philadelphia that He will keep them from "the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world". The Greek phrase *tereo ek* signifies a physical removal away from the location or time of testing, rather than merely protection through it.

Revelation 3 AMPC

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he [will eat] with Me.

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Galatians 1:10-12 AMPC

10 Now **am I trying to win the favor of men, or of God? Do I seek to please men? If I were still seeking popularity with men, I should not be a bond servant of Christ (the Messiah).**

11 For I want you to know, brethren, that **the Gospel which was proclaimed and made known by me is not man's gospel [a human invention, according to or patterned after any human standard].**

12 For indeed I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but **[it came to me] through a [direct] revelation [given] by Jesus Christ (the Messiah).**

O Revelation 4

Revelation 4:1 — John hears a voice saying "Come up here," right after the letters to the seven churches in chapters 2 and 3. This shift in John's perspective to heaven I believe interpreted is the church being caught up before the tribulation begins.

Note: Absence of the Church — The word for church (*ekklesia*) is frequently noted as absent from the specific judgment narratives spanning Revelation chapters 6 through 18, which focus instead on Israel and general earthly inhabitants ("earth-dwellers" or gentiles).

O Revelation 5

Those found habitually righteous (dead or alive) at the time of the Rapture are in heaven waiting to see who is righteous enough to judge those on the earth.

O Revelation 6

The beginning of the 7 year tribulation judgments begin. This is the called the 4 horsemen of the apocalypse representing the 4 islamic colors throughout time. (Palestinian Flag today)

Revelation 6:1-8 CEB

1 Then I looked on as the Lamb opened one of the seven seals. I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!"

*2 So I looked, and there was a **white horse**. Its rider held a bow and was given a crown. And he went forth from victory to victory.*

3 When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!"

*4 Out came another **horse, fiery red**. Its rider was allowed to take peace from the earth so that people would kill each other. He was given a large sword.*

*5 When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" So I looked, and there was a **black horse**. Its rider held a balance for weighing in his hand.*

6 I heard what sounded like a voice from among the four living creatures. It said, "A quart of wheat for a denarion, and three quarts of barley for a denarion, but don't damage the olive oil and the wine."

7 When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!"

*8 So I looked, and there was a **pale green horse**. Its rider's name was Death, and the Grave was following right behind. They were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill by sword, famine, disease, and the wild animals of the earth*

O Revelation 7 - 10

Judgements are taking place on the earth and it will come upon all who missed the rapture of the church.

Note: Chapter 11-13 is dealing with the up to the 42 month mark of the 7 year tribulation. (the 7th empire of Bible prophecy will occur from months -42 - this is Globalism) The 7 the empire or beat begins with the signing of the 7 year peace treaty which kicks of the 7 year tribulation). All these other “things” from chapter 4-10 are taking place while the saints, those who died and were alive and found habitually righteous went up at the rapture.

O Revelation 11

Revelation 11:2-3 AMPC

2 But leave out of your measuring the court outside the sanctuary of God; omit that, for it is given over to the Gentiles (the nations), and they will trample the holy city underfoot for 42 months (three and one-half years).

3 And I will grant the power of prophecy to My two witnesses for 1,260 (42 months; three and one-half years), dressed in sackcloth.

5 And if anyone attempts to injure them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their enemies; if anyone should attempt to harm them, thus he is doomed to be slain.

Note: _____

6 These [two witnesses] have power to shut up the sky, so that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying (their prediction of events relating to Christ's kingdom and its speedy triumph); and they also have power to turn the waters into blood and to smite and scourge the earth with all manner of plagues as often as they choose.

7 But when they have finished their testimony and their evidence is all in, the beast (monster) that comes up out of the Abyss (bottomless pit) will wage war on them, and conquer them and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies [will lie exposed] in the open street (a public square) of the great city which is in a spiritual sense called [by the mystical and allegorical names of] **Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.**

9 For **three and a half days** men from the races and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and will not allow them to be put in a tomb.

10 And those who dwell on the earth will gloat and exult over them and rejoice exceedingly, taking their ease and sending presents [in congratulation] to one another, because **these two prophets had been such a vexation and trouble and torment to all the dwellers on the earth.**

11 But after three and a half days, by God's gift the breath of life again entered into them, and they rose up on their feet, **and great dread and terror fell on those who watched them.**

12 Then [the two witnesses] heard a strong voice from heaven calling to them, **Come up here!** And before the very eyes of their enemies they ascended into heaven in a cloud.

O Revelation 12

Reference of 42 months or 3 1/2 years is listed 2 different times. The beginning of the 8th empire or the last 42 months of the 7 year tribulation begins after these 3 chapters (11-13).

O Revelation 13

Revelation 13 AMPC

*13 [As] I stood on the sandy beach, I saw a beast coming up out of the sea with **ten horns and seven heads**. On his horns he had ten royal crowns (diadems) and **blasphemous titles** (names) on his heads.*

Note: _____

*5 And the beast was given the power of speech, uttering boastful and blasphemous words, and he was given freedom to exert his authority and to exercise his will during **forty-two months (three and a half years)**.*

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16 Also he compels all [alike], both small and great, both the rich and the poor, both free and slave, to be marked with an inscription [stamped] on their right hands or on their foreheads,

17 So that no one will have power to buy or sell unless he bears the stamp (mark, inscription), [that is] the name of the beast or the number of his name.

18 Here is [room for] discernment [a call for the wisdom of interpretation]. Let anyone who has intelligence (penetration and insight enough) calculate the number of the beast, **for it is a human number [the number of a certain man];** his number is 666.

Note: _____

O Revelation 14

If you miss the rapture - chapter 13 tells those on the earth that if you take the chip, stamp, etching or mark of the currency of the last beast or government and religion they will never see heaven.

Revelation 14:6-11 AMPC

6 Then **I saw another angel flying in midair, with an eternal Gospel (good news) to tell to the inhabitants of the earth, to every race and tribe and language and people.**

7 And he cried with a mighty voice, Revere God and give Him glory (honor and praise in worship), for the hour of His judgment has arrived. Fall down before Him; pay Him homage and adoration and worship Him Who created heaven and earth, the sea and the springs (fountains) of water.

8 Then another angel, a second, followed, declaring, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She who made all nations drink of the [maddening] wine of her passionate unchastity [idolatry].

9 Then another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a mighty voice, Whoever pays homage to the beast and his statue and permits the [beast's] stamp (mark, inscription) to be put on his forehead or on his hand,

10 He too shall [have to] drink of the wine of God's indignation and wrath, poured undiluted into the cup of His anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

11 And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no respite (no pause, no intermission, no rest, no peace) day or night—these who pay homage to the beast and to his image and whoever receives the stamp of his name upon him.

O Revelation 15 and 16

More judgements in the last 42 months of the 7 year tribulation are given with the Euphrates River drying up to make ready for the armies of the east (the Rising Sun) to come marching towards Israel.

Revelation 16:12 AMPC

12 Then the sixth [angel] emptied his bowl on the mighty river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to make ready a road for [the coming off] the kings of the east (from the rising sun).

O Revelation 17

Identifies the false prophet and the religion he will come from. (False prophet listed in Revelation chapter 13). At the 42 mark of the 7 year tribulation he will join the antichrist or islamic government leader and take over the Temple Mount.

Revelation 17 AMPC

1 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls then came and spoke to me, saying, Come with me! I will show you the doom (sentence, judgment) of the great harlot (idolatress) who is seated on many waters,

2 [She] with whom the rulers of the earth have joined in prostitution (idolatry) and with the wine of whose immorality (idolatry) the inhabitants of the earth have become intoxicated.

3 And [the angel] bore me away [rapt] in the Spirit into a desert (wilderness), and I saw a woman seated on a scarlet beast that was all covered with blasphemous titles (names), and he had seven heads and ten horns.

*4 The woman was **robed in purple and scarlet** and bedecked with gold, precious stones, and pearls, [and she was] holding in her hand a golden cup full of the accursed offenses and the filth of her lewdness and vice.*

5 And on her forehead there was inscribed a name of mystery [with a secret symbolic meaning]: Babylon the great, the mother of prostitutes (idolatresses) and of the filth and atrocities and abominations of the earth.

6 I also saw that the woman was drunk, [drunk] with the blood of the saints (God's people) and the blood of the martyrs [who witnessed] for Jesus. And when I saw her, I was utterly amazed and wondered greatly.

7 But the angel said to me, Why do you wonder? I will explain to you the [secret symbolic meaning of the] mystery of the woman, as well as of the beast having the seven heads and ten horns that carries her.

8 The beast that you saw [once] was, but [now] is no more, and he is going to come up out of the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and proceed to go to perdition. And the inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been recorded in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world will be astonished when they look at the beast, because he [once] was, but [now] is no more, and he is [yet] to come.

9 This calls for a mind [to consider that is packed] with wisdom and intelligence [it is something for a particular mode of thinking and judging of thoughts, feelings, and purposes]. The seven heads are seven hills upon which the woman is sitting;

10 And they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one still exists [and is reigning]; the other [the seventh] has not yet appeared, and when he does arrive, he must stay [but] a brief time.

11 And as for the beast that [once] was, but now is no more, he [himself] is an eighth ruler (king, head), but he is of the seven and belongs to them, and he goes to perdition.

12 Also the ten horns that you observed are ten rulers (kings) who have as yet received no royal dominion, but together they are to receive power and authority as rulers for a single hour, along with the beast.

Note: _____

13 These have one common policy (opinion, purpose), and they deliver their power and authority to the beast.

14 They will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will triumph over them; for He is Lord of lords and King of kings—and those with Him and on His side are chosen and called [elected] and loyal and faithful followers.

15 And [the angel further] said to me, The waters that you observed, **where the harlot is seated, are races and multitudes and nations and dialects (languages).**

16 And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will [be the very ones to] hate the harlot (the idolatrous woman); **they will make her cheerless (bereaved, desolate), and they will strip her and eat up her flesh and utterly consume her with fire.**

17 For God has put it into their hearts to carry out His own purpose by acting in harmony in surrendering their royal power and authority to the beast, until the prophetic words (intentions and promises) of God shall be fulfilled.

18 **And the woman that you saw is herself the great city which dominates and controls the rulers and the leaders of the earth.**

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O Revelation 18

False Prophet and the one world religion. Verse 4 “get out while you can so that you may not share in her sins, neither participate in her plagues”.

O Revelation 19

Those up in heaven for the 7 year tribulation join Jesus and come back down to earth at the end of the 7 year tribulation for the final battle of Armageddon at the consummation or completion of the age. (Matthew 24:3)

O Revelation 20

The Millennium Reign of Christ

Revelation 20 AMPC

1 Then I saw an angel descending from heaven; he was holding the key of the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and a great chain was in his hand.

2 And he gripped and overpowered the dragon, that old serpent [of primeval times], who is the devil and Satan, and [securely] bound him for a thousand years.

*3 Then he hurled him into the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and closed it and sealed it above him, so that he should no longer lead astray and deceive and seduce the nations **until the thousand years were at an end.** After that he must be liberated for a short time.*

4 Then I saw thrones, and sitting on them were those to whom authority to act as judges and to pass sentence was entrusted. Also I saw the souls of those who had been slain with axes [beheaded] for their witnessing to Jesus and [for preaching and testifying] for the Word of God, and who had refused to pay homage to the beast or his statue and had not accepted his mark or permitted it to be stamped on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived again and ruled with Christ (the Messiah) a thousand years.

5 The remainder of the dead were not restored to life again until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed (happy, to be envied) and holy (spiritually whole, of unimpaired innocence and proved virtue) is the person who takes part (shares) in the first resurrection! Over them the second death exerts no power or authority, but they shall be ministers of God and of Christ (the Messiah), and they shall rule along with Him a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his place of confinement,

8 And he will go forth to deceive and seduce and lead astray the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth—Gog and Magog—to muster them for war; their number is like the sand of the sea.

9 And they swarmed up over the broad plain of the earth and encircled the fortress (camp) of God's people (the saints) and the beloved city; but fire descended from heaven and consumed them.

10 Then the devil who had led them astray [deceiving and seducing them] was hurled into the fiery lake of burning brimstone, where the beast and false prophet were; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever (through the ages of the ages).

11 Then I saw a great white throne and the One Who was seated upon it, from Whose presence and from the sight of Whose face earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.

12 I [also] saw the dead, great and small; they stood before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is [the Book] of Life. And the dead were judged (sentenced) by what they had done [their whole way of feeling and acting, their aims and endeavors] in accordance with what was recorded in the books.

13 And the sea delivered up the dead who were in it, death and Hades (the state of death or disembodied existence) surrendered the dead in them, and all were tried and their cases determined by what they had done [according to their motives, aims, and works].

14 Then death and Hades (the state of death or disembodied existence) were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

15 And if anyone's [name] was not found recorded in the Book of Life, he was hurled into the lake of fire.

The false teaching of amillennialism, “kingdom now”, dominion theology, modern day apostles and prophets and several other trending false teaching and ideology is taking place in many orthodox, evangelical, protestant, non denominational, community churches and organized Bible studies.

These churches/ideologies not only dismisses the book of chapter 20 as allegory but most of the book of Revelation along with the Old Testament. The book of Revelation is not a “one off” of information, but, the Revealing of and bringing forth that which was already spoken by the “Never Wrong Prophets”.

O Revelation 21

The New Heavens and the New earth following the 1,000 year reign or the Millennium. No more tears and death are promised by God... the description of our forever home is given.

O Revelation 22

Revelation 22:10-21 AMPC

*10 And he [further] told me, **Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book and make no secret of them, for the time when things are brought to a crisis and the period of their fulfillment is near.***

11 He who is unrighteous (unjust, wicked), let him be unrighteous still; and he who is filthy (vile, impure), let him be filthy still; and he who is righteous (just, upright, in right standing with God), let him do right still; and he who is holy, let him be holy still.

*12 **Behold, I am coming soon,** and I shall bring My wages and rewards with Me, to repay and render to each one just what his own actions and his own work merit.*

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last (the Before all and the End of all). 14 Blessed (happy and to be envied) are those who cleanse their garments, that they may have the authority and right to [approach] the tree of life and to enter through the gates into the city.

15 [But] without are the dogs and those who practice sorceries (magic arts) and impurity [the lewd, adulterers] and the murderers and idolaters and everyone who loves and deals in falsehood (untruth, error, deception, cheating).

16 I, Jesus, have sent My messenger (angel) to you to witness and to give you assurance of these things for the churches (assemblies). I am the Root (the Source) and the Offspring of David, the radiant and brilliant Morning Star.

17 The [Holy] Spirit and the bride (the church, the true Christians) say, Come! And let him who is listening say, Come! And let everyone come who is thirsty [who is painfully conscious of his need of those things by which the soul is refreshed, supported, and strengthened]; and whoever [earnestly] desires to do it, let him come, take, appropriate, and drink the water of Life without cost.

18 I [personally solemnly] warn everyone who listens to the statements of the prophecy [the predictions and the consolations and admonitions pertaining to them] in this book: If anyone shall add anything to them, God will add and lay upon him the plagues (the afflictions and the calamities) that are recorded and described in this book.

19 And if anyone cancels or takes away from the statements of the book of this prophecy [these predictions relating to Christ's kingdom and its speedy triumph, together with the consolations and admonitions or warnings pertaining to them], God will cancel and take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the city of holiness (purity and hallowedness), which are described and promised in this book.

21 The grace (blessing and favor) of the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with all the saints (God's holy people, those set apart for God, to be, as it were, exclusively His). Amen (so let it be)!

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