

Part 1

REVELATION

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.

The book of Revelation is called the Apocalypse, or in Greek the *Apokalupsis*, meaning the uncovering of what is hidden. John begins by disclosing this is the uncovering or revealing of Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ is the Word.

John 1:1 AMPC

1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

There is an action that must take place for the pastor, preacher, teacher to be blessed. There is also an action(s) that must take place for those who hear and read these “things” to be blessed as well. There is a reason why they are blessed, because when they see these things, the rest of what was written will happen speedily (the end is near).

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There has been, will be and currently many different opinions, studies, ideologies, false teaching, heretical propaganda regarding Revelation and the Truth of Gods Word regarding the End Times.

Malachi 3:6 AMPC

*6 For I am the Lord, **I do not change;***

Hebrews 13:8 AMPC

*8 Jesus Christ (the Messiah) **is [always] the same,** yesterday, today, [yes] and forever (to the ages).*

Note: It can be very confusing to understand how the different titles used for God are used in the Bible. Part of the problem is that different Bible translations use the terms somewhat differently. The primary reason for the use of LORD in place of God's Hebrew name is to follow the tradition of the Israelites in not pronouncing or spelling out God's name. So, when God's Hebrew name "YHWH" is used in the Old Testament, English translations usually use "LORD" in all caps or small caps. Also, since ancient Hebrew did not use vowels in its written form, it is not entirely clear how God's name should be spelled or pronounced. It could be Yahweh, or Jehovah, or Yehowah, or something else.

When "LORD" in all caps or small caps occurs in the Old Testament, it is a replacement for an occurrence of God's Hebrew name "YHWH," also known as the Tetragrammaton. This is fairly consistent throughout all the different English translations of the Bible. When "Lord" occurs in the Old Testament, referring to God, it is usually a rendering of "Adonai," a name/title of God that emphasizes His lordship. LORD/YHWH and Lord/Adonai are by far the two most consistent renderings throughout all the different English Bible translations.

In the Old Testament, when "God" is used, it is usually a rendering of the general Hebrew word for God, "Elohim." When "LORD GOD" or "Lord GOD" occurs, it is usually a rendering of a dual name for God "Adonai YHWH."

The Hebrew term "YHWH Sabaoth" is usually rendered "Lord of Hosts." The Hebrew term "YHWH Shaddai" is usually rendered "LORD Almighty." The Old Testament uses many different names and titles to refer to God, to emphasize certain aspects of His person and attributes. This can result in confusion in translation, but in the original Hebrew, it was done entirely in an effort to glorify and magnify God's name.

The usage of "Lord" and "God" in the New Testament is much less complicated. Almost universally, "God" is a translation of "theos," the general Greek word for deity. Also almost universally, "Lord" is a translation of "kurios," the general Greek word for a master. The key point in all of this is that whether we use His actual Hebrew name, or refer to Him as God, or Lord, or Lord God, we are to always show reverence to Him and His name. Jesus is the Son of God, He sent His Son to earth and He is called Lord as well. There is God the Father, God the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit is commonly referred to as the Trinity and the root word of Trinity is the Latin adjective trinus, meaning "threefold" or "three each," which derives from tres (meaning "three"). Although the specific word "Trinity" does not appear in the Bible is is used to explain the Biblical relationship that there is one God who exists eternally as three distinct Persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit.

Jesus told the disciples of this relationship (the Trinity) on multiple occasions. Here are just a few examples found in John.

John 12:49 AMPC

49 This is because I have never spoken on My own authority or of My own accord or as self-appointed, but the Father Who sent Me has Himself given Me orders [concerning] what to say and what to tell.

John 14:26 AMPC

26 But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you

John 16:13 AMPC

13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].

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The never changing word of God, NEVER CHANGES. This “Never Changing Word of God” is not limited to sin, judgment and righteousness... it never changes regarding the signs of: The Time of the End, the End of Days, the Coming of Jesus in the Clouds prior to the 7 year Tribulation and the Consummation of the Age. (referring to the end of the seven year tribulation - the Time of Jacob’s Trouble, 70th week of Daniel)

2 Peter 1:12-21 AMPC

12 So **I intend always to remind you about these things,** although indeed you know them and are firm in the truth that [you] now [hold].

13 **I think it right,** as long as I am in this tabernacle (tent, body), to stir you up by way of remembrance,

14 Since I know that the laying aside of this body of mine will come speedily, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

15 Moreover, **I will diligently endeavor [to see to it] that [even] after my departure (decease) you may be able at all times to call these things to mind.**

16 For we were **not following cleverly devised stories** when we made known to you the power and **coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah),** but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty (grandeur, authority of sovereign power).

2 Peter 3:1-4 AMPC

1 **Beloved,** I am now writing you this second letter. In [both of] them I have stirred up your unsullied (sincere) mind by way of remembrance,

2 That **you should recall the predictions** of the holy (consecrated, dedicated) prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior [given] through your apostles (His special messengers).

3 To begin with, you must know and understand this, that **scoffers (mockers) will come in the last days with scoffing,** [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires

4 And say, **Where is the promise of His coming?** For since the forefathers fell asleep, all things have continued exactly as they did from the beginning of creation.

17 For when He was invested with honor and glory from God the Father and a voice was borne to Him by the [splendid] Majestic Glory [in the bright cloud that overshadowed Him, saying], This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased and delight,

18 We [actually] heard this voice borne out of heaven, for we were together with Him on the holy mountain.

19 And we have the prophetic word [made] firmer still. You will do well to pay close attention to it as to a lamp shining in a dismal (squalid and dark) place, until the day breaks through [the gloom] and the Morning Star rises (comes into being) in your hearts.

20 [Yet] first [you must] understand this, that no prophecy of Scripture is [a matter] of any personal or private or special interpretation (loosening, solving).

21 For no prophecy ever originated because some man willed it [to do so—it never came by human impulse], but men spoke from God who were borne along (moved and impelled) by the Holy Spirit.

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Peter told the “Beloved” or genuine follower/imitator of Jesus (the Word - John 1:1) that God communicated by the Holy Spirit to men prophetically (foretelling) of events that would come. John quotes Jesus regarding part of the Holy Spirits job and the benefit of knowing the Word (so we can be reminded of it).

John 16:13 AMPC

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So, why don't more people study Revelation or preachers preach from it and teachers teach on it? The question boils down to: why don't more Pastors desire to be “Blessed” and why don't more church attendees and or Followers/Imitators of Jesus (The Word) desire to be “Blessed”?

Some believe:

- ☐ The symbolism is too confusing
- ☐ The message is too negative
- ☐ The prophecy has already occurred
- ☐ Revelation (and other “parts” of the Bible) are allegory
- ☐ The Truth is too divisive

Jesus said that the “TRUTH” would set you free... He said there is only one way to the Father and that is thru the Son, the Word.

John 14:1-8 AMPC

1 Do not let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely on God; believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely also on Me.

2 In My Father's house there are many dwelling places (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; **for I am going away to prepare a place for you.**

3 And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, **I will come back again and will take you to Myself,** that where I am you may be also.

4 And [to the place] where I am going, you know the way.

5 Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You are going, so how can we know the way?

6 **Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.**

No one can get to, reside with, or be eternally with God the Father unless you are obedient to God the Son....the WORD.

John 1:1 AMPC

1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

John 5:22 AMPC

22 Even the Father judges no one, for He has given all judgment (the last judgment and the whole business of judging) entirely into the hands of the Son,

John 14:15 AMPC

15 If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands.

The book of Revelation is interpreted 5 different ways:

- O **The Preterist interpretation:** End-time prophetic events were fulfilled in the 1st century
- O **The Historical interpretation:** Events were fulfilled from the 1st century to the return of Christ
- O **The Allegorical interpretation:** The book is an allegory, symbolizing battles between good and evil
- O **The A-millennial interpretation:** One thousand year of Christ ruling already occurred, symbolic or is allegorical. Christ started ruling at His First coming (resurrection) from Heaven and rules over the earth presently.
- O **The Futuristic interpretation:** Events from chapters 4 to 22 deal with the tribulation After many years of studying the Bible, I view chapters 4 to 22 as futuristic. They have yet to occur but the signs or things that were foretold - I can see coming to pass... The Bible is True!

There can't be multiple boxes for "TRUTH"... pastors, preachers and teachers (churches, denomination, community church, independent, non denominate churches) usually fit into one of these categories and/or do not address sin, judgment, righteousness and End Time events at all. They will call speaking God's Word divisive, allegorical and/or add (twist), delete (not teaching about) all together. Let's read how John finishes the book of Revelation by addressing the pastor, preacher and teacher who chooses to add (twist) and delete.

Revelation 22:18-21 AMPC

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.

20 He Who gives this warning and affirms and testifies to these things says, Yes (it is true). [Surely] I am coming quickly (swiftly, speedily). Amen (so let it be)! Yes, come, Lord Jesus!

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)!

Note: Prophecy is spoken of in the Bible pertaining to foretelling and forth-telling. The Prophets in the Bible foretold of future events (foretelling), many of those “things” have already come true which establishes them as always right. Today, the job of the pastor, preacher and teacher is to prophetically bring forth these “things” (forth-telling) that which is already been written in God's Word (that's been fulfilled & what is to come) by the Never Wrong Prophets in the Bible and the writing of the apostle from the Words of Jesus.

Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC

9 [Earnestly] **remember the former things**, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,

10 **Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying**, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose

The never changing word of God never changes (*Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8*). This is not limited to sin, judgment and righteousness...it also includes the signs of the Time of the End, the End of Days, the Coming in the Clouds prior to the 7 year Tribulation, and the Consummation of the Age at the end of the 7 year Tribulation never changes.

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