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**DISCOVER JESUS REVEALING
HIS GLORIOUS MAJESTY
REVELATION 1-22**

**ARE YOU AWARE
YOU'RE HOLDING A TREASURE?**

Have you ever grasped what a treasure you hold in your hands this morning? An even more the incredible treasure that is housed in those final pages of your Bible? Tucked in at the end of the book is the answer to anything you may be facing today or any of your tomorrows! Open with me to that final book, The Revelation.

This book comes to John as a gift from the Father to the Son. A gift passed down from the Owner of the Universe. Now that is incredible!

Listen to Revelation 1:1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, **which God gave him** to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, NIV

**DISTURBING DAYS
FOR JOHN THE APOSTLE**

Imagine with me the Apostle John. Its nearing the end of Century One. He is an old man living alone in a world that was violently hostile to Christians.

- The Roman world where John saw the government allowed citizens to break in and rob your home because you were a believer, ("took joyfully the spoiling of your goods")
- The Roman world where John saw the most powerful person in the worldly system of daily life (an Emperor) was personally committed to finding you and erasing your influence;
- The Roman world where John saw infiltrators in the church ("grievous wolves") who secretly reported what was said at the intimate church fellowship meetings you participated in;
- The Roman world where John saw Christians defecting to the world, false doctrine, materialism, immorality and false doctrine;

- The Roman world that had finally pounded at his door to drag him away to his death! Whew, sounds like a nightmare.

Where was John the Apostle when Jesus delivered him this incredible book? (Patmos) Where? EXILED ON PATMOS AT THE END OF HIS LIFE!

Now, think of how discouraged he must have been. He was the only surviving apostle. The last one left of Christ's twelve disciples. He had heard about or seen all of his dearest friends savagely murdered. And now it was his turn.

- Peter had been crucified in Rome with his head down because he felt he was unworthy to die in the same manner as Christ;
- Andrew had been crucified at Edessa;
- James, brother of John, had been (Acts 12) slain by Herod's sword;
- John now being exiled on Patmos (and some records indicate he was horribly martyred by being cast into boiling oil);
- Matthew had been beheaded in Ethiopia;
- Thomas had been thrust through with a spear in India;
- Simon the Zealot, had been crucified in Briton;
- Thaddeus had been crucified at Edessa;
- Bartholomew had been beaten and crucified in India;
- Philip had been crucified at Heliopolis in Phrygia;
- James the Less had been clubbed to death in Jerusalem;

DANGEROUS TIMES FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH

But if that wasn't enough to get the apostle John down, there was added his deepening concern over the serious problems he saw in the church.

- How would you feel if you were the last living witness of Christ? If you were the last link to His earthly life? If you were the only one left who had seen Him walk on the water, feed thousands and raise to life dead corpses by a word? And then, what if it appeared His family the church was falling apart under the vicious attack from without, and rotting from the decay of false teaching within?
- Listen to John's agony over the sad condition of Christ's church. Turn back a couple pages to I John. This is a report of the dangerous flaws he **saw in Christ's church**:
 1. In Christ's church were Fakes who were walking in darkness (1:6);
 2. In Christ's church were Deluded ones saying they never sinned (1:8);
 3. In Christ's church were Liars who contradicted Christ by their words (1:10) and deeds (2:4);
 4. In Christ's church were Blinded and hate filled church goers walking in darkness (2:9-11);
 5. In Christ's church were Adulterous, thing-seeking world-lovers devoid of God's love (2:15-17);
 6. In Christ's church were Apostate antichrists within the flock who quit (2:18-19) the church and spue false and Christ-denying doctrine on the way out (2:23);
 7. In Christ's church were Vascillating and fearful promise-doubting members (2:25);

8. In Christ's church were Devilish sinners who let Satan work in them while they are in the fellowship (3:8);
9. In Christ's church were Hypocritical children of Satan who are loves-less and unholy (3:10);
10. In Christ's church were Vicious and hate-filled neighbors and co-workers who were hardened against the way of life and hope of the genuine Christians (3:13);
11. In Christ's church were Murderous hating so-called followers of the Way whose lives denied Christ (3:15);
12. In Christ's church were Hard hearted and greedy church members who could care less for the unfortunate fellow believers and wouldn't spare a dime to aid them (3:17);
13. In Christ's church were Demon-influenced spies planted by Satan in the church to give messages that would defile, pollute, deaden and confuse the true worshipers of Jesus (4:3);
14. In Christ's church were Worldly, earth-dwellers who talked and loved the system of earth and could not hear or comprehend the ways of Christ all around them in the fellowship (4:5);
15. In Christ's church were Unloving (4:8) and fear-filled professing Christians (4:18) who had no love for their brothers and sisters in Christ (4:20);
16. In Christ's church were Disobedient to the Word (5:2) and defeated, world seeking (5:4) unbelievers masquerading as believers (5:10) while living in unbelief;

WHAT IS GOD'S ANSWER FOR BAD TIMES?

These were really bad times in John's life. His friends were all gone. His fellow apostles were all hunted down and murdered. His beloved church was troubled with false Christians. And now he was captured and on his way to his death.

What is God's answer for bad times? Listen, this lesson could change your life **PERMANENTLY!**

I repeat, what was God's answer for these terribly bad times for this aged, weary, distressed, saddened, frightened and troubled servant?

When God wanted to encourage his faithful and aged servant, so He makes him take a long look and **DISCOVER** Jesus.

What? **LOOK** in the book and discover **JESUS!**

- What is the answer to fear? Take a good and long look in this book and **DISCOVER** Jesus!
- What is the answer to thinking the world is going down the drain? Take a good and long look in this book and **DISCOVER** Jesus!
- What is the answer to future economic upheavals? Take a good and long look in this book and **DISCOVER** Jesus!
- What is the answer to friends turning their backs on Christ? Take a good and long look in this book and **DISCOVER** Jesus!

- What is the answer to economic instability? Take a good and long look in this book and DISCOVER Jesus!
- What should be the answer to any trouble, trial or upset we face today or any of our tomorrows? Take a good and long look in this book and DISCOVER Jesus!

WE NEED TO DISCOVER JESUS IN THIS BOOK AS SOVEREIGN LORD:

- Discover Jesus **REVEALING HIS MAJESTY** 1:1-20 **SEE HIM!**
- Discover Jesus **CHALLENGING HIS CHURCH** 2:1 – 3:22 **LISTEN TO HIM!**
- Discover Jesus **CONTROLLING THE COSMOS** 4:1-16:21 **TRUST HIM !**
- Discover Jesus **CONQUERING THE REBELLION** 17:1- 21:8. **FOLLOW HIM !**
- Discover Jesus **UNVEILING HIS PARADISE** 21:9 – 22:5 **JOIN HIM!**
- Discover Jesus **CALLING HIS ELECT TO COME TO HIM** 22:6-21. **ANSWER HIM !**

DISCOVER THE MAJESTY OF JESUS IN REVELATION 1

“Turn your eyes upon Jesus !” the songwriter said. “Looking unto Jesus” the writer of Hebrews exhorts us.

- Revelation 1:1-3: Discover the **MINISTRY OF JESUS** Revealing Himself through His Bondservants
- Revelation 1:4: Discover the **PEACE OF JESUS** Revealing His rest
- Revelation 1:5: Discover the **BLOOD OF JESUS** Revealing His Life
- Revelation 1:7-8: Discover the **WORD OF JESUS** Revealing His Heart
- Revelation 1:9-13: Discover the **DIVINITY OF JESUS** Revealing His character
- Revelation 1:14: Discover the **EYES OF JESUS** Revealing His omniscience
- Revelation 1:15- Discover the **VOICE OF JESUS** Revealing His Omnipotence
- Revelation 1:16- Discover the **FACE JESUS** Revealing His Omnipresence
- Revelation 1:17-20- Discover the **TOUCH OF JESUS** Revealing His Humanity

DISCOVER THE MESSAGE OF JESUS IN REVELATION 2-3

- In chapters two and three, Jesus gives special messages to the seven churches of Asia Minor.

DISCOVER THE MISSION OF JESUS REVELATION 4-19

Suddenly John is caught up into heaven, where he sees a vision of God Almighty on his throne. All of Christ's followers and the heavenly angels are worshiping God (4:1-11). John watches as God gives a scroll with seven seals to the worthy Lamb, Jesus, (5:1-14). The Lamb begins to open the seals one by one. As each seal is opened, a new vision appears.

- Discover the **LOVELINESS OF JESUS** as He is at the center and focus of my worship (4)
- Discover the **GRACE OF JESUS** as my source of hope at the Judgment Throne of the Lord of the Universe through recognizing my unworthiness and worshiping Him for His **WORTHINESS** as the Lamb of God (5)
- Discover the **PERFECTION OF JESUS** in His Controlling Justice as He displays His Holy Wrath against Sin (6)
- Discover the **LOVE OF JESUS** as He sends His Witnesses to Rescue lost and helpless sinners (7)
- Discover the **PATIENCE OF JESUS** as He controls His wrath and waits, Listens and Responds (8)
- Discover the **WRATH OF JESUS** as He opens the Abyss of Horrors and judges hardened and unrepentant sinners (9)
- Discover the **MYSTERY OF JESUS** as Judge with both the sweetness of His love and sourness of His wrath which brings destruction (10)
- Discover the **RELIABILITY OF JESUS** by trusting His Word, His Security, His Gift and Heeding His Battle Cry of Victory (11)!
- Discover the **VICTORY OF JESUS** as He shows His people the Cosmic Conflict, His Complete Conquest (11: 15) and our Confidence in His Ultimate Triumph (12)
- Discover the **GENUINENESS OF JESUS** as the true Christ exposing the LIES of the Counterfeit Christ (13)
- Discover the **COMPASSION OF JESUS** in sending the everlasting gospel through the 144,000 witnesses, the angelic messenger and announcing its limitation (14).
- Discover the **BEAUTY OF JESUS** as we worship Him in the splendor of His Redeeming Love He demonstrates His Perfect Patience, Perfect Holiness, His Perfect Redemption, His Perfect Justice (which has no mercy), and His Perfect Wrath (15)
- Discover the **POWER OF JESUS** as He judges the horror of locked hearts (16).
- Discover the **DISCERNMENT OF JESUS** unmasking the apostasy and revealing His own saints (17)
- Discover the **AUTHORITY OF JESUS** judging materialism and acclaiming true values (18) .
- Discover the **TESTIMONY OF JESUS** (19:1-10) as He celebrates union with His bride.
- Discover the **VENGEANCE OF JESUS** (19:11-21) conquering the rebellion and righting all wrongs (19).
- Discover the **TRIUMPH OF JESUS** vanquishing the devil (20:1-10) and renewing the earth.
- Discover the **JUDGMENT OF JESUS** damning the rebels (20:11-15).

DISCOVER THE MANSIONS OF JESUS REVELATION 20-22

- Discover the **HUSBANDLY LOVE OF JESUS** unveiling Paradise for His Bride (21:1-8).
- Discover the **WONDERS OF JESUS** revealing Paradise to His bride. (21:9-22:21)

Revelation concludes with the promise of Christ's soon return, an offer to drink of the water of life that flows through the great street of the New Jerusalem, and a warning to those who read the book (22:12-21). May we pray with John, "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" (22:20).

- Discover the **EXTRAVAGENCE OF JESUS** offering salvation to all who come to Him (22:6-21).

NOTICE NOW

- Not conquering the world....Christ will do that.
- Not living for all we can get....Christ is preparing our treasured home.
- Not fearing the future – Christ holds the future.

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Amen. Hallelujah! Get blessed this week as you read and study!