

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 1

"WHY THE BOOK OF REVELATION?"

(PART 1)



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The year 2020 was like a disruptive whirlwind that emerged out of nowhere, sweeping through the whole earth, throwing nations into disarray and the lives of multitudes of people totally off course.

The Covid-19 virus, so tiny that we can't even visualize through a normal microscope, struck with the vehemence of a huge wrecking ball, bringing the whole world to a standstill, overwhelming health care systems and disrupting the lives of everyone on this planet. It hit masses of people with fear, utter confusion, uncertainty and despair, leaving a trail of death, suffering and economic recession in its aftermath.

The world has been ushered into a New Norm. Things will never be the same again...

In the midst of the Pandemic, many are asking questions:

“WHAT ON EARTH IS HAPPENING?”
“WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?”
“WHAT IS GOD SAYING AND DOING?”
“WHERE IS ALL THIS GOING?”

As the Church of Jesus, we are supposed to be prophetic. We were supposed to be in the know. But instead, we were caught totally unaware and unprepared. **It is times like this that truly indict us regarding our lack.** We as a Church did not see it coming. We were totally blindsided. We lack clarity and we do not have an answer...

God, in His sovereignty and goodness, has provided a book in the Holy Bible which is of utmost relevance to the Church in this hour. He knows what is going to happen at the end of human history and He had charted out a clear eschatological roadmap for the Church through the Book of Revelation.

HENCE THERE IS A
GREAT NEED FOR THE
CHURCH TO **STUDY** AND
UNDERSTAND THIS
BOOK NOW!

Let me share with you 5 reasons why we study the Book of Revelation. We will share with you the first 2 reasons today, and the other 3 in the next session.



A top-down view of a study desk. The desk is dark, and the background is a textured, brownish surface. In the center, there is an open book with two pages visible. To the left, there is a notebook with a pencil resting on it. To the right, there is a white cup of coffee on a saucer. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

5 REASONS
WHY WE STUDY THE
BOOK OF REVELATION:



#1 THE BOOK OF REVELATION TELLS US THE GRAND END- TIME STORYLINE OF GOD

The Book of Revelation **tells us with certainty the Grand End-Time Storyline of God.** It is a book that gives us more information on the End-Time events and activities than any other book in the Bible.

It gives us **detailed and crucial information about what is to come** at the End of the Age. It also tells us **where all this is heading, why the severity of all the shakings and coming judgments, who Jesus is at His Second Coming and what He is looking for in His Church.**

If we have **clarity** where all this is heading and **confidence** in the leadership of God who is the Author of this entire story, **we will be able to navigate through the coming challenging times with great assurance and certainty.** And we will be able to burn and shine in the darkest hour of human history!



#2 THERE IS A VITAL NEED FOR THE CHURCH TO UNDERSTAND THE TIMES AND KNOW WHAT TO DO.

WE ARE NO LONGER LIVING IN "NORMAL TIMES"!

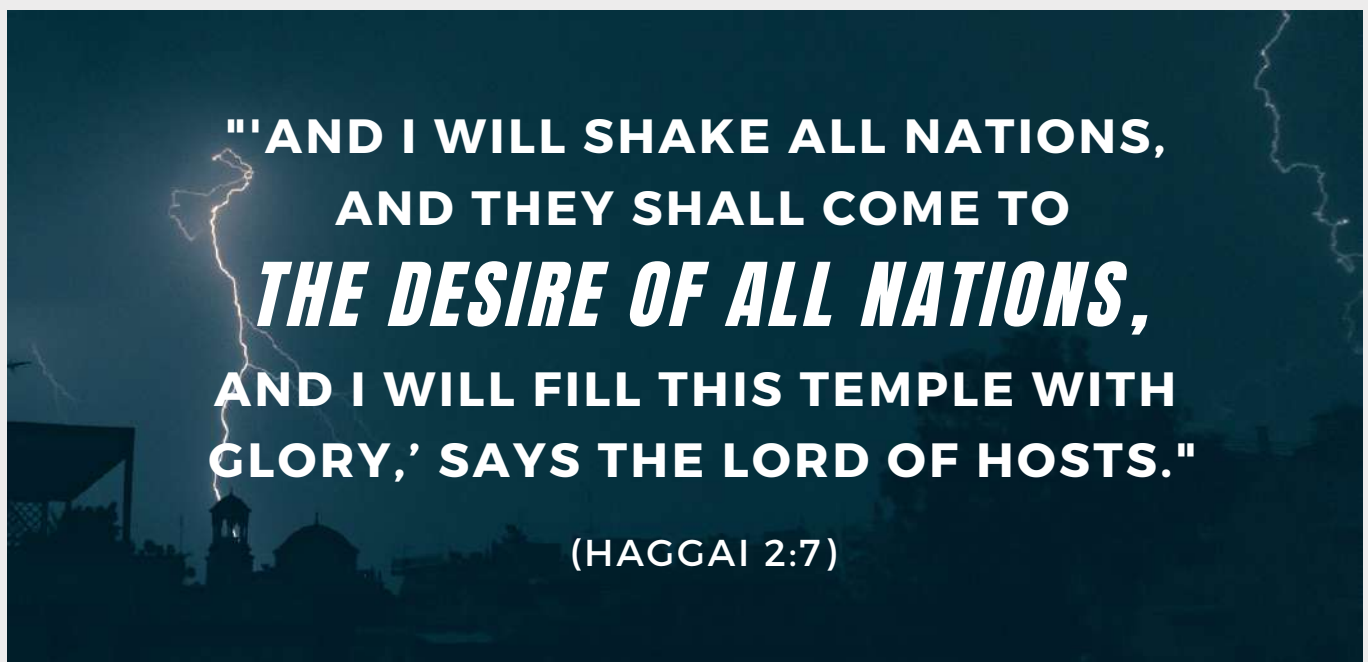
With the Covid-19 pandemic, the world has shifted into a New Norm! We have crossed a line of demarcation and we will never return to where we were pre-Covid.

There is an **urgent and crucial need** right now for the Church to **understand the times and know what to do** (1 Chron. 12:32). The **lack of a clear Biblical End-Time Narrative and understanding** will leave the Church **totally vulnerable** to deception, confusion, fear, disillusionment and even offense at the End of the Age. Yes, even offense with God!

Correct interpretation of world events is vital. Rather than viewing and interpreting events through the narratives of the secular world, through our own human wisdom or worse, through conspiracy theories, the body of Christ needs to learn how to **correctly interpret world events through the Word of God.**

In other words, we need a clear Biblical narrative of the End Times that is constructed from careful and extensive study of the entire Bible with understanding from the Holy Spirit at the place of prayer.

Looking at the events in recent years, we can tell that God is shaking the nations (Hag. 2:7; Heb. 12:26-27). Why is God shaking? He shakes so as **to remove everything that hinders love** because Jesus is looking for wholehearted love in His Bride. He shakes so that **nations will turn to the Desire of All Nations**, which is Jesus Himself.



In fact, Jesus has forewarned us in Matthew 24 of pandemics, earthquakes and famines, all of which are happening right now.

**WE ARE IN THE PERIOD OF THE
*BEGINNING OF BIRTH PANGS.***


(MATTHEW 24:8)

The nature of labour pains is such that they will start off as infrequent and less intense, but will increase both in frequency and intensity over time. They will become stronger and stronger, and happen closer and closer, until finally they culminate in the delivery and birth of the baby.

**IN THE COMING YEARS,
THE SHAKINGS, CRISES AND PRESSURES
WILL GET MORE AND MORE INTENSE, AND
THE REPRIEVE IN BETWEEN CRISES WILL
BECOME SHORTER AND SHORTER.**

God, in His sovereign grace, is giving His Church **time to acquire understanding** concerning the End Times and to **prepare ourselves** for the greater storms and challenges that are to come.





Indeed, we can see how important the Book of Revelation is. It brings us clarity and understanding concerning the End Times – where all this is heading and what will happen at the End of the Age. From the place of clarity and understanding, we can prepare ourselves to be ready, by growing stronger, burning hotter and shining brighter for Jesus!

Are you ready to journey with us through this fortnightly study on the Book of Revelation?

***FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELT.
LET'S GO!***



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