

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 3

***"WHAT THE
BOOK OF REVELATION
IS ABOUT"***
(PART 1)



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“Hey, don’t even bother to study the Book of Revelation. It’s just too confusing. It simply cannot be understood by the common believer. Spare yourself the trouble. Just leave it to the scholars...”

Does this sound familiar? Haven’t we heard this before?

This is one of the most common misconceptions about the Book of Revelation – that it is beyond the understanding of the common believer. This is totally untrue. In fact, the Book of Revelation is **one of the most neglected and misunderstood books in the Bible**, yet it is **the most important one**.

There are **four common misconceptions** about the Book of Revelation that may cause misunderstanding or apathy towards this book.

A silhouette of a person's head and shoulders is centered within a large, light-colored circular frame. The person's face is obscured by the text. The background is dark, and the circular frame is the only source of light, creating a halo effect around the person's head.

4 COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS



**#1 "THE BOOK OF REVELATION
CANNOT BE UNDERSTOOD
BY THE COMMON BELIEVER."**

Holding on to this misconception is deadly because if we believe it, we will not even touch or read the book. This is what the evil one wants us to do, so that we stay in the place of ignorance about the End Times and God's plan for us.

The Book of Revelation is written for the common believer like you and me. Revelation 1:3 says,

"Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it, for the time is near."

This means that it is written **to be read and understood by ALL believers!** It can be understood by ALL! It is crucial for every believer to read and there is a blessing attached to reading this book. This is the only book in the entire Bible where God says you will be blessed when you read it. God is **highlighting and emphasizing the importance of reading this book.**

Not only is it important to read, but it is also **important for us to hear** the words of this prophecy. The word “hear” has the meaning of **treasuring the words of this book, taking them deep into our heart and digesting the message** to the extent that it **produces a response, a real change in our lives,** and a **living understanding in our hearts.**

This book can be grasped if we know the themes, the structure, and the flow of the book. Much of the confusion arises because we think the entire book is written in chronological structure when in fact **it is written in two structures – Chronological and Parenthetical.** We will elaborate on this in the coming sessions.



#2 "THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS NOT RELEVANT TO OUR GENERATION."

Nothing is further from the truth. The Book of Revelation is **relevant to every generation** because **one key theme of this book is about overcoming**, and Jesus wants every believer to be an overcomer. If we believe we are the End-Time generation, it is even more relevant to us now.

#3 "ALL THE EVENTS AND PERSONALITIES IN THIS BOOK ARE SYMBOLIC OR ALLEGORICAL."

The events and personalities in this book are not primarily symbolic or allegorical. In fact, most of the events, personalities and activities in this book are **literal and will come to pass!** If we explain away the events and personalities as symbolic, this book will not make sense at all.



#4 "THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS JUST A BOOK ABOUT THE END TIMES."

Indeed, this book has the clearest and most information on the End Times. But the Book of Revelation is not just about the End Times. End Times is only one of the themes.

There are actually *four main themes* in this book:

a. THE BEAUTY, GLORY AND MAJESTY OF JESUS IN THE LAST DAYS

b. THE BRIDE OF CHRIST – this book talks more about the Bride of Christ than any other book in the Bible.

c. ETERNITY

No other book in the Bible dwells more on the topic of eternity than the Book of Revelation. By and large, believers in the Church of Jesus Christ **do not live with the sense of an eternal perspective** because there is very little teaching on the Book of Revelation. When we lose sight of eternity, we will not live for God; we will live for the things of this world.

d. END TIMES

What is the primary theme of the Book of Revelation? In other words, what is the Book of Revelation primarily about?

The first verse in the book of Revelation gives us the answer – it is **The Revelation of Jesus Christ**.

***THIS BOOK IS ABOUT JESUS.
THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOK IS TO
REVEAL JESUS!***

The primary theme of the Book of Revelation is about **the glory, majesty, and splendour of Jesus at His Second Coming!** It is to reveal **the personality, power, and action plan of Jesus** in preparing His Church to participate with Him in releasing God's glory to all the nations.

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**THINGS THAT THIS
BOOK REVEALS
ABOUT JESUS**



1. HIS PERSONALITY

WHO JESUS IS AT HIS SECOND COMING

In Matthew 16:15, Jesus asked Peter a very important question, “**Who do you say that I am?**”

In the First Coming, Jesus came as the Shepherd, the Servant King and the Saviour. But in the Second Coming, He is returning as the **Bridegroom, King and Judge**. If we do not have the right perspective of who He is, we can easily become offended with Him.

Jesus is coming back as **the passionate Bridegroom** who is filled with tender and yet jealous love for His Bride. He is coming back as **the transcendent King** to take rightful ownership of the earth. And He is coming back as **the righteous Judge** to eradicate all evil and injustice here on earth.

As we journey through the Book of Revelation, may we behold the glory of Jesus as the Bridegroom, King and Judge so that we can arise to partner with Him in the last days!



2. HIS POWER

This speaks of **Jesus' leadership over the world**. He will return, cleanse the earth, remove every sin and evil and establish His kingdom here on the earth for 1,000 years.

3. HIS PLAN

Jesus has a grand plan for His Church. He is a great leader. **He is preparing the Church to be mature**. At the end of the day, Jesus Himself is the One who sanctifies His Church, nourishes her, and presents her to Himself as the Bride. He is the One who will make His Bride ready!



Because Jesus is Faithful and True, and He is fully committed to lead and perfect His Bride, wherever the Church may be now, we can have full confidence that He will make us ready for His return!

The glory, majesty and splendour of Jesus is the primary theme of the Book of Revelation. It is about God the Father wanting us to know who this beautiful Man is when He returns a second time. Just like the 4 gospels tell us who Jesus is at His first coming, the Book of Revelation reveals who Jesus is at His Second Coming.

Once again, Jesus is asking His church,

"WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?"

Will we be able to answer this question correctly?



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