

Sermon Guide



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THE FINAL ANSWER

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INTRODUCTION

Today, we are beginning a brand-new sermon series through the book of Revelation! In this verse-by-verse study, we are going to dive deep into this book that cause so many of us to be confused, lost, and frustrated as we try to understand it. But the Lord has packed so much information into this book that is pertinent for us to learn. So the goal for this series is to help guide you as you study the book of Revelation and aid you in your search for clarity in this amazing book of Scripture.

Four Things To Note Before We Jump In:

1. Don't focus on what others have written; focus on the Word of God.
2. Don't focus on what you have heard people say about the Book of Revelation; focus on the Word of God and what He says Himself.
3. Don't focus on the end; rather, focus on the now.
4. Don't focus on the differences; focus on the commonalities.

KEY POINTS

1. There is an order, a plan God is following.

The Scripture tells us that one day, every knee will bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Either you will do it now, before it's too late, or you will do it later, and it will be too late. All things will come underneath His authority, every nation will bow, every power will bow, and every person will bow before Christ. Every religious person in the world, regardless of what they have believed, will bow to Christ. And that is God's plan. You need to realize it is Jesus first and He will be first. Right now, He is not first; and that is why there is so much tension in our culture today. This is why the Book of Revelation is exciting for us.

2. There is a timeline.

I want to give you a very general overview of time as we know it based upon history and Scripture.

Pre-Abraham – Approximately 2,000 years

Abraham - Jesus – Approximately 2,000 years

Jesus - Now – Approximately 2,000 years

Millennial Reign of Christ – 1,000 years

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What is two plus two, plus two, plus one? ($2 + 2 + 1 = 7$) Say it with me, "Seven." Seven is the number of perfection. Order. God has a perfect plan. I believe with all of my heart that it is ready to happen. You might be asking, "Is that literal?" I believe with all of my heart, "Yes, it is!" I believe what the Scripture says. If one day I find out I am wrong, I will change my mind; and I hope you will, too. Until that time, I will take the Word of God literally.

3. There is a division.

The book of Revelation is divided into several sections, and it's important to understand its division as you read through this book.

Chapter 1: The Lamb of God

Chapters 2-3: The Lamb of God over the Churches

Chapters 4-20: The Lamb of God over the Nations in Judgment

Chapters 21-23: The Lamb of God in Glory

4. There is confusion among some people.

When it comes to reading the book of Revelation, a lot of people are confused about a lot of things. Some have said, "The Second Coming is only an allegory, to give us hope. It's not a reality." Others have said that Jesus doesn't have to come back because He never went away. Some people say there is no millennial reign, that it's only figurative. And others say that none of it really makes any difference. But this is where it's so important to really study and dive into the Word of God and take it for what it is: God's inspired, divine Word that has not a single error. If the Lord included it in Scripture, it's important, and therefore we must seek to understand that importance as best we can so that we can be prepared for what we are going to face down the road.

5. There are special principles to understand.

Let me share with you some of these special principles so you can keep them in mind over the next several weeks as we go through this series.

- This is the revelation of Jesus, not John.
- This was a reward for John because of his faithfulness.
- This is a recipe for believers.
- This is for its recipients.

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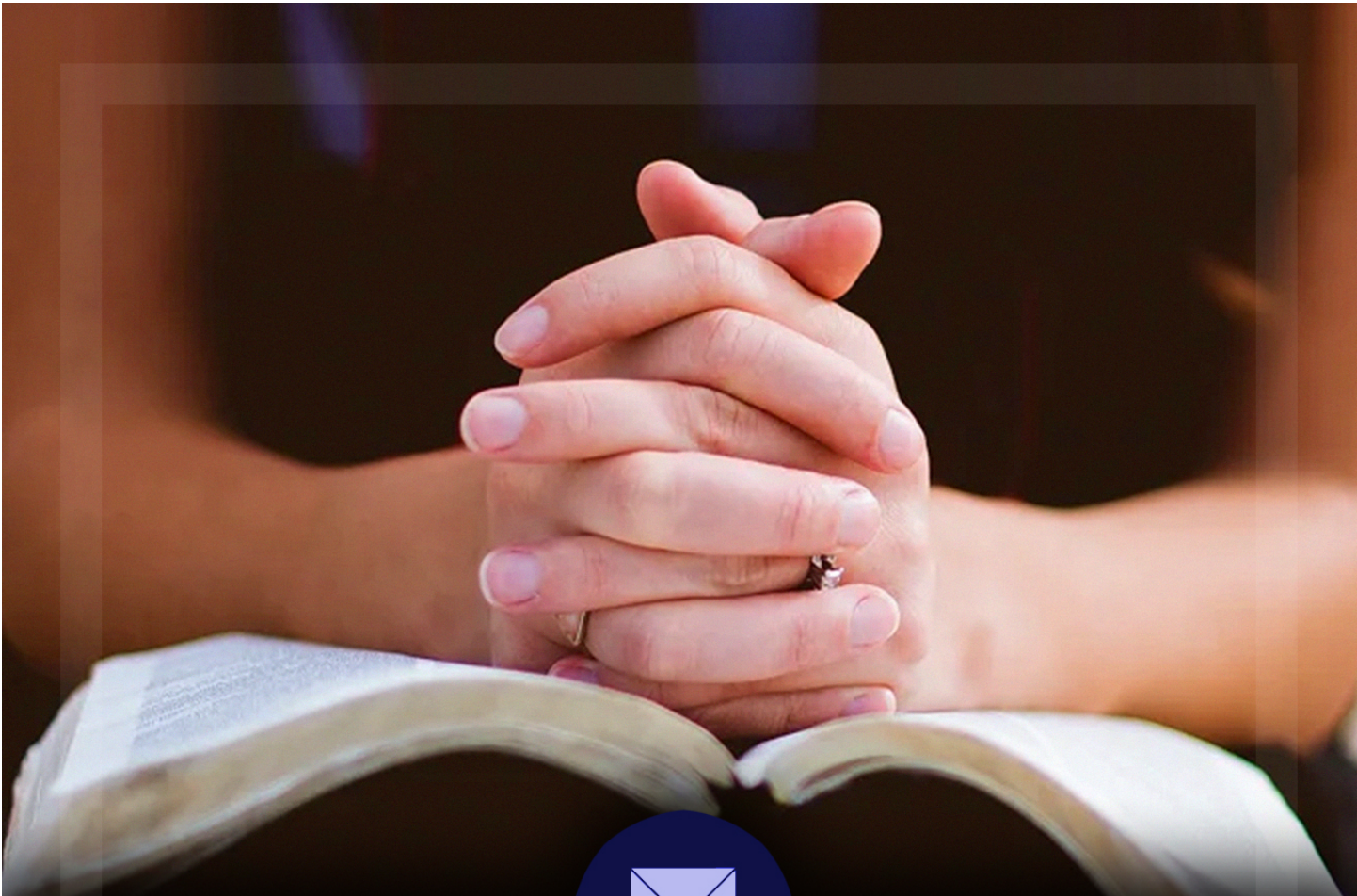
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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Have you ever read through the entire book of Revelation before? If not, why not?
2. What have you been told about the book of Revelation up until this point?
3. What intimidates you the most about studying Revelation? What excites you the most about studying it?



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