

Why The Revelation?

Rev 1: 1-3

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- There are two books in the Bible which exceedingly important for every Bible student to study
- They are.....
 - Genesis and Revelation
 - Why is this so?
 - They constitute the Alpha and Omega of God's written Word
 - The Book of Beginnings and the Book of Unveilings

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- We need to clarify the Book of the Revelation..
 - Is not a theological treatise
 - It is an actual record of the final phases of history
 - It describes the completion of the work that God the Creator began long ago
 - It is the capstone of God's inspired Word
- The main purpose the book is to let the reader know...
 - God is omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent
 - He knows and controls all events everywhere

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- Rev 1: 1
 - “Which God gave him”
 - II Peter 1: 19-21
 - Prophecy is unique to the Word of God
 - The Koran does not, nor does any other prognosticator, astrologer or psychic know the future (Isa 46: 10)
 - This book (Rev) tells that every single person who has ever lived will participate in one way or another in at least some the events described

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- II Tim 3: 16-17
 - It is no small wonder that Satan has attacked both Genesis and the Revelation
 - Genesis through evolution
 - Revelation through wild interpretations
- Genesis....means “beginnings”
- Revelation...”Apokalupsis”.....means an “unveiling”

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- The first three chapters in Genesis
 - Shows the entrance of sin into the world
- The last three chapters of the Revelation
 - Show us the removal of sin forever for the redeemed creation of God
- Acts 3: 18-21; Heb 1: 1-3; Psalm 119: 89
- That settled Word shows us the completion of restoration
- Note the following comparisons

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- Genesis

- Ground is cursed (3: 17)
- Daily sorrow (3: 17)
- Sweat on the face (3: 19)
- Thorns etc (3: 18)
- Eating herbs (3: 18)
- Returning to dust (3: 19)
- Coats of skins (3: 21)
- Satan opposing (3: 15) Sa

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- No more curse (22: 3)
No sorrow (21: 4)
No more tears (21: 4)
No more pain (21: 4)
Twelve fruits (22: 2)
No death (21: 4)
Fine linen (19: 14)
Sin banished (20: 10)

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- Genesis

- Kept from tree of life (3: 24)
- Removal/garden (3: 23)
- Redeemer promised (3: 15)
- Evil continually (6: 5)
- Seed of woman (3: 15)
- Angel guards (3: 24)

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- Access to it (22: 14)
Entry to city (22: 14)
Redemption (5: 9-10)
No defiling (21: 27)
Root of David (22: 16)
Angel invites (21: 9)

- We can see from these that God's plan to restore His creation without sin is going to take place

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- What these things also tell us is this....
 - These are real events which will take place
 - They are as sure as the events describe in Gen..
 - They are as sure as all other events described in the Bible.
- There is a chronological timeframe within this book
 - It starts with the writing of this book
 - And extends to eternity with a new earth
 - This book tells us that prior to the Millennium

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- A Satanically inspired man will rule the earth
 - His rule will be for “42 months” (Chptr 12-19)
 - He will be defeated
 - There will be two witnesses which will work miracles on the earth for 1260 days (3 ½ years) (Chptr 4-11)
 - They will call down plagues on the earth (Rev 11: 6)
 - Thus, this Satanic kingdom will last for 7 years
 - This ending of this reign will introduce a 1,000 year, reign of righteousness on earth

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- In summary, this is what we find
 - Chapters 1-3....the Church Age...Unknown time
 - Chapters 4-19...Period of Judgment...7 years
 - Chapter 20...the Kingdom Age.....1,000 years
 - Chapters 21-22...Eternal Age.....Endless years
- Yet it (Rev) is far deeper than these listed events
 - Gen 3: 15....The Protoevangelium statement
 - A Redeemer is promised..."He shall bruise you on the head and you shall bruise him on the heel."

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- The in the Revelation we see the fulfillment of this promise of a Redeemer.
 - Not only are people redeemed for all of eternity
 - Rev 21: 1..."Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth passed away"
- And the book of Revelation describes in great detail the completeness of God's plan for His creation
- Note the following uses of "7"

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- 7 churches; 7 Spirits; 7 candlesticks; 7 stars
- 7 lamps; 7 seals; 7 horns; 7 eyes; 7 angels
- 7 trumpets; 7 thousand; 7 heads; 7 thunders
- 7 crowns; 7 angels; 7 plagues; 7 vials
- 7 mountains; 7 kings; 7 years; 7 “I Am’s”
- 7 Beatitudes....
- These things show us the detail that went into the formation of this book showing us the completion of God’s redemptive work for His creation.
- And His control over all things!!!!