

Revelation Sermon One

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Challenge #1; To live in the "now" for eternity's sake (Ephs.3:20).

Challenge #2: To become another voice for the kingdom (Matt.28:19-20).

Challenge #3: To strengthen our resolve to grow spiritually as we yield our lives to the power of the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 3:18).

DID YOU KNOW...

- Revelation is the only prophetic book in the New Testament (in contrast to seventeen books in the Old Testament).
- Revelation is the only book in all the Bible which begins by promising a special blessing on those who study it, and ends by promising a special curse on those who add or take away from it.
- Revelation was written by John the Apostle, who had already written four other New Testament books. They are: The Gospel of John, 1 John, 2 John, and 3 John.
- The author had previously reached farther back than any other Bible writer (Jn.1:1-30).
- In Revelation he reaches farther forward into eternity than any other writer (Rev.21, 22).

BIBLICAL COMPARISONS

A. Revelation may be compared to the book of Daniel.

1. Concerning the indestructible Jewish nation (Dan.3, 6; cf. Rev.120).
2. Concerning the working of the antichrist (Dan.3:1-7; 7:7,8,24,25; 8:9-12,23,24,25; 9:27; 11:36-45; cf. Rev.13).
3. Concerning the length of the Tribulation (Dan.9:24-27; cf. Rev.11:2; 12:6,14; 13:5).

B. Revelation may be compared to the book of Genesis. In...

- Genesis (1:10) He called the waters Sea; In Revelation (21:1) there is no more sea!
- Genesis has Adam/Eve in the Garden of Eden reigning over the Earth (1:27-28); Revelation has the last Adam/Bride, in the city of God, reigning over all the universe.
- Genesis God created the sun and moon, the day and night (Gen.1:5,16). In Revelation no night and no need for the sun (Rev. 22:5; 21:23).
- Genesis the tree of life restricted (Gen.3:22); in Revelation unlimited access (Rev.22:2).

- Genesis there is a curse (Gen.3:17); In Revelation no more **curse** (Rev.22:3).
- Genesis Satan torments man (Gen.3:1).; Revelation Satan is tormented **forever** (Rev.20:10).
- Genesis the old earth punished through a flood (Gen.7:12); In Revelation the new earth is **purified** through a fire (2 Pet.3:6-12; Rev.21:1).
- Genesis man's earthly home by a river (Gen.2:10); in Revelation man's **eternal** is by a river (Rev.22:1).
- In Genesis the Patriarch Abraham goes to weep for Sarah (Gen.22:3); In Revelation the children of Abraham God **Himself** will dry every tear from their eyes (Rev.21:4).
- Genesis God destroys an earthly city from the sands *Gen.19).; In Revelation presents a heavenly city, new Jerusalem, from the **skies** (Rev.21:1).
- Genesis ends with **bones** in a coffin (Gen.50:1-3).; Revelation ends with all believers in a **resurrection body** (Rev.21:4).