

The Book of Revelation

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

Today we continue reading the marvelous book of **Revelation**. In **1:3**, we read this introduction:

“Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.”

Many people shy away from the book of **Revelation**. Some find it confusing; others are scared by its imagery. But God says that you are blessed if you read this book! And not just if you read it, but if you “take to heart what is written in it.”

Most people think of the book of **Revelation** as a prophecy of future events, and it is (note **4:1**). But it is much, much more than that. Primarily, the book of **Revelation** is exactly what its title says it is – a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, the very first verse of the book sets the pace for everything that will follow:

“The revelation of *Jesus Christ*...”

The whole book, from the beginning to the end, focuses on a revelation of Jesus Christ. **Chapter 1** reveals Jesus in his full ascended glory (read again **1:12-18**). **Chapters 2-3** reveal Jesus as he speaks to his Church. And from **chapter 4** onwards, we see a revelation of Jesus against the backdrop of end-time events.

Do you want to know the one verse in **Revelation** that summarizes the entire book? It is **17:14**:

“They (the enemies of God) will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings – and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”

In the midst of the total rebellion of mankind against God – and the very worst that Satan can throw against God – Jesus Christ is revealed for who he is: King of Kings and Lord of Lords. With this amazing revelation of Christ in mind, let's now read **chapters 8-16**.

Memory Verse

I have told you these things, so that
in me you may have peace. In this world
you will have trouble. But take heart!
I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

Your Fishing Kit

This is the thirty-ninth verse in your fishing kit. This verse establishes the security that we have in Christ, despite the uncertainty in the world around us. We can experience God's peace, despite trouble in the world. This is because Jesus has already overcome the world!

Here are the other verses in your "fishing kit":

John 3:16	Isaiah 55:6-7	John 1:12	2 Corinthians 5:17
John 3:18	Romans 5:8	John 3:3	2 Corinthians 5:21
John 3:36	1 John 4:10	John 5:24	Matthew 10:32-33
Ephesians 1:7-8	Acts 2:38	John 6:37	Romans 2:4
Romans 3:23	Acts 3:19	John 8:32	Acts 17:30
Romans 6:23	Acts 4:12	John 8:36	1 John 5:10
Isaiah 53:5	John 14:6	John 10:10	1 John 5:11-12
Isaiah 53:6	1 John 1:8	John 10:28	John 14:1-3
Isaiah 59:1-2	1 John 1:9	Romans 10:9	John 16:33
Isaiah 64:6	1 John 1:10	Romans 10:13	Revelation 3:20

Store these verses in your heart. Memorize them until they have an "on the tip of your tongue" familiarity. You will find them of immeasurable value as you cooperate with the Lord in his mission of bringing the Gospel to this lost world.