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The Book of Apokalupsis An Introduction

It is been with great reservation that I have decided to offer up a study on this particular book of the Bible. I have been asked repeatedly to share my thoughts, and my understanding of this particular book, and one of the reasons that I have not taken the time to offer up a proper scripturally based explanation of this particular book, is because I am well aware of the different interpretations, and the many different theological, and philosophical understandings of this book that have been perpetuated for generations.

I would submit to you my friends that more people have made more money from attempting to explain this particular book, than any other book found in Scripture. Tanker ships full of books, CDs, DVDs, audio tapes, and videos concerning the book of Revelation have completely flooded the market place of the world with all kinds of fanciful interpretations, mythical rescue scenarios, dispensational theology's, and philosophical understandings, concerning what the book of Revelation is truly trying to tell us.

Many people have spent their whole lives building empires built on nothing more than the book of Revelation. One of the most popular books of the Bible today is the book of Revelation... and for good reason.

For those of us who are true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christian's... there has been a sense of urgency that is pricked our hearts, and our minds, and it is this sense of urgency that continues to drive us back to the truth of our Fathers Torah found in the very beginning of what we know today as our Scriptures.

People all over the world have woken up to a calling that they simply cannot explain. A calling that has led them back to the truth of our Fathers word according to our Fathers word. For those of us who have been called... we no longer seek the wisdom of men. We no longer seek after any certain denominational charter of men, or Council of men, or so-called "early church father". We no longer seek after the wisdom of today's philosophy driven Bible commentators, and their man-made Roman rooted, pagan religious institutions. What we seek comes from the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob and his only begotten Son. What we seek comes from the Ruach Hackodesh of Yahovah the creator of all things seen and unseen. **(scrn 1)**

Joh 16:12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now."

Joh 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

Joh 16:14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

According to the red-letter words of our Messiah, that he spoke with his own tongue, and his own breath... we have no need of denominational charters of men. We have no need to hear the opinions of someone's so-called "early church father", or any Council of men, or any Roman rooted religionist.

The Bible tells us not to forsake the gathering together of ourselves, and it tells us to study to show ourselves approved. The Bible tells us that God's people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, not because they've not been given knowledge... but because they have rejected the knowledge that they have been given.

The Bible tells us to ask, to seek, and to knock, and that the door will be opened to us. Our Messiah tells us that he will not leave us as orphans, but that he will indeed come to us, and that he and his Father will make their home within us. (scrn 2)

Joh 14:18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Joh 14:19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

Joh 14:20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

Joh 14:21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

(scrn 3)

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

Joh 14:24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

Joh 14:25 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

Joh 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Joh 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

According to the red-letter words of our Messiah, it is the Ruach Hackodesh of his Father that is

to teach us all things, and to bring all things to our remembrance. Not our so-called “early church fathers”. Not our religious institutions. Not our denominational charters of men. Not our religious councils of men. And certainly... certainly, not a blasphemous, pagan dressed, imposter who claims to be God on earth, who has thought to change the times and the laws of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

And so, before we ever even open the pages of the book of Revelation, (also known as the book of the apocalypse)... we need to understand where true divine discernment comes from. And it does not come from the wisdom of men.

In the book of Acts chapter 17, we find the apostle Paul lifting up the Jews that he found in the town of Berea. Paul tells us that these Jews who lived in Berea were more noble than those in Thessalonica because they received the word with all eagerness, and because they examined the Scriptures daily to see if what Paul was telling them was true. And we’re told that because they examined the Scriptures daily to see if these things were true... many of them therefore believed.

And so, before we even open the pages of the book of Revelation, let us understand where divine discernment comes from. It does not come from any man. Divine discernment can only come from the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob as he sees fit to give it. And it is through his divine power, and his God breathed Scriptures, that he gives men the ability to discern his truth.

What we will learn from studying the book of Revelation, can/and should be applied to all 66 books of our Bibles. We must understand where divine discernment comes from, and who it is that gives us the divine discernment that we need to properly understand what he wrote. (scrn 4)

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

2Ti 3:17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Are we told that the wisdom of men is profitable for teaching, and for reproof, and for correction, and for training in righteousness? Are we told that any denominational charter of men is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness? What is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness? Our God breathed Scripture... and our God breathed Scripture alone. And it should be clear to all modern-day Christians that when these words were spoken... there was no New Testament. The New Testament had not been written yet when these words were spoken. The New Testament would not be written until over 90 years after the death, burial, and resurrection of our Messiah. And so, what scripture was Paul talking about here in 2nd Timothy? He was talking about the Torah, and the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms.

Therefore... we must be well armed with the Scripture that is breathed out by God. If we are not studying the Scripture daily, as the Berean's did, then we have nothing that is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. We are void of any authority, any power, or any truth. The Bereans did not have a New Testament to cross reference. The Bereans did not have the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John to test what Paul was telling them. All the Bereans had at that time, was the Torah, the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms. And yet... Because they studied the Torah, and the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms... They were clearly able to see that what Paul was telling them about their Messiah was indeed true.

And so, before we read the last book of the Bible... my advice to you my friends is to begin by reading the first book of the Bible. For those of you who have studied your Torah, and the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms, this study is going to be much easier to follow.

For those of you who have only read the Bible from the middle to the end, because you've been wrongfully and shamefully taught that the first half of your Bible has all been done away with... it's going to be much more difficult to understand, and follow this study into the book of Revelation. However... we will do our utmost best to explain as much as we can so that we don't lose anybody. This at times, may require us to go over things that a lot of our brothers and sisters who have studied the Torah, and the prophets, and the Psalms already know. And so, to my well-studied brothers and sisters, I will apologize in advance for any redundancy, and ask for your patience as we try to reach back to our brothers and sisters who are not quite as studied as we might be, and bring them up to speed.

We will take our time in this particular book, and it will most likely take some time to get through. And so, before we begin this study, I don't want anyone to think that this is just going to be a two, or three-part series. For the next several months we will be using our Father's seventh day Sabbath to help our brothers and sisters understand not only what has already taken place in history... but what is also foretold too... take place in the future.

One of the first things that I want us to understand is the very word "Revelation" and where this word comes from. The word "Revelation" comes from the Greek word "Apokalupsis" which translated into English is "apocalypse". (**scrn 5**)

Revelation:

Strong's G602

[apokalupsis](#)

ap-ok-al'-oop-sis

From **G601**; *disclosure*: - appearing, coming, lighten, manifestation, be revealed,

revelation.

As we look at the original Greek word “Apokalupsis”, we can clearly see that it does indeed mean “Revelation”, or something that is being revealed. Our Father in heaven is revealing something to us in this particular book, and we’ll see that, as we move forward into the book of Revelation.

During this introduction I’d like to talk for just a moment about who John the Revelator truly was. Some biblical scholars will proclaim that we really don’t know who John the Revelator was. But I would submit to you my friends that we certainly should know who he was if we simply take the time to study the historical documentation that’s been provided to us.

One of the early church founders by the name of Irenaeus, was a disciple of another man by the name of Polycarp. And Polycarp knew the apostle John personally, because Polycarp was a student of the apostle John. And Polycarp tells us that it was indeed John the apostle who wrote the book of Revelation, and it was Irenaeus that recorded this information for us. Other early third century church founders like Justin, Clement, Origen, Tertullian, and Hippolytus all attest to the fact that it was indeed John the apostle who wrote the book of Revelation. And so, when we dig into our history, we really have no reason to doubt that it was indeed the apostle John who wrote the book of Revelation.

The next question then becomes, when did John write the book of Revelation? Some argue that John wrote the book of Revelation before the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D., and the reason that they believe that he wrote the book of Revelation before the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D. is because John makes no mention of the destruction of the temple in his writings... and therefore, they suppose that he must’ve written Revelation before the destruction of the temple. But I would submit to you, that the context of the book of Revelation was not centered upon the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D. We have to remember that our Messiah had already prophesied that this was going to take place, and so John was probably very comfortable with the fact that it had indeed already taken place. And the book of Revelation was not information that John himself choose to write down. It was information that Yahovah gave to his only begotten Son, who gave it to his Angel, who gave it to John, who gave it to us.

Once again, all we have to do is look at the historical documentation that tells us when John wrote the book of Revelation. If we go back and look at the writings once again, of Irenaeus, who was a student of Polycarp, who was a student of the apostle John... we find that Irenaeus tells us that John had received his apocalyptic vision during the reign of Domitian who ruled from 81 to 96 A.D. which was well after the destruction of the temple. And we also have the confirmation of other early Christian writers that confirm the writings of Irenaeus as well.

The takedown, and destruction of the temple in 70 A.D. reminded the Jews of the takedown of the temple back in the days of Babylon. And because the Jews now feared the Roman Empire,

Jews began referring to Rome as Babylon to disguise their intent. And so, when they were prophesying against, or criticizing the Roman Empire, they would not call it the Roman Empire, they would call it Babylon. And because we see John referring to Rome as Babylon... it makes it extremely probable that he wrote the book of Revelation well after the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D. because he too, referred to Rome as Babylon just as the Jews did after the destruction of the temple. And so, this just gives us another clue as to when the book was written.

I want us to also understand that the apostle John comes from a very different background than the apostle Paul. The apostle Paul was a highly educated Pharisee who sat at the feet of Gamaliel who was one of the most revered rabbinical teachers of his time. It is said that to even sit at the feet of Gamaliel, you would have had to have memorized the whole Torah word for word. In other words, you would have had to memorize the first five books of the Bible word for word. That's Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

And so, Paul was highly educated, not only in the teachings of Gamaliel, but he was also well versed in the philosophy of Plato and Socrates and some of the great philosophers of that time because that's the area that Paul was raised up in. And so, Paul was a highly educated Pharisee, while John on the other hand, was a simple fisherman. So, we're going to find some very huge differences between the writing styles of the apostle Paul, who quoted the Scriptures word for word, and the writings of the apostle John, who alluded to the Scriptures that pertained to what he was trying to convey.

We have to remember that these two apostles came from two very different backgrounds. One was a scholar, and one was a fisherman. Both were chosen by our Messiah to carry forth his gospel message. And if we think about it for just a minute, it should be pretty clear to us why he chose the apostle Paul to essentially be the apostle to the Gentiles... and why he chose the apostle John to reveal this end time information.

We must remember... that the gospel message was not meant to be heard by everyone. Our Messiah never intended for the gospel message to be heard, and understood by everyone. And I know that that's a shock for a lot of today's modern-day Christians to hear... but this is not according to what I say... but according to what our Messiah said in his own red-letter words.
(scrn 6)

Mat 13:10 Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"

Mat 13:11 And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to **them** it has not been given.

Mat 13:12 For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

Mat 13:13 This is why I speak to **them** in parables, because seeing **they** do not see, and hearing **they** do not hear, nor do **they** understand.

Mat 13:14 Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: ““You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.”

Mat 13:15 For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.’

Mat 13:16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

Mat 13:17 For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

You see my friends there is such a thing as an “us”... and a “them” in your Bible. Because we love him, and because we keep his commandments (first John 5:3)... we have the eyes to see and the ears to hear. But for those who are continuously looking for ways to reject his commandments... and continuously looking for ways to reject the biblical definition of the love of God found in first John 5:3... they do not see, and they do not hear, nor do they understand. Why? Because our Messiah does not want them to see, or to hear, or to understand. They have chosen to serve the wisdom of men rather than the wisdom of God. They have made themselves friends of the world. (scrn 7)

Jas 4:4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Many Christians wrongly believe that being a friend of the world means that you’re going to movies that you shouldn’t be going to. Or that you’re not keeping the Sabbath. Or that you’re committing adultery. Never really understanding that becoming a friend of the world can also mean that you have chosen to worship the wisdom of men just like the rest of the world. Never understanding, that they themselves are playing the whore just like the early Israelites did when they chose to wander off into the myths of men. Never understanding that they themselves by keeping a Roman rooted Catholic first day of the week Sunday Sabbath... that they too, are profaning the true seventh day Sabbath of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob just like the rest of the world. Because they have made themselves... friends of the world is well.

And so, it shouldn’t be any wonder to us why this revelation is given to us the way that it is. It was given to us in symbols, and parables because he does not want certain people to understand it. There are those who are not meant to understand this book. And it’s extremely important for us to understand that before we ever even open the pages of this book. (scrn 8)

Rom 1:28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

Rom 1:29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,

Rom 1:30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil,

disobedient to parents,

Rom 1:31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

Rom 1:32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Once again... there are some who are not meant to understand not only this book... but the rest of the Gospel message as well, and we need to be aware of this biblical fact before we move forward. If you have chosen to follow after the wisdom of men, then you will be handed over to the wisdom of men. And we've been warned over, and over, and over again about certain people who will creep into our assemblies, who were long ago designated for this condemnation. Ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality, and deny our only master and Lord Yeshua Hamashiach. And my friends I'm here to tell you today... that these ungodly people who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only master and Lord Yeshua Hamashiach are walking among us as we speak. In the book of Revelation... The very book that we are journeying into... will once again, make these things extremely clear to those who read this book.

The book of Revelation is not a book that's meant to sit down and read, and understand the first time through. It's not a book that's meant to speed read through, and then think that we know something.

And I would submit to you my friends, that the whole entire Bible is written this way. I don't care how many speed-reading classes you take. I don't care how many "Read the Bible in 30 Day" programs that you have purchased. You're never going to understand the Bible by simply reading through it. Not only will you not understand the book of Revelation by simply reading through it... but you will not understand the Bible itself by simply reading it. These God breathed Scriptures are meant to be studied... not just read through. Not just Gandered at.

Our Father in heaven will know exactly who it is that is asking, and seeking, and knocking, and those who just want a quick answer. I know people who have read the Bible hundreds of times through, and yet... still don't get it. Bible scholars themselves have committed these Scriptures to memory, and still don't understand the Scriptures. The Pharisees, and the Scribes of Yahshua's time committed the scripture to memory, and they could parrot the scriptures back and forth, and yet... still... did not understand it. Why? Because they didn't ask for the discernment that comes from the author of the book. It's not about memorization my friends, it's not about how many times you've read it, it's about understanding what it says. And you cannot understand what it says if you are not going to take the time to, cross reference it, tie it together, keeping it in context, solidifying all Scripture with all other Scripture.

And this is exactly why the book of Revelation is given to us in the manner that it is. It requires us to sit down, and to spend some time with the Ruach Hackodesh of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, and to study it. We must ask, seek, and knock. We must, study to

show ourselves approved. And so once again, this will not just be a short two, or three-part series. This will take some time to sit down... and to study, and to cross reference, to solidify, and to tie things together, while keeping them in the proper context. For those of us who pray before this study, and ask our Father in heaven for the discernment to understand ... we will understand. I promise you my friends, if you will take the time to do this... you will come away understanding much more truth than many biblical scholars who have studied for a lifetime. It's all about asking for the divine discernment that only he can give... while walking in obedience with his laws, and his commandments that our written on our hearts and in our minds, just as we're told in Exodus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Jeremiah, Galatians, Hebrews, and all throughout our scripture. Not to be saved... but because we are saved.

Something else that I'd like to address in this introduction, is why the apostle John was on the island of Patmos. Patmos is an island located about 35 miles off the West Coast of Turkey. And we know that the island of Patmos was used by the Roman government as a prison island. We read in Revelation chapter 1 the John was bearing witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Yeshua Hamashiach, and because we know that Christianity had been outlawed in Rome at that time, it's pretty clear that John was indeed a prisoner of Rome that was being confined on the island of Patmos for the crime of being a Christian during the time of Emperor Domitian.

Something else that I'd like to make note of before we get into the book of Revelation is the usage of the word "church" not only in the book of Revelation, but also in the New Testament itself. It's important for us to limit the English word "church" or "churches" in our English translated Bibles to describe these Messianic congregations that were primarily led by Jewish people. We must remember that the gospel message, (just like all of the oracles of our Father in heaven) were given to the Jews first, and to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, before it was given to the Gentile nations.

As it is written, "first to the Jew, then to the Gentile". In Matthew chapter 15 verse 24 our Messiah tells us in his own red-letter words that he was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And so, when the gospel message of our Messiah went out to the world, it went to the Jew first, and the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And because it was given to them first... the original Christians met in Jewish synagogues... not in Gentile churches. There was no such thing as a Gentile church in the days of our Messiah and his apostles. **(scrn 9)**

The original Greek word translated as "church" is the Greek word "ekklesia"

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ἐκκλησία

ekklēsia

Thayer Definition:

- 1) a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place, an assembly
 - 1a) an assembly of the people convened at the public place of the council for the purpose of deliberating
 - 1b) the assembly of the Israelites
 - 1c) any gathering or throng of men assembled by chance, tumultuously
 - 1d) in a Christian sense
 - 1d1) an assembly of Christians gathered for worship in a religious meeting
 - 1d2) a company of Christian, or of those who, hoping for eternal salvation through Jesus Christ, observe their own religious rites, hold their own religious meetings, and manage their own affairs, according to regulations prescribed for the body for order's sake
 - 1d3) those who anywhere, in a city, village, constitute such a company and are united into one body
 - 1d4) the whole body of Christians scattered throughout the earth
 - 1d5) the assembly of faithful Christians already dead and received into heaven

As we can see here, according to Thayer's Greek definitions, an "ekklesia" is simply a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place as an assembly. And these Christian citizens were at first being called into the synagogues, because this is where the apostles were preaching and teaching the gospel message of our Messiah.

Over a period of time, the messianic movement had been taken over by Gentiles, and the Jews began being excluded from their assemblies. The buildings that these new Christians met in became known by English speakers as "churches", and the overall body of Christians was of course labeled "the church". And so, by replacing the word "ekklesia", with the word "church" in our Bibles... they have created a concept that did not exist in the first century A.D.. This concept of a church was injected into that era by Bible translators who came much later. And so, I want to be clear here; the concept of an exclusively Gentile group of Christian believers called "the church" was written into New Testament history, and the presence of Jewish believers and Jewish leadership was altogether purposely evaporated. The very word "church" paints an intellectually dishonest picture about what was happening during that particular time. Exclusive Gentile churches, full of nothing but Gentiles was something that had not yet been created, and would not be created until much later in time.

Something else that I'd like to interject into this introduction is the fact that the apostle John had no New Testament to read from. And I know that this is shocking for today's modern-day

unstudied Christians to grasp, but it's true. The New Testament (once again) was not written until about 90 years after the death, burial, and resurrection of our Messiah. The New Testament was still being written by the apostles at that time, and although I'm sure that John probably had read some of the writings of the apostle Paul, and his fellow apostles, he had no New Testament to read from. And this is important for us to understand when reading not only the book of Revelation... but the rest of the New Testament, because the book of Revelation and the Scripture that it alludes to for the most part.. comes from the writings of the prophets found in the Tanakh (also known as the Old Testament). And this will be important for us to remember as we're venturing into the book of Revelation, and we'll touch on this a little later in our study as well.

Another thing that I would like us to understand is that there are four main teachings that encompass the proper understanding of the book of Revelation... according to... the wisdom of men. And I'd just like to give you a brief summary of these four different interpretations of men, before we begin reading the book of Revelation, because I'm sure that you've probably heard about them in some way, shape, or form. **(scrn 10)**

The four main approaches to understanding the book of Revelation:

- The Preterist View: Has already past
- Historical View: Throughout Church development
- Futurist View: Everything will happen in the future
- Idealist View: No supernatural, or prophetic entanglements

Needless to say, none of these boxes, or man-made forms of understanding, that man has put our Fathers scriptures into, properly fit the proper context of what is written within the confines of our God breathed scripture. In fact... I would submit to you, that as we study through the book of Revelation... we will find that all of these pre-fabricated forms of understanding all have some biblical truths, and some biblical flaws found within them. And therefore... we will not, and I repeat "not"... be holding fast to any one of these man-made, pre-fabricated understandings when it comes to our study into the book of Revelation.

Before we even begin this study into the book of Revelation, I will warn you up front... that what you're about to see here within these pages may not be easily acceptable for the patriotic American Christian to accept. It may not be easily acceptable for certain religious groups, denominational charters, councils of men, or those who are grounded in a roman rooted religion. It may not be easily acceptable for those of us who love to stand on our own understanding, or those who love to decide for themselves what is right and what is wrong. But... what we will find here within these God breathed pages... is the truth. And as for a Christian... nothing else should be as precious.

In closing, I'd like to just touch on a few more things during this introductory period into the book of Revelation. Many of us may think that we already have a good handle on what the book of Revelation is all about, but for the purpose of this particular ongoing study, I'd like to ask

you to leave all of your preconceived theologies, and philosophical understandings at the door.

There are literally thousands, if not millions of video teachings on places like YouTube concerning the book of Revelation. But I would submit to you my friends, that very few will take the time to sit down with you, and take you by the hand, and walk you through the Scriptures word for word in order to help you gain a better understanding of exactly what the book does... and does not say. And even fewer... will instruct you to go to your prayer closet and to bow your knee, and to bow your head, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach for the true discernment to understand what is being revealed to us here in this book of Revelation that has been given to us by our Messiah.

And so, I'd like for you to take these things into consideration, and I'd like us to humble ourselves before we ever even get into this particular study. What we must understand is that the book of Revelation is woven into the fabric of all of the other 65 books of the Bible. The book of Revelation is not a stand-alone book. The book of Revelation cannot be understood without first understanding the rest of the 65 books found within the cover of our Bibles.

For instance, in the book of Revelation we'll hear about mystery Babylon, and the fall of Babylon. We can read about that in the book of Isaiah.

In the book of Revelation, we'll read about God and Magog. We can read about that in the book of Ezekiel.

In the book of Revelation, we'll read about the feet of our Messiah setting upon the mount of olives. We can read about that in the book of Zachariah.

In the book of Revelation, we'll be introduced to a woman and a dragon. We can read about that in the book of Genesis.

In the book of Revelation, we'll read about the Lamb of God. We can read about that in the book of John.

And so, I want us to understand how wonderfully equipped the book of Revelation is to not only teach the Revelation of our Messiah... but to also teach the gospel of our Messiah. You cannot properly study the book of Revelation without properly studying the very gospel that our Messiah came to teach and preach. Which is also neatly woven throughout all of the other 65 books of our Bibles.

Many modern-day professing Christians who are completely unstudied, believe that the book of Revelation is simply all about the antichrist. But ... would it surprise you to know that the phrase "antichrist" is not found anywhere in the book of Revelation? Not even one time. The character of the antichrist can be found in the book of Revelation, but you won't find the phrase "antichrist" in the book of Revelation anywhere.

And so, the point that I'm trying to make, is that by studying the book of Revelation, we will find ourselves forced to study the rest of the Bible. By committing to studying the book of Revelation, we are agreeing to study the whole word of God, and not just half of it... Because just like the rest of the 65 books of our Bibles... none of them can be understood as stand-alone books. None of them can be understood as a set of books, void and apart from the rest of the books.

Once again my friends... You cannot read only half of your Bible and then think that you know somehow what the Bible says. You cannot reject the first half of your Bible and treat it as though it does not exist because some wolf in sheep's clothing told you not to read it because you don't have to be bothered with it. You cannot shut out the word of God to suit yourself, or to suit your denominational charter, or to suit your pastor, or your priest, or your Bishop, or whatever popish leader that you may be bowing down to.

The book of Revelation is the absolute pinnacle of the Bible. We will not be able to understand what we're reading in the book of Revelation without understanding the rest of the Bible. And so, I want us to keep all of this in mind as we begin our study next seventh day Sabbath into the first chapter of the book of Revelation. As we study this one book, we'll be forced to look at the significance of what certain numbers mean. We'll be forced to open other books found within our Bibles. Will be forced to acknowledge who our Messiah is, and who our Messiah is not. We'll be forced to properly understand his gospel message. And we'll be forced to understand what the true identity of a true cross bearing, Messiah following, God fearing Christian really is.

And because we'll be forced to look at, and to identify, and to acknowledge these things... many of us will come away with a greater understanding of exactly who our Messiah is, was, and always will be... and at that point in time... each one of us will be forced to make a decision. Whom is it exactly... that you will serve. **(scrn 11)**

Ecc 12:13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

I'm pastor Scott Velain with holy impact ministries, and I'll be looking forward to seeing you next seventh day Sabbath at 9 AM Eastern standard time as we dive into the first chapter of the book of the Revelation of our Messiah.

Until that time, I will ask once again ask as I always do... That you please, please, take what you've heard here today to your prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you've heard here today be true... Or not.

Ask, seek, and knock, and the door will be opened to you. And if you will do that... You and I will indeed walk through the Gates of his soon coming kingdom.