

INTRODUCTION

Some of the Reasons Why We Should Study the Book of Revelation

- 1. *It is part of the Word of God.***
 - It is profitable. 2 Timothy 3:16. All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.
 - It is needed. Matthew 4:4. But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"
- 2. *It glorifies Jesus Christ.*** Revelation 1:1a. The Revelation of Jesus Christ.
- 3. *That we might further know and have fellowship with God.*** 1 John 1:3. That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.
- 4. *It is meant to be "revealed" and not "concealed."***
 - "Reveal" defined: to make (something) known; to make (something that was hidden) able to be seen; to make known through divine inspiration; to open up to view; display
 - "Conceal" defined: to hide (something or someone) from sight; to keep (something) secret; to prevent disclosure or recognition of; to place out of sight
- 5. *It tells of the condition of the church.*** Revelation Chapters 2 and 3.
- 6. *It tells of the events which will proceed, accompany and follow the second coming of the Lord.***
- 7. *It is "to the servants" of God.***
 - Revelation 1:1. The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified *it* by His angel to His servant John.
 - Revelation 22:16. "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."
- 8. *It is an incentive to evangelize and witness to the lost.***
 - Revelation 8:13. And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"
 - Revelation 22:17. And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.
- 9. *It promises a blessing.*** Revelation 1:3. Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.
- 10. *It is meant to give us peace (and not fear).*** Revelation 1:4, 5a. John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ.

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