

DAY 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF REVELATION

“The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants[a] the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. 3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.” ([Revelation 1:1-3](#))

There are a few underlying assumptions that should be understood and will set the foundation for the remainder of this study of the Book of Revelation. They are as follows:

I. JESUS OVER EVENTS

- A. The book of Revelation is primarily about the man Jesus BEFORE it is about events; it is the revealing of the man Jesus
- B. The most robust display of Jesus in the Bible
- C. The main need of the hour is to have a revelation about who Jesus is
- D. Purpose is to calibrate the body of Christ to who Jesus is

II. THE THINGS THAT MUST SOON TAKE PLACE

- A. The secondary purpose of the book is to reveal “the things that must soon take place” ([v. 1](#))
- B. These events must be taken seriously
- C. We cannot be ashamed of this book; you can’t love Jesus and be against the things that He does

III. THE GENERATION IS HERE

- A. We are living at the beginning of the generation(s) that will lead to these events unfolding
- B. The Lord clearly teaches that we will know, and are mandated to know, the generation of His return ([Matthew 24, 25](#))

IV. MEANT FOR UNDERSTANDING

- A. The Book of Revelation can be understood
- B. Jesus teaches: if you want to understand, be like a child; think simple
- C. This book forces humility
- D. This book not just can be understood, but must be understood



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V. MARANATHA

- A. A Maranatha Lifestyle is the way forward
- B. Maranatha: “The Lord came, the Lord is coming again, Lord come!”
- C. We must go deep in the Maranatha framework as we seek to understand the Book of Revelation

VI. PURSUIT OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

- A. You are blessed if you read this book out loud (v. 3)
- B. You are blessed if you hear it (v. 3)
- C. You are blessed if you keep it (v. 3)
 - 1. Take it seriously
 - 2. Treasure the faces of Jesus that we read in this book
 - 3. We declare the message of Revelation, even unto death
 - 4. Not explaining it away
 - 5. We cherish the book and create a culture where it is cherished