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# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

- ▶ Admittedly, This is a *difficult* book
- ▶ What qualifies **me** to teach on this subject?
  - ▶ Am I a theologian?
  - ▶ Do I have a degree?
  - ▶ Did I attend seminary or college?
  - ▶ Am I *bona fide*?
- ▶ Do I have all the answers?
- ▶ Have I studied the book?

## INTRODUCTION



# THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS STUDY



- ▶ I could have suggested, 'How about a nice study of Acts'?
- ▶ “For though by this time you ought to be teachers...” - Hebrews 5:12
- ▶ Why is Revelation so difficult to understand?
  - ▶ It was meant to be understood – Revelation 1:3
  - ▶ Is there a secret code (Apocalyptic literature)?
  - ▶ Was it *exclusively* for the saints in the first century?
- ▶ *We do not understand because we do not know our Old Testament*
  - ▶ Revelation is *steeped in symbology* from the Old Testament
  - ▶ Historical events from the Old Testament were used to signify imminent events.
- ▶ It is helpful to study works by authors on various views, with an emphasis on **sound Biblical reasoning**.

IT HAS BEEN NEGLECTED

- ▶ Like the “Scarlet thread of redemption” the symbology of eschatology also weaves a thread throughout the Bible culminating in Revelation.

IT IS THE CONSUMMATION OF THE  
SCRIPTURES

| Description                      | Old Testament                   | New Testament                              |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Prophecy of Christ               | Genesis 3:14                    | Revelation 19                              |
| Loss of Paradise                 | Genesis 3:22                    | Revelation 21                              |
| Blessing and Curses              | Deuteronomy 11:26               | Revelation 22:1-3                          |
| Deuteronomic Covenant            | Deuteronomy 28;<br>Leviticus 26 | The Structure of Revelation                |
| New Covenant                     | Jeremiah 31:31                  | Matthew 26:28;<br>Hebrews 8:7-13           |
| Last Days of Judah and Jerusalem | Isaiah 2:1-2                    | Matthew 22:7; Luke 23:28; 1 Thess. 2:15-16 |
| The New Temple                   | Ezekiel 40-43                   | Ephesians 2:19-22;<br>Revelation 11        |

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- ▶ Revelation 1:3
  - ▶ A blessing is promised to those who read it aloud
  - ▶ A blessing is promised to those who hear it
  - ▶ A blessing is promised to those who keep it
- ▶ It Identifies a specific duty with which we are charged!
- ▶ Fear to study is no excuse!

IT HAS A PURPOSE AND AN  
IMPORTANT MESSAGE

**Matthew 28:18-20  
(NKJV)**

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*" Amen.

**1 Corinthians 15:24-27  
(NKJV)**

Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death. For "HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET." But when He says "all things are put under *Him*," *it is* evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted.

**Revelation 6:1-2  
(NKJV)**

Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.