

Revelation 1:1-20

To Him Who Has Loves Us and Has Freed Us From Our Sins By His Blood

1 Timothy 2:1-6 *Pray for All People* First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Revelation gives us insight to God's plan and what He is doing behind the scenes. God is controlling the outcome. He will save all of those that have trusted in Jesus as their Lord! Jesus Christ is the divine author, Savior and judge.

We see some of the end times revealed in Daniel, Ezekiel, Zechariah, and Revelations.

A few main points about Revelation:

1. These things are happening and will all happen.
2. Jesus died for our sins and desires a relationship with us.
3. If we reject Christ as our Lord, we will be eternally separated from Him.
4. Jesus is coming back, are you ready?

I will not predict when Jesus is coming back. Jesus said that it is not for us to know. Jesus also said He will be coming back!

Acts 1:1-11 *In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*

Jesus is coming back! A new kingdom in heaven will be created with no sin and no death where we will live with God. ARE YOU READY? Are your family and friends ready? You are to be His witnesses.

Main theme of Revelation- The church is engaged in a war. This war is between the one triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and His church against satan and his demons. The church has already won because Jesus died for our sins and was resurrected, but satan and the demons fight to hurt the church.

Satan's (the dragon) tools against the church are.....

1. Persecution

2. False teaching (faith in Christ is the only way to heaven)
3. Allure of material affluence (idolatry and immorality)
4. Cultural approval (spiritual complacency)

We, as Christians, are called to be faithful to God in the middle of this war and we know that Christ will be victorious in the end. We must stay with Him!

Vs 1-3 The writer is Jesus, but He gives John a revelation of what is to come.

You are blessed if you know this prophecy. You are blessed because you know what is coming. You are blessed because Jesus died for your sins!

As Christians we should live our life in such a way that we are keeping Jesus in mind. He saved us. He is coming back for us. We are in a battle now. Jesus will win and so will His people.

We must live like it is the 4th quarter. We must live for Christ and proclaim Christ to others because He is coming back.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-10 The Day of the Lord

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Vs 4-8 These churches are in modern day Turkey.

Written from our eternal God. He was, and is, and is to come. Jesus is coming back for His people.

Jesus will judge all humans and save all of those that have faith in Him as Lord.

7 represents the completeness or fullness or perfection.

Jesus LOVES you. Faith in Jesus frees you from your sin. Jesus paid the sin price for you with His death and blood so that you can be saved. Do you believe that? If yes, you are saved and have hope now!

We are priests in that it is not the Israelites that are God's people, it is all that trust in Christ. We are the living witnesses of Jesus now. ENDURE in JESUS. Have JOY in JESUS. SUFFER with HOPE OF JESUS.

WE ARE JESUS REPRESENTATIVES.

Every person who has ever lived will see and know Jesus is Lord and He is real. People will either worship Him and live in heaven forever with Him or be judged to hell by Him. Jesus is the beginning and the end.

Vs 9-12 John was given this information by God for us. Jesus is coming back. Be ready. Jesus knows the churches. He knows the good they do and He knows where they struggle.

Jesus is seen and heard in this passage. He is known and understood and heard when He is talking about the 7 churches.

Vs 17-20 When John saw Jesus He fell before Him. We will all fall before Him.

Though we will be in awe of Jesus, if we know Him and believe in Him we do not need to fear.

Jesus is our Savior! He died, but now He lives forever. If we know Him, we too live forever.

Jesus shows us that the churches are known, they have angels, and that He knows the churches.

- **God gives John an understanding of who Jesus is.**
- **God gives John a view into the future for the Christian and non-Christian.**
- **We have grace and peace now and for eternity if we believe in Jesus and ask Him to take control of our lives.**

Jesus died to pay for our sins, but now He lives forever and He will rule forever.

Jesus always was and always will be. We were created, but we will always be with Him after death or always be separated from Him in hell after death.

Jesus knows you and He knows the good and bad you do. Jesus knows the churches good and bad.

Jesus wants us to know what will happen and He wants Christians to endure and be faithful even when it is hard, because we know the end of the story.

If you do not know Jesus, He wants you to believe in Him and this is why He gives this message.