

Hard Questions: Understanding Revelation

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1. The Bible provides an open door, a glimpse into future things, through which we are able to peer into the very portals of Heaven. (Revelation 4:1)
2. The symbolism John uses in Revelation does two things; it is not weakened by time and grants us an understanding of things the Lord is unveiling. (Revelation 4:1, 11:19, 15:5, 19:11)
3. Revelation is spiritual code understood by those who know Christ personally – who have the Holy Spirit. Unbelievers don't understand the book because it is not intended for them. (Daniel 12:9-10, 1 Corinthians 2:14)
4. To all the readers of Revelation facing persecution, it provides the central message of hope; even though evil seems rampant, God is in sovereign control of all events.
5. Revelation contains truths that once had been concealed, but now they're revealed. It is a revelation from Jesus, about Jesus.
6. The Gospels are about Jesus, but they focus on God the Son becoming Jesus the man. Revelation presents Jesus in His exaltation. (Philippians 2:6-7)
7. Revelation is a book of judgment. God is just and sin will be punished.
8. Retaining memories of life on earth allows you to worship with unbridled joy and knowledge of what you have been saved from. (Revelation 5:11-13)
9. There is a special blessing to those who read & obey the message in Revelation. Take to heart what is written. (Revelation 1:3)
10. To neglect the book of Revelation is to neglect the very Word of God. Whatever you do as you study, get to know your Savior better.

GREEK WORDS

Apokalupsis, *ap-ok-al'-oop-sis*; *disclosure* :- appearing, manifestation, be revealed, unveiling

en tachei, (*en takh'-os*); a *brief* space (of time), in *haste* :- + quickly

Tereo, (*tay-reh'-o*); a *watch*; to *guard* - keeping *the eye*

QUOTES

“And if any one will devote a close attention to those things which are stated by the prophets with regard to the time of the end, and those which John the disciple of the Lord saw in the Apocalypse, he will find that the nations are to receive the same plagues universally, as Egypt then did particularly” ~**Irenaeus, 125 AD**

“But we do confess that a kingdom is promised to us upon the earth, although before Heaven, only in another state of existence; inasmuch as it will be after the resurrection for a thousand years in the divinely-built city of Jerusalem, let down from Heaven, which the apostle also calls ‘our mother from above; This both Ezekiel had knowledge of and the Apostle John beheld.”
~**Tertullian, 200 AD**

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