The Revelation: Interpreted

What the Bible Truly Says About the End of Days

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Prologue

I know the popular beliefs that are taught concerning the Antichrist and the mark of the beast. The Antichrist will be a man, who will rise up as ruler of the whole world. He will force everyone to take his mark, possibly a microchip or a tattoo. Christians will refuse to take the mark because they will know that he is the Antichrist, while the rest of the world will be oblivious to who he really is. The Antichrist then begins to persecute all who do not take his mark. There will be a period of great tribulation on the earth for years until the final battle of Armageddon. Then the world as we know it will come to a disastrous end.

These events are said to be outlined in the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, the last book in the Bible. For as long as I can remember, this is what I have heard about the end of days. I believed it all to be true, but I felt the explanation was also missing something. I had a few questions in my mind. With everything that has been taught in the church and even in the secular world about the Antichrist, how could a man take control of the whole world and *no one* realize that this was the Antichrist? If everyone on the planet was force to take some kind of mark on their body by this one man who came to rule the world, how could *no one* come to realize that this was the mark of the beast?

These questions led me to believe that the mark of the beast would come in disguise so that no one would know when they were being marked. Likewise, it made me very curious about who the Antichrist could be. Over the past few years, as I have studied the Scriptures, I have developed a student-teacher relationship with God, when it comes to His word. If there is something in the Scriptures I do not understand, I simply ask God what it means, and He tells me. So I asked God to tell me who the Antichrist would be, and I was assured in my heart that He would tell me one day.

After some time, the Lord spoke to me one night and told me to read the book of Revelation as though it were a dream. For years I have known that the Lord has given me the ability to understand dreams. When I hear a person's dream, the Spirit of God often gives me the interpretation of that dream. When the Lord gave me this direction, I took out my Bible and began to read. As soon as I approached the book as a dream, the understanding of what was written came to me by the power of the Holy Spirit. I got the answer to the question I had asked God, concerning who the Antichrist was and what would be his mark. God also revealed much more to me. I have shared all this in the pages of this book. I pray for whoever is reading this that the Lord gives you understanding as well.

This book is a study of the book of Revelation, the last book in the Bible, which outlines what will happen in the end of days. It is traditionally believed to have been written by John, the beloved apostle of Jesus Christ and an author of other writings in the Holy Bible. The book of Revelation is a book of visions. Dreams and visions are a language of the spirit world which God uses to communicate with mankind. The book must be read and interpreted according to the language of its verses in order to fully be understood. The visions that John writes down are giving the church a look into what is taking place in the realm of the spirit, from the birth of the church until the end of the age.

A focal point in understanding the message of Revelation is to understand the nature of man. Man is made up of three parts: body, soul, and spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:23). When God made Adam and Eve, they were completely alive and living in the paradise of Eden, having dominion over all the earth. God gave them one commandment: that they should not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, or they would surely die (Genesis 2:17). The devil came in the form of a serpent and deceived them into disobeying God. When they did this, they died, but their death was not in their natural bodies, it was a death of their spirits.

The spirit is the part of a man that can commune with God, because God is a Spirit. When this part of Adam and Eve died, they became cursed and took on the nature of sin in their physical bodies. This sin nature became the only living part of them and of all their future offspring. From that point on, anyone who would be born to this earth would be spiritually stillborn. All mankind was separated from God.

In obeying the words of the devil rather than the commandment of God, Adam and Eve gave up to the enemy the authority over this earth, which had been given to them. Not only was man separated from God, but he no longer had dominion over the earth. He was made a slave to the will of the enemy. The will of the enemy for the life of man is sin. All of mankind became slaves to sin. And sin carries a penalty of death and eternal damnation.

In John 3:16 we learn: "For God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life" (NLT). Jesus came into this world to free mankind from the curse of death that came with sin. He came to give us our life back—our spirit life—and to give us back the authority over the earth that we were created to have. God desired for us to once again have a relationship with Him and to take our rightful place amid His creation.

Jesus suffered and died for our sins, taking the penalty that was due to us to save us from punishment. Those who put their faith in Jesus Christ, and make Him the Lord and Master of their lives, are given a new life. Their dead spirits are resurrected within them by the power of the Holy Spirit. In this way, Christians have been reborn, with the persons they used to be having died.

In John 3:3 Jesus says this: "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God" (NLT).

The Kingdom of God is a spiritual place that was brought down to this earth by Christ when He walked here as the man Jesus. Those who have been born again are capable of living in this Kingdom while still on earth. Those who are not living in the Kingdom of God are living in the world where Satan is god. There is a spiritual battle that has been going on, and it is coming to its climax. The manifestations will be seen here on earth. The book of Revelation is speaking in spiritual language concerning these spiritual events. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. (Galatians 6:7–8)

PART 1:

The Interpretation of the Book of Revelation

CHAPTER 1

The Seven Churches (Rev 1-4)

The Book of Revelation

Revelation 1

- ¹ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to shew unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John:
- ² Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.
- ³ Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.
- ⁴ John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne;
- ⁵ And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood,
- ⁶ And hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
- ⁷ Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen.

- ⁸ I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the Ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.
- ⁹ I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.
- ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,
- ¹¹ Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.
- ¹² And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;
- ¹³ And in the midst of the seven candlesticks One like unto the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.
- ¹⁴ His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire;
- ¹⁵ And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters.
- ¹⁶ And He had in His right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.
- ¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the First and the Last:
- ¹⁸ I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.
- ¹⁹ Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

The book of Revelation is a series of visions. Christ reveals these visions to John and tells him to write them down so that they will be shared with the church. Verse 19 is important because it is telling us that the things that John will write in the following chapters are not just things that have not happened yet. In this book John is writing of things that have happened already in his time, things that are happening as he is writing the book, and things that are yet to happen. The entire book is a history of the church from its beginning until the day of Christ's return. It is written in the dream language in which John sees his visions. In some instances the symbols are explained within the book. I will also give an interpretation of those things not explained as the Holy Spirit has revealed them to me.

²⁰ The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in My right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

Revelation 2

In the next two chapters are a series of letters to different churches. The Lord tells of the good He sees within the churches and the evils of which they need to repent. There is only one body of Christ, yet He speaks to seven different churches, each with different strengths and weaknesses. This is because although there is only one Christ and one way He taught us to live, there are many different kinds of Christians. What we need to do is read the letters to the seven churches as if Christ is writing to us directly—because He is. As we read this, we need to be honest with ourselves and ask, "Which church am I?"

These letters can be applied to a certain body of believers (denomination), a house of worship (congregation), or an individual believer (you and I).

- ¹ Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;
- ² I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:
- ³ And hast borne, and hast patience, and for My name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.
- ⁴ Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.
- ⁵ Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

- ⁶ But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.
- ⁷ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Characteristics of the church of Ephesus:

- 1. Does the works that others believe the church should be doing.
- 2. Rejects what is against the word of God.
- 3. When you look at their actions and lifestyle, they seem in close fellowship with God.
- 4. "Left your first love" (Rev. 2:4). They are busy doing works, but they do not have an intimate relationship with God.

The Christian that is spiritually called the church of Ephesus does good works but is not centered on the love of God. Many Christians and churches today carry out the work of the gospel: they feed the poor, have coat drives, and have a tightly knit church family that looks after and helps each other, but they do not have a deep, intimate love relationship with Jesus Christ. The physical works have replaced the spiritual works, so what is needed to fulfill the love relationship with Christ is neglected.

Love is the central theme of Christianity, and it must not be forgotten. People cannot have the love of God in them without a close relationship with Christ. Among this kind of Christian might be the best friend you have ever had, and then once you fall short and sin, they will turn their back on you. They will hold your lifestyle up against Scripture but neglect to love you as Christ loves you. Christ is calling for these members of His body to repent and do the spiritual works of getting close to Him. He promises them that if they repent, they will have eternal life in paradise.

- ⁸ And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the First and the Last, which was dead, and is alive;
- ⁹ I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

Снартек 9 The False Prophet

The beast out of the earth is the False Prophet. To fully understand the role of this beast in the plan of the enemy, it is important to look at the term *false prophet* in a way it is not commonly explained. When most people think of the term *false prophet*, they think of someone who speaks a thing, claiming it is the word of God, and it does not come to pass. That is one type of false prophet, but there are two. The word *prophet* is defined as "a person who speaks for God or a deity." Other gods have their own prophets. These prophets speak for those gods. Oftentimes what they speak comes to pass. They are false in the sense that they are not prophets of the true and living God. Deuteronomy 18:20 relates this truth: "*But any prophet who falsely claims to speak in My name or who speaks in the name of another god must die*" (NLT). The False Prophet is the principality over all false prophecy.

Man has creative power. We were made in the image and likeness of a creative God. When man speaks, his words come to life. When he speaks the word of God, his words are given Spirit life. When prophets of God speak, God is allowing them to use their creative power to bring His word to life in the earthly realm. This gives birth on earth to what already is in heaven. When a false prophet speaks, he is being used by the beast out of the earth to speak and give life to the Antichrist's agenda. The devil has no creative power because he was not created in the image and likeness of God. He needs to use man to create the world he wants here on earth.

The beast out of the earth is the dragon's assigned antagonist against the works of the Holy Spirit. As the Holy Spirit leads the children of God into all truth, so does the beast out of the earth lead mankind into the lies of the dragon. The Spirit of God gives life to the spirit of man and allows us the privilege to worship God in spirit and in truth through faith in Christ. In the fashion of imitation, the False Prophet causes man to worship the devil through the Antichrist's agenda. In the life of the believer, the Holy Spirit is the power from on high to manifest the Kingdom of God here on earth. In the ministry of Jesus on earth and the ministry of the first church, we see signs and wonders by the power of the Holy Spirit performed through man. Today most of the signs and wonders that the world sees are those inspired by the spirit of the False Prophet and performed by man. The False Prophet is the voice behind many of the ideas and imaginations of man that have led mankind into creating a culture that is contrary to the way Christ taught man to live. This is evident in every aspect of the global world's culture. I will touch on just a few.

Music

The love of music is universal. By the word *music* I mean melodies and sung words. Unbeknownst to many, musicians are prophets. Music is a way the Holy Spirit uses to speak to God's people, and the False Prophet spirit also uses it against the people of this earth. I will explore how the Spirit of God has used music as outlined in Scripture and how the False Prophet uses it in contrast.

King David wrote a number of songs in which he prophesied about the coming Messiah. The following is quoted from one of David's songs, also known as Psalm 22:16–18:

For dogs have compassed Me: The assembly of the wicked have inclosed Me: They pierced My hands and My feet. I may tell all My bones: They look and stare upon Me. They part My garments among them, And cast lots upon My vesture.

In this song David is speaking in first person, but these things happened to Christ. David is serving as a mouthpiece for Christ in singing this song. The Spirit of God sang through a man, and the devil and his demons do the same. Today many songs are sung by demons. They use man so that what the man speaks can be created here on earth. Most often the demon sings the song in first person, so everyone thinks it is the thoughts, feelings, and ideas of the person they can actually see singing, rather than the invisible demon. The persons being used most often think that the words are theirs as well.

Not only are the words in songs inspired by the spirit realm; so are the melodies. We can look at King David's life again and see that. As a young man David would play his harp for King Saul, and the demon that was tormenting Saul would leave him. A melody inspired by the Holy Spirit can drive a demon out of a person, and demonic music will put demons into a person.

It should be very evident that today's music is plagued with deep immorality. This is something that has grown and evolved as time goes on. Just a few decades ago parents were in an outrage about how Elvis Presley moved his pelvis while fully clothed. Today half-naked men and women sing and dance in music videos and on stage. Adults and children of every age watch and imitate this. It is very ignorant for people to think that this music does not affect them in any way. Once you listen to the songs, you open yourself up to an encounter with the spirit in the music.

A song has the power to uplift you or bring you down. The function of music is very important. Even in Ephesians 5:19, Paul shows the importance of music in the life of the believer when he advised the church to be filled with the Spirit, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord ..." Music can be used as a weapon by the believer or as a weapon against the believer and the world. It all depends on who is inspiring the music. In 1 Samuel 18:6–9 we read:

And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of music. And the women answered one another as they played, and said,

Saul hath slain his thousands,

And David his ten thousands.

And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom? And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

The women sang this song as the men were coming home from war. This was a well-written, organized song, and I surmise that only one or two people wrote it and taught it to the other women. If you want to look at it in today's point of view, it was a record that was released as a welcome to the army after war. In 1 Samuel 29:4–5 we hear about this song again:

And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? should it not be with the heads of these men?

Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying,

Saul slew his thousands, And David his ten thousands?

This shows that this was a well-known song, and it caused problems for David wherever he went. These men were not even Israelites, yet they knew the song. It was a hit record. Who inspired the person who wrote this song? We can derive this by looking at the song itself. Who did the song glorify? It glorified David and Saul. It glorified man and not God. It also ranked the men it glorified. The devil knew what he was doing in writing this song. He wanted to implant a spirit of jealousy in Saul to provoke him to kill David, and the means he employed to do this was music. If the people who did not go out to war knew that David had slain more men than Saul, Saul and all the soldiers knew that on the battlefield. But Saul did not become jealous until he heard the song. Is it so far-fetched to think that someone would hate another over a song?

Were those who produced this song knowingly working for the devil? We cannot say, but it is obvious that God was not their number one because the song was about the works of man rather than the works of God. God had won the battle, and they sang about the men. And as soon as the song was released, Saul eyed David from that day on. The demon was implanted into Saul by the music, and after that, every time he looked at David, he could only see him through the eyes of the spirit of jealousy that was now in him. The False Prophet spirit still does this today. It does this to the whole of mankind that listens to demonic music, including the saints.

There are different spirits in different music, and they enter into the listener and affect elements of their character and personality. This is what happened to Saul. We can see this very clearly among the younger generation because they are more impressionable. They imitate the artists they listen to. The presentation of the artist is just a personification of the demon that is behind the artist's music. Demons of lust put out lustful music, and the musician presents himself or herself in a sexual fashion by mirroring the demon making the music. The purpose of the demon is to implant spirits of lust in the listeners so that those spirits can carry out lustful acts through those they inhabit. These acts will lead to heartache, disease, out-of-wedlock pregnancies, and all types of things that will attempt to hinder the people's lives and keep them in bondage to a lesser life. It is the same with violent, crime-laced music. It sends a wayward, criminal spirit into society. There is also music that brings on spirits of depression and loneliness. Music can make you dance, cry, and reminisce. It can have control over the listener because there is a spirit

Epilogue

I know that what I have said is contrary to most of what has been taught in the church concerning the book of Revelation and the end of days. People believe that this world is just going to keep getting worse until it comes to an end. They teach this as though it came out of the Scriptures—but it did not. This is a teaching that was established in the church by the Antichrist itself.

Christ came to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. As Christians, we have dominion and authority. If we do not want the conditions on the earth to get worse, we have the authority to make them better. I have seen the future of planet Earth. I see entire towns, cities, and countries turning to God and sickness vanishing from this earth. There will come a day when occurrences like rape, child abuse, violence, and murders are unheard of because every inhabitant of this earth will worship God in spirit and in truth.

The church is so divided because every branch of the division is holding on to certain errors. These errors come about because people do not want to rely on the Holy Spirit as the source of truth. If every Christian were led by the Holy Spirit, there would be no division, and we would operate as one body. This must and will change.

The book of Revelation starts out with Christ calling out to the church to correct itself. Those who do not come in line with the Holy Spirit will be judged. Judgment will start in the church, and the church will be purged of all those who do not want to be obedient to Christ.

Once the church is unified and one, there is nothing on this earth that we cannot accomplish in the name of Jesus. When the church stands up in full authority, it will go forward in the power of the Holy Spirit, bringing the gospel to the four corners of the earth. During this time, judgment will be rained down on the earth. All those who believe and repent will be saved, and all those who refuse to worship the true and living God and His Christ will die. They will be taken off this earth. At the end, only those who worship God will be left. Then Christ will return, to marry His obedient church without spot or wrinkle.

Even though it is contrary to widespread teaching in the church, I know without a doubt that what I am saying is true. But I know this because the Holy Spirit has revealed it to me. The Holy Spirit is alive. He is available to teach us all that we desire to know about Himself and His truth. It would be wrong for anyone to read this and just accept it. That is the attitude and behavior that has gotten so much error into the church.

Many people teach that God only speaks to a few people, and they are the ones to share His messages with others. This is a lie. God wants to speak to all of us. Every Christian has the opportunity to ask God questions and expect that He will answer them. It is necessary to ask the Holy Spirit to confirm for you all that I have written in this book to be true.

I have provided a lot of scriptures to help you understand what I am saying biblically, but it is very important for you to learn to search the Scriptures on your own. A lot of false teaching is so commonplace in the church simply because Christians do not read their Bibles. This must change. We as a body need to all be in line with the truth and know the word of God.

I pray this message I have shared blesses your life as it has blessed mine. The future God has for this earth is a good future. And the body of Christ will enjoy the earth that God created for His children. We must all repent, turn away from our old lives of sin, and live in the newness of Christ. Only by living in the spirit and being led by the Spirit will we come to see the goodness God has in store for us all!