

The Book of Revelation, pt. 1

Rev. 1:1

God did not write the Book of Revelation as a boogey man book, to scare us all into the rapture of the church.

- This is a book that was supposed to empower God's people into a stronger love and confidence in Him, in the earth's most terrible times.
- Because the central theme of the Book of Revelation is, "the sovereignty of God".
- Sovereignty means God is in absolute control at all times with all human affairs.
- So God's sovereignty is supposed to be our security in this present time because His sovereignty is controlled by His love.
- We have to begin re-examining how we pray and set our private goals based on God's absolute sovereignty in our lives.
- The purpose of the Book of Revelation is it reveals the sovereignty of Jesus Christ
- It is through the events in Revelation that God reveals His sovereignty through His love for us.
- We need to ask God to help us see Him differently we are facing pain, hurt, loneliness, and failed expectations.
- Because how you see Jesus determines how you will feel about yourself. It determines how you react to relational conflicts in your personal life.

Read Rev. 4:1

Notice in verse 1 it speaks of a door standing open in heaven.

- A. This is referring to all focus and all attention at this time of current events must be on Jesus.
- B. Jesus is the Door, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
- C. And Jesus is calling His bride with a voice of a war trumpet.
- D. This is a distinct voice to prepare us and to harden us to difficulties according to Is. 41:10 AMP. The voice of a war trumpet means I, the Lord sovereignly will allow and bring impending war to the earth. But you My bride must keep your hearts from failing. I will empower you while other Christian believers are fearful, weak, and discouraged because the rapture has taken place yet.
- E. I Am Sovereign. No man can close the door in your life that I open. No man can open the doors that I close in your life.
- F. My sheep know My voice in times of war. I Am the door. I Am clearly on My Throne ruling all human affairs. I just need you to be My witness to the weary, the heathen, and the atheist to say, 'Jesus is still sovereign and Lord over all the darkness and chaos in the earth'. This confession brings grace into our private lives.

Read Rev. 4:2

- Once I came under the power of the Holy Ghost, I could see His Sovereign Throne.
- This will determine how you react to bill collectors, and selfish people in your life.
- We have to come under the power of the Holy Ghost to convince our mind, will, and emotions that the Throne of Jesus will get the last say in my trial.
- You cannot keep looking at the size of your problems and hurts and expect to have practical faith in God.

- John came under the power of the Holy Ghost so He can properly interpret end time events. Otherwise you will interpret what's happening to you, from your own fears and hurts. You will pray wrong. You will give wrong. You will love wrong. All because you do not bring yourself under the power of the Holy Ghost to confess Jesus is sovereignly on the Throne of my heart when experiencing failed expectations.

Read Rev. 4:3-5

God wants us to specifically see the infinite energy and power that emits from Him.

- A. These verses are giving us God's light show to look at instead of always looking at satan's little firecracker shows in our lives.
- B. God uses lightning and thundering against our enemies. For Jesus beheld satan cast out of heaven. He keeps showing us His superiority and supremacy over evil so we can experience comfort, peace, and strength when trials don't go away.

Read vs. 10-11 – When I keep focusing on God's sovereignty instead of the fear mongers of eschatology I will react differently to relationship pain.

- We are rehearsing way too much negative garbage every day in our mind and emotions. This paralyzes our faith and love for God, causing us to live a fearful and self-catered life.

Read Rev. 6:1 – The Book of Revelation is a futuristic book for a present day message.

- Because God is showing us:
 - I control death
 - I determine when the horsemen will be let forth and when they will stop their destruction.
 - The rider of the horse has only the authority to operate according to God's sovereignty – God says don't harm the oil and wine but you can harm the money. They were given authority they can't do anything that Jesus doesn't tell them to do.
- Yet His bride will be insulated from this controlled disbursement of God's sovereignty.
- The bride will be given grace in her suffering to withstand a time she sees people suffering and not wanting Christ.
- A. God shows us in advance the power of His radiance so we do not give into the torment of daily fears running rampant right now.
 - a. North Korea/Trump threatening a nuclear war
 - b. The constant hatred of race and political groups also waging a civil war here in America.
 - c. We constantly watch news outlets reporting death, destruction, and weather calamities.
 - d. We become traumatized with the mass killing sprees like Las Vegas.
 - e. Even our St. Rita's situation has to be approached by God's sovereignty.
- B. God is telling us read, study, and pray the Book of Revelation. I Am the Alpha and Omega. I have keys to death, hell, and the grave.
- C. I need you as my witnesses now to give hope and salvation to the lost and to your relatives and friends.

- All of the hideous creatures in the Book of Revelation are controlled by God.
 - They obey His voice. They will not hurt the earth a minute longer than what Jesus tells them.
 - Do we have that kind of obedience that the creatures in Revelation do when it's time to practice trusting God in prayer when under attack. (Then why don't we practice trusting, worship, and praise right now and be obedient to the voice of Jesus like the creatures do.)
- God is showing us what it's like to trust Him when creatures of this magnitude are unleashed on this earth.
- The creature with a lions teeth will not be able to crush the homes of humans like he is capable of because God withholds it.
- God is sustaining you now on His grace and sovereign love and not by your abilities and good works.
- None of us could handle these Book of Revelation creatures without God's sovereign security love restraining them from us.
- God's sovereignty controls all other things in your life.
- Jesus is saying look at the Door and not the creatures. Look at the Throne and not the rebellion of secular Christianity and the atheist.
- God's sovereignty, identity, and dominion is shown by the way we react in relationship conflicts and current events.
- If Jesus can control all of this stuff in the Book of Revelation then He can control your financial problems and your sickness and your job problems.

Read vs Rev. 6:9-10

Notice they were not bitter. God said I will avenge those who dwell in My sovereignty.

If you don't accept God's sovereignty you can go crazy refusing to accept what God is allowing to happen.

- Satan's power is restricted all throughout the Book of Revelation.

Read Rev. 9:17

- The Lamb will be the Shepherd.
- The Lamb saves us and not the lion, for love conquers all.
- Jesus is the Wounded Healer. When you let the Lamb be your Shepherd you are letting love guide you.

God then wipes away all tears in the middle of our attacks.

- God is sovereign over our pain and memories. For He restoreth my soul from the damages of my personal tribulations.
- His sovereignty keeps me in my tribulations. This is a right now Word in a futuristic book.
- His sovereignty and your dependency go hand in hand. You show dependency by your worship and your prayer life.
- Worship is a lifestyle and not an event. For submission is the dependency on Him when I don't want to do something.
- In Revelation 9:1-6, God only allows demons to attack unprotected people. Power is granted but it's restricted.
- Rev. 17:16-17, God knows how to put into your enemy's heart what He chooses for your benefit. Wow!

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