

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 2

# ***"WHY THE BOOK OF REVELATION?"***

**(PART 2)**



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***“Has anything like  
this happened in your  
days, or even in the  
days of your fathers?”***

This question could well have been asked by someone living in the year 2020 or 2021. But do you know that this was what the prophet Joel said more than 2,000 years ago (Joel 1:2)?

**Indeed, we are living in unprecedented times!** Never in our days nor in the days of our fathers have we witnessed a global pandemic with such extensive economic, healthcare, societal and even political repercussions and ramifications. Just like how the elders in the time of Joel were totally thrown off by the four waves of locust invasion and their agricultural and economic sequelae, we as a Church were completely blindsided; we were unprepared and caught off guard.





**We lack clarity and understanding** concerning what is happening and what is in the heart of God. This is what God wants us to acquire in such a time as this – understanding and clarity.

God has given us clarity concerning what is going to happen at the End of the Age through the Book of Revelation. The Book of Revelation is the lighthouse that shines on our path in our journey through this coming tumultuous hour of human history. It is the book that is of **utmost relevance to the Church now.**

It tells us the **Grand End-Time Storyline of God**, and it charts out a **clear eschatological road map for the Church** so that we will know exactly how to navigate through the coming challenging times.

The Book of Revelation also equips us with an **understanding of the times and seasons** so that we will know what to do. We are no longer living in “normal times” and can no longer live life business as usual. We need to understand this so that we will be wise to align and shift with the Lord!

*During the first session, we have shared with you two reasons regarding why we study the Book of Revelation. Today we will share with you three more:*







# **#3 THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ORCHESTRATING THE GREATEST MOVE OF GOD BEFORE THE RETURN OF JESUS**

The Holy Spirit is divinely orchestrating the greatest move of God before the return of Jesus.

We need to understand the role of the Church in the Last Days – God is **raising up the mature Bride of Christ to partner with Him in hastening and ushering in the return of His Son** (2 Pet. 3:12; Rev. 19:7; 22:17).

The Holy Spirit is **inviting us to partner with Him in this greatest End-Time move of God** – through pressing in with our prayers, through participating in the Great Commission, and through preparing ourselves and the Church to be the Bride.

Indeed, this will be **the most exciting hour in all of Church history and the Church will be around** to witness and participate in the Great End-Time Harvest, the unprecedented Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as well as the salvation of Israel.

***THE MATURE CHURCH WILL MOVE IN THE  
POWER AND PROPHETIC UNCTION OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT LIKE NEVER BEFORE.***

***WE WILL DISPLAY AND BRING FORTH THE  
GLORY OF JESUS IN THE MIDST OF THE  
DEEPEST DARKNESS (ISA. 60:1-2).***





# **#4 THE BOOK OF REVELATION TEACHES US HOW TO PREPARE OURSELVES TO PARTNER WITH THE LORD**

In order to partner with Jesus as the mature Bride, Scripture clearly tells us that there is a **requirement to prepare ourselves** (Rev. 19:7).

## **JESUS WILL NOT RETURN U N L E S S THE BRIDE HAS MADE HERSELF R E A D Y.**

The Book of Revelation teaches us how to prepare ourselves. Revelation chapter 2 and 3 show us **seven areas of spiritual maturity** that Jesus is looking for in His Church.

Jesus is returning for a Bride who is fully mature, who fully understands His heart and who is fully in love with Him. He is looking for an equally-yoked Bride who will fully agree, fully yield and fully yearn for Him to return (Rev.19:2,6; 22:17).



# **#5 THE BOOK OF REVELATION CLEARLY REVEALS THE HEART, POWER AND LEADERSHIP OF JESUS IN THE LAST DAYS**

The Book of Revelation shows us the heart, the power and the leadership of Jesus in the last days. **It reveals the heart of God** concerning the End Times and His judgments on the nations. In particular, we need to understand why God's judgments are so severe.

**Knowing the heart of God is especially crucial** because we will face the greatest tribulation and persecution and witness widespread death and suffering around us. If we do not understand the heart of God, it will be easy for us to become offended with Him.

Understanding God's heart and plans will **enable us to see things through the right perspective, and will give us clarity and confidence in His leadership** in the midst of all the fear, deception, confusion and offense that are common in the End Times (Matt. 24:4,10,11,24; Lk. 21:25-26). We will realize that through all the tribulation, Jesus is in control. He is leading us and He is preparing His people for glory.



It will also bring about **full agreement in the Church** with what God is doing, so that He can bring forth His plans and establish His Kingdom here on earth.

Indeed, on that Day when Jesus returns, may He find the mature Bride here on earth who fully understands His heart and fully agrees with His leadership. All across the earth, may we hear the resounding cry,



***“ALLELUIA!  
TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS  
ARE YOUR JUDGMENTS GOD!”***



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