



Questions

1. What illustration, story, or example stood out to you this week?
2. Why do you think there are so many references to the Old Testament throughout the book of Revelation? What does that connection tell you about God, His word, and His love for us?
3. Pastor Ron reminded us that Revelation starts with a blessing. Read Revelation 1:3, 1:12-18, and 21:1-6. Imagine you were a truly persecuted Christian back in the day that John had this vision. What kind of hope would John's recount of his vision give you? What kind of hope does it give you today?
4. Why do you believe John's Revelation is so difficult to decipher? Why would God make it this way?
5. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11. How are your daily activities reflecting what Paul shares in this passage? How does it encourage you to stay focused on Jesus?
6. Google the lyrics from the Aaron Jeffries song that Pastor Ron referenced and read them out loud. Which representation of Jesus stands out to you the most in your current place in life?
7. What one practical step do you plan to implement from this week's message?

Scripture References

Read Revelations 1: 3, Revelation 1:17-18, Revelations 21:1-6a, 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11

Takeaways

- Revelation begins and ends with Jesus as our Divine King.
- Key Players in Revelation: (Revelation 5-7; 12-13; Daniel 7; Isaiah 53)
 - The Dragon – Satan (Anti-God)
 - The Beast – the Antichrist; empowered by Satan; also referred to as a group of nations under the leadership of the Beast (Anti-Christ)
 - The False Prophet – empowered by Satan – winsome and meek, but still evil. Purpose is to get people to worship the Beast and receive a 'mark.' (Anti-Spirit)
 - The Woman of Revelation 12 – the remnant of Israel – God's faithful ones
 - The Lamb of God – Jesus Christ
- Revelation Overview (overview & timing of events is debated):
 - Introduction: Rev. 1
 - A Word to Churches: Rev. 2-3

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- Throne Room of God: Rev. 4-5
- (The Rapture of the Church: 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:52)
- The Tribulation: Rev. 6-19
- The Second Coming: Rev. 19
- The Millennial Reign, Binding of Satan, Final Battle & Judgment: Rev. 20
- The New Heaven & New Earth: Rev. 21-22
- Tribulation Symbols & Judgments
 - 7 Seals:
 - 4 Horsemen of the Apocalypse: Antichrist, War, Famine, Death
 - 3 Others: Martyr's Cry, Global Disturbances, Silence
 - 7 Trumpets
 - Ecological Devastation
 - Saltwater Turned to Blood
 - Freshwater Turned Bitter
 - Sun, Moon, Stars Affected Producing Darkness
 - Swarm of Satan & Demons
 - Evil Angelic Beings Kill 1/3 World's Population
 - Temple of God & Ark of Covenant Opened with Great Cataclysms
 - 7 Bowls
 - Festering sores on those committed to the antichrist
 - Oceans turned to blood
 - Rivers and springs of water turned to blood
 - Sun scorches to intense heat
 - Darkness and suffering to the beast's kingdom
 - Euphrates river dries up allowing army of 200 million to pass
 - Massive earthquake shakes all mountains, islands, cities, every institution set against God
- Differing Views
 - Pre-Mid-Post Tribulation
 - Pre-Post-Amillennialism
 - Preterism/Partial Preterism
- What Happens Before the Events of Revelation (Matthew 24)
 - False messiahs or prophets arise
 - Many people deceive or are deceived
 - Wars and rumors of wars increase
 - Global catastrophes like famines, earthquakes increase
 - Many persecuted for following Jesus

Week 4:

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THE STORY
OF THE



UNIVERSE

JESUS:
THE CENTRAL
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- Many abandoning the faith, following deceiving spirits (1 Timothy 4)
- The gospel will be preached to all nations
- Movement to a one-world religious, economic, political systems (Rev. 17/18)
- Israel in its own land and increased hostility toward her
- So What Now?
 - Put your hope in God. Jesus wins. Satan loses. An end is coming – and what's next is better!
 - Stay close to Christ. Be alert and persevere to the end. Encourage each other to enjoy this life now!