

Teaser

Are you ready for our third and final telecast on the book of Revelation? This book starts out with the most epic event in human history—the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Then it speaks of another resurrection—yes, you and me. But with eternity facing me tomorrow, how then should I live today?! That’s where we’re going now—life changing truths for the here and now. I’m Frank Eiklor. Stay with me for MORE THAN TALK.

Intro

Who will the antichrist be? When will the tribulation occur? What about the beast and the false prophet? What will occur in prophecy tomorrow? Important questions, all. But not the most important? How can God use the book of Revelation to change your life today? How should I live in the here and now that will prepare me for what comes hereafter? Now those are questions that get my attention. And that is what we are about to discover in the first seven chapters of the book of revelation.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION: LESSONS FOR THE HERE AND NOW (Life Changing Truths--Not Doctrinal Arguments)

The madness of rebellion

There is an old song with the words, “And The Walls Came Tumblin’ Down”. Of course, the song referred to Joshua, the Israelites, and the conquering of Jericho.

But now, other walls have come crashing down. I’m speaking of the economic crash in America and the shaking it produced worldwide. The “almighty dollar” has been unmasked as a weak idol that has fallen off its pedestal. Many people are terrified that all their investments will fail and leave them in the poor house. France calls for “one leader” of the world’s economy. China agrees. World leaders, blind to the true and living God, see only one way to have “peace and prosperity”, and that is to call for “Superman”. The prophet Daniel saw it coming some 2500 years ago and described the future antichrist.

God is doing a miracle in our time by using this economic collapse. Many Christian young people had Jesus as their second priority: their first priority was the “American Dream”—get all you can of the riches of this world. Now many are saying, “This dream of wealth may turn into a nightmare. All of America’s money may be gone with the wind of another Great Depression. Why should I build my future on sand? I want what will last. I want God’s plan for my life!”

Part of His plan is to study His Word. The Book of Revelation has plenty to teach us on how to live in our world today. We’re not getting off the trail into doctrinal “last days” arguments, but we are looking at life-changing truths that will prepare us as God’s servant-leaders to reach our lost and frightened world.

CHAPTER 16

When God Takes Revenge Against Evil

(Revelation 16:5,6)

“Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: ‘You are just in these judgments, you who are and who were, the Holy One, because you have so judged; for they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve.’”

It is said that in the past century, more martyrs have died for Christ than at any time in history. They receive the reward of the faithful. But what terror awaits those who spill the blood of God's children if they fail to repent!

The Madness Of Rebellion

Revelation 16:9-11

“They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him... Men gnawed their tongues in agony and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.”

Learn to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit and never harden your heart when He speaks. The best way to hear God is to know and obey His Word—the Bible. Just look at the insanity of hearts that have turned to concrete and bowed at the feet of Satan.

A Call To Vigilance

(Revelation 16:15)

“Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, So that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed.”

Some believers will shout “Glory!” at Jesus’ return, while others may be ashamed (1 John 2:28). Live as if He will return this very hour. Keep your heart pure through obedience to His Word.

CHAPTER 17

Called And Chosen

Revelation 17:14

“They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”

Never stop appreciating the incredible fact that you have been called and chosen by God Himself. How do we show our gratitude? By being faithful to our Lord Jesus and saying a strong “No!” to the self-life.

Even Evil Must Bow To God's Will

Revelation 17:16,17

“The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to give the beast their power to rule, until God’s words are fulfilled.”

Don't ever think that God looks the other way while evil multiplies on the earth and the devil and his children flex their muscles. The house of evil is always divided against itself. Our Father is sovereign and knows when and how to use the worst of hell and earth to accomplish Christ's final triumph.

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The death of the world's gods

CHAPTER 18

A Call To Separate From Evil

(Revelation 18:4)

“Then I heard another voice from heaven say: ‘Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues.’”

One day God will call out to His true believers to leave the house of false religion. But in every generation, the Holy Spirit calls each believer to come out from the influence of the world and live pure lives in Jesus.

The Death Of The World's Gods

Revelation 18:11

“The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes any more.”

The false god of America and the West has been materialism. The god of money has begun to fall. Look at how men cry—not to repent, but only because their riches have disappeared. Don't be one of them.

The Joy In God's Final Vengeance

Revelation 18:20

“Rejoice over her, O heaven! Rejoice, saints and apostles and prophets! God has judged her for the way she treated you.”

It often looks like sin is the victor in our world today. But when God brings evil to a close, and those who practice sin are finally judged, all of heaven shouts for joy. So will you if you love Jesus Christ!

CHAPTER 19

The Shout Of God's Triumph

(Revelation 19:6)

“Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: ‘Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.’”

May this final shout of triumph be in your heart and mouth each day—when times are good or bad. Jesus never changes!

Here Comes The Bride

Revelation 19:7-9

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) Then the angel said to me, ‘Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’ And he added, ‘These are the true words of God’”

Is there anything more beautiful than a wedding? God is preparing a very special wedding for His Son—and those who love Him will constitute the bride. That’s you and me—hallelujah! So let’s live today with hearts of purity and spiritual robes of His righteousness.

For Leaders: A Lesson In Humility

Revelation 19:10

“At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, ‘Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’”

In your service for God, never touch the glory that is only due to Him. Don’t let the devil or men—no matter how sincere people are with compliments—inflate you with pride. The greatest leader is the greatest servant of all.

The King of kings and Lord of lords.’

(Revelation 19:11-16)

“I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one but he himself knows. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white

horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. 'He will rule them with an iron scepter.' He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written. KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

Here He comes—the real Jesus—alive forevermore. This time He does not come as a servant to die, but as King of kings and Lord of lords to reign through eternity. Let him reign today in your life.

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The devil's terrible end

When Men Become Food For Vultures

Revelation 19:17,18

“And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, ‘Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great.’”

Never be fooled by the proud and powerful who live lives of luxury today but have no heart to seek the Lord. Live each day for Christ by loving Him and others. At His coming, you will be God's child forever—not meat for the vultures.

The Enemy's Misguided Attack

Revelation 19:19-21

“Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.”

Satan is an evil spirit—and real. So is his demon army. That is why you and I must learn to resist his strategies, temptations and attacks by using against the devil the Name of Jesus and the Word of God. Satan's end will soon be here—but those who resist him and choose Jesus will live forever.

CHAPTER 20

Satan's 1000 Year Fall

Revelation 20:1-3

“And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the

Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations any more until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.”

Jesus Christ defeated the powers of darkness through His death and resurrection. Now Satan’s evil madness is almost over as an angel throws him into a pit that has no bottom—for a 1000 year fall into the darkness that evil deserves.

The Martyrs’ Vindication

Revelation 20:4

“I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

Many men, women and children have died as martyrs for Jesus through the centuries. They looked so weak to those who killed them. But now look who rule with Jesus! Those who died for Him now stand in triumph with Him.

Lucifer’s Terrible End

Revelation 20:10

“And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

It’s all over for Satan. His days of tempting and tormenting the world are ended forever in the lake of fire. But even today, you have God’s authority to resist Satan in Jesus’ Name and watch him flee in defeat.

No Place To Hide

Revelation 20:11

“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.”

So much evil takes place today hidden behind covers of darkness. God, of course, sees it all. The day is coming soon when those who choose sin will find no place to hide.

The Only Book That Matters

Revelation 20:15

“ If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

I have written several books. Others have written millions and millions of books. But they are only books—written by little men like me. One Book only is authored by God—the Bible. And the only book that really matters is God’s book of life. If you have repented of your sins and trust Jesus alone for your salvation, your name is in that book. Hallelujah!

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When your tears are wiped away

Here come the final two chapters in our Book of Revelation series. You are learning major life-changing truths in this incredible book. Our hope for you is more than just having you grow in your knowledge of the Bible. Our hope is that with the new knowledge you have gained will come new action in your Christian life. God wants to use you to reach your family, friends, neighbors and others in your personal world. Jesus died for every individual on planet earth. The Holy Spirit desires to reach them—one by one. He does that by filling you with His purity, power and purpose so that you can build bridges of unconditional love to others through your actions and words.

Why not re-dedicate your life to Jesus right now and ask the Holy Spirit to empty you of any self and sin and fill you with His presence? God is always just a prayer away.

CHAPTER 21

Our Future Home

Revelation 21:1,2

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.”

There is a future eternal home reserved for those who trust in Christ alone as Savior and Lord. Hallelujah, no foreclosures or evictions—because our home has been bought and paid for by Jesus’ blood.

When Tears Are Wiped Away

Revelation 21:3,4

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’”

One day—soon—every tear will be tenderly wiped away by our Heavenly Father. And four things will be destroyed and never touch us again—death, mourning, sorrow and pain.

Christ's Call To The Thirsty

Revelation 21:6

“He said to me: ‘It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.’”

There is a thirst that only Christ can satisfy. That's why no one or anything else can fill the hole in the heart of man that is reserved for only God. May you come to His Word daily with a fresh thirst—and may the Holy Spirit use your witness to help satisfy the thirst in others.

The Greatest Inheritance of all

Revelation 21:7

“He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

Any inheritance you receive in this life ends when you die. But the inheritance God is preparing for those who love Him will last forever.

A Fearful Reservation

Revelation 21:8

“But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

Speaking of “reservation”—this is one that you and I want no part of.

- **Jewels That Need No Safe-deposit Box**

Revelation 21:18-21

“The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone—jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, carnelian, chrysolite, beryl, topaz,

chrysoprase, the jacinth, and amethyst. The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass.”

Here men will fight for riches—then die and leave it all. They place their jewels under lock and key—fearful of thieves. May you and I live simple lives where we live to give to others. Just look at what is waiting for those who love Jesus—including a street of pure gold to be walked on by those with pure hearts

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The face of God! WOW!

Time to learn our final lessons from Revelation

When Glory Lights A City

Revelation 21:23

“The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light and the Lamb is its lamp.”

While on earth, don't forget to pay your electric bills so that you don't pass your nights in the dark. But what a day when even the sun and the moon are no longer needed because of the greater glory of God the Father and Jesus the Lamb.

CHAPTER 22

When Men Shall Behold God

Revelation 22:3-5

“No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.”

There is one desire that you and I should have above all desires. That is to know the intimate presence of God more and more as we learn to spend more time alone with Him in our Bibles, prayer and worship. One day we shall behold Him fully—face to face.

The Right To Eat What Adam Could Not

Revelation 22:12-14

“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

Adam and Eve were chased from Eden before they could eat from the tree of life and live forever in selfishness and sin. But in the new heaven and new earth, we whose hearts have been purified by God's Son are invited to eat from that tree and live in His presence—forever!

The Great Invitation

Revelation 22:17

“The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.”

The Lord's great invitation to man has always been “Come!” May He speak that invitation to others through you and me as we urge and encourage them to come to Jesus.

God's Final Warning

Revelation 22:18-19

“I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.”

God's Word will live forever. Never add to it or subtract from it. Just study it, appreciate it, live it and share it.

Christ's Guaranteed Promise

(Revelation 22:20-21)

“He who testifies to these things says, ‘Yes, I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen”

We serve a God who cannot lie. There is only one wonderful way for Jesus Christ to close this book that reveals His love, power and glory. The Head of the body He calls His “church” makes a solemn promise that He is coming soon. And those who love Him answer with a cry that echoes to the heavens, “Come, Lord Jesus”. Until that day, we are promised His invisible presence and His G-R-A-C-E—God's Riches At Christ's Expense. Hallelujah! What a Savior!!

