

PROGRAM 100 TEASER

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 Part 4 as we continue exploring the book of Revelation. Eiklor and Hughes with awesome news—on More Than Talk.

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THE BOOK OF REVELATION: GOD’S BLUEPRINT FOR AWESOME LIVING (PART 4)

PAGE 1 A Lost And Frightened World

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. This is Part 4 of God's Blueprint for Awesome Living.

CHAPTER 12

The Enemy Is Defeated In Heaven

Revelation 12: 7-10

"And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down."

Satan was totally defeated through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Now we believers have been given Christ's authority to defeat the evil one and resist any and all of his attacks. **(T & F discuss authority of believer)**

The Means To Defeat The Enemy On Earth

Revelation 12:11.

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

Throughout history, God's faithful followers have overcome Satan through the power of the blood of the Lamb of God, by the boldness of their testimonies, and by refusing to deny Christ even when faced with death. We must follow their examples. **(T & F how can we build a foundation today that will withstand tomorrow's tests and trials?)**

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PAGE 2 Why The Devil Is So Desperate

Revelation 12:12

“Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.”

Corner a rat and it will fight desperately to keep from being killed. The evil one—Satan—knows that his time is short. He attacks with great fury, but remember, his power has been broken. As you submit to God and resist the devil in Jesus' name, he flees in defeat. (James 4:7) Use your spiritual authority. **(T & F discuss James 4:7)**

CHAPTER 13

Satan's Delusion Over Temporary Victory

Revelation 13:7

“He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.”

A deluded Satan has often thought he would destroy the Church and rule the earth forever. Here we see how he will still deceive himself in his future attacks against the righteous. But he always loses in the end. **(discuss FE Poem—)**

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PAGE 3 By Their Fruits—Not By Their Miracles—You Shall Know Them

Revelation 13:13-15

“He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.”

Many people have said, “If I see miracles, then I’ll believe!” Don’t ever fall into that trap. Satan and his followers can perform some “miracles” as they deceive people into following them to destruction. You and I must always remember Jesus’ words, “By their fruits you shall know them.” - Matthew 7:15-20. **(T & F discuss biggest miracle—a transformed life)**

CHAPTER 14

The Lamb’s Faithful Followers

Revelation 14:3-5

“They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.”

God calls each of us to be faithful. That’s why Jesus spells “l-o-v-e” as “o-b-e-d-i-e-n-c-e” (see John 14:21). Meditate on the character of the 144,000 young men who will follow Christ wherever He leads. Not even pretty girls will redirect their attention from the Savior they adore. Now ask yourself, “Am I obedient today to

my Lord so that He can use my life as an example of faithfulness to all who are around me?” (T & F **The power of an example**)

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PAGE 4 Time Is Precious! Don’t blow it!

Revelation 14:8-11

“A second angel followed and said, Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great, which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries. A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: if any one worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, he, too, will drink of the wine of God’s fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name.”

Never speak of God as “the man upstairs” or as “my buddy”. He is your Father in heaven who has demonstrated incredible love for you by allowing the Son of God (“in whom I am well pleased”) to die a horrific death so that your sin and rebellion against God could be erased. Jesus paid the price to give eternal life. Those who reject the greatest offer ever made will have to pay their own price—and it will be terrible. (T & F **discuss Hebrews 10:28, 29**)

Faith And Obedience—Twin Pillars Of Discipleship

Revelation 14:12

“Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”

You have access to God’s very Word—the Bible. Make searching the Scriptures your greatest priority. Faithfulness and obedience to His Word will keep you from

Satan's traps and empower you to fulfill God's will for your life. **(T & F discuss 10 steps to spiritual maturity)**

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PAGE 5 That Final Breath

Revelation 14:13

“Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, write: blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.”

Life is a vapor. Some of us die young, but even the old live 70 or 80 years and soon there is that final breath. Each of us have just enough time on earth to glorify God if we learn and do His priorities. Nothing we do for Jesus will ever be lost—including the people we introduce to Him. **(T & F discuss 1 Corinthians 15:58)**

CHAPTER 15

The Reward Is To The Victors

(Revelation 15:2-4)

“And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You. For Your judgments have been manifested.”

Look around you at those the world considers rich and powerful. Yet all their riches and power cease when they die. Now look at those whose only goal in life is to please God and do His will. We will face many temptations and trials, but the

Lord will give us His grace and power to be faithful to the end of this temporal life and the beginning of eternal life—just like these we read about in the scriptures.
(T & F discuss Matthew 5:5)