

PROGRAM 99 TEASER

The book is so important that I memorized all 22 chapters. After all, the book of Revelation is more than about the future. It's also about the present. If it's really true—and we believe it is—that we are in the last days of planet earth—then how should we live so that we end up winners and not losers? You're about to find out as we continue our exploring the incredible book of Revelation. We're in Part 3. Frank Eiklor and Tom Hughes with 30 minutes of awesome news—on More Than Talk.

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THE BOOK OF REVELATION: GOD'S BLUEPRINT FOR AWESOME LIVING (PART 3)

PAGE 1 No Place To Hide

The apostle John is the only one of the original disciples who did not die a violent death. Tradition says that a miracle occurred when the enemies of the gospel of Christ attempted to burn John to death in boiling oil. God preserved his life because John the beloved had a final task to accomplish.

He was exiled to the island of Patmos where his enemies figured he would die quietly without any more impacting the world with the preaching of Christ's cross and resurrection. They figured wrong. Instead of banishment and isolation. God was preparing John for revelation—the final book of the Bible and the final chapter of planet earth.

This was the Lord's plan in order to have John alone and able to receive all of the incredible messages from the Holy Spirit. The book of Revelation covers the important events that will take place in the final days before Jesus Christ returns to set up His kingdom and rule. That is for the hereafter. But Revelation also is filled with lessons for you and me in the here and now. That's where we and you are spending time—learning many important truths that can make us better and more faithful disciples in our world today. Then we will be ready for whatever happens tomorrow.

In our last two telecasts we covered the first five chapters of Revelation. We will now move on to chapter six.

CHAPTER 6

The Cry Of The Martyrs

Revelation 6:9-11

“When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, how long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth? Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.”

Many Christians are dying today as martyrs for Jesus. Pray for the persecuted church around the world – and be willing to die to self so that you can be a faithful witness where you live, work and serve. **(F & T discuss modern martyrs)**

No Place To Hide

Revelation 6:15-17

“And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

People who refuse to pray to God will one day call out to mountains to hide them from His face and wrath! Let’s be faithful witnesses so that more will pray to God now and receive Jesus Christ as their Savior. **(F & T discuss the wrath of a holy God)**

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PAGE 2 When Heaven Falls Silent

(Revelation 7:4)

“And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed.”

God began His plan of redemption through the Jews. He is going to use them to finish the job of world evangelism as we shall see in chapter 14. Thank God for the Jewish people. Through them we have our Scriptures and Savior! **(F & T the church's debt to the Jews)**

When Heaven Falls Silent

Revelation 8:1

“When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.”

There appears to always be sounds of rejoicing in heaven. Now, as God's terrible judgements are about to fall on the rebels of earth, there is total silence in heaven – perhaps because of the impending horror. **(T & F discuss window of grace—God not willing any should perish)**

The Incredible Power Of Prayer

Revelation 8:4,5

“And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.”

No sincere prayer to the Lord is ever lost or discarded. So learn to pray about everything. **(T & F discuss “praying without ceasing”)**

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PAGE 3 When Death Is Not An Option

Revelation 9:6

“In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.”

Today, many men seek more life so they can enjoy more sin. A day is coming when many will seek death to evade God's judgment but not find it.

The Insanity Of The Human Heart

Revelation 9:20,21

“But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.”

It is amazing and demonic how hard a human heart can become in saying “No” again and again to God's repeated warnings to repent of sin. Always remember, never excite sin, never embrace sin, never excuse sin. (**T & F danger of a “seared conscience”**)

When Time Runs Out

Revelation 10:6,7

“And swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.”

One day, perhaps very soon, time will be swallowed up in eternity. You and I have only a brief time here to love and serve our Jesus. Don't waste a day – or a minute. Seek His Word and His will. (**Discuss FE poem—“A friend of God”**)

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PAGE 4 Your Life Has A Purpose

The Sweetness and Bitterness Of Truth

Revelation 10:8-10

“Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth. So I went to the angel and said to him, give me the little book. And he said to me, take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth. Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.”

It is not easy to love and walk in truth. There is a cost to discipleship – but it will be worth it all when we see Jesus. (**F & T discuss counting the cost**)

Given Life For A Purpose

Revelation 10:11

“And he said to me, you must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.”

Don't be satisfied with just being “saved”. Ask the Lord to use your prayers and witnessing to help reach the world for Him. He may choose you to have the highest calling of all – that of a missionary to the nations. And pray for this telecast as we reach out to 192 countries—truly many peoples, nations, tongues and kings. (**F & T discuss every believer a witness**)

Temporary Defeat, But Final Victory

Revelation 11:7

“When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.”

It often appears that Satan and his followers will annihilate the Church of Jesus Christ. Yet these seeming defeats we believers suffer will end in final victory.

The Devil’s Premature Party

Revelation 11:10

“And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.”

Here we see Satan’s followers worldwide celebrating the death of Christ’s two faithful witnesses. This has happened down through the centuries to the martyrs for Jesus. But God always has the final word! **(T & F discuss “blood of martyrs is seed of church”)**

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PAGE 5 When God Says “The End”

Revelation 11:13

“In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.”

God is not willing that any should perish without Christ. Many have come to know Him when human confidence has been destroyed during hurricanes, earthquakes

and other disasters. Here we see how the fear of God can cause hardened sinners to repent. **(F & T discuss “bow now or bow later”—Phil. 2:10)**

Revelation 11:15

“Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”

Skeptics often ask, “Why does God let people continue to do such terrible things! Why doesn’t He end it all?” That moment will soon come when Christ returns to the earth, not to die, but to reign forever. **(F & T if He returned today, how would He find me?)**

The End Of Sin On Planet Earth

Revelation 11:18

“The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

From the time of Adam and Eve, sin has reigned and multiplied on planet earth like a horrific cancer. Even all creation groans to be released from this terrible curse (Romans 8:19-23). That glorious day is on the way! **(F & T discuss “all aboard!” Rev. 22:17 “Come!”)**