**Revelation Bible Study**

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Some notes that may assist you in reading and understanding the Book of Revelation.

1. Revelation belongs to the genre known as apocalyptic literature.
   1. Examples of other genres of the Bible include poetry (Psalms), historical (1st and 2nd Kings), Gospels, Epistles, etc.
   2. One notable characteristic of apocalyptic literature is the heavy use of symbolism and metaphors.
      1. The apocalyptic nature of Revelation is to encourage God’s people to live in faith and not lose hope in captivity.
      2. We will see from the vision of Revelation that even in the midst of suffering and persecution the church sings out in praise to God. We will see the glory and peace of suffering.
      3. The church endures suffering because of the glory that awaits us.
         1. Romans 8:18
2. Revelation is eschatological.
   1. Eschatology is the “study of last things.”
   2. Do not think of “last” as being in the distant future. The “last days” includes **the time between Jesus’s ascension and His visible return**.
      1. 2 Timothy 3:1-5
      2. Hebrews 1:1-3
      3. Birth pains
         1. Matthew 24:8
         2. Romans 8:22
   3. Eschatology is the historical framework Jesus gave to John.
      1. Revelation is about Christology and Missiology.
         1. **Christology**: The reign of Christ in glory as a result of His suffering, death and resurrection.
         2. **Missiology**: The church proclaims the gospel.
3. The structure of Revelation.
   1. Chapter 5 controls the entire book.
      1. This chapter depicts Christ’s enthronement.
         1. Everything that transpires in world history and the glorious return of Christ on the Last Day is under His Lordship.
            1. Jesus is worthy because of His suffering and death.
   2. The interregnum (nice Latin word for you) is chapters 12-14.
      1. Interregnum is the period of time between the two reigns.
         1. Christ is enthroned in heaven, however the battle between His Lordship and the lords of evil rages still on earth. This present world has not been brought fully under the reign of Christ. This does not occur until our Lord’s return.
         2. The victory is won but the battle continues!