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Revelations is to be absorbed

Meaning to reveal or to make known, Revelations addresses the time in which you now live and beyond. It also allows you to understand prophecy that is unfolding right before your eyes.

Reading is only the first step as Revelations is to be absorbed.

Chapter one begins with God taking John forward to a point in time that you are soon to face, the Lord's Day. Rev 1:10 KJV shows God taking John from the Isle of Patmos, and He helps you



understand what is taking place by telling you where He took him.

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet."

Forward is a direction John travels as God takes him from his flesh body on the Isle of Patmos to his spiritual body in the Millennium, the same Millennium that you are about to face.

Peter teaches that a day with the Lord is 1,000 years and that the day that Christ returns is that 1,000 year period. You know it as the Millennium.

Your understanding continues in Rev 1:1-2 KJV where the unfolding begins, and God, through John, as

witnessed by the angels of Revelation, introduces you to prophecy that is both happening and about to happen.

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw."

Revealing prophecy that is taking place today will grab your attention as direct testimony from Jesus Christ backs it up.

No wonder God blesses you for reading it.

"Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."

Reading is a blessing and this verse shows hearing as a second one. Hearing is absorbing what you read. It is truly God's blessing when you are allowed to see Satan's tribulation and the Lord's day unfolding right before your eyes.

Absorbing Revelations is helped by the reality it presents. In Rev 3:21 KJV, Christ extends you a personal invitation to join Him.

“To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”

Sitting with Christ shows you accepting His invitation and overcoming is the way you do it.

“Ears to hear” in Rev 3:22 KJV invites you to absorb the message that the Spirit of Christ speaks to the churches of Revelations.

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”

“Ears to hear” represents those that understand as hearing results when you listen to God instead of man.

The seven churches represent various groups of worship, and Christ offers direction when He comments on their differences.

Revelations is all about you making it to heaven. Rev 21:27 KJV describes some characteristics of those that do not.

“And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.”

The Book of Life contains winners only as those that talk out of both sides of their mouth will not be there.

Those not respecting God will not be there, and those defiling God will not be there.

Can you imagine being surrounded by people that speak the truth?

Rev 22:6 KJV gives reason why Revelations is to be absorbed:

“And he said unto me, These saying are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.”

Absorbing Revelations enables you to make sense of what is going on in the world today: the declining of moral values and the turning away from God.

Matthew 24:37 KJV tells you that the days in which you now live repeat and are just like those wicked days of Noah.

“But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

Christ’s return is cause for concern as you ask yourself, “Am I absorbing what God reveals to me in Revelations? Is the revealing becoming a part of my life?”

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