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Revelation***- Apocalyptic Life Lessons***

**I Love Everything About It But…**

If someone said this to you, what would you do? “You Christians don’t really love the Bible. You only love parts of it. Don’t you have to read all of it and understand all of it, to be a real Christian?”

Honestly, how do you feel about Revelation? Let’s read the first paragraph of Revelation and see how we’re doing.

***Revelation 1:1 The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.***

Pretend you have no idea what is coming next. How are we doing so far? How do you feel? Do you want to read more?

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Any questions? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Let’s read some more…

***4 John,***

***To the seven churches in the province of Asia:***

***Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits* [or – the sevenfold spirit] *before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.***

***To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.***

***7 “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”* [Daniel 7:13]**

***and “every eye will see him,***

***even those who pierced him”;***

***and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”* [Zachariah 12:10]**

***So shall it be! Amen.***

***8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”***

How are you doing now? How do you feel? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Any questions? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

So far, we might have four or five issues that need clearing up.

First, verse 1, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Then, in verse 4… \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Next, verse 7…\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Today’s Life Lessons**

Read the Bible slowly and carefully.

Find someone to read with – and read out loud.

Get an actual pen, an actual notebook and an actual Bible.

Realize what you are holding when you are holding a Bible.