

#### John the Apostle

The Gospel According to John

The End. Jesus Wins.

The 3 Epistles

Revelation

#### John the Apostle - The Gospel Writer

• John 20:31 – 'written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; ...

Salvation, Life Received

Jesus as Prophet

#### John the Apostle - The Letter Writer

• 1 John 5:13 – 'These things I have written to you ... so that you may know that you have eternal life.'

Live Revealed / Sanctification

Jesus as Priest

#### John the Apostle - The Revelation Writer

• Revelation 1:3 – 'Blessed is the one who reads, hears and keeps ... the time is near.'

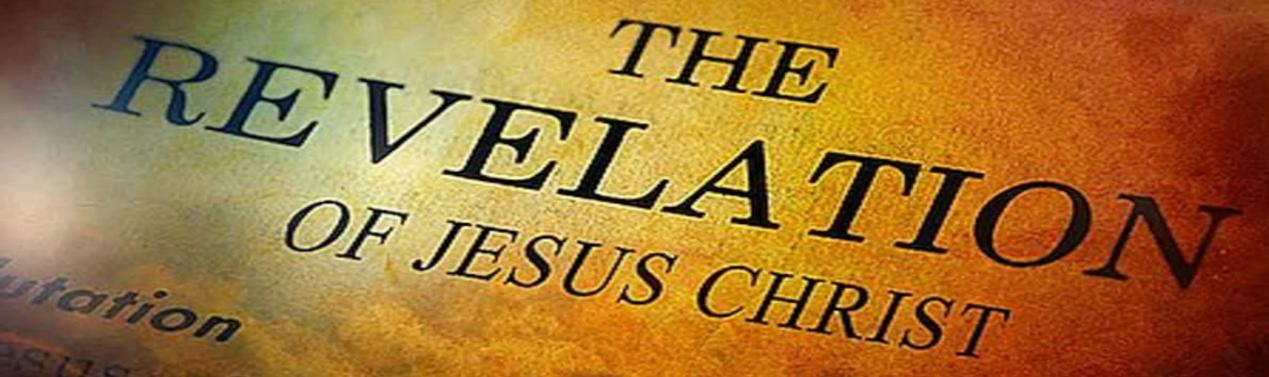
Life rewarded / Glorification

Jesus as King

#### Hermeneutics?

 The revelation of Jesus Christ that God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. – Rev 1:1 (CSB)

 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; - Rev 1:1 (NASB20)



# Understanding the BOOK OF REVELATION

#### Revelation?

And then He [Jesus] said to them, You foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to come into His glory?" Then beginning with Moses and with all the Prophets, He explained to them the things written about Himself in all the Scriptures. - Luke 24:25-27

#### All of Scripture is about Jesus!

- Old Testament Christ in Prophecy
  - 'Behold, He Comes!'

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- Gospels Christ in History
  - 'Behold, He Dies!'
- Acts Christ in the Church
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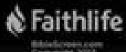
     'Behold, He Lives!'
- The Epistles Christ in Experience
  - 'Behold, He Saves!'
- Revelation Christ in coming Glory
  - 'Behold, He Reigns!'

## ... for my eyes have seen your salvation

that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2:30-32











#### Worship Anthems in Revelation – 7x

- Holy, Holy, Holy 4:8
- Worthy are You 4:11, 5:9, 12
- To Him who sits on the throne 5:13 Jesus Wins.
- Salvation belongs to our God 7:10
- He will reign forever 11:15-18
- Great and marvelous 15:3-4
- Hallelujah! 19:16





#### The Throne Room

- The throne Central to the room mentioned in almost every verse! The End Jesus Wins.
  - Activity all around it
  - Glorious
  - Powerful yet peaceful at the same time
  - Ancient

#### The Throne Room

- The throne of our Reigning / Sovereign God!
- The throne of our Indescribable God! Jesus Wins.

The throne of our Providential God!

#### **Providential God**

"A teaching of unspeakable consolation, rooted in the life of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is the infinitely wise and powerful Lord of heaven and earth, who preserves and governs all his creatures and all their actions to their appointed ends. Such is the wisdom and power of God that His holy and good will for the perfection of His creatures comes to pass, to the praise of His glorious grace."

### In his Jesus state of exaltation there still remains much for Christ to do"

- Herman Bavinck -

"Because Christ is a perfect Savior, who brings not only the possibility but the actuality of salvation, He cannot and may not and will not rest before those who are His own have been bought by His blood, been renewed by His Spirit, and brought where He is, there to be spectators and sharers of His glory."

#### Keep the things that are written?

Persevere / Overcome – at least 15 x in Revelation

The End. Jesus Wins.

- In your Witness
- Through Suffering
- In doing good works

All 7 churches exhorted to Overcome

#### Jesus Overcame!

- 'The one who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat with My Father on His throne.' Rev 3:21
- The Lion = The Lamb standing, as if slaughtered

 The way in which Jesus became the ruling Lion was to be the Lamb that was slain!

#### Who will Overcome!

The Lamb These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them . . . - Rev 17:14

The accused (all believers) And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony . . . Rev 12:11



#### Do we want to blessed?

- 1. Read the prophecy
- 2. Hear the words of the prophecy End. Jesus Wins.
- 3. Keep the things that are written
- 4. Worship!
  - 1. God for his Love and Provision
  - 2. Jesus for His Example