

THE EXPLANATION OF REVELATION

FACTS ABOUT THE BOOK OF REVELATION

1. The entire book is a book of prophecies.

Revelation 1:3: 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.

Revelation 10:11: And He said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

Revelation 11:3: And I will give power unto My two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

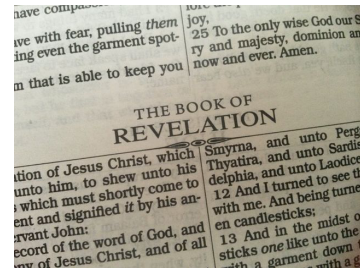
Revelation 19:10: And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Revelation 22:7: Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Revelation 22:10: And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

Revelation 22:18-19:

¹⁸ For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:



19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

2. It is the only New Testament book which is devoted to prophecy.

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3. These prophecies are divided into three sections:

- a. The glorification of Christ
- b. The prophecies concerning the Church during this Dispensation of Grace
- c. The prophecies concerning the events which will transpire after the Church is translated to Heaven

Revelation 1:1, 3:

1 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:

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The reason being: it ties together many of the loose ends and incomplete subjects set forth in the Holy Scriptures. For example:

- a. In the book of Genesis, we have an introduction to the world — the beginning of the heavens and the earth. In Revelation, we have its termination and its replacement.
- b. In Genesis we have the Law of First Mention¹ of satan, and in

¹ The Law of First Mention means the first time a word is mentioned in the Bible, the meaning of that word is established.

Revelation, his doom.

c. In Genesis we have the beginning of sin, and in Revelation, it's finality.

d. In Genesis we have a preview of the Tree of Life, and in Revelation we have its relocation in the Holy City, the New Jerusalem.



The Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden.

e. In Genesis death enters into the human race by sin and Satan, but in Revelation we have the ending of death and associated calamities.

f. In Genesis we have the beginning of sorrow, while in Revelation we have the end of sorrow, crying, pain, and sickness.

g. In Genesis we have tragedy, and in Revelation we have triumph.

h. In Genesis we have mankind's dominion over the earth and its lost creatures, and in Revelation we have dominion restored when we rule and reign with Christ for a 1000 years.

i. In Genesis we have the length of mankind's life shortened (**Genesis 6:3**), while in Revelation we have mankind's shortened lifespan restored to a long lifespan of 1000 years.

Genesis 6:3: And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

j. In Genesis we have Paradise lost, while in Revelation we have Paradise regained.

k. In Genesis we have mankind separated from the Lord God, and in Revelation we have mankind reunited in fellowship with Him.



Revelation 22:4: And they shall see His face; and His Name shall be in their foreheads.



I. In Genesis we have the beginning of the city of Babylon at the Tower of Babel, and rebellion against God is temporarily restrained; but in Revelation we have the end of Babylon's lengthy rebellion, and the final doom and destruction of that city.

Genesis 11:6-7:

6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.



Revelation 18:10, 16, 19, 21:

10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.



QUESTION: Where is such a city as that one today?

ANSWER: God gave it its name at the beginning, so only God can place His own name brand on the last one, although mankind may give it some other name.

HOW CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS CITY FROM SCRIPTURE?

1. In **Revelation 17:4-5**, we learn that this Babylon is called Mystery Babylon the Great, and she is called the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth. She is clothed in scarlet, and decked with gold, precious stones, and pearls, with a golden cup in her hand.

Revelation 17:4-5:

4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.



2. She sits on many waters (**Revelation 17:1**), and waters means many people in **Revelation 17:15**.

Revelation 17:1:

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

Revelation 17:15 : And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

This means that she rules over nations of people (as stated in **verse 17:5** — ***abominations of the earth***). In **verse 18:3**, all nations have drunken of the

wine of her fornications.



Revelation 18:3: For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

3. She sits "as" a queen — her secret claim — for she says this to herself, not out loud, denoting that she is not actually a queen, but is “as” a queen. Note the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her and have lived deliciously with her as stated in ***Revelation 18:9***, showing she has an inside pull with leaders of nations.

Revelation 18:9: And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning . . .

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