

Introduction to Revelation

Part 2

Purposes of the book Revelations

Purpose #1

The purpose is immediate. Christ sends us to proclaim when he says I will come to you soon. (Revelation 2:16) *Therefore, repent; if not, I will come to you soon, and I will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.* When he says, "repent," he's talking to the church. Here God calls us to this immediate proclamation, he calls us to repentance. (Revelation 3: 11) *Behold, I'm coming soon; hold back what you have, so that no one takes your crown.* Christ gives a word of warning to his church. This is an immediate purpose. (Revelation 22:7) *Here I am, I'm coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.* Blessed is the one who is attentive to this prophetic word, who is continually in communication with it. Hold all the word you have known in your life, in your mind, in your Spirit, in your heart, in practice so that when Christ comes he will find us ready to meet him. (Revelation 22:12) *Here I come soon, and my reward with me, to reward each one according to his work.* We are talking about something immediate, something that is ready, something that every Christian has to understand. Be ready at all times. (Revelation 22:20) *The one who bears witness to these things says: I'm certainly coming soon. Amen; yes, come, Lord Jesus.* The word tells us how short, sensitive, and fragile our life is.

Life is short

Our life on earth is really very short compared to eternity. Someone could say that 2000 years have passed and Jesus said that he would come soon but he does not necessarily mean that he was going to come the day after when he gave the revelation to the apostle John, but that he is talking about how fragile, short and **ephemeral**¹ life is on this earth. When we die, for us it is as if Christ had come. When the day of our death comes, it is time to present ourselves before Him, and it is as if Christ had come. The Bible says that we start from this body and as soon as we leave we are present to the Lord. (Ephesians 5:15 and 16) *Look, therefore, diligently, how you walk, not as fools but as wise, making good advantage of time, because the days are bad.* We need to walk wisely since our life is short. Every day brings his eagerness, today we are and tomorrow we are no longer there. Today may be our last day on earth. (Colossians 4:5) *Walk wisely with those on the outside, redeeming time.* The apostle Paul insists that we have to learn to redeem time. When he tells us about

time, he tells us that we can leave this land at any time. How much of what we are experiencing is in the light of eternity? Everything we do for God's work will be rewarded. Jesus went to the point of saying that if you give a glass of water to someone, God is going to reward you. Jesus says "everything you do in my name will be rewarded." Everything we do here on earth is telling for eternity. Let's not get tired of doing good, that in our time we will harvest if we had not passed out. The Bible tells us that we must be constant and firm growing in the work of the Lord always knowing that our work in the Lord is not in vain. (1st Corinthians 15:58). Everything we do to please God is not in vain, even if the world says that we are wasting our time. Jesus' message is that he is coming soon at any time.

Purpose #2

The second purpose of Revelation is historical by allowing Jesus Christ to proclaim each one of us and the whole world the series of events that are going to be fulfilled to the letter. This purpose will help us to realize that everything that is written in the Bible will be fulfilled in a methodical, systematic and orderly way. What happens in the world is no coincidence or accidents and we are not in a world in which we do not understand what is happening. For example, if we see the historical context of the Bible of the book of Revelations combined with the historical context of the book of Daniel, we see a clear and perfect synchrony in these two books. Daniel 9 says that they are determined for the people of God, 70 weeks over the people of Israel and mentions us in a systematic and orderly historical way that in week 69 the Messiah is taken away from life and that he is kept for a week to deal with the people of Israel. We are seeing that historically and systematically; the Bible teaches us that historical order into which we enter when we begin to read the book of Revelation. For example, the Bible says that in the final stretch there will be ten kingdoms reigning on the earth or ten horns that the Bible calls it, but that a kingdom that does not last long is temporarily established. That kingdom that rises and lasts a short time has to do precisely with the stage of the great tribulation. They are and are part of an orderly methodical and systematic historical context in which each event has its place and its time.

Nothing is by accident.

We are not in a world where we cannot understand the times and dispensations. (Revelation 22) When the time of the beast's mark arrives on 666, no one will be able to buy or sell with the seal of the beast's brand. In the final stretch, in which we are living, we are already seeing a prototype of what is the 666 mark. What is this prototype? This prototype of the 666 brand is when it tells you if you don't do this

you don't buy or sell. What is happening now on earth teaches us that the next step is to demand that people mark themselves so that they can buy and sell. In the Bible, in Revelation, we see how everything is clearly ordered and when we begin to study we realize that every word, symbol, horn, number that contains the book of Revelation, has a plan and a very purpose important that we must discover. There is a reason and a purpose behind the entire history of the world. The Bible says that he removes and puts kings, it is not that the kings are because they want to, but that there is a superior God who is removing and putting kings. In the Word of God, we see that there is someone behind everything so that we can walk through this world with confidence and security. There is nothing that can be raised against the church if God does not allow it. The church of Jesus has the power of the Holy Spirit that is stopping the fury to be unleashed on this world. God's church has not been placed by God for anger but for reaching mercy. (Isaiah 8:22) *And they will look at the earth, and here is tribulation and darkness, darkness and Anguish; and they will be plunged into darkness.* The day we leave, we will look at darkness and tribulation towards the earth, but we will no longer be here. (Isaiah 44: 6-7) *Thus says Jehovah, King of Israel, and his Redeemer, Jehovah of hosts, I am the first, and I am the last, and there is no God outside of me. And who will proclaim what is to come, declare it, and put it in order before me, as I have done since I established the old people? Announce what's coming, and what's to come.* He is talking about a king who has historical control of all the events that are happening on earth. (Isaiah 44: 8) *Do not be afraid, nor be frightened; have I not made you heard since ancient times, and did I tell you? Then you are my witnesses...* of the established order he will prove and reveal to us so that we understand what is coming and what is to come because it is an order established by God. No one can alter the order established by God. God has calculated the exact day, time, minute and second to get his church out of this land and no one can cross it. If He is the first and the last, we are in the middle. That means you know the past, the present and the future. That's why we shouldn't be afraid of anything. Christ is with us and in control of all things. Don't let anything make you afraid. We were, are and will be more than conquerors through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God is Calling us to repentance. Take the life system you lead, every day we need to clean ourselves constantly.

1. Ephemeral: lasting for a very short time.