

**Series: Our Hope - 4/30/17**

**Title: Hope in the LAST DAYS**

**Text: (Rev 1:1-3)**

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**Our Hope is in the Revelation of Christ. (Rev 1:1)**

**Our Hope is Obtained Through His Word. Psalms 119:81**

*My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.*

**The Scriptures Gives us Patience and comfort:**

*Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*

**I want you to have a Blessing!**

*(Rev 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.*

***Readeth and Heed-eth:***

**Central Person of the Book:** Jesus Christ

Jesus is the Hero of the Bible.

This is a HIM book, b/c its about HIM.

It is HIS-Story!

**Revelation** - The Unveiling of Jesus Christ.

We are going to see Him in a new way.

1st time He came as a Baby, All His Glory Concealed.

2nd time: He will come as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords:

All His Glory will be Revealed.

1st Time He came to Redeem.

2nd Time He will come to Reign.

1st Time He came to a Crucifixion.

2nd Time He will come to a Coronation.

1st Time He came to hang on a Tree.

2nd Time He will come to sit on a Throne.

1st Time He came, He stood before Pontious Pilate.

2nd Time He Comes, Pontious Pilate will stand before Him.

1st Time He came as a Servant.

2nd Time He will come as the Sovereign.

**I. God Tells us the Purpose of this Book: (Vs 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:***

## **II. God Gives us a Promise in this Book: (Vs 3)**

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### **A. We will understand the Mystery of History (Rev 11:15)**

*The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

The King will one day be on His throne.

The Bride will be with her Bridegroom.

The Devil will be in prison.

### **B. We can make Sense of our Suffering:**

(1 Pet 4:12-13)

(James 5:7-8)

## **III. God Tells us the Prophecy of the Book: (Vs 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.***

**It may NOT be immediate, but it IS always Eminent.**

Is this the last days? Yes!

We have been in the last days since the Ascension.

(Rev 1:3) *the Time is at hand.*

**We are living in the Last Minutes, of the Last Hours, of THE Last Days.**

**We are Literally Living on the Edge of Eternity:**

(1 Pet 4:7) *But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.*

(1 Cor 10:11) *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.*

(Phil 4:5) *Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.*

(James 5:8) *Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.*

(1 Jn 2:18) *Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.*

(Rom 13:11) *And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.*

## **IV. God Gives us the Outline of the Book!**

(Rev 1:19) *Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;*

### **A. The Things Which Thou Hast Seen: (Ch 1)**

He saw a vision of the Glorified Christ. (Vs 12-18)

This is not the Jesus that John laid his head on the breast of at the Last Supper.

This is the Risen, Glorified, Conquering King of Eternity.

This is the Jesus that John fell on his face as a dead man in front of!

### **B. The Things Which Are: (Ch 2-3)**

The Church Age.

We are living in this time.

7 Times Jesus said this:

(Ch 2:11) *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;*

These 7 churches, are representative of all churches.

**C. The Things that Shall Be Hereafter:** (Ch 4:1-22)

The Big Picture.

The Mountain Peaks of Prophecy:

*Illus: Rocky Mountains, all I can see is the peaks, but there are unseen valleys of events between.*

**V. God Gives us the Chronology of the Peaks of Prophecy:**

**1. Rapture and Translation of the Saints:** (Ch 4:1)

This is the Typified Church being Raptured.

At Any moment, the trumpet will sound and we will leave the ground! (1 Thes 4:16-18)

*Illus: Either, Get Right, Or Get Left behind.*

*If you are Heaven Born, You are Heaven Bound!*

*If you are NOT Heaven Born, your Are Hell Bound!*

**2. The Tribulation:** (Rev 6:12-17) The Day of God's Wrath.

The Waters of God wrath furiously pounds against the Dam of God's Mercy! One Day, it will break loose!

(Rev 6:15-16) You will not be able to crawl into the grave and pull the dirt up over your face and hide from almighty God.

The Antichrist will turn this world into a vast Concentration camp, with all the inmates numbered.

No one will be able to buy or sell without his mark.

**3. Armageddon & Destruction of the Beast:** (Rev 13:1-3)

The Beast that Rules over the World.

(Rev 13:2) The Devil gave him Power and Seat (Authority).

(Rev 16:13-16)

Demon spirits will infest the world and draw the world leaders into a battle.

(Vs 13) Dragon, Beast, & False Prophet - The Unholy Trinity.

(Rev 19:11-16) Jesus Comes!

He is not coming for His church.

He is coming with His Church. (Vs 14) (Jude 14-15)

The Antichrist looked to North and saw all he had conquered.

The Antichrist looked to South and saw all he had conquered.

The Antichrist looked to East, and the West, and saw all he had conquered.

But there is one direction he forgot to look! (Rev 19:19-21)

They foolishly thought they would make war with this King!

The battle Ensues, and the Antichrist loses.

Jesus Destroys them with the sword of His mouth. (Vs 21)

The same Voice that spoke them into Existence will speak them into Oblivion.

**4. The Millennium & the Glorification of the Saviour:**

**(Rev 20:1-6)**

(Matt 6:10) *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*

(Matt 5:5) *Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*

1000 golden years of Peace!

(Hab 2:14) *For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

### **5. The Final Judgement! (Rev 20:11-15)**

Is your name in the Lamb's Book of Life!

You have a Date with Deity!

If you have not faced Him as your Saviour, you will face Him as the Sovereign.

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### **6. The Eternal State of the Destination of the Species: (Rev 21:6-8)**

If you think that you are going to heaven without being Born

Again you are Woefully Ignorant ...

You don't know how Sinful you are:

You don't know how Holy He is:

### **7. The Last Invitation of the Book:**

(Rev 22:17) *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

### **8. The Last Prayer in the Bible:**

(Rev 22:20) *He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.*

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**1 Timothy 1:1** *Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;*

### **Our Hope is through the Word of God.**

**Romans 15:4** *For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*

### **Our Hope is in the Gospel:**

**Colossians 1:5** *For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;*

**Colossians 1:23** *If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;*

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