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Revelation of Hope

During our Revelation of Hope series we will discover Jesus is the theme of the last book of the Bible, Revelation.

My topic tonight is, “Revelation’s Predictions for a New Millennium.” Revelation reveals hope for the new millennium.

As we have launched into this new millennium, the 21st century, many people wonder, “What does the future hold?” “What is tomorrow going to bring?”

Millions are developing a new interest in prophecy. They’re asking, “What on earth will happen next?” They wonder, “Where in the world are we headed?” “What will happen next in this millennium?”

They are fascinated with the future.

Curious about the uncertainty of world events now unfolding.

Many are desperately looking for answers.

According to a Newsweek magazine poll,

**Forty percent** of Americans (that’s over 120 million people in the US alone) “**believe the world will end**” in a dramatic, cataclysmic “**Battle of Armageddon between Jesus and the Antichrist.**”

For the last 30 years, interest in the future and prophecy has been dramatically growing.
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The book of Revelation has captured the attention of millions.

*Time* magazine featured its cover with these words, “The Bible and the Apocalypse—Why more Americans are talking about the end of the world.”

In the 1970’s one of the best selling books of the decade was Hal Lindsey’s *Late Great Planet Earth*.

By 1990 this book on the author’s view of last day events sold 28 million copies.

More recently, a series of novels on the end-times entitled *Left Behind* by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins, sold over 50 million copies.

The books speculate on prophetic themes like the Antichrist, the Mark of the Beast, and Armageddon.

Why do we have this strong desire to understand the future?

Millions are looking for reliable answers regarding what’s coming.

They are reaching out for something to give them security about the future.

Movie producers have jumped on board this prophetic end-time train roaring into the future.

Movies on the last days have become popular entertainment.

Armageddon is a hot topic today.

Hollywood producers have used Armageddon’s end-time connotation to pack theaters nationwide.
A movie called *Armageddon*, depicting an attempt to save earth from destruction by an asteroid, grossed more than two hundred million dollars at the box office.

Movies and novels may come and go, but—

The book of Revelation has captured the attention of millions for over 2000 years!

There is something fascinating about that last book of the Bible, Revelation.

The Internet is packed with web sites about prophecy.

If you go to a typical internet search engine and enter the word “prophecy” you will come up with over 22 million hits.

That’s a lot of information (and unfortunately, “mis-information”) to wade through!

So tonight, as you have come to hear a presentation on the book of Revelation, you are not alone.

Right now scores of other Americans have that same interest, that same desire, that same longing to have some certain voice regarding the future.

Religious leaders around the world believe our planet is headed for an international crisis just before the return of our Lord. It is not only Christians—

Our Jewish friends believe that the world will be ushered into a final sequence of events which will ultimately liberate Israel from bondage of its oppressors.

They are convinced the Messiah will come in glory to defeat all their foes and establish the kingdom of God with Jerusalem at the center of this new kingdom.
The followers of Islam also are looking for an apocalyptic end of the world.

They believe the Battle of Armageddon will soon take place followed by the last conflict.

In their view, Jesus and Imam, one of Mohammed’s descendants, will fight against the Antichrist.

So among three great religions of the world, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam there is this sense that all humanity is moving to one final cataclysmic climax.

Look at some of the scholarly literature today—

**Bernard McGinn**, a history specialist at the University of Chicago Divinity School says,

“Over the past 30 years more scholarship has been devoted to apocalypticism (last day events) than in the last 300.”

Interest in the future is at an all-time high. People are desperate for answers. They are anxious for some word about the future.

Unfortunately, millions of them are looking in the wrong places. And dishonest people are ready to take advantage of them for personal profit.

Millions are turning to so-called psychics to discover answers to their questions regarding the future.

What lurks around the corner? —In the next 5 years? —The next 10 years?

This search has also led to an explosion of interest in the psychic world, and a renewed interest in what the psychics have said in the last 500 years.
Nostradamus, who many suppose was a great “seer,” wrote from France 500 years ago in the 16th century. He made hundreds of predictions.

Here is a modern interpretation of one of his prophecies which was interpreted as predicted for the year 2000.

"Clashes among racial, ethnic, and nationalistic groups in Eastern Europe climax with the use of nuclear weapons."

Obviously, this prediction simply did not occur. It utterly failed.

Here is a prophecy from Edgar Cayce, called, “the sleeping prophet,” who died in 1945:

“There will be a major financial crash in January of 2000. Vicious ice and electrical storms will rake the United States and Western Europe killing a million or more senior citizens and other innocent people who lost their homes or incomes in the January crash."

Another psychic prophecy that utterly failed. I wonder, what is reliable. The money-grabbing psychics certainly are not.

They may hit the mark a few times by guesswork or luck. Occasionally, they make a few predictions which appear right.

Most of the predictions can be interpreted a variety of ways. But generally they are wrong a lot more times than they are right.

The ancient Egyptians also depended on psychics for answers regarding the future.

The Great Pyramid Prophecy of Egypt supposedly predicted catastrophic destruction for planet earth in the year 2000:
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“The earth’s magnetic poles show signs of becoming unstable suggesting the beginning of a polar shift that will literally knock the planet on its ear, turning north to south and east to west in a matter of days.”

Some have supposed the Ancient Mayan Prophecy predicted the following for the year 2000:

“All of these prophecies were supposed to occur early in the year 2000. Thousands rushed out to buy books and magazines filled with such so called “prophecies.”

Most of these prophecies all had a common thread—Destruction is on the way!

Disaster is just around the corner! Disease and death will walk hand in hand through our streets!

Is there any hope for tomorrow?
Is the outlook for the future pessimistic?
How can we face the future with greater confidence?
Where can we find a reliable source of information? The Bible has proven reliable throughout the centuries.

Unlike the failed predictions of the psychics, the Bible has been accurate for the last 3500 years. Its prophecies have gradually unfolded down through the ages proving that it has the ability to foretell future events.

And Bible prophecy is amazingly accurate.

One Biblical scholar estimates there are 800 verses in the Bible on prophecy and 90% of them have already come to pass.

The other 10% are either being fulfilled or will be fulfilled in the near future.

In addition to its accuracy, the Bible is filled with hope, and the book of Revelation is the most optimistic book in the entire Bible.

Fulfilled Bible prophecy verifies the truthfulness of God's Word and gives us confidence that the future is in His hands.

History is not some array of events with no rhyme nor reason. History is in God’s hands. That’s the message of Revelation.

All the Bible speaks of a God who is in control of this world; a God who knows the future.

God does not guess. He knows.

The prophet Isaiah put it this way— Isaiah 46:9, 10

“Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,
Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done . . .”

One of the qualities that makes God, God, is this: He can declare the end from the beginning.

God knows what will happen in the future as well as in the present.

The prophet Amos adds these incredible words:

**Amos 3:7**

“Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

What does the text say? —

“Surely” And surely the earth’s events are not going to sneak up on God.

The word *surely* means “certainly, definitely, without a doubt.”

Not “maybe,” nor “perhaps.” Not “I think so,” nor “I guess so.”

He knows what is going to happen and is totally prepared. So God, in love to you and me, gives us this assurance.

The Bible gives us confidence about the future when we look at the evening news and say, “What on earth is going to happen next?”

Unlike the dismal predictions of man, Bible prophecy gives us hope. It says God is still in control.

Here is something we can rely upon. When we look into the future we are not staring into the dark. The apostle Peter echoes His assurance in these words:

**2 Peter 1:19**

“And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place,

So the prophecies of God’s word are like light illuminating the road ahead.
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The Bible gives us confidence, security and hope like a light shining in a dark place—

*until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.*

Who is the morning star in the Bible?

Christ!
I’m studying prophecy so this Christ can light up my heart. This Christ can give me confidence and assurance in a world in deep trouble.

Revelation reveals God’s final message for humanity.

During this lecture series we are going to unfold the great prophecies in the book of Revelation.

Revelation may seem like a confusing book to some at the beginning.

Even some biblical scholars are mystified in trying to unravel the meaning of the Bible’s last book.

They are confused trying to understand Revelation’s cryptic symbols.

Symbols such as the four horsemen of the apocalypse in Chapters 4 & 5 and onward—

A rider on a white horse with a bow in his hand. Another on a red horse with a sword dipped in blood. A third on a black horse with balance scales in his hand. And still another rider on a pale horse called death.

And they wonder, “What is this all about.” They are confused, perplexed, and bewildered. They don’t understand the prophetic symbols.
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They read about the mysterious number 666 and a beast which rises out of the sea,

A battle called Armageddon,

And a city of confusion called Babylon and they are also confused.

They read about the tribulation,

The Seal of God, the 144,000 and a heavenly Book with seven mysterious seals and they wonder what does this all mean?

There is good news regarding Revelation’s cryptic symbols.

The Bible deciphers this prophetic code.

It unlocks the mysteries of Revelation.

You can be prepared for the future as never before.

As we open the book of Revelation together, a new confidence and certainty will be yours.

Revelation’s mysteries will be solved.

The pieces will fit together like a puzzle, and you will see yourself in the picture of a glorious tomorrow.

The Bible is a source of reliable information.

Is Revelation a closed book? Is it impossible to understand?
What does the very title of the book mean?

The title of the book means a “revealing” or “unfolding.”
The Book of Revelation is open. It is not closed.

The very title of the book indicates something is about to be revealed.
It is not something to be kept hidden.
God did not give us a sealed book at the end of time.

Let’s begin with the first verse of Revelation:

Revelation 1:1
“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—

Wait a minute.
The first line says, a revelation of whom? Jesus Christ.

Who is giving this revelation?
Jesus, to show His servants things which must shortly take place.

And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John,

If Revelation is the last book of the Bible and it’s a revelation of Jesus, don’t you think that Jesus would make His last will and testament plain to us?
Don’t you think Jesus would make plain His final message to mankind?

Some people have said, “Don’t study Revelation. It’s confusing, we just want to study Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, about Jesus.”

But the Bible says that the book of Revelation is about Jesus.
I want to study the book that is a revelation of Jesus, don’t you?
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At end-time Jesus gave us a revelation—a revelation of His love—a revelation of His guidance down through the centuries.

He gives His last-day church a revelation of His faithfulness when we go through persecution, trauma, heartache and sorrow. Let me assure you, the book of Revelation is a revelation of Jesus who is there with us in tribulation.

Some of you tonight, don’t have to wait for the seven last plagues and a tribulation in the future because when you go home tonight, your husband may come home drunk and that is your tribulation. If some of you can’t pay the rent that is your tribulation.

Yes, Bible prophecy tells us there will be a tribulation in the future, but if your husband is in the hospital with cancer, you may be going through a tribulation tonight.

And the book of Revelation reveals the Christ who is there for you in tribulation.

When the martyrs shed their blood in the 1st century, Christ was there.

Throughout the dark ages when people were burned at the stake, Christ was there. In the trauma and heartache of life Christ is there.

This is the Revelation of Jesus; it is a Revelation of Hope for men and women in tribulation today, tomorrow and in the future.

It is a revelation or unfolding of that Christ who is with you in your heartache, sorrow and disappointment and trial.

There is a question that is often asked, Is this book closed? Is it sealed so that it can’t be understood?

Let’s ask the angel who gave it to John who got it from Jesus.
Revelation 22:10
“And he said to me, ‘Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.’”

Do not seal up the book. So it is a *revelation*, a revealing.
Whose revelation is it? Jesus.
A revelation is an unfolding.

So it is an open book because the Bible says—
“Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book”

So the Christ who gave the revelation gave it to you because He wants you to understand it.

The Christ that gave the Revelation gave it to you and me in love because He wants us to know that He is with us in tribulation and He wants us to have security as we look into a dark future.

He wants us to know the future is in His hands.

He wants us to have the assurance that the kingdom of God will ultimately triumph over all wickedness.

The book of Revelation is a Revelation of Hope.

It presents a hopeful message of Jesus taking charge, and triumphing at end time.

The book of Revelation is not some potato chip to nibble on.
It is not like a piece of hard candy which is sweet in your mouth with no satisfying nourishment.

It is something you can hold on to.
When your husband dies of cancer, when your house is destroyed in a hurricane, when you’re old, when you have aches and pains and you’re headed for the grave, there is hope!
When you’re young and looking for purpose in your life, the book of Revelation speaks hope and encouragement to you.
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The One who hung the stars in space.
The One who put every planet in its orbit.

The God who spoke and earth came into existence.

The God who carpeted the earth with living green.
The God who caused every tree to blossom is the One who is in control of the universe.
It is this God who gave Revelation to Jesus.
Revelation 1: verse 1 makes this point clear.

**Revelation 1:1**

“*The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John.*”

God knew that you and I would live down here in the time of the end.
And at times we would be confused about the future.
At times we would have questions.
So, God conceived a Book called the Revelation, to give His people hope and encouragement as they live through earth’s final hour.

**Revelation**

Where did Jesus get it from?

From God!
God conceives a book, Revelation

He gives it to Jesus.
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Who did Jesus give it to?

His Angel.
Jesus urgently gives it to an angel.

What did the angel do with it?

The angel gives it to John.
John faithfully wrote it down to be given to us.

Now, here is a book called Revelation, conceived in the mind of God that gives courage and confidence for men and women living in earth’s last hour.

God gives the book to Jesus.
Jesus gives it to an angel and the angel brings it to the last of the disciples.

John is an old man; He’s dying on the Isle of Patmos.
This John who was called by Jesus.

This John who saw Jesus break the bread and feed the five thousand.
This John who saw Jesus touch the eyes of the blind and they were opened.

This John who walked with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane and knelt there as Jesus prayed.

This John who saw the nails driven through Christ’s hands and watched the blood run down His wrist.

This John who heard the glorious story of the resurrection.

This John who watched as Jesus ascended higher and higher and was soon out of sight of earth and in sight of heaven.

This was the same John who watched as Jesus received from His Father the last Book of the Bible, Revelation.

The book of Revelation is given by God to Jesus, to an Angel, to John and John wrote it down for you and me in these last hours of earth’s history to—

“. . . show His servants——things which must shortly take place.”

It’s an unfolding of God’s will.

What do you think the devil is going to try to do? Tell you it’s a closed book. He will say, “You’re just going to get confused.”
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The book of Revelation is not some personal opinion or some psychic’s view of the future.

It wasn’t given by someone trying to sell sensational books to take advantage of someone else’s curiosity or ignorance. Its prophecies come directly from God.

It has the signature of heaven. God himself offers a triple blessing for those who study His book:

Revelation 1:3

“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it.”

As you hear these meetings night after night, God’s going to reach down into your life. God’s going to do something unusual in your life.

These meetings will be life transforming.

You will be blessed as you hear Revelation’s prophecies, as you understand the symbols and as the spirit of God leads
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you to make changes in your life.

If you are a Christian and you love Jesus, you will be blessed as you study the book of Revelation.

It will lead you into a deeper understanding of God’s will for your life.

But maybe, you are not a committed Christian; you just wandered in here out of curiosity.

I will guarantee that if you come night after night something is going to happen deep down inside of you.

There will be a transformation in your life.

Revelation’s prophecies say you will be blessed as you study them and you will. God has something special for you as you attend these meetings each evening.

Jesus is Revelation’s “Alpha and Omega.”

Jesus is Revelation’s “Beginning and the End.”

Jesus is Revelation’s “Light of the World.”
Jesus is Revelation’s “All Powerful Creator.”

Jesus is Revelation’s “Dying Lamb.”

Jesus is Revelation’s “Righteous Judge.”

Jesus is Revelation’s “Coming King.”

Jesus is Revelation’s “Triumphant Conqueror.”

He defeats the devil and reigns forever.

The Christ of Revelation will transform you. That’s God’s promise. Come with an open mind.

Whatever your understanding has been,
  Come with an open heart.
  Come with a prayerful spirit.
  Come with an attitude that says,
  “God, do something in my life. Transform my life.
  Make me over again.”

As you come with this spirit, the God who gave the book of Revelation to Jesus will speak to you and transform your life.
Revelation 1:4

“Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come.”

Christ sets Himself far above any world leader, far above any world philosopher, far above any of the world’s greatest thinkers.

Jesus Was—
He existed with the Father from eternity.

Jesus was— He is the eternal Christ.

Jesus was— He was there with the Father at dawns earliest moment when the stars were flung into space.
He was there with the Father when the sun rose over the earth for the first time.
He was there to witness that majestic first sunset.

He was there at the creation of Adam and Eve.
This living Christ was there with the Father.

This Christ who existed with the Father from all eternity burst into human history.

He was born in the womb of a virgin as a baby.

He is the Christ who came and faced every trial that you will ever face; every heartache that you will ever feel.
The book of Revelation says – “Jesus was”

And it says—

Jesus is—He is alive.
His tomb is empty.
He has ascended to heaven.
He is the living Lord.
If you go to Red Square in Moscow you can visit Lenin’s tomb. His body lies embalmed in a glass enclosure for the entire world to see.
Lenin, the founder of soviet communism, is dead but Jesus Christ is alive.

You can go to Tiananmen Square in Beijing China and visit Chairman Mao’s tomb. The communist leader’s body lies embalmed in a magnificent mausoleum.

Chairman Mao is dead but Christ is alive.
Buddha, Mohammed, Confucius are all dead but Jesus is alive.
The Christ of Revelation is the living Christ and He is coming again.

He is the one who “Is to Come.”
He is coming to take us home!

All of creation is standing on tiptoe awaiting the coming of the King.

Every book has a theme, and the theme of the book of Revelation is the coming of Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

John adds in Revelation 1:7:

“Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him.”

He is coming with clouds and every eye will see Him.
We don’t need to be filled with hopelessness.
We need not despair.
The book of Revelation presents hope.

Russell Baker, a famous newspaper columnist failed to grasp this end-time hope.
His view of the future was foggy without Revelation’s hope.
Baker wrote these words:
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“"I am sitting ninety three million miles from the sun on a rounded rock which is spinning at the rate of a thousand miles an hour, and roaring through space to who knows where,

to keep a rendezvous with nobody knows what, for nobody knows why. And all around me whole continents are drifting aimlessly over the planet.

I am sitting here on this spinning, speeding rock surrounded by four billion people, eight planets, one awesome lot of galaxies, and nuclear bombs enough to kill me 300 times over

and mountains of handguns and frozen food, and I am being swept along in the whole galaxy's insane dash toward the far wall of the universe.

And as I sit here, ninety-three million miles from the sun (alone), I am feeling absolutely miserable.”

You see if there is no hope, if the grave is a dark hole in the ground, if death is a long night without a morning than life has little meaning.

But if there is a God who has this world in His hands and if this God is in control and if one day there will be a glorious return of Christ that gives me hope for the present because there is hope for tomorrow.

The book of Revelation climaxes with the greatest event in the history of the ages – The coming of Jesus.
We are not cosmic orphans.

We are not alone.

We are not destined for self-destruction.

Famine and pestilence will not have the final word.

Natural disasters will not dash our hopes

Sickness will no longer prevail.

Sorrow will come to an end.

Death will no longer claim its victims.

Tears, disappointments and heartache will come to an end.

Revelation gives us hope and courage to face tomorrow.

Revelation's prophecies all end in the same place.

Come with me to the Island of Patmos in the Mediterranean Sea south of Turkey.

In the first century the Roman government exiled John here.

From the island of Patmos John described not only the conflict to come, but Christ's ultimate triumph over the powers of evil.

The book of Revelation reveals the most glorious event in history, the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. We just read in Revelation 1:7 how John describes the coming of Christ:
Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him.

In Revelation chapter 5, John describes a mysterious scroll and an awesome judgment scene, but the prophecy ends with all of the redeemed praising God, singing:

Revelation 5:13

“Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

Beyond all of earth’s end-time heartaches, the saved are singing a song of deliverance. They have been redeemed!

In Revelation 6 and 7, seven cryptic seals are opened one after another. A time of great tribulation bursts upon the world, but look how the scene ends:

Revelation 7:14,15

“These are the ones who come out of the great Tribulation . . .

Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple.”

The tribulation does not destroy them. They come through unscathed with their faith stronger, praising God.
In Revelation 8 and 9, seven trumpets of tragedy blow.

Trumpets of war, trumpets of destruction, and conflict. One disaster follows another in rapid succession throughout history. The judgments of God fall on the earth.

But where do those trumpets end? What is the climax? The seventh angel sounds:

Revelation 11:15

“The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”

Whatever the trumpets mean, they speak hope to you. They speak hope to me. Revelation’s prophecies speak of a joyous tomorrow. They speak of hope in a new kingdom.

The trumpets reveal that there is a king of kings. There is something solid to hang on to.

You can put your faith in a kingdom that will never end.

Every one of Revelation’s prophecies ends in the same place: A place of eternal hope and joy, the rescue of mankind.

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Beyond the natural disasters, beyond conflict between nations, beyond famines, beyond ethnic conflicts and escalating worldwide political tension, beyond an uncertain economy:
There is Hope

Hope in a new kingdom, society, a new leader.
Hope in the coming of the Lord.

Revelation 13 and 14 speak of a beast that rises up out of the sea. It has 7 heads and 10 horns. They speak of a time when no man can buy or sell. They discuss the mark of the beast and the mysterious number 666. They speak of a time of union of church and state.

But what is the end result of all this?
How does that prophecy of the cryptic beast end?
The apostle shouts with joy,

Revelation 14:14, 15

“Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man,

having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud,

‘Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.”’

Who is the Son of Man? Jesus.

Here is Christ pictured symbolically as holding a sickle.
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If you were living in John’s day, in a predominately agricultural community and you saw someone with a sickle, you would know they were going to reap a harvest.

Jesus coming in the clouds with a sickle in His hand gives us the sense that He is coming for the final harvest.

Jesus in Matthew 13:39 says,

“The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.”

John looks away from the beast. He does not focus his attention on an economic boycott when no man can buy or sell. He is not seized with terror at the result of an international death decree.

He looks and sees Jesus returning in glory. The aged apostle is secure in the blessed hope.

The beast doesn’t have the last word. Jesus does.

Jesus has a sickle in His hand symbolizing His triumph over all the powers of evil.

He will slay the beast and all the powers of evil. In earth’s final harvest, righteousness will triumph and evil will be destroyed. Jesus says look beyond the trauma.

Look beyond the difficulty. Focus your eyes on the one who sits on the throne. Focus your eyes on the one who has the crown because He is the King of Kings, He is Lord of Lords.

In Revelation 16, beyond the tribulation, it is again revealed to John that Christ wins and Satan loses.
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Revelation 16

The Seven Last Plagues

1. Painful sores

2. Sea turns to blood

3. Waters turn to blood

4. Sun scorches men

5. Darkness descends

6. Battle of Armageddon

Wait a minute.
If you stop there, you really haven’t read far enough because
the chapter does not end there it ends with—
7. The Second Coming

The book of Revelation does not end with the 7 last plagues. It ends with the Coming of our Lord and the new earth.

Revelation 16:17

“Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, ‘It is done!’”

One day Jesus will say, “It is done!” for the last time and all the heartache of earth will be over. He will be victorious in earth’s last war.

Revelation 17:14

“These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.”

In Revelation 19, “He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.”

There is a real God who sits on His throne, The end of Revelation describes new hope and new purpose in life.

Look at every prophecy in the book of Revelation and its message is this: Beyond all life’s difficulties there is a Christ who sits on the throne.

For those of you going through difficulty today; those of you going through trauma today; those of you who can’t understand the future today; look beyond all of life’s difficulties because there is a Christ who sits on His throne.
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A Christ who knows what it is like to experience sorrow because He experienced it. 
This Christ will come again.

There is a real Jesus that will reign over the kingdoms of the earth. 
A real Christ who knows what it is like to go through tribulation. 
He knows because He too has gone through tribulation.

There is a Christ who knows what it is like to have physical pain because on that old rugged cross He too had physical pain.

He knows what it is like to be rejected because He was rejected.

This Christ will come again. 
He will one day usher in a new heaven and earth. 
He will deliver His people.

There is a mighty deliverer. 
The theme of Revelation is the Deliverer is on His way. 
The book of Revelation comes to a dramatic, awesome, and glorious ending.

The book of Revelation speaks of an amazing time when God will wipe away every tear.

Revelation 21:4

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying.

There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

This is the Christ of Revelation.
He wants to deliver you from death and sorrow.
He wants to wipe away your tears so you never cry again.
He wants to take away all your pain.
He wants you to have a new body.
This is the Christ of Revelation.

All the former things have passed away.
All the sorrow, all the heartache, all the disappointment, my friend, is going to pass away.

One day the Almighty God will triumphantly proclaim throughout the whole universe:

Revelation 21:5

“Behold, I make all things new.”

If God can create a new world, if He can take away all sickness, sorrow, heartache and death. If God can do all that, He can “make all things new” in your life today.

God can place within your heart:

1. A new sense of joy.


3. A new sense of spiritual power.

That’s the Christ of Revelation. He makes all things new.

During the Second world war, Hitler’s air force was bombing London continuously.

Night after night London’s citizens faced the horror of bomb blasts and explosions lighting up the night sky. Buildings were aflame.

Houses were blown up. The earth was shaking. Smoke and fire were everywhere.

The story is told of a father and mother with their three children.

They were huddled in their home when a bomb hit nearby. The home was blown half apart.

The mother was crushed and killed. The two boys were killed. The father and his little daughter survived.

Father and daughter were now in a bomb shelter.
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A day or two later Hitler’s bombing attack came again. In the total darkness of the blacked out bomb shelter, the little girl was terrified. She couldn’t sleep.

“Daddy, I can’t go to sleep. I’m afraid,” she said “Honey, it’s ok. We’re in a bomb shelter now. We’re safe.”

Then reaching out in the dark, she asked, “Daddy, is your face turned toward me?”

Taking her hand he said, “Yes, honey, I’m looking right your way.”

Comforted, the little girl was soon fast asleep.

When the night is dark and the bombs are dropping all around you, Revelation speaks of a Christ whose face is turned toward you.

Revelation speaks of a time when there will be no more night. No more dark discouraging days.

Would you like to say with me: “Oh, God– the God who will create a new heaven and earth– Make my heart new also.”

[PRAYER]