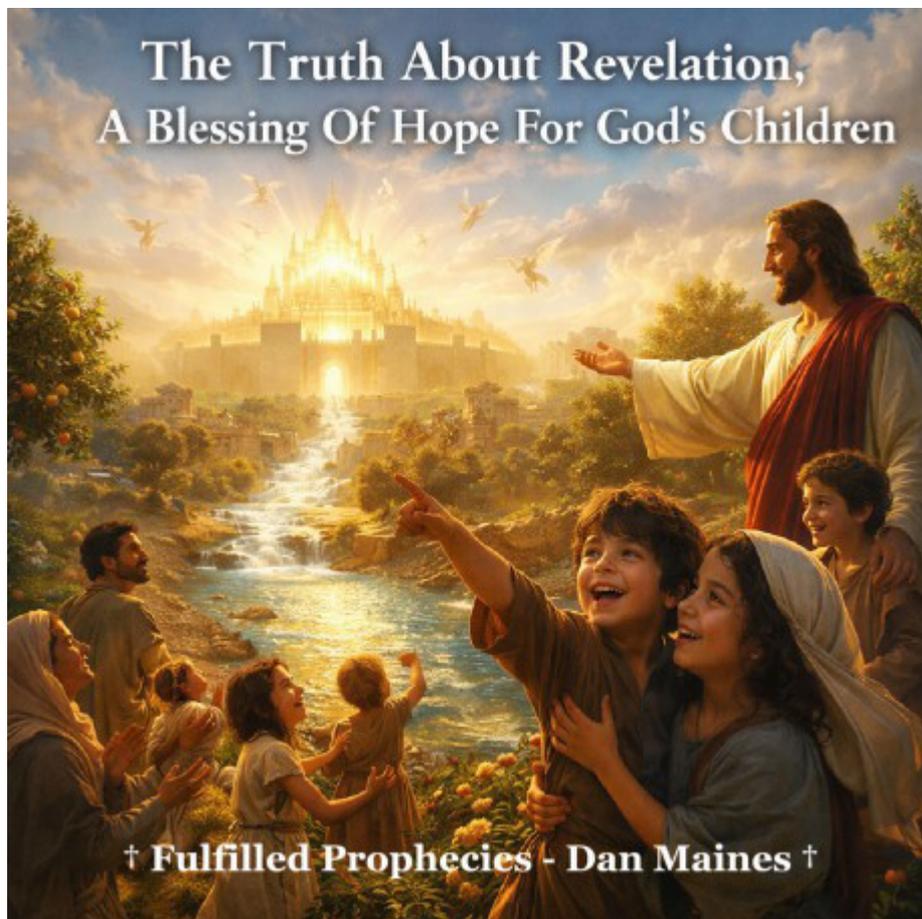


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Revelation - The Truth About Revelation, A Blessing Of Hope For Gods Children Pt 2 of 2



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The Truth About Revelation, A Blessing Of Hope For Gods Children

Part 2 of 2 per Fear Based Faith And The Abuse Of Futurism

Introduction

† The book of Revelation was written to bless Gods people, not to frighten them, and especially not children (Revelation 1:3).

† Revelation reveals Jesus as the victorious King who protects His people and keeps His promises (Revelation 1:5).

† For Gods children, Revelation is a story of love, hope, faith,

and belonging in Gods eternal family (Romans 15:4).

Revelation 1:3

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it, for the time is near.

† God begins Revelation by calling it a blessing, not a warning meant to cause fear (Psalm 119:105).

† A blessing brings joy, encouragement, and peace to Gods people (Numbers 6:24-26).

† Children should learn Revelation as good news about Gods care and faithfulness (Matthew 19:14).

Revelation 1:5

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood

† Revelation teaches children that Jesus loves them and gave Himself for them (John 15:13).

† Jesus is shown as faithful and trustworthy, He's never cruel or distant (Hebrews 13:8).

† The focus of Revelation is always Jesus, not fear (Colossians 1:18).

Mark 10:14

But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, Permit the children to come to Me, do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

† Jesus openly welcomed children and protected them from being pushed away (Matthew 18:10).

† Children belong in Gods kingdom and are valued by Jesus

(Luke 18:16).

† Revelation shouldn't ever be used to keep children away through fear (1 Corinthians 14:33).

John 1:5

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

† Revelation teaches that light always wins over darkness (Isaiah 9:2).

† Darkness is never stronger than Gods truth or love (Psalm 27:1).

† Children should learn confidence, not fear, when hard images are mentioned (Romans 8:38-39).

Revelation 21:2

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

† The New Jerusalem represents Gods people living safely with Him (Ephesians 2:19).

† This picture is about belonging, beauty, and family, not destruction (Isaiah 62:5).

† Children are invited to see themselves as part of Gods loving home (Psalm 23:6).

Revelation 21:3

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them.

† God promises to live with His people, He won't abandon them (John 14:23).

† This teaches children that God is close, caring, and present (Psalm 46:1).

† Revelation shows Gods desire to be with His children forever (2 Corinthians 6:16).

Revelation 21:4

and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will no longer be any death, there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain, the first things have passed away.

† Revelation promises comfort and healing, not fear (Isaiah 25:8).

† God is shown as gentle and compassionate toward His children (Psalm 103:13).

† This verse teaches hope, safety, and peace (John 16:33).

Revelation 22:1

Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb

† The river of life shows Gods ongoing care and blessing (Psalm 36:8).

† Life with God is pictured as refreshing, joyful, and full (John 7:38).

† Children learn that Gods kingdom is full of goodness and life (James 1:17).

Revelation 22:2

in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

† The tree of life shows healing, growth, and nourishment from God (Genesis 2:9).

† Revelation ends where the Bible began, with life and blessing restored (Isaiah 65:17).

† Gods plan is always healing, not harm (Jeremiah 29:11).

Historical References

† Clement of Alexandria taught that Scripture was written to instruct and encourage believers, including children.

† Irenaeus emphasized that Revelation reveals Christs victory and the unity of Gods people.

† Eusebius affirmed that Revelation brought comfort and hope to early Christians facing hardship.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Children should be taught that Revelation shows Jesus love and victory, not monsters and fear (1 John 4:18).

† Revelation helps kids know they belong to Gods family and they're safe in Him (Romans 8:15).

† Teaching Revelation correctly builds faith, hope, and joy in young hearts (Proverbs 22:6).

† The New Jerusalem reminds children that Gods home is a place of peace and love (Hebrews 12:22).

† Parents and teachers are responsible for guiding children with truth, patience, and love, not fear (Ephesians 6:4).

† When children learn Revelation as hope fulfilled, it strengthens trust in God and confidence in His care (Psalm 56:3).

Q & A Appendix

Q Is Revelation a scary book

A No, Revelation is a blessing that shows Jesus love and victory (Revelation 1:3).

Q Who is the hero of Revelation

A Jesus is the hero who loves His people and keeps them safe (Revelation 1:5).

Q What is the New Jerusalem

A It represents God's people living together with Him in peace and love (Ephesians 2:19).

Q Does God want children to be afraid

A No, God wants children to trust Him and feel safe in His love (Isaiah 41:10).

Q Why does Revelation talk about hard things

A God shows hard things to remind His people that He wins and He'll protect them (John 16:33).

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Source Index

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