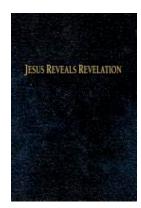
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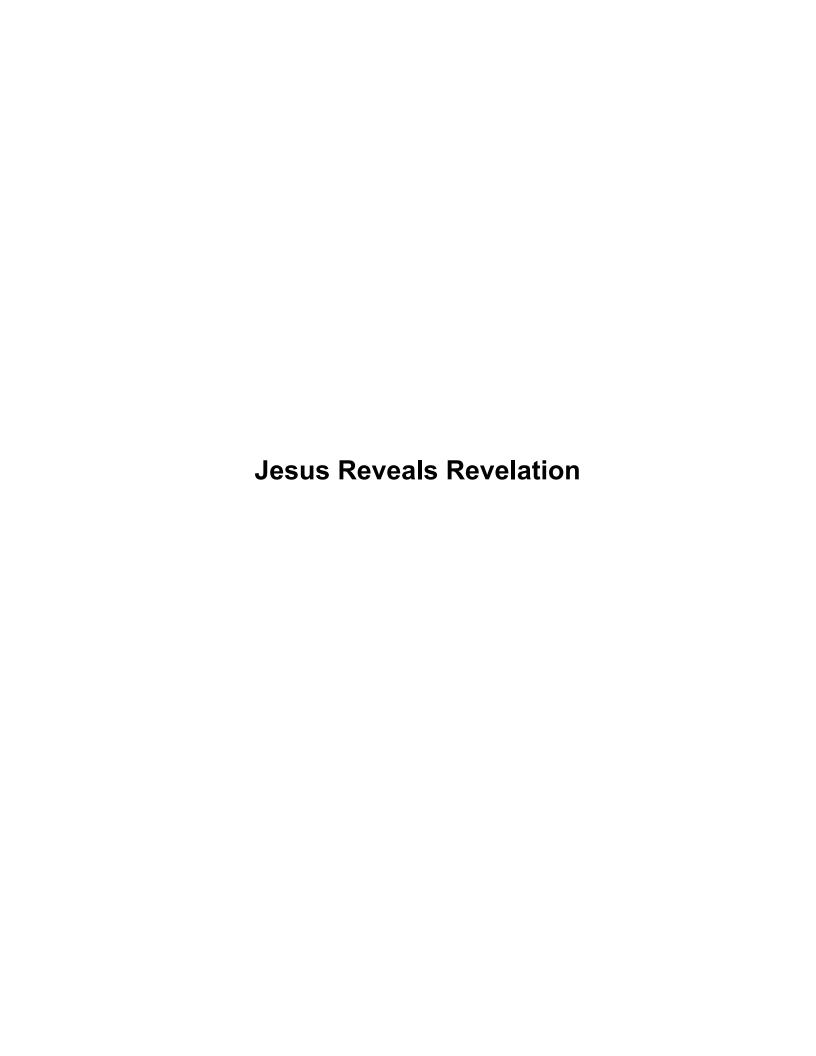
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Introduction

For over 40 years I have studied the Bible and wondered about the book of Revelation and what it really means. As I studied and prayed a thought came to me; perhaps Jesus has provided the information in the Bible that would unlock the mysteries of Revelation. I believe that He has.

This book is a thoughtful guide to understanding Revelation based on Jesus' interpretation, and insights that came to me on my devotional journey as I wrote this book.

To take you on my journey, I bring verses together from across the Bible that relate to the verses in Revelation. I insert my discussion of why I have organized the verses in this way and provide you with my insights so that you can see the logic and inspiration for yourself. To do this without confusing you in the process, I developed a methodology that uses italics, fonts, and underlining to keep your oriented.

Here is the methodology I used in writing this book.

- My discussion and comments relating to the scripture are in italics and the verses from the Bible are not. In this way you will know if the thoughts come from me or from God.
- 2. I have retained the original Biblical references so that you can see where each verse comes from.
- 3. I use fonts to distinguish between Revelation, Old and New Testament verses. Verses from Revelation are black Arial type, the Old Testament is indented and in Courier, and New Testament is indented in Times New Roman type. In this way Old and New Testament verses that are pertinent to a given section in Revelation can be pulled together in order to present a Bible-wide view of what is being said. My hope is that the indentation and

- change in font will help you to remain oriented when I bring other parts of the Bible into the discussion of Revelation. (The fonts cannot be changed in some EBooks, but the verses are indented.)
- 4. I have underlined words in the biblical text that are pertinent to my discussion of insights, and annotated in bold, words that I want to highlight throughout the scripture.
- 5. Many of the verses in the Gospels that talk of the endtime leap forward at the end of the discussion to the end of Revelation, but the initial focus is on an earlier time in the end time chronology. I will point this out in my discussion of the text.
- 6. When the gospel quotes Jesus saying "My name" he is saying what we now call "Christians".
- 7. One of the keys to understanding Revelation is focusing on the words used. For the purpose of our discussion, I need to define the meaning of the word "words". In Revelation, it says not to add or take away from the words in the revelation yet the words were written originally for the most part in Hebrew or Greek. These words were then translated into English (and other languages) by different groups of scholars who have selected different specific words that they believe most accurately capture the meaning of the original text in the new language. So when we talk of words we actually mean the underlying meaning of the original words. I have used one Bible translation for consistency in this book, the New American Standard version of the Bible. If you look at the specific words in other translations of the Bible some will be slightly different, but the meaning of the words remains essentially the same.
- 8. I do not add or delete any word from the Revelation text.
- Appendix A contains numerous definitions of words used in Revelation that are defined in the Bible itself. I will discuss these as they occur in this book.

10. Appendix B contains the complete reordered Revelation for you to read without my comments or highlighting. I hope that you will use this as a reference for further study on your own.

I will now take you on a devotional journey into Revelation. I pray that your journey will be as insightful as my own. I also hope that you will use this book as part of your church Bible study. It is sure to result in "Spirited" discussion.

Chapter 1. Keys to Unlocking Revelation

Jesus' Challenges

Seven-headed beasts, plagues, fire and brimstone, Armageddon, God's triumph over Satan; this is the picture that many people have of the book of Revelation. But, while much has been written about Revelation, people have struggled for nearly 2000 years to understand this last book in the Bible. This was certainly the case for me. I believed that Revelation describes what will happen in the future; the glorious return of Christ, the fate of this world, and the beginning of the next. But, the story is so filled with symbolism and is so hard to understand that, for a long time, I believed that Revelation is something that simply must be taken on faith. And yet, Revelation begins with the charge that it is a message to show Jesus' followers "the things that must shortly take place". This clearly says that we need to understand the revelation message, vet it seems unclear. Why would God send us a message that we could not understand and then expect us to follow it? How could I understand the truth? This was the first challenge of Revelation to me.

A second challenge comes from Matthew 24:4. Jesus said, "See that no one misleads you". An example of how I might be misled comes from the very next verse in Matthew 24:5; "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ' and will mislead many." This verse can be interpreted two ways. One can read verse 5 to say that many will come in Christ's name claiming to be the Christ, or read it to say that many will come in Christ's name (acknowledging that He is the Christ) and will mislead many. The first interpretation leads you to believe that many false Christs will arise, where the second means that people who acknowledge Christ as Lord will do the misleading. In other words, believers could mislead other believers without even

knowing it. Therefore, it is not unexpected that people will interpret portions of the Bible in different ways. So whose interpretation should I believe and follow? And, if I become so certain of a particular interpretation could I be misled and set up for a fall when the end-times come.

The bottom line, Jesus challenged me to try to understand the book of Revelation and to not be misled. As I studied and prayed for a way to address these challenges a thought came to me; could it be that Jesus has left us the information we need to unlock the mystery of the book of Revelation elsewhere in the Bible? This began my effort to assemble all the verses in the Bible that address the end-times and, through the wonders of word processing, insert them into the book of Revelation where they appeared to fit. As I began to bring similar subjects from across the Bible together, I realized that Jesus told us the order of end-time events in the Gospels. This is what started me on the journey to write this book. Once begun, my spine tingled as each chapter finally fell into place. It is an amazing story that is different than what I expected when I began. Jesus has provided us what we need to unlock Revelation.

I have experienced a spiritual transformation by my interaction with the Bible while writing this book and I think you will too by reading it. If you have struggled with the book of Revelation let me be your guide. I will show you the keys that will transform Revelation into an easily understood message from God. I discovered these keys through a devotional journey to understand Revelation based on Jesus' words in the Bible. I will take you along on my journey and share with you the understanding that Jesus' words opened up to me. But first, let me introduce myself.

The Keys

As you can see from my biographical summary in the front of this book, I have spent my professional career in aviation and aerospace. So, why is a pilot and government executive writing a book about Revelation? That story goes back to a trip home from high school in 1961 when Jesus through the Holy Spirit first touched me. I have now retired from the government having completed a most amazing career in aviation. It stated with flying as a C-141 transport pilot to Viet Nam and around the world, and ended as Senior Policy Advisor for Aviation at the White House. I use the term amazing not only because of the career opportunities I have had, but also because of how the Spirit has worked in my life along the way. Major obstacles in my career turned into opportunities and "coincidences" became key events in the achievement of policy issues I was involved with. I believe with certainty that the Holy Spirit is actively involved in my life and has led me to see into the mysteries of his book of Revelation while writing this book for you.

Writing this book was a devotional journey for me. As I progressed from rewrite to rewrite new insights emerged. I realized that understanding Revelation is vital for everyone living today. It is God's message to all mankind to tell us what will happen. It is, therefore, the only way to understand what is really happening in the world and to prepare ourselves for what we will face. I discovered that Revelation also answers many of the questions that have troubled mankind over the centuries such as; why are we born, why God lets good people suffer, what happens when we die, where is heaven, and others. So where to begin?

There have been uncountable numbers of interpretations of Revelation since it was written and there is no way to definitively prove any of them. That is what led me to see what Jesus had to

say. Most Biblical scholars do not believe that Revelation is a prophecy. They have studied first century Christian churches as best as they can, and the Roman Empire that were the rulers at the time Revelation was written. They conclude that Revelation is a coded message from John to the seven churches. In most scholars' view, John, not the apostle, was writing to the churches of his day to tell them to keep the faith during the terrible tribulations of the Roman Emperor Nero and his immediate successor's reigns. Scholars believe that John wrote to the churches using symbology from the Old Testament (OT) prophets. In this way, John could send the churches encouragement in terms that early church members were familiar with from reading OT scripture. It is thought that John believed that the Romans would not understand his letter so it would not add justification to their persecution of the churches.

However, my spirit would not rest with the answers of scholars. To begin, some scholars and I do believe that it was the Apostle John that wrote Revelation. John was the disciple who Jesus loved and was not captured and killed during Nero's attack on Christians, as were Peter and Paul. In addition, I believe that John's Gospel gives us a clue to the fact that he lived longer than expected to complete the work that Christ had for him to do.

John 21:21-23 (NASB)

21 So Peter seeing him said to Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?"

22 Jesus said to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!"

23 Therefore this saying went out among the brethren that that disciple would not die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but only, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?"

I believe that John did remain until Christ came. He lived to see Christ come in the revelation that Christ showed His friend the

Apostle John. John lived long enough to write the story of Christ's second coming for us.

While John certainly wrote to encourage the people of his day, I believe God was also speaking to another generation. Revelation has two messages; one that John was writing to his generation and those that followed, and a second that God made sure reached the last generation. The scripture itself tells us plainly its purpose. Its length speaks to more meaning than simply encouragement to these seven churches at that time in history alone. The fact that some of the symbols are similar to those described by Daniel, Ezekiel, and other OT prophets could mean that those prophets saw some of the same visions as John. While Revelation certainly was written and sent to the seven churches with encouragement for their day and ours, I couldn't get over the feeling (and I know that millions of others feel the same) that there is much more that God is telling us in His prophecy. So what is it that Revelation is telling us?

The easiest way for me to begin is to describe the conclusions that I have drawn from writing this book. These are the five keys to understanding Revelation. The first two Keys I have learned over my lifetime, the final three came to me during my devotional journey to understand Revelation. It is important to understand these Keys up front, because they are the underpinning for the discussion of Revelation that follows.

Key 1. God lives and loves us.

I mentioned earlier that the Holy Spirit touched me on my way home from high school. That was a defining moment in my life that I would like to share with you.

I was 15 years old and a member of my high school wrestling team. It was February, about 5:30 p.m., cold and dark. I was

walking home about a half mile from the school on a lonely sidewalk. I could see my breath and my hair and ears were freezing having showered after practice. As I started to climb the hill before me, the cold and the fatigue from the practice started to get to me. Without even thinking I said a little prayer under my breath. "Dear Lord, it sure is cold." Then Spirit touched me. A wave of warmth spread across me from my toes to my head. I knew that God had answered my prayer. I started to run. I couldn't contain myself. I thanked God and ran the rest of the way home. I burst into the kitchen where my mother was cooking dinner and announced, "I am going to be a minister". That event is as clear to me today as it was then. And, while I did not initially become a minister, I am sure that God hears our prayers. He is concerned and involved in events here on earth. He lives and loves us.

But don't take my word for it. Revelation speaks about Jesus' direct involvement with people he cares about in his letters to the churches and elsewhere throughout the Bible. At the beginning of what Jesus tells the Churches in Revelation Chapter 2 verse 2 he says; "I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance,". Do you see it? Jesus is saying that he knows the deeds of this church at the time of John. In this and the following chapter, Jesus describes the issues with seven churches of John's day. He is telling John to write a letter to guide these churches years after he was crucified. These were real churches and John did write letters to them. The conclusion, Jesus was alive and loved us when John was on Patmos, when I was in high school, and will be forever. And, he loves you.

Key 2. The Bible is the word of God and he uses it to communicate with us.

As a Christian, I have been taught that the Bible is the word of God and that reading the Bible is key to learning about his laws and promises. But, what about all the Biblical commentators over

the centuries who have interpreted the Bible to mean different things, dismissed it as allegorical, used archeological finds to support or change its meaning, debated its relevance to church doctrine, etc.? How could I know if all the right writings made it into the Bible, as we know it? How does God use the Bible to communicate with us? These questions plagued me for many years as I strived to get closer to God. The answer for me is that God uses the Bible to communicate with us in three ways; directly, through the words used, and through the Holy Spirit.

Is the Bible God's message? It has to be. What became clear to me is that in spite of all the questions that have been raised over the centuries, Bible scripture has been essentially the same since it was canonized about 1,600 years ago and word of mouth before that. Interpretations come and go, but the words in the Bible have remained essentially the same.

The Councils of Hippo and Cartage canonized the Bible as we know it in 397 AD / ACE. Sure, there have been insights from the Dead Sea Scrolls, etc, and certainly better more readable translations of the Bible have been written, but a person reading a portion of today's Bible 1600 years ago would recognize the text. So, if there is a living God that loves us and He wants us to have a book that He can use to communicate with us, then the Bible is the book as written. The proof that the existing Bible is God's message to us is that this is what has existed and He has used since Jesus came to the earth. No analysis can refute the fact that the Bible is what people have used to study and worship God since it was initially canonized. If God were going to send us a Christian instruction manual, He would want to make sure everyone had access to it over the centuries. The Bible, then, must contain the words that God wants us to read.

In addition, Jesus taught us that each word in the Bible is important and one word can tell us more than a simple reading of the scripture would yield. In Matthew 22 verse 32 Jesus used the

word "am" in an Old Testament verse about the patriarchs to prove that the dead still live with God.

"I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living." And when the multitudes heard {this,} they were astonished at His teaching."

I too was astonished to learn that the tense of the word "am" is the way Jesus revealed one of the greatest mysteries of mankind in the OT. As Jesus pointed out, "am" is present tense and so are the lives of the Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. To expand on this a bit further, the Greek word actually used in this verse is "eimi". Strong's Greek-Hebrew Dictionary, (copyright 1994), definition of this word is "The first person singular present indicative: A prolonged form of a primary and defective verb; I exist (used only when emphatic)". Jesus, in the New Testament, settled the debate on the resurrection of the dead by pointing out that "am" is present tense. Therefore, Abraham still lives and so does God.

Paul also shows in the book of Galatians that using a singular or plural word in the scripture is the key to understanding what God is telling us. In Galatians 3:16, Paul is discussing God's covenant with Abraham and says that the covenant is to Abraham and his seed not seeds, meaning one (Christ) not many (all of Abraham's descendants). Read Galatians for yourself.

These are just two examples of Jesus and Paul pointing out how a particular word used in scripture is important to discovering a deeper understanding of the scripture.

So, the words written in the Bible are a way in which God communicates with us both directly in the text and in a more subtle sense based on the words that God has inspired the authors to use.

I have used the same translation of the Bible throughout this book to retain a consistent translation and interpretation of the English from the Hebrew and Greek texts. I used the New American Standard Bible. Other translations will use slightly different words, but the underlying meanings will be the same.

The third way God uses the Bible to communicate with us is through the Holy Spirit. Over years of studying the Bible, I have found that I can read the same verses at different times and gain new and different understandings of what it is telling me. I know that the reason for some of this is because over time I learn more in other areas of the Bible that give me a greater, big picture, insight into things I read later. But this is not all that is going on. Somehow a scripture that I am reading triggers thoughts about what is going on in my life. The combination of the Biblical message and my life experience opens areas of thought that are beyond my thinking. I attribute this experience to the work of the Holy Spirit. God uses the Bible as a tool to engage real time with people who are open to his power and are searching for his insights. This is what I experienced as I wrote this book.

I conclude from this, that the Bible is the word of God and that He uses it to communicate with us on many levels including the choice of words used and the insights he gives to us directly. This is the second key to understanding Revelation.

Key 3. The Bible interprets itself.

The third assumption in this book is that the Bible often defines the symbols that it uses thereby interpreting itself. Revelation is full of amazing word pictures and symbols that seem difficult to interpret, but it also takes great pains to interpret itself. Some interpretations are immediate as in Revelation 4 verse 5: "And {there were} seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which

<u>are the seven Spirits of God;</u>" while other interpretations are found elsewhere in the Bible.

Rev 12:9

9 And the great <u>dragon</u> was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the <u>devil and Satan</u>, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Rev 13:2

2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like {those} of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the <u>dragon gave</u> him his power and his throne and great authority.

Here we see Revelation Chapter 12 Verse 9 defining who the dragon is and then we can understand in Chapter 13:2 Verse 2 who gave the beast his power.

For the purpose of this book, I have identified symbols in Revelation that the Bible defines for us and have used those definitions. In this way we can better understand what the Bible is telling us using its definitions not mine or someone else's. You can find a list of these interpretations in Appendix A.

Key 4. Don't add or take away from the words in Revelation.

To make sense of the book of Revelation, many authors of books on Revelation expand on the text or skip over sections that do not fit with traditional teachings. Revelation Chapter 22 is very specific about this:

18 I testify to everyone who hears the <u>words</u> of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plaques which are written in this book;

and if anyone takes away from the <u>words</u> of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

Could this be clearer? Revelation is a prophecy not simply information to seven churches, and we should not add or delete any words from it. But how can we gain a deeper understand of Revelation without adding or deleting from it? I have highlighted the word "words" in the quote above because that is what led me to a deeper understanding of Revelation. Notice that it says words not verses or chapters or thoughts or concepts or events. This focus on words led me to the fundamental insight that is the foundation of this book, as I will describe in Key 5.

So, from this I conclude that I must use the entire text to understand Revelation. If part of the text doesn't fit then I don't have the answer. This led me to the 5th key, the greatest revelation in my devotional journey, and the reason that I began writing this book.

Key 5. Revelation was written out of chronological order to seal it up until the end-times.

As I pondered the book of Revelation, it seemed incomprehensible. Revelation appears to be a prophecy written to tell Christians throughout the centuries what will happen in advance of the end-times so that we will be prepared and keep the faith. It seems to be written chronologically from the time of John forward to the next world. Yet the stories of the harlot, various beasts, plagues, etc. do not tell a smooth flowing, understandable story. Many verses start with "Then" or contain "and then" that seems to indicate that the next events followed the preceding. But, the events described do not flow logically forward. Instead the story line seems to jump around. This

contradiction between a book to tell Christians what will happen, yet presenting a book that is not clear, is a dilemma. Revelation is a true parable. People for thousands of years have read the words, but don't understand without God's interpretation.

One night while I lay in bed, my mind wrestled with how to understand these things. My spirit tingled as I read the admonition to not change the "words" as written in Revelation 22:19. Why focus on words? That got me thinking about what could be changed that would provide me greater insight if I could not change the words. As I read Jesus words about the endtimes in the Gospels, the answer became clear. The words in Revelation are true, but the order of events presented there are not. It appears to be written in chronological order, but it is not. This is a way that God could give all mankind the same words to read over the ages, yet seal up Revelation's true meaning until the end-time. The key to understanding Revelation is to reorder it to correspond with the order of events described by Jesus in the Gospels, Matt 24:9-34, Mark 13: 9-31, and Luke 21:7-33. Jesus words in these Gospels tell us how to interpret Revelation. This sent tingles down my spine.

But, this led me to three questions. First, why would John write Revelation out of order? The answer to this question is that he didn't. He wrote it in the order of the visions that God showed him.

Rev 1:10 – 11 "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like {the sound} of a trumpet, saying, 'Write in a book what you see, and send {it} to the seven churches"

But God did not show John the vision in the order in which the events described would take place, thereby sealing up the details of its meaning until the end-times. Revelation is, therefore, the chronological story that John saw as scenes in heaven, scenes on earth, flashbacks, and prophecies. The word

"then" means what John saw next not necessarily what would happen next. John's experience is like watching a play where you see all the acts and scenes of the play, but not in order and then you are told to write what you saw. It is only by reordering these scenes that the true chronology of end-time events emerges. I believe that God did not want the true chronology to be known until the end-times, so that each generation would believe and look to the day of Christ's return even if it was actually to be hundreds of years in the future. As we enter the end-times, he wants us to know the straight story.

The second question is, if Revelation is out of order, how could we possibly know what order to put it in? As I began my efforts to discover how to reorder the text, I wanted to be sure that I was not reordering it to fit some preconceived idea as to what Revelation has to say. I worked under the assumption that if a scene didn't fit, that it was I who did not understand. For that reason, I began by using the original order unless there was a reason to change it and to use Jesus' words in the Gospels and the words in the text to signal what should be together. Here is an example of a time tag in the Gospels and in Revelation that shows how events can be synchronized:

Mark 13:24-25 (NASB)

24 "But in those days, after **that** tribulation, THE **SUN** WILL BE DARKENED AND THE **MOON** WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT.

25 AND THE **STARS WILL BE FALLING** from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken.

Revelation 6:12-13 (NASB)

12 I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the **sun** became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole **moon** became like blood; 13 and the **stars of the sky fell** to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.

Both Mark and Revelation are describing the same events. The reordered chapters came together in a way that was consistent with the Gospels. And, because the event of the stars falling has not happened in the past, this must be a prophecy for the future.

The third question was what did God mean when he said in Rev 1:1 that the events would happen shortly or in a short period of time? This has been a problem for scholars and readers alike since it was written. This has led scholars to believe that they must look at events in the first century to explain Revelation. This is also why every generation has believed that their generation will see the end of times. But these events did not happen in a short period of time from when Revelation was written. Is the revelation wrong, or is there another interpretation?

The text says that the revelation is to show His bondservants / followers / believers, but it does not say which ones. Most assume it means the churches to which John is writing. Another interpretation could be that it is addressed to the end-time bond-servants that see the things that Jesus is describing in Matt 24:9-34, Mark 13: 9-31, and Luke 21:7-33. The letters were sent to the seven churches to make sure that the prophecy was preserved. It became clear that Jesus is the key to understanding to whom the revelation is addressed. I believe that **God's** real audience is not the disciples Jesus is talking to in the Gospels, or the churches that John is writing to in Revelation, but the bondservants that see the signs that Jesus describes in the Gospels.

Mark 13:29-30 (NASB)

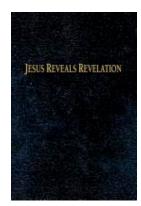
29 "Even so, you too, when <u>you</u> see these things happening, recognize that He is near, right at the door. 30 "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

The literal reading of the revelation has helped all generations to get a glimpse of the end of the Biblical story and be assured that Christ will return in triumph, but the details of this parable have been sealed until the end-time generation.

Another revelation to me was that these three descriptions by Jesus to his disciples all say that "this generation" will see the end of it all. The word "this" is singular. This means that the bondservants he is speaking to "will see the end of it all" within one generation. The end-time generation will see all that Jesus describes in the Gospels and the events described in Revelation.

As I gained more and more insights from the Spirit, the scriptures began to open up and I received greater understanding. Each subsequent time through, the text and the Spirit opened more doors until the order and the meaning became clear. What emerged over many drafts is a chronology with distinct subdivisions that can be seen in the text based on God's involvement with his chosen people and recipients of His covenants, the Jews and the Christians. I also began to realize that Revelation not only tells the story of the end-times, but also why we are born, why good people suffer, the completion of God's covenant with the Jews as well as the Christians, and many more things.

To continue our metaphor of John seeing a play out of order, I will call these subdivisions Acts. The first Act includes all the events prior to the end-times. In Act 2, God and Satan are working through people on earth at the beginning of the end-times. In Act 3, God directly intervenes on earth while Christians are still on the earth. Act 4 begins God's direct intervention after Christians are removed from the earth. Acts 5 and 6 are events during the millennium and the new world respectively. Once these Acts were identified, it was relatively easy to order the Chapters of Revelation into these Acts and create a chronology



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