

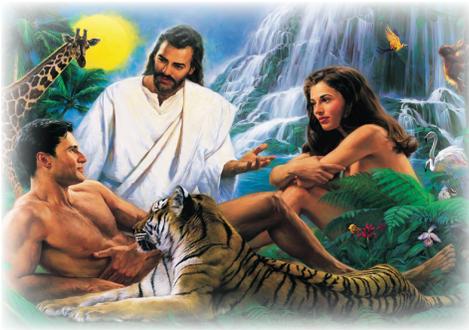
A BIBLE PROPHECY ADVENTURE

Revelation

Promises Hope

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A Time For Joy -God's Amazing Gift



The book of Revelation presents God's final message for a world in deep trouble. It is an urgent, compelling message of good news. In a day and age when our lives are so crowded, busy and filled with running around God offers to us an amazing gift!

In this secular, materialistic age of humanistic thinking, many have dismissed the idea of a God who created the heavens and the earth. The theory of evolution has replaced the Bible teaching of creation. It is not surprising to find God sounding a clarion call to worship Christ as our Creator in the Bible's last book, Revelation.

- I. In the final hour of earth's history a message is to go to the world to "worship Him that made heaven and earth. Rev. 14:7"
 - A. The great issue at the end will be worship. Revelation 13,14
 1. Worship of God who made the world. Revelation 14:7
 2. Worship of the Beast. Revelation 14:9
 - a. All of us will be on one side or the other
 - b. The Bible says, "all the world wonders after the beast" Revelation 13:3,8
 - c. In this subject you will find an area in which all the world is wondering after the beast.
 3. "worship Him that made the heavens and the earth," Revelation 14:7,
Let's look at begining when God made everything.
 - a. In six days God made the world and every thing in it, it was perfect, created for man's enjoyment, gleaming in its Edenic perfection. Genesis 1
 - b. On the seventh day God created the Sabbath. Genesis 2:1-3
 - c. This day was set aside as a memorial of His creation. Psalms 111:2-4

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- d. God Himself wrote it in His law.
Exodus 20:8-11
 - e. Some say, the seventh day is the "Jewish Sabbath".
 - 1. How many people were there on earth on the first Sabbath? Two- Adam and Eve. Were they Jews? No- There was no Jews for Thousands of years.
 - 2. God never made the Sabbath for just the Jews. The Sabbath was created to be a living memorial of His creative power.
 - f. There are three things He did to specifically set apart the seventh day.
 - 1. Blessed it;
 - 2. Rested on it;
 - 3. Sanctified it -- made it holy, set apart for a sacred use. Genesis 2:1-3
 - g. God said, "remember" the 7th day Sabbath. Why do you think He said remember? Because He knew man might forget. Exodus 20:8
 - h. Amazingly, the one commandment that says remember is the one the world has forgotten.
 - i. The fact that God mad the heaven and earth set Him apart from all other gods. Every time you remember the Sabbath day you are honoring the true God.
 - j. If the Sabbath had always been kept there never would have been an atheist, agnostic, or skeptic. Evolution would have never been taught in our schools.
 - 2. The Devil hates God's Sabbath. It is there to remind him that God is the creator.
- II. The Sabbath of the Bible.
- A. The Sabbath is timeless and changeless.
 - 1. It was given at creation. Genesis 2:1-3
 - 2. Israel kept it before Sinai. Exodus 16:25,27
 - 3. It was enshrined in the heart of the ten commandments. Exodus 20:8-11
 - 4. It will be kept in Heaven. Isaiah 66:22,23
 - 5. God does not change. Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8
 - 6. God will not change His covenant. Psalm 89:34
 - B. Christ and the Sabbath.
 - 1. Christ was the Creator. John 1:1-3; Hebrews 1:1,2; Colossians 1;13,16
 - a. As the Creator, Christ gave the Sabbath. Genesis 2:1-3

2. Christ was the lawgiver at Mt. Sinai.
1 Corinthians 10:1-4; Nehemiah 9:12-14
 - a. As the lawgiver, Christ spoke the Sabbath command at Sinai.
 3. Christ kept the Sabbath while on earth.
Luke 4:16
 4. The woman kept "according to the commandment" after His death. Luke 23:52-56
 5. Christ said the Sabbath would still be kept when Jerusalem was destroyed. That happened in 70 A.D., nearly 40 years after His death.
Matthew 24:20
- C. The disciples and the Sabbath.
1. There is no record of any change made by the disciples.
 2. The Scriptures record clearly that Paul kept the Sabbath.
 - a. Paul preached to the Jews and Gentiles on the Sabbath. Acts 13:42-44
 - b. Paul worshiped on the Sabbath even where there were no Jewish synagogues to worship in. Acts 16:13
 - c. It was Paul's custom to keep the Sabbath. Acts 17:2
 - d. Paul preached 78 Sabbaths in a row at Corinth alone. Acts 18:4,11
- D. Which day is the Lord's Day?
1. The Lord has a day. Revelation 1:10
 2. The Lord's day is the Sabbath. Mark 2:27, 28; Matthew 12:8; Isaiah 58:13
 3. The seventh day is the Sabbath. Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11; Hebrews 4:4
 4. The seventh day is Saturday. Luke 23:52-56 and Luke 24:1
- E. How can I know which day is the Sabbath?
1. Luke 23:54-56 and Luke 24:1 lists three days: the preparation day, the Sabbath day, and the first day of the week. The Christian world recognizes that Christ died on Friday, (Good Friday) which the Bible calls the Preparation Day. Likewise all recognize that Christ was resurrected on Sunday (Easter Sunday), the day the Bible calls the first day of the week. We have, then, Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday. Clearly the Bible tells us that Sabbath is the day between Friday and Sunday- known to

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- us as Saturday.
2. Many languages tell us which day is the Sabbath. They all come from the same root word meaning Sabbath.
 - a. Spanish - their word for Saturday is "Sabbado", which comes from the root -Sabbath.
 - b. There are 140 languages of the world that their word for the 7th day translates to Sabbath.
 - c. The Jewish people still keep Saturday as the Sabbath.
- F. Has time been lost?
1. Astronomers say that if all our methods of telling time were destroyed, they could with a telescope, in 2 1/2 hours tell you the year, month, week, day, hour and minute!
 2. The calendars that we use today were set up in 45 B.C. by Julius Caesar. In the year 1582 A.D. it was revised by Pope Gregory XIII. This is called the Gregorian calendar. The revision that was made didn't affect the weekly cycle, thus no time was lost.
 3. The Jewish Calendar has never changed. They still keep the same Sabbath that Jesus kept.
 4. No, time has been lost!
- G. Does it make a difference which day I keep?
1. The Scriptures say God blessed, hallowed, and sanctified the seventh day. Ex.20:8-11; Gen 2:1-3
 2. You and I do not have the power to make a day holy. We are asked to keep it holy; not make it holy. Therefore, the only day that can be kept holy is a day God has already made holy.
 3. It does make a difference. Jesus said, "...If you love me keep My commandments." John 14:15 He also said, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8

From Genesis to Revelation the Sabbath was a day of worship. We are told that in heaven "from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me." Isaiah 66:22, 23 What a promise! Through the ceaseless ages of eternity all flesh, the entire creation, will worship God in harmony each Sabbath. If we are going to worship Him through all eternity, why not start worshipping Him on the Sabbath now? Jesus invites us to love Him with all our hearts and follow truth regardless of what others do. The book of Revelation calls us to worship Him as our Creator. The Sabbath message is part of God's urgent effort to prepare a people for earth's last hour. Let's pray that Jesus will fill our hearts with love to follow His example in worshipping Him on the Bible Sabbath and experience this amazing gift from our precious Savior!