

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*

Worship Guide for December 26, 2021

Sermon Notes

Revelation – The Second Advent: We Know How It Will End

History is just that...His Story. *The Scriptural account from Genesis to Revelation is God's story and the written record of redemptive history that began in Eden. The last three chapters of Revelation sum up the history that began in the first three chapters of Genesis. The heavens and earth that God created in the beginning are re-created, are made new and better than before in the end. Genesis 3:8 speaks of God dwelling with humanity, and Revelation 21:3 tells us "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. The river of life, the tree of life, the eternal provision and perfection, all of this and more will be the reality for God's people when the world is finally brought to what it was intended to be.*

Through all of this is Christ himself, who not only stepped into history but is the Lord over history. He is "the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13). Jesus is the Lion of the tribe of Judah who fights and defeats the enemies of God, including their rebel leader, Satan. He is also the Lamb who was slain and has redeemed "a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages" (Revelation 7:9).

Revelation is God's final word to his people, and in this final sermon from this amazing portion of Scripture, it's important that we are reminded once again that even though it is difficult to interpret and understand, Revelation is very practical, helpful, and hopeful. Because we know how it all will end, we can be bold and confident as we live for Christ and take his gospel to the nations.

The Glorious Throne of God: the sovereign hand of God rules over all.

The Ultimate Defeat of Satan: the harlot, the beast, and the dragon forever cast down.

The Reversal of the Curse: heaven and earth will be made new.

The Redeemed People of God: this will include those from every nation, tribes, people and language.

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Know

**What does God intend for me to know?
In your journal, use the following prompts to write
some truths that stood out from this week's message.**

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

Be (Consider)

**What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?
In your journal, use the following questions to write
some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.**

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

Do (Yield)

**How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write
your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.**

What is your greatest takeaway from our study through Revelation? What will stay with you moving forward?

How does our study of Revelation benefit us in the area of evangelism? What are you compelled to share with others as a result?

How should Revelation shape our view of history? Of others? Of yourself as a believer? Of the church and your particular place and role within the church? Of the world and your relation to the world?

*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.

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