

Hope For Troubled Times
(Hope for the Future – Part 1 of 5)
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Introduction to Revelation

Not confusion , but hope !

- Revelation 1:1

Not so much different information, but more of it

- Mark 13:5-27

1. The Bad News: Things Will Get Worse before They Get Better

A. Fallen humanity

B. Fallen creation

C. God's wrath

- Revelation 6:9-17; 15:1; 16:1-21

2. The Good News

A. Jesus Christ is in charge

- Revelation 1:12-19; 22:13,16

B. Victory is available

- Revelation 2:7,11,17,26; 3:5,12,21; 12:10,11

C. Deliverance is coming

- Revelation 3:10; 7:9-17
- I Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9; John 3:16-18; Mark 13:20

D. Justice will be done

- Revelation 11:15-18
- Romans 5:8-10

Daily Bible Readings
August 17-23

Follow Throughs

Monday Colossians 1:15-23

What do these verses say about Jesus' position, role and authority?
What are some potential fears that these descriptions of Jesus could help us to overcome? Today focus on the phrase: "Jesus is in charge."

Tuesday Revelation 12:10-12

What are the key ingredients for overcoming Satan mentioned in these verses? Now read Luke 10:19 and John 16:33, I John 4:4 and I John 5:4. What further insights do these verses add about overcoming? Today focus on the phrase: "Victory is available."

Wednesday I Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:11

What does Paul say that believers can anticipate regarding the future? Focus today on the phrase: "Deliverance is coming."

Thursday Romans 5:6-21

What do we deserve for our sins? What did Jesus do for us? What would happen to us if God were to treat us with justice only, and not with grace? What is the destiny of those who do not receive God's gift of grace in Jesus Christ? Focus today on the phrase: "Justice will be done."

Friday Romans 8:1-39

What reasons for hope do you find in these verses, especially regarding the damage in our world done by fallen humanity, and regarding the tragedy of fallen creation?

Warm Ups

Saturday Revelation 12:1-17

What do these verses indicate concerning the destructiveness of the devil, who is pictured as a dragon? What are some examples of the destructive work of the devil in today's world? Pray for protection for our church, our young people and our leaders, in the face of Satan's onslaughts.

Sunday Revelation 20:1-10

What do these verses say about the eventual downfall of the devil? Praise the Lord that the devil is not stronger than God, and that there is no doubt about the final outcome of their struggle. Pray that our worship services today may be a triumphant expression of praise to the Lord.