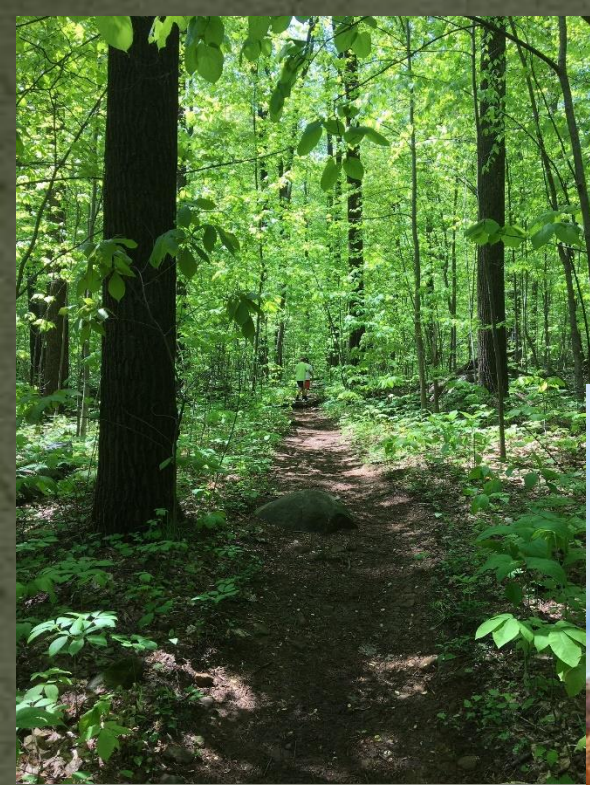
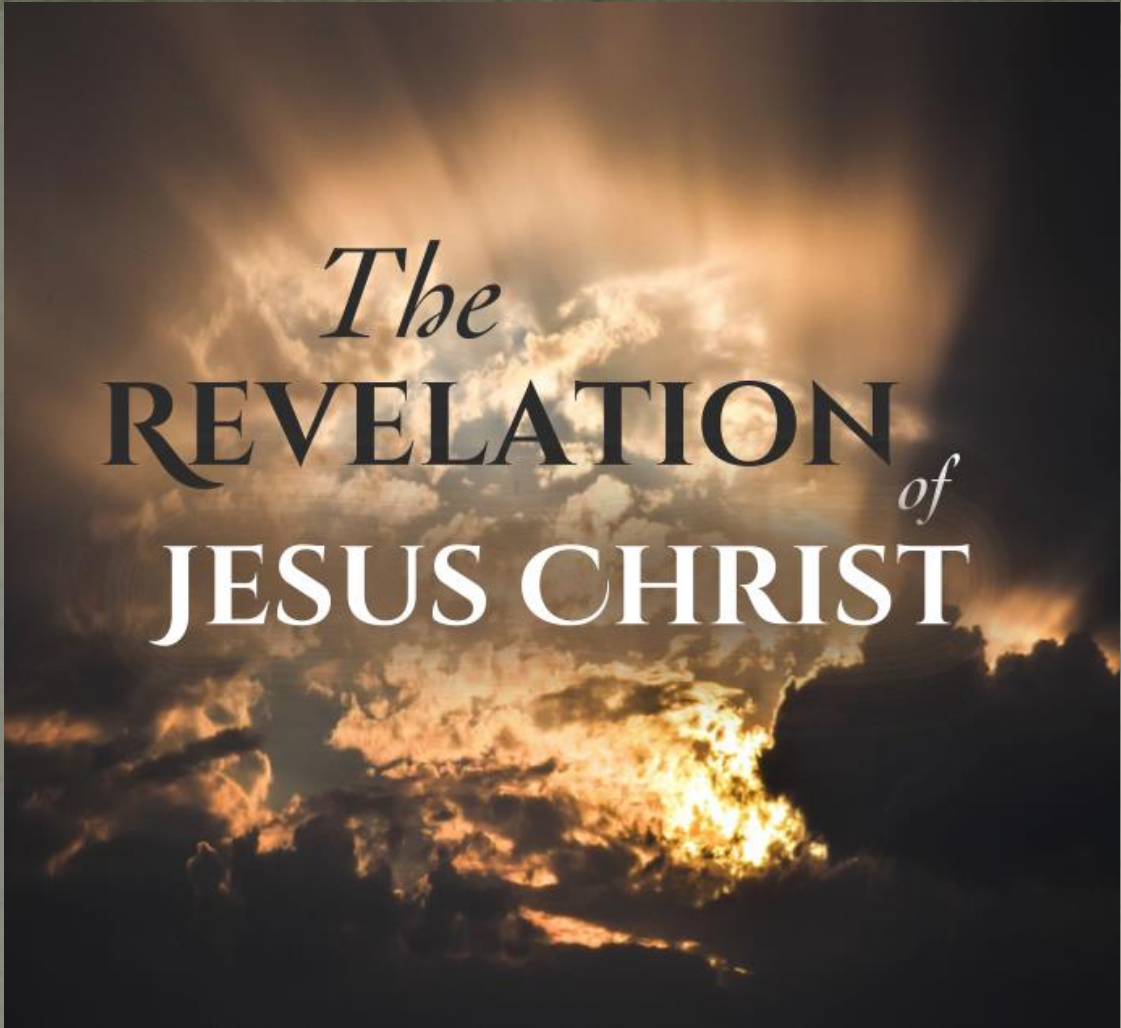


REVELATION

Restoration of
Paradise
(Genesis 1~
Revelation 22)







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As we study Scripture, we must
remember the main message of God's
truth.

1. In Revelation 21-22, God restores the Paradise lost in the Garden of Eden.

- ❖ In Genesis 1-2, God created all things to be good, but sin disrupted that perfect world and broke the relationship between God and humanity.
- ❖ Genesis 3 to Revelation 21 reveals how God works to restore that broken relationship.

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- ❖ The curse is finally removed.
- ❖ Genesis 1:31: And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was **very good**. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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- ❖ Revelation 21:4: He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.
- ❖ Revelation 22:3: No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

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Genesis 1:1: God created the heavens and the earth.	Revelation 21:1: John saw a new heaven and new earth that God had made.
Genesis 2:9: The tree of life was in the Garden of Eden.	Revelation 22:2: The tree of life is in the new Jerusalem.
Genesis 2:10: A river flows out of Eden to water the land around it.	Revelation 22:1: A river flows from the throne of God and the Lamb.

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*Genesis 1:28-30: And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and **over every living thing that moves on the earth.**" And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.*

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- ❖ Christ, as the perfect Man, fulfills the Dominion Mandate as He rules over the earth.
- ❖ Christ ruling in the Millennium, prophecies of lions and lambs lying down together, and the throne in Revelation 21 are significant in light of the Dominion Mandate that Adam and Eve failed to fulfill.

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A. Sin broke Adam and Eve's perfect relationship with the Lord.

❖ Genesis 3:8: And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

❖ Sin separates us from God, but Scripture shows us God working to restore that relationship.

2. God's relationship with people is a major theme of the Bible.

B. In the Old Testament, God manifested His presence to Israel in the tabernacle and the temple.

❖ Exodus 40:34-35: Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. **And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.**

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- ❖ Exodus 40:38: For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.
- ❖ Only the high priest could go into the most holy place of the temple.

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C. In order to provide salvation, God became man.

- ❖ Matthew 1:23: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).
- ❖ God is working to restore the broken relationship between mankind and God.

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D. As believers today, God dwells within us.

- ❖ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20: Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.
- ❖ Hebrews 10:19-20: We have access to God because of Christ.

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E. In the new heaven and new earth, God will fully restore the relationship between Himself and His people.

- ❖ Revelation 21:3: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “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.”
- ❖ John 17:3: And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

3. Scripture teaches the contrast between two seeds.

- ❖ Genesis 3:15: I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between **your offspring** and **her offspring**; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.
- ❖ Christ is the physical descendant of Eve who would ultimately conquer Satan.
- ❖ John 8:44-45: Jesus said that Satan was the father of the religious leaders who rejected Him. They were the “offspring” of Satan.

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- ❖ Seth (over Cain)
- ❖ Shem (over Ham and Japheth)
- ❖ Abraham
- ❖ Isaac (over Ishmael)
- ❖ Jacob (over Esau)
- ❖ Judah (over Reuben, Joseph, and brothers)
- ❖ David

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- ❖ Genesis 49:10: **The scepter shall not depart from Judah**, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.
- ❖ 2 Samuel 7:16: And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. **Your throne shall be established forever.**

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B. The significance of the seed of Eve affects our understanding several Biblical passages.

- ❖ Genealogies
- ❖ God promised to bless all nations through Abraham, but he waited for Isaac.
- ❖ Pharaoh attacked the male babies.
- ❖ God allowed Rehoboam to rule Judah and Benjamin.
- ❖ Joash was saved from Athaliah.
- ❖ Esther and Haman

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C. The contrast between the two seeds is seen in the contrast between Babylon and the new Jerusalem.

- ❖ The residents of Babylon are offspring of Satan who follow the Antichrist.
- ❖ The residents of the New Jerusalem are the followers of Christ.

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- Revelation 21-22 concludes some of the major themes and ideas from throughout Scripture.
- As we study the events and details of Scripture, we must study how they fit into the metanarrative of the whole Bible.

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- Saul and David provide a strong contrast, and the Lord did not permanently take the kingdom from David as He did from Saul.
- David trusted God to defeat Goliath.
- David still failed badly; even he could not save his people from their sins.
- We can learn from David's example, but he still points to the need for a Messiah.
- As we study Scripture, we must remember the main message of God's truth.

NEXT TIME:

Revelation 21:1-5

- The New Heaven
and New Earth