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**11. Can the book of Revelation really be understood?**

Revelation 1:1

This is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. God wants us to know all about Christ and what these prophecies mean to us today. The word Revelation comes from the Greek word apokolupsis which means uncovering/disclosure. I guarantee you if you continue in these lessons you will understand more about Bible Prophecy than most pastors do.

**2 Essential keys are needed to unlock prophecy's door**

- 1 – The book of Revelation rests upon the broad foundation of Old Testament history, imagery, and prophecy.
- 2 – Jesus Christ is the focus of end-time prophecy, especially the Book of Revelation

**Decoding the Bible with the Bible**

**Keys to Bible imagery**

**Beast = Kingdom / government / Political power**

Daniel 7:17, 23

**Dragon = Satan or his agency**

Isaiah 27:1, 30:6, Psalm 74:13-14, Revelation 12:7-9

**Lamb = Jesus / Sacrifice**

John 1:29, 1 Corinthians 5:7

**Sword = Word of God**

Ephesians 6:17, Hebrews 4:12

***Conclusion:***

This is just a piece of what is to come. Let us continue to thank God for his Sure Word of Prophecy. I look forward to next time when we can Discover Prophecy together. *Amen*



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**On the Eve of Armageddon**

**Lesson #1**

***Introduction:***

Can the Bible be understood? Are we nearing the end of time? Are we on the brink of Armageddon? With all that is taking place in the world today we need to have a firm understanding of our place in History and how the Bible relates to us today.

1. **Are we moving towards Armageddon?**

Matthew 24:5-7, 12

Things today are not the same as they were 20 or 30 years ago. Jesus gave us signs so we could see when the end is near. We will cover this in more detail in a future lesson.

2. **Do we have something to guide us through this time in history?** - 2 Peter 1:16, 21

The Bible stands as our guide. God spoke through his prophets and gave us the instruction and encouragement we need. This Bible was important enough for people to give their lives for, which is why we have these lessons available for you today, to find hope.

3. **How do I know the Bible can be trusted?**

Isaiah 46:9-10

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Bible prophecy reveals the fact that the one that wrote it, God, knows the end from the beginning. Accurate, fulfilled Bible prophecy is proof that this is a book that can be trusted.

4. **How will we be studying the Bible?** – John 16:13  
We will be asking for the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit.
5. **What is this all about anyway?** – Revelation 1:1  
This series primarily focuses on the books of Daniel and The Revelation. Although we will be touching on many other areas in the Bible; Daniel and The Revelation go hand in hand in answering some of our toughest questions. The Revelation of Jesus Christ is just that. As we study it will be Jesus and His character that will be unveiled as seen in light of Bible prophecy.
6. **Why is Bible study so important?** – Luke 11:9  
Answers to our toughest questions are found right here in the Bible. Sometimes answers are obvious, other times it requires a little detective work.
4. **How should I study my Bible?** – Isaiah 28:10  
The Bible gives a clear advice on how to get the most out of your study:  
**Precept** – A thought, teaching, or doctrine should be built on several foundations. We should never build a doctrine off one verse.  
**Line upon line** – Context is key, it is best to read several verses before and after a text to understand the entire context.  
**Here a little there a little** – Read all that the Bible has to say on a given subject to get the best understanding.
5. **What preceded Daniel and John's visions?**  
Revelations 1:9, 19, Daniel 1:1-4, 7  
**John the Revelator**, the only apostle to die of natural causes, was cast to the Island of Patmos to be separated from influencing other

people. It is here that God gave John the profound visions that would influence the entire world.

**Daniel** was brought as a captive from Jerusalem to Babylon. Here Nebuchadnezzar tried to remove every vestige of Judaism from him. It was here that God used Daniel to influence an entire kingdom.

6. **Can God turn a bad situation into good?**  
Jeremiah 29:11  
Jeremiah, a contemporary of Daniel, was told that God does not plan evil for us but good. John was in prison, Daniel was taken from his family, Jeremiah was the laughing stock of Israel but God was able to do wonderful things with all of them. God wants to do wonderful things in your life too.
7. **Why is Bible study so important?** – Revelations 1:3  
Another word for blessed is happy. God promises that you will experience joy in studying his Word and even more joy by acting on His Word.
8. **But I am afraid I won't understand?**  
Revelation 1:17  
Jesus tells us not to fear. It is His Word and He wants us to gain an understanding of it.
9. **Can I understand it on my own?** – John 16:14  
The good news is you don't have to. God sends the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us as we open the Bible.
10. **But I always thought the Bible is boring?**  
Proverbs 27:7  
It is God that has led you to this very Bible study. As you study through these lessons I promise you will never be the same again. The more you study the more you will want it.