

Revealing The Soon-Coming All-Powerful Sovereign World Ruler

[Part 1]

Living in this generation I can empathise with those who are troubled about the possible destruction of the human race through use of nuclear weapons by some evil, misguided nation.

This prevailing attitude of fear, distrust and unrest permeates our world.

In contrast a few know a beautiful opposite to this fear by faith and assurance that is found in God's Word, the Christian Bible, as God reveals Himself as a Sovereign all-powerful God who is love itself.

1 John 4:8-12 [NIV] *“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No-one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”*

It is through the work of the Holy Spirit in us that we can take on the “likeness” that is the character of God which is love.

Galatians 5:22-25 [NIV] *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”*

The Greek word used for love when associated to God and His true disciples is “*agapé*” meaning a spontaneous love, given irrespective of the rights or response of the person receiving this love, it is a sacrificial love where the selfish desires of the person offering this love are sacrificed in order to clearly show this love to others.

The perfect example of this was that of Jesus Christ on His first coming to be a part of humanity, to be our Saviour.

This same love is expressed by Jesus Christ at His future second coming, this time as ruler and judge.

The book of Revelation plainly tells us about this second coming of Jesus Christ, when **no** human being and **no** world government or power will have any control or any say on that day of judgement.

The book of Revelation clearly and openly foretells of a time when direction and administration of this world will be taken away from human beings and placed in the hands of the only person who has the power and wisdom to rightly govern all humanity.

The book of Revelation describes the age-ending heavenly and earthly events when our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is universally acknowledged to be “*King of kings and Lord of lords.*”

Revelation 19:11-16 [NIV] *“I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no-one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron*

*sceptre.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. **On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”***

This is **not** the picture that many people have of Jesus Christ, the God man who gave up His life for us to receive forgiveness and eternal life.

In our present period of time there is little if any recognition of God’s Sovereignty or for His Plan for His redeemed people.

In the general public, in our educational institutions and even in our popular religious circles, there is a growing tendency to make humans large and God small.

Human society is now taking for granted that if God does exist, He is our servant, meekly waiting upon us for our will.

The reality is the very opposite.

Committed Christians are the true realists, we confess we do **not** hold the powers of life and death in our own hands.

But what we have sensed is the importance of John’s vision in the book of Revelation.

We are assured that God is alive and well and that He will never abdicate His throne as our Creator God.

God has **not** and never will yield His divine rights as Sovereign Lord to any of His human or spiritual creatures.

For this reason the Christian believer, related to God by faith, is assured of final victory through their Saviour Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.

Tell an unbeliever about this revelation today and they will react with the cynic’s biting contempt.

“Who cares about fables and empty promises? No person in their right mind would ever confess that they have been reading the book of Revelation, in the Christian Bible, let alone believe what it describes.”

Humans who think they have all the answers about this life and even about life after death, continue to mouth such brave words, but they come from puny empty hearts and minds.

Such people have been blinded to the knowledge that God does have an eternal, divine plan in which humanity is never permitted to utter the first word or the last.

The fact is that God has always been God and always will be God.

All of humanity is like the little bundle of human consciousness at birth, until that time when life began they had nothing to say about anything, absolutely nothing.

God will always have the last word

Have you noticed how encouraged we are by the sound of our own voice?

Humans take to strutting and boasting, and in their pride they may declare their independence of God.

Secular-minded humans seem annoyed by the premise that the Creator God has in mind a plan for ending this society in which we live.

Repeatedly and plainly the Christian Bible tells us to expect Jesus, the Christ of God, to return to this earth in power and glory.

Part of Jesus Christ's job at His return will bring to an end all organisations, governments and institutions.

Humans who have long joked about the “invisibility” of the Kingdom of God will see it established in righteousness and with total authority.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ has to do with relationships

1. With Christ's relationship with the Father.
2. With His relationship with all the human race.
3. With His relationship with the Christian church.
4. With His relationship with the Jews and all other nations.
5. With His relationship with our enemy, Satan.
6. With His coming judgement of all humans and created spirit beings.
7. With Christ's domination of the eternal future of all created beings.

Revelation 1:8 [NIV] *“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”*

This is Jesus Christ speaking.

Because God created time and is **not** confined within time, the end of physical time is seen as easily as the beginning of time.

God **never** has to run in an effort to catch up with the movement of time.

This is how John, who was caught up in the Spirit of God, could see the outline of all the future events revealed in the book of Revelation.

2 Timothy 3:16 [NIV] *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,”*

“All scriptures” includes the book of Revelation.

The firm prediction of humanity's future can **only** be found in Christian scriptures that are inspired by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:19-21 [NIV] *“And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. **Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**”*

Only when we accept these scriptures and live our lives by its revelation, can we ever have any confidence in our future or prepare for that future.

Revelation 1:3 [NIV] *“Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.”*

We can all count on God's illumination of the future 100%.

So we should read and meditate on what this spirit-inspired book in the Christian Bible has to say.

Revelation 22:6-7 [NIV] *“The angel said to me, **“These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.” “Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book.”**”*

God's message in Revelation, when viewed as a whole, is a prognosis of events affecting the entire created universe.

John sees Jesus in His now-glorified state

Revelation 1:12-19 [NIV] *“I turned round to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was **someone “like a son of man”**, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash round his chest. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: **“Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. “Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later.”**”*

Jesus Christ the Son of Man and the Son of God as He now is.

Revelation 5:1-10 [NIV] *“Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, **“Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?”** But no-one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no-one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, **“Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”** Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the centre of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song: **“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”**”*

A description of Jesus Christ the victorious Lamb at the very throne of God.

Many non-Christians and Christians in the past and in present time say that the events and scenes in the Revelation are already past history, that none of the book is predictive.

But determining the actual day and hour of Christ's return to the earth is **not** the occupation that God has assigned to any Christians.

Matthew 24:3 [NIV] *“As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. **“Tell us,”** they said, **“when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”**”*

The disciples of Jesus Christ asked Him about His return.

Matthew 24:50 [NIV] *“The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of.”*

In a time least expected.

Matthew 25:13 [NIV] *“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”*

This is the simple answer to that question.

Mark 13:26-27, 32-33 [NIV] *“At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.” ... “No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.”*

Our constant readiness to meet Jesus Christ when He does return should be our most important consideration.

We do **not** know when but we do know Jesus Christ will return to earth in glory and power and bring about a new society.

Revelation 21:1-7 [NIV] *“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”*

Jesus has already won the victory over all evil and this new world and society under His rulership is assured.