

*Spirit Formed Television*  
**Unraveling the Book of Revelation:  
Discerning Today's Prophetic Mandate**  
Study Guide

By Jack W. Hayford

**When You Feel You're At The End**

Text: Revelation 1:1-20

Here is a personal communiqué from Jesus to indicate His personal concern for His own.

**I. The Reason Jesus Reveals Himself**

- A. To help us keep things in perspective (v. 1a).
- B. To say to us, "I'm here in your interest" (v. 1b).
- C. To confirm, "I'm committed to see you through it all" (v. 5-8).

**II. The Message He Reveals Is To Say...**

- A. "You can never be in so forsaken a place that My love won't seek and find you" (v. 9).
- B. "You can never be in so bound a state that My Spirit can't lift your soul with hope" (v. 10).
- C. "Your history can't be written until I, Jesus, have the last word" (v. 11).
- D. "You may think you know Me well, but you haven't seen anything yet!" (v. 12-16).
- E. "There is nothing you face that is unanticipated by My plan or unsurpassed by My power" (v. 15).
- F. Just when He seems to be out of reach, He says, "I have you and your circumstance firmly in hand!" (v. 17, 20).

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**Summary Lessons from the Study of Revelation**

**I. Jesus Christ is Lord of the Church and is actively present all the while**

- A. To receive our worship (5:8-14)
- B. To evaluate our actions (2:1-3:22)
- C. To sustain us in trial (1:9-20; 2:8-11; 3:7-13)
- D. To lead us to overcoming victory (Ch 2, 3, 12:7-12).

**II. Jesus Christ is Lord of the Earth, and as Creator/Redeemer:**

- A. Has unfolded the "deed" (scroll) to reclaim it (5:1-7; 6:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12; 8:1);
- B. Has commissioned His own to evangelize it (6:1; 10:8-11; 11:1-6; 22:17); and
- C. Is executing justice and judgment toward its ultimate cleansing and renewal; and will ultimately rule it in righteousness (19:11-20:6).

**III. The Godhead's tireless dealings with Israel as a people:**

- A. Are constant in a personal sense now (7:1-8);
- B. Are suspended in a national sense until "about now" (11:1-2); and
- C. Will be ultimately realized in a way yet undefined (14:1-5; see Rom. 11).

**IV. The Adversary, the Devil, is a relentless, age-long foe, who:**

- A. Is manifest in the world system by controlling it and is systematic in opposing God by blaspheming all that pertains to Him (13:1-4; 17:1-9; 8:24);

- B. Is merciless in his deployment of demon beings to torment and destroy Summary Lessons from the Study of Revelation continued...mankind (9:1-21); and
- C. Is to be ultimately and conclusively judged and consigned to eternal torment (20:7-10).

**V. This world is on a certain "path" of deterioration; so that:**

- A. All its environment is deteriorating as man violates it (6:5-8; 8:1-4);
- B. All its political, economic, and spiritual systems are damned (17:1-18:24); and
- C. It will ultimately be disintegrated and replaced by a new creation (21:1, see 2 Pet. 3:10-13).

**VI. Each member of Christ's Church is called:**

- A. To ever live in faithful anticipation of Jesus' return (2:25; 3:11; 16:15; 22:7, 12, 20);
- B. To stand firm when experiencing apparent defeat, being confident of ultimate victory (13:7-10; 14:9-13; 19:1-10);
- C. To faithful intercessory prayer and constant praise-filled worship "Unto Him Who is worthy!" (5:8-10);
- D. To hear the Spirit's voice, to know the Father's Word, and to walk the Savior's pathway of obedience (2:7, 11, 17, 26-29; 3:5, 6, 12-18, 21, 22); and
- E. To anticipate an eternal destiny of joy and purpose with Christ (19:1-10; 20:4-6; 21:1-22:4).

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## **The Abiding Principles of Revelation**

Text: Revelation 2 and 3

**These two chapters reveal Jesus as the confronter and opponent of all that would resist His Church.**

- I. See Him "walking among the churches."
- II. Remember "the churches" are His people—you and me.
- III. These seven letters form a complete review.

**These letters evidence that Jesus is seeking leaders who recognize four dangers.**

- I. Refuse the doctrine of Nicolaitanism
- II. Refuse to govern through literalistic legalism
- III. Refuse the self-serving patterns of Balaam
- IV. Refuse the self-indulgent carnality of Jezebel

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