GROWING IN GRACE LETTERS! – Calling saints in Christ, (in our homes and with one another in Church), to walk in the Steps of Jesus! (1 Peter 2:15-25) Edited by James Bell, a servant of Jesus Christ!

# 11 4 25 V1n26 — TROUBLESOME TIMES and The GRAND UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST!

**INCREASING REALITY:** While multitudes in America are busy carrying out the necessities of living and/or soaking in sports bigtime— OTHER, GROWING MULTITUDES ARE exploding in lawlessness and full of hate and destruction. **Here is a taste of what some of them are planning:** 



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"We have protested. Marched. Defended neighbors from ICE. Decried genocide. Some of us have resigned or blown the whistle. This shows we are millions. Many more of us than of them. Now we must take all this higher. We must direct all this and more towards the only thing that truly measures up to the existential threat humanity faces: The Whole Trump Fascist Regime Must Be Driven From Power! This Can Be Done. By refusing to

surrender the future and our humanity to a vengeful fascist maniac. By millions rising in massive, unrelenting, nonviolent protest and resistance. By defying and refusing to comply with fascist dictates. By walking out. By shutting down. By fearlessly using our platforms and influence to inspire and challenge others to join us. By doing all this day after day. Coming back stronger in the face of attack and repression. Uniting, not dividing, across many viewpoints and backgrounds. Fostering a collective spirit of courage and righteous fury. Willing to sacrifice for the greater good of defeating this fascism. We begin now. On Wednesday November 5, from across this nation, we pour into DC. From that day forward, we don't stop until the regime is removed."

**Exceedingly difficult times for Christians is not a new thing in the history of the Bride of Christ;** and in parts of the world, this very day! WHAT IS NEW is that such times are knocking on our doors here in America! <u>However, in the midst, we have</u>

**GRAND GOOD NEWS:** IN the Revelation, Chapters 1-22, we are clearly shown that no matter how bad the storms get on planet earth— **JESUS IS STILL THE GREAT CAPTAIN of the good 'ship' earth!** The risen, ascended, ruling from heaven King of Kings and LORD OF Lords will accomplish all of the Great Triune God's good pleasure and purposes!

**SO, here we are in 2025** — deepening dangers and darkness are on the rise; and, thus, OUR great need is to be rooted and grounded IN JESUS CHRIST! **WE BEST WAKE UP:** We are kidding ourselves if we think that we can STAND FIRM and at PEACE in the midst of the storms present and the coming storms IF WE ARE NOT DEEPLY GROUNDED in the Grand Unveiling of Jesus AS HE IS TODAY!

We must get serious about the instructions He gives to His saints in The Revelation; and we must cultivate hearing and heading His voice as is set forth in THE REVELATION!

SPECIAL NOTE: it is very helpful to receive the Revelation THROUGH THE EYES of those Christians who first received it!

- 1. The world of the Apostle John: The Roman government would allow her CAESAR WORSHIPING citizens to break in and rob your home IF you were a believer IN JESUS CHRIST. (The writer of the Hebrews commended those who "took joyfully the spoiling of your goods"... Hebrews 10:34.)
- 2. At times the CAESARS would go on rampages ... being bent on destroying Christians. Many of the early Christians were slaves ... with no rights. IN SUCH A WORLD, it would have been easy to have DESPAIRED and wondered— "GOD, WHERE ARE YOU? ... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?" The REVELATION answers that question— for troubled and persecuted saints of any and every age! BUT DON'T MISS THIS:

God's answer did not give John or any of his 'COMPANIONS IN TRIBULATION' a promise of escape from persecution and tribulation at the hands of evil men who are agents of satan! THEY CONTINUED to suffer and be martyred... AND YET, they and all martyrs for Christ were and are GRANDLY PROTECTED for eternity: Revelation 7!

**IMPORTANT TRUTH:** AFTER RECEIVING THE REVELATION, JOHN and his companions in tribulation SUFFERED ON— BUT their hope was SURE: Rev. 7:9-17. \*\*\* AND, THEY NOW KNEW

THAT The day of Justice would come: Rev. 14:8-13. This same comfort abides for all the REDEEMED today!

3. JOHN WAS LIVING in the Roman world where infiltrators in the church ("grievous wolves")... secretly reported what was said at the intimate church fellowship meetings! (LUKE 21: 12-16) AND, AS FOR JOHN, the Roman AUTHORITIES had finally pounded ON HIS door, to drag him away FROM all his brothers and Sisters in Christ and place him in slavery! HE WAS EXILED ON PATMOS TO THE END OF HIS LIFE!

GLORIOUS REALITY: When God wanted to encourage and STRENGTHEN THE SPIRITUAL BACKBONE IN JOHN and his fellow saints, and saints today — JESUS CHRIST was and is UNVEILED! THUS, in the REVELATION, WE SEE

- (1) CHRIST- Risen, ascended, SEATED IN HEAVEN, ALL GLORIOUS and MAJESTIC and SOVEREIGN; and we see
- (2) CHRIST WORKING in and through HIS BLOOD BOUGHT REDEEMED ON EARTH! We see
- (3) CHRIST MOVING KINGS, KINGDOMS, EVENTS ON EARTH; and POURING OUT JUDGEMENT and WRATH; AND ultimately, (4) WE SEE CHRIST SETTING UP HIS KINGDOM ON EARTH; AND BRINGING IN THE REAL NEW AGE— the New Heaven and a New Earth FOR ALL ETERNITY!

[This Unveiling was given so as to reveal to servants (doulas- bond slaves... to CHRISTIANS, to the REDEEMED!),

JESUS and things which 'must shortly' come to pass... (Quickly! Speedily!)(Revelation 1:1]

**SPECIAL WORD:** The first word to those who read THE UNVEILING is this: BLESSED are those who 'read, hear, and keep/obey' what is revealed in the Revelation. (Rev. 1:3)

Thus, the Apostle John was led to write to and send what he received to 'his companions in tribulation, (1:9); to (1:4). The Revelation BEGINS in chapter 1 and closes in chapter 22 — informing that all of it is ESPECIALLY written to and for the CHURCH, which Jesus had/has promised to build!

IMPORTANT NOTE: In other places in the New Testament; and here in The Revelation, Christians are called by various names/terms — 'those slain for the Word of God' (Rev. 6:9-11); 'those who overcome by the blood of the Lamb'; 'those who have the testimony of Jesus' (Rev. 12:11, 17); 'those who follow the Lamb; those who were redeemed from among men'; ... saints who keep God's commandments and have faith in Jesus' (Rev. 14); 'those with Jesus who are called, faithful, and chosen, (Rev. 17:14); etc.

**REALITY:** The Bible gives MANY DIFFERENT 'names'... all speaking of JESUS— The Bread of Life; The Lamb, etc. BUT just because a certain name is not used in a section of Scripture cannot mean that He ceases to be, for example, the Bread of Life, etc. **LIKEWISE**, and again: THERE ARE MANY names and

terms used for the Church— the Bride, those who follow the Lamb, the redeemed, saints, etc. AND ALL THROUGH OUT the Revelation, Jesus is seen working with, and through, and on behalf of His blood-bought redeemed, His called out ones! (Which is what the word 'Church' means) THE ENTIRE UNVEILING is specifically addressed to THE SERVANTS OF CHRIST, (Rev. 1:1; 22:6), to Churches ('Called out ones!'), who are made up of those who are SAINTS, who are REDEEMED TO GOD BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS out of every kindred, tongue, tribe, and nation! (Rev. 5:9)... As already stated, there are 'scenes' of those who were 'slain for the Word of God!" (Rev. 6:9)... There are those who OVERCOME by the blood of the Lamb! (Rev. 12:10-12)... And there are many additional references... INCLUDING the reality that Jesus will save a large number of folks out of the 12 tribes of Israel, 12,000 out of each tribe, or 144,000...( which may be a symbolic number to set forth the literal reality of the total number of Israelites whom Jesus saves); even as He saves a numberless multitude from all nations. (Revelation 7:1-17) [AND ALL OF ALL OF THESE WILL ULTIMATELY BE THE ONE GRAND GROUP OF THE REDEEMED FOUND IN REVELATION 21-22— THE LAMB'S SERVANTS, THE **LAMB'S BRIDE.**]

INDEED, all the redeemed from all ages shall one day be before the THRONE OF GOD AND THE LAMB... as HIS SERVANTS— 'And

## His SERVANTS (BOND-SLAVES!) shall SERVE HIM, and SEE HIS FACE, and shall REIGN for ever and ever!' (Rev. 22:5)

AT THE END OF THE UNVEILING, in Revelation 22:16... the Holy Spirit moves John to write, "I Jesus have sent my angel to testify unto you these things IN THE CHURCHES..." This is the only other use of the word 'church' in the Revelation— **AND the clear reality is that the whole UNVEILING OF JESUS is about HIS WORKING** (1) with and through His blood bought saints, servants ('doulas'); as He simultaneously, (2) unfolds His activities in and through the nations of the world; and as He IN HOLY WRATH, (3) brings about the ultimate destruction of the world-wide BABYLON system and satan and his hordes; and as He, (4) BRINGS ALL OF HISTORY TO THE ULTIMATE CLIMAX of the glorious DISPLAY OF THE FRUIT OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST POURED OUT AT CALVARY! (Revelation 21-22)

Therefore, here is a GRAND BOTTOM LINE FOR NOVEMBER 2025, and beyond ... here is GOOD NEWS FROM THE REVELATION:

\*\*\* Christian, your future is not in the hands of, NOR HELD hostage by Democrats, Republicans, Islam, etc. etc. ...!

\*\*\* INSTEAD, LET US BE ready for super blessings, instructions, and purpose in the midst of storms and more. AGAIN:

- 1) PLACE YOURSELF IN THE MIND-SET of one of those FIRST CHRISTIANS to receive The Revelation.
- 2) Family members and other fellow saints were MISSING. They were not AWOL. No, they had been fed to the lions ... or maybe banished like the Apostle John to slave labor on the isle of Patmos. Rome seemed ALMIGHTY.
- 3) DOUBTLESS, SOME OF the saints were becoming fearful. Some were wondering if they were but fools. Some were already tolerating sin and apostasy, (Revelation 2-3). [Does that sound much like our day?]
- 4) But at just the right moment, ALMIGHTY GOD INVADED the isle of Patmos; and by the Holy Spirit moved John to write! And when The Revelation was completed, somehow, God got the entire REVELATION to the churches. THINK ABOUT IT... I CAN JUST SEE A SCENE SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

The persecuted saints at Ephesus, were meeting in secret... and a 'runner' came in... they are startled and wonder, "Is he a spy?" 5) No, he proved his credentials... He had just left the aged pastor, Apostle John and reported, "I have in my hand a scroll that God has given to John to give to the churches!"

6) Amazed and excited, they listened as the entire Unveiling of JESUS was read! [NOTE... IF YOU HAVE NEVER DONE SO, PLEASE, SET ASIDE TIME TO DO THIS: READ The Revelation

STRAIGHT THROUGH IN ONE SITTING... and WITH THE MIND-SET of those who first heard it read!]

I AM CONVINCED, that by the time the last 'AMEN' of the Revelation was read by the 'runner' from John— Well, words cannot capture the joy, the excitement, the hope, the repenting, and THE REVIVAL that took place!

**URGENT PLEA:** Let us so prayerfully READ, so seek to HEAR, and so commit to OBEY the things written in The Revelation— That WE TOO (As one individual, one family, one small group, on local church, or more ...) WILL ENTER INTO A NEW DAY OF JOY, EXCITEMENT, HOPE, REPENTING, and faithfulness to Christ — in other words— GOD SENT REVIVAL!

SPECIAL NOTE: The saints who first received THE UNVEILING (The Revelation) of JESUS CHRIST were not scholars, they had no commentaries, no Study Bible Notes; no man-made system of interpretation. Pure and simple: this book is GOD SENT for SERVANTS of Jesus Christ, to reveal to them things which come quickly; and to BLESS those who READ, THOSE who HEAR, and those who KEEP what is revealed. Do not spend time debating or trying to prove modern 'positions of prophecy' -- JUST LOOK FOR JESUS and read and heed what He reveals!

Grace! Peace! Love in Christ! To All Saints! James Bell www.southsidegallatin.org

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### Sunday Services, NOVEMBER 9, 16, 23, 30

Sunday School @ 9:30am; classes all ages WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:45am

#### **SPECIAL MEETINGS:**

11/9- JOSEPH HUBBARD, Creation Research, 5:00pm

FROM Pastor Jaden: a reminder that we will have a special service this Sunday evening, November 9, at 5pm. Joseph Hubbard with Creation Research will be giving two presentations. I would encourage you to be present and to invite others who would be interested. You can read about Joseph Hubbard and the work he does by following this link: <a href="https://creationresearchuk.com/joseph-hubbard-creation-research-uk/">https://creationresearch-uk/</a>

11/16- LORD'S SUPPER, after Morning Worship // HOME GROUPS

11/23- FOURTH SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP- 5:00pm

**EVERY SATURDAY @ 8:00am— Men's Bible Study** (Doors open by 7:30am— Enjoy Coffee / Juice / Donuts / Hardee's Biscuits!) STUDY starts @ 8:00am— ROMANS 2

NEXT Ladies Bible Study; and the last for 2025 — November 11 @ 11:00am

(LESSONS from JOB) – (Downstairs, BIG Bible Study room)

**EVERY TUESDAY** @ 10:00am – 10:30am LADIES PRAYER MEETING (Back door, first room on right)

TUESDAY EVENING, Teens, Young Adults— Bible Study, 'EXODUS!' ... 7:15pm @ Jaden & Rhi's home

WEDNEDSAYS, 6:30pm— (Come in back double doors; ADULT MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

YOUNG FAMILIES— Study & Prayer Service \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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