

SERIES: MAY- JULY: THE MAIN THING SPEAKER: NAT CRAWFORD Saturday, 7/16/2022 Scripture: Revelation TITLE: Revelation – Jesus is Coming

Spoiler alert! Have you ever seen this on a website or a social media post? I am thankful for this because, most of the time, I don't want any spoilers. I don't want to know who won the game if I'm going to watch it. I don't want to know the plot twist or the ending of a movie or tv show. But there is one spoiler I do want to know: How the history of the world ends and what happens to mankind.

Well, if you want the answers to those questions, you should read the book of Revelation.

The book of Revelation was written by the apostle John while exiled on the Island of Patmos. John was writing this letter to seven churches in modern Turkey. He wrote this around 95 A.D. The book of Genesis is the book of the beginning of the universe, while Revelation is how this chapter of creation ends and eternity begins.

Though there is disagreement over how this prophetic book should be interpreted, all agree that this was written to assure the churches and us that Christ will return and will finalize all judgment and reward.

The book can be cleanly divided into three parts: chapter one is about the things which you have seen. Chapters two and three are about the things which are. And chapters four through twenty-two are about the things to come.

As I said, there is debate about how this book should be read. There is debate about various people and events. But according to Revelation 1:3, there is a blessing for reading this book even if you don't understand everything.

Revelation 1:1-3 says, "The revelation of Jesus Christ that God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, whatever he saw. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep what is written in it, because the time is near."

This is the revelation of Jesus to John.

So what's the main thing from the Book of Revelation? It is that Christ is coming soon. Revelation 22:7 says, "Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." When this happens, Jesus will defeat Satan, judge the damned, reward the saints, establish the new heaven and earth, and rule forever. It will be in that day that according to Revelation 21:4, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things have passed away."

So here's my challenge for you today: live today like it's your last. Jesus is coming soon. Knowing this, let's live with intentionality. If today was your last, what would you do? Then do it!

Jesus said in Revelation 22:20, "Yes, I am coming soon."

To that, we all should say, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus."