

WHAT IS GOD DOING?
Reference: **Revelation 1:1-5**
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Introduction:

The Book of the Revelation is a book that uncovers God in all His divine grace and mercy. Even more powerfully it displays His justice and judgment of a world corrupt and broken by sin. It is a divine call for any who have not yet received Jesus as Lord and Savior to take hold of His nail-scarred hand. Reference: **John 1:12**

The word “*received*” in the Greek carries the meaning of taking hold to make use of. Jesus stands at the door and waits for us to accept His help in our everyday life.

Revelation 1:1 - It uncovers what God is doing.

I. It is a book that reveals (makes plain what is about to happen.)

Daniel was given a prophecy and told to seal it in **Daniel 12:9**.

John is given the opposite command. **Revelation 22:10**

God is making plain what He is doing.

A) Who Jesus is:

- 1) The Central Person of Prophecy – **Revelation 19:10**
- 2) The Clear Purpose of Prophecy –
 - a) To show God’s information (truth) –
Galatians 1:12; 1 Corinthians 14:6
 - b) To show God’s direction – **Galatians 2:2**
 - c) To show God’s instruction - where the Bible comes alive and begins to affect our everyday life.
 - d) God shows us who He is through Jesus Christ. Revelation of the birth of Jesus - **Romans 16:25, Ephesians 3:3**, He who has seen Jesus has seen the Father - **John 14:9**. Revelation tells us of the final judgment.
Romans 2:5
 - For the Christian a revelation of glory and honor - **1 Peter 1:7**
 - For the Christian a revelation of grace – **1 Peter 1:13**
 - For the Christian a revelation of joy - **1 Peter 4:13**

B) Who you are:

- 1) God’s revelation shows us who we are.
- 2) God’s revelation shows us who we can be.
Revelation 1:1

II. It is a book that reports.

- A) Through His representatives
- B) To His redeemed
 - 1) A message of hope
 - 2) A message of haste - **verse one**
The word ‘*soon*’ comes from the Greek word *tachos*. It means something that will happen suddenly or quickly. Not as in tomorrow, but things will happen in quick succession after they have begun.
2 Corinthians 6:2; Hebrews 9:27
 - 3) A message of heart - God’s desire for us not to compromise with the world.
Romans 10:9-10; Revelation 18:4, 7; Psalm 14:1, 15:1; Revelation 2:4

III. It is a book that rewards. verse three

- A) Happiness promised
- B) Happiness possessed **verse three**
What does it mean take to heart? It means to take seriously, obey, and practice what you have heard, read, and had preached to you. **James 1:25**
- C) Protestant Christians ascribe to *Sola Scriptura* (Latin for "by Scripture Alone".) *Sola Scriptura* means "the Bible alone."
- D) Catholic or Eastern Orthodox Christians who believe that tradition and early church history override Scripture.
John 14:6

CONCLUSION: Is prophecy important? You better believe it! But what do we do as a result of our glimpse at prophecy? We get even more serious about sharing the gospel and helping others see that the words of our Savior are still as true as the day He uttered them.

Have you understood that Jesus is coming back to reward the righteous and sentence the sinner?