Bible Story Rev: Introduction

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INTRODUCTION

- The controversy lies not in the teaching of the Bible, for God is not the author of confusion, 1 Corinthians 14 33. Failure lies in the conflicting doctrines and theories of men.
- Too many people fail to study the book of Revelation in its context.

1 How to Have the Hope of a Christian

Revelation 14:13; Revelation 2:10; Revelation 22:14

- The last book, the book of Revelation, tells us how to have the hope of a Christian, how to die in Christ.
- Paradise lost in Eden, Genesis 3, is regained in the last scene of the last chapter of the final book of the Bible, Revelation 22 14.
- One of the richest, most practical thoughts to me personally, is the pervading theme of patience in the midst of trials.
- The most awesome lesson I have learned anew in this study is that God still rules in the affairs of men, and that my destiny is in his hands.

2 Seven Beatitudes in the Book of Revelation

Revelation 1:3; Revelation 14:13; Revelation 22:7

- There are seven beatitudes in the book of Revelation. In chapter 1, verse 3, we read, Blessed is he that readeth and those that hear.
- Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. But we have to live in the Lord before we can die in him.
- Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments.
- Blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

3 The Cross and the Crown Belong Together

2 Timothy 2:11–12; John 16:33; Romans 8:35–37

- Someone has accurately proclaimed if there were no difficulties, there could be no triumphs.
- Their future on earth was bleak, but their hope of heaven was strong.
- In the book of Revelation, the devil is not able to overthrow Christ or the church.

4 If You Will Overcome, You Can Come Over

2 Corinthians 2:14; Revelation 2:26; Revelation 3:21

- Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ. It is impossible to lose when one lives for Christ.
- Unless we overcome and keep his works unto the end, we shall be forever lost. Revelation 2 26.

- The theme of the book of Revelation in one sentence is this if you will overcome, you can come over to live with God.
- That means we must overcome Satan, self, sin, and the world.

5 The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Revelation 1:1; Revelation 1:4; Revelation 1:11

- This book is not the revelation of John, it's the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- The book of Revelation is written in signs and symbols, and a sign does not represent itself.
- What thou seest, write in a book and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia.
- The major fulfillment was in the first two or three centuries as it was addressed to the congregations of Asia.

6 The Letters to the Seven Congregations

Revelation 2:1–7; Revelation 2:18–29; Revelation 3:1–5

- In chapters 2 and 3, instead of something difficult to understand, they are difficult to misunderstand, for they hit us right in the face.
- The major problem with the church at Ephesus was that they had left their first love.
- The lesson here is that we should not put up with evil. We must use discipline or the cause of Christ will go down the drain.
- They had a name that they were alive, but God said you're dead.
- Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man will open the door, I will come into him and sup with him, and he with me.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If we'll be faithful to the Lord, obey his will, one day we can walk with him in robes of white.**

MY NOTES