

“GOSPEL Point & Prophecy”

Revelation, 1,2,3 John & Bible Summary

VIDEO = “The Bible”

INTRO:

Review series content & flow...

Revelation & 1,2,3 John... BUT...

3 key questions to ask wherever & whenever we read Scripture:

1. Why did God give us His Word?
2. How does this passage portray Christ? (and why)
3. So what!?!?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

*All Scripture is **God-breathed** and is useful for **teaching, rebuking, correcting & training** in righteousness, **17** so that the man of God may be **thoroughly equipped** for every good work.*

The Word of God Defines “reality’s beginning, middle, & end”

1. **The BEGINNING** = *Wonder*
2. **The MIDDLE**
 - A. *What Went Wrong*
 - B. *Waging War*
 - C. *Worship Wins the War!*
3. **The END** = *Win/Wrath*

The BEGINNING: **Wonder**
Creation

Genesis 1:1 = "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"

John 1:1-5 = **(The Word Became Flesh)** **1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of men. **5** The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

(The Middle) **Wrong**
The FALL of Man

Genesis 3: 1 & 15 = Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "**Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?**"
....**15** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

(The Middle) **War**

Genesis 3:1 Serpent... "Did God REALLY say..."

1 Peter 5:8 Roaring Lion.... "looking for souls to devour"

Matthew 10:16 Sheep amongst wolves... "as shrewd... & innocent..."

Acts 20:29 Wolves will come up from among you...

Ephesians 6:10ff ...put on the FULL ARMOUR of God...

2 Timothy Fight the good fight... Be like a soldier...

(The Middle)

Worship

(Redemption...the way to win the war...)

- * *Worship in Word*
- * *Worship in Warning*
- * *Worship in "Want-to"*
- * *Worship in Walk/Witness*
- * *Worship in Work*

(1) Worship in Word

- *Word is Alpha & Omega*
- *Word is Absolute Unifying Truth*
- *Word in Action*
- *Word is Authoritative*
- *Word in Authenticity*

(A) *Word is Alpha & Omega* – Jesus per **John 1:1**

Isaiah 53:2-10 = “Suffering servant... by His stripes we are healed”

*"...He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. **3** He was despised & rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. **4** Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. **5** But he was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, & by his wounds we are healed... **10** Yet **it was the Lord's will to crush Him** and cause Him to suffer..."*

John 21:25 = *Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.*

(B) Word is Absolute, Unifying-Truth – John 17:17-21

John 17:17-21 = **Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18** *As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.* **19** *And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.* **20** *"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,* **21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.**

(C) Word in Action – 1 John 3:18

(D) Word is Authoritative – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

(E) Word in Authenticity - to love Me is to obey My commandments

Ephesians 4:11-16 = 11 *It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,* **12 to prepare God's people for works of service,** *so that the body of Christ may be built up* **13** *until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.* **14** *Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.* **15** *Instead,* **speaking the truth in love,** *we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.* **16** *From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

1 Corinthians 13... "...without love I am nothing."

(2) Worship Warning

Ezekiel 33:7-9 = "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. **8** If I say to the wicked, O wicked one,

you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

2 Corinthians 13:5 = **"Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.** Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?"

(3) Worship "Want-to"

Nehemiah 1:3-7 = (wanting to go) **3** They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire." **4 When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. 5** Then I said: "O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands, **6** let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's house, have committed against you. **7** We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

Romans 9:2-3 = *I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.*

John 3:3 = *Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

John 3: 16 & 36 = *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.... 36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."*

Mark 1:16-18 = *As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net... for they were fishermen. **17 Jesus said, "Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men."** **18** At once they left their nets and followed Him.*

Galatians 2:20 = *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."*

Psalm 91:1-2 & 15 = *"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. **2** I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.... **15** He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him."*

(4) Worship Walk/Witness

Proverbs 3:5-7 = *Trust in the Lord with all your heart & lean not on your own understanding; **6** in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. **7** Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.*

Deut. 6 / Matthew 22:37-40 = **Jesus said to him,** "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. **38** This is the greatest and most important command. **39** The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. **40 All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."**

John 6: 60-66 = **(Many Disciples Desert Jesus)** *"...many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can stand it?" **61** Aware that His disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ...**64** Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. **65** He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him." **66 From this time (forward) many of his disciples turned back and followed Him no more.***

Acts 4:8-13 = *"Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! **9** If we are being called to account*

today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, **10** then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. **11** He/Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone." **12** Salvation is found in no one else (but Jesus), for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." **13** When they saw **the courage** of Peter and John and **realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men**, they **were astonished** and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."

2 Timothy 1:6-7 = "I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. **7** For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."

1 John 2:1-6 = My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. **2** He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. **3** We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. **4** The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. **5** But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: **6** Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus walked.

(5) Worship "Work" (rightly understood...)

Jeremiah 1:4-10 & 17-19 = **(The Call of Jeremiah)** **4** The word of the Lord came to me, saying, **5** "**Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart;** I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." **6** "Ah, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child." **7** But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. **8** Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord. **9** Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth. **10** See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

17 "Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them. 18 Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. **19** They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.

Matthew 28:18-20 = Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and **teaching them to obey** everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Acts 1:8 & 8:1... = "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and **you will be My witnesses...** (locally, regionally, & globally).

Ephesians 2:8-10 = For it is **by grace you have been saved - through faith—and this not from yourselves**, it is the gift of God—**9** not by works, so that no one can boast. **10** For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

James 2:14-17 = "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ... **17** So... faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

(The End) **Win or Wrath**

Revelation 1:1-3 =

1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, **2** who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. **3** Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, **for the time is near.**

John 14:6 = *“I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Me.” - Jesus, the Christ*

Revelation 22: 18-20 =

18 *I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. 19* And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. **20** He who testifies to these things says, **“Yes, I (Jesus) am coming soon.”** (Then John says) Amen. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Mathew 7:13-14 = **(The Narrow and Wide Gates)** *“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14* But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Matthew 25:41 = *...He (God) will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.*

John 10:25-30 = *Jesus said... you do not believe because you are not my sheep. 27* **My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28** **I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. 29** *My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. 30* **I and the Father are one.”**

CLOSE:

Hebrews 12:1-3 = *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off every encumbrance (a.k.a. every “good thing” that is not a “God-thing”) that hinders us, as well as the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2* Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and Perfecter of our faith, who... for the joy set before him... endured the cross... scorning its shame, and (who) sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **3** Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

Revelation 22:21 = *The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people.*
Amen.

PRAYER

Video: *“Personal Gospel”*