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The Coming Peace: Revelation

Explanation: The book of Revelation is chronological. The first three chapters deal with Christ moving in His church on the earth; you have the church on earth. However, in chapters 4-5, the church is now in the presence of the saints and angels. In chapter 6, the church comes back to the earth, a time known as the Tribulation, when everything comes to its final end.

Why does the book of Revelation stand out to me? Some time at the beginning of this year, I was attending City Bible Church. The pastor was preaching from 1 Corinthians 12. At some point in the service, he asked the congregation to imagine Heaven. "What comes into your mind when you imagine heaven?" He said that most likely we think of a cottage, or a mansion, somewhere in the forest or on the beach, alone. You have everything that could possibly fathom for your use. Then the pastor corrected our thought process that seemed to be missing one key aspect. That is, Heaven is not a lonely place! There will be people from every tongue, tribe, and nation! In Revelation 7:9-17 it talks about a great multitude in Heaven that has no number. It says, "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands."

The book of Revelation focuses on Jesus claiming what is rightfully His, from the usurper Satan. Jesus is the rightful heir. As Christians, that is what we hope for and wait

for, the coming of Christ. He will open the Seals, which is the will and testament of God. He is the one who can and will open the Seals and take back the Universe. This section of the Bible impacts by letting me know that Jesus WILL come to the earth and conquer. It gives me hope.

The Revelations is the closing book of the Bible. If we live in the end times, it is fantastic and amazing that every prophecy and every word of the previous 65 books has come to be the truth and the living word of God. The book of Revelations is surrounded by numerous mysteries, and it truly is so. Imagine Apostle John, seeing in his visions the things of the future and not having the vocabulary to describe them! In addition, according to Christian tradition, Apostle John is the one who survived being thrown into the boiling oil. Imagine this man: stripped from his human appearance, dignity, and health, Apostle John was exiled to the island Patmos by emperor Domitian. Now, he lives alone on an island and sees all these visions of the future. The story of Apostle John leaves me speechless. No movie, no TV show, or story can be compared to the book of Revelation.

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

-Revelations 5:12