**Unveiling Revelation**

**Part 1- Why is this Important**

This is a question I ask myself every time this conversation comes up with His beloved saints. because I find very few with the heart to see what I deem to be extremely important.

His Return!

Over the past 2 months, I have been struggling through a journey, which has been total self-made struggles, because I want the answer now, so that I am prepared to answer you.

But I feel like Ezekiel in Chapter two, when God tells him to go and give a hard word to the church, and God tells him they will be mad at you, even curse you, and oh yeah, I will tell you when you get there what it is.

So as for my journey, the beginning of this journey together has been 30 years in the making for me, with the last two months a rollercoaster of revelation and humbleness.

On our recent family trip we heard a book (audio book) called the Oracle by Rabbi Jonathan Cahn.

And a few things were made crystal clear to me. The way the Father does things has so many dimensions to it.

Meaning His Word and Promises impact us on many different levels, whether we realize it or not, and in those aspects that we don’t realize, it’s a humble heart that is needed to accept those things because we have been conditioned by an enemy to be rigid towards the unveiling of Jesus and His Promises.

Also that in the cycle of things, in the way God operates, in the mystery of His habits we have all the answers. Even in numerology. That is the study of times and parallel prophetic times and how the past, present and future are all interlinked by cycles, and numbers, even to the point of perfect.

And this led me to another revelation, it is that the reason why this kind of evidence is so rebuked by people of God is because this when revealed for the first time to our ears and heart it confronts us with what we already know that He is real beyond what our minds can grasp. and the realness of His maneuvering in world events, in the rise and fall of civilizations and all for the purpose to bring about the Revelation of His Son, our King Jesus, quite frankly scares the crap of us, because for many we have not surrendered fully to His call, to His invitation, and the idea of His coming and us not being ready shines a light that makes us afraid.

It also led me to what is a Christian? Because the man we Love, the King we surrender to was a Jewish man, and the early apostles were all Jewish first, and then Jesus following Jews. They were messianic Jews. And the idea here is not us becoming Jewish and unbecoming a Cuban American…..no do not miss the point.

The point here is that the Jewish culture was a journey into being set apart, and this culture was set to be a light in the world, to guide us back to Him. And the reason why this is so important is because to understand Jesus’ return, we need all the tools that have been given since the Fall.

Remember, what Jesus did at the cross and what He will do in His return was prophesied in Genesis right after the fall.

“And the serpent will bruise His heel, but He will crush his head”

There is a mystery unfolding and a revelation that is coming and it will take Jewish roots to fully understand, it will take a lovesick heart to withstand, and it will be Glorious.

Because news that Jesus is on the horizon is the best news this world has ever heard, and the restoration of all things is at hand, and our hearts need to be prepared.

**So I have laid out a few reasons WHY our hearts need to be focused on this and a few Assumptions I have concerning this subject.**

* What is my Goal?

My Goal is not in the details of events but in the heart posture needed to understand and how to see the Love of the Father and discern a proper view.

* I plan of laying down assumptions/reasons I believe are accurate and are based in Jewish teachings as well.
* I plan on discussing about some of the primary views on eschatology and why I believe how I believe
* Unlike western church protocol, I am not looking to preach this, I want to set forth the evidence of my belief so that you can decide what you want to believe.

I have deep convictions that have been transformed and tweaked over 30 years, and while my heart is not calloused to hear what God is saying, I believe what I will present is right and accurate to the fullest of my knowledge, yet I have positioned my heart to be humble and pliable in his correction and further revelation.

UNVEILING REVELATION on Thursday nights at 6:30 is the place for us to discuss and ask questions.

* This subject has been controversial in the body of Christ for 2,000 years and while I believe part of that is our separation Judaism, in close relation to that is that Satan knows that ignorance is a recipe for eternal separation, when what Jesus will bring is restoration for those that truly repent.
* Lastly, I plan on discussing themes of His return as well as Chapters in Revelation to bring about some of this understanding.

So are we ready?!?

1. **Reasons**

* **Reason #1**

First and foremost, this book is about the revelation of Jesus Christ before it is about any events.

**Story Time:** What happens or happened to Israel in the physical, happens to the world Spiritual. When Israel was destroyed in 70AD, and its people went into exile, the world went into spiritual exile. Because Israel has always been the foothold of how God wanted to be introduced into the world. Israel is the micro to the Macro of the world.

So if any one who had something and is now in exile, lost, removed from what they once had, they are in need of a restoration and a rescue to get back what was theirs.

What if I told you that the word Jubilee means restoration, and Jubilee is the 50th years following seven, seven year cycles called shimitahs. What if I told you that the restoration of Israel happened in a pattern of multiple Jubilees over the course of the last 150 years.

That in 1867, a prophecy that Moses wrote down in before he died in Deutoromy prophesying that a stranger in the land would visit the land and describe its desolation word for word would need to occur before Israel would be re-born. What if I told you that Mark Twain in 1867 fulfilled that prophecy? What if I told you that he wrote a book and as a skeptic and unbeliever wrote word for word the very same words Moses used in his prophecy, and that later he would write a book and that would become his best seller, more that Huckleberry Finn and the Adventures of Tom Sawyer. It was called *The Innocents Abroad.*

What if I would have told you that after a number of events, all tying to prophecy, in 1917, the Balfour declaration put an end to the Ottomon Empire for good and the British first allowed for Jews to start returning to their homeland.

What if I told you that after Israel became a state in 1948, the first time in almost 2000 years, that in 1967 with pressure amounting and 5 islamic states wanting to wipe Israel off the face of the earth, in 6 days Israel not only defeated 5 nations, but captured Jerusalem, its ancient capital.

What if I told you that in 2017, after 30 years of a senate bill to formally declare Jerusalem the capital of Israel being pushed off to the next president due to political pressures, President Trump declared Jerusalem the “eternal capital of Israel”.

What if I were to tell you that 1867, 1917, 1967, 2017 are all Jubilee years. What does Jubeliee mean…..Restoration.

Who restores all things? Jesus. What does Jesus mean in Hebrew. It’s the word Jeshua, and it means Salvation or Savior.

So when I say the book of Revelation is not a scary book, is because the ultimate restoration is resurrection and we have a Savior named Salvation, and it’s a good story.

* **Reason 2**

This book is about specific events that we must take seriously. While the central theme is His revealing, He clearly gives the why, in Rev 1:2 ***which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place.***

So the main emphasis of this book is Jesus, His Servants, and the things that must take place.

Our generation has spiritual blinders due to how ***eschatology*** has been perceived and taught over the last 200 years.

* **Reason 3**

Because on V.3 ***3Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.***

This is the only book in the bible that promises a threefold blessing if you do three things. read it out loud, hear it and those who take it to heart.

What does this mean?

The word in Hebrew is *Shema* , the Hebrew word to hear. But its meaning is deeper as it has actions and a process tied to it.

Hearing starts it off, which is why reading it out loud is the first step. But once its heard, is whether you keep it. In Hebrew Shema means not only hearing it, but a production of spiritual fruit must take place to show evidence that the word was kept. This is called obedience. And in obeying, you keep it.

Keep means that it becomes an internal process in your heart.

How do we Keep this you might wonder? We will talk about this at the end in my assumptions.

1. **Assumptions**

* **Assumption 1**

The book of Revelation is a book that must be taken seriously, and I believe they are about events that are actually going to take place and they will mirror the story in Exodus.,

There is a clear correlation between the literalism of the plagues and judgements in Exodus and a literalism of the plagues and judgements in Revelation.

The reason I use the word literalism is because I believe that when Moses turned the Nile into blood, it turned into blood. So therefore I believe when in Revelation the Oceans turn into blood, I believe they will turn into blood.

This assumption of mine is a lynch pin in what we believe and how we believe it. There is no room in the bible for us to interpret the wonder of God. So we either believe it all with the same lens or we risk “building a foundation on sand” and our beliefs will come crashing down.

* **Assumption 2**

I believe we are living in the final days. What do I mean by that? I believe the generation that will not see death is alive today. I believe this because of prophecy, I believe that the biblical restoration of Israel and the declaration of Jerusalem being its Capital was the final lynch pin to pave the way of His return.

This is not predicting, but its following Jesus’ commands. in Matthew 24, Jesus not only tells us to know, He commands us to know the season we are in with watchful spiritual eyes.

The message of the ends times is one of spiritual and heart preparedness. **First** is the most important and it’s to have a Kingdom eternal heart, and the reason why that is paramount, is because it feeds into what is **Second**. Which is only that Lovesick heart can withstand the storm that is coming.

There is a storm coming, and we cannot buy oil after the storm arrives, it must be done prior.

And there’s two aspects to that,

**One** is the preparedness which is the Love sick, Song of songs heart we just journeyed through. This speaks to those who are Christians but have little to no growth because of a lack of surrender.

**Second** is not to be caught by surprise. A thief in the night, there is a vulnerability in the heart of man and being caught off guard is a stumbling block. This is way the bible and Jesus speak so much to watchfulness, watching and praying, and why in ancient Israel there were watchmen on walls. It all harmonizes to the condition of our hearts in regards to His second coming.

This speaks to Christians who love God and have been transformed but are skeptics and fail to see the warning of God.

* **Assumption 3**

Some of us have been taught or assumed the book of Revelation cannot be understood.

I believe this book can be understood and I believe this book was written for the poor man or the uneducated.

In fact I believe the simpler you are the easier it will be to understand. On the contrary, the more intellectual you are, the more prideful you are, the harder it is to grasp it message.

This has been a central theme in Jesus’ ministry. We need to be like children to inherit His Kingdom.

The study of the end times forces humility and vulnerability, and exposes darkness in our hearts.

If we were to run into someone who does not speak our language, we would instinctually begin to communicate using imagery. We would draw pictures.

* **Assumption 4**

I believe a Lovesick/ ***Maranatha*** lifestyle is the way to live.

Maranatha means “O’ Lord Come” it’s a way of living that captures the Fact that Jesus came and died for us, rose again, and is coming back to restore all that was stolen and dwell with us forever.

Much like what we studied in Songs of Songs, it’s a transformative life that Jesus is expressed in all we do.

This leads us to the Blessing in keeping this book.

I can think of 5 ways of keeping this book in our hearts.

1. By taking it seriously
2. Treasuring the faces of Jesus that we read in it.
3. by declaring the message of the book, even unto death
4. by not succumbing to the cultural temptation to explain away the realities in this book. (Christian cynicism and skepticism and deconstruction.)
5. Forging a corporate culture where the book is cherished.