A Study of the Book of Revelation

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What is the message of the Book of Revelation?

"Jesus wins in the end."

Why should we read the Book of Revelation?

- 1. We read Revelation because it is part of the Bible.
- 2. Revelation has greatly informed the hymns and worship life of the church. An intriguing fact about Revelation is that while many Christians avoid reading the book, they nonetheless sing the book.

For example:

Holy, Holy, Holy All Hail the Power of Jesus Name Crown Him with Many Crowns For All the Saints

3. Revelation speaks a Word of God that is vital for Christians today. Many of the issues in Revelation are issues that Christians continue to wrestle with in our day: issues of complacency in faith, of accommodation to culture, of persecution for the faith, of hope in a challenging world. In Revelation we encounter a message that shapes and informs the life of faith in the twenty-first century.

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