Why Most are Confused about 'Revelation'

Many people believe that the book of Revelation is open to too many interpretations for us to understand, but why in that case would Christ provide it? Yes, it is a complex book, but if we accept that it is just part of the Bible-wide picture for those who seek Him, and we are prepared to be diligent and sincere in searching out the truth, then we can expect to find it and understand.

However we should recognise that God has deliberately not made it easy. There are conditions we must fulfil because that understanding is so precious, so important that it is not to be given to the casual browser, who fails to ask God's help, Matthew 7: 6-7, "Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you. Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Those who like to scorn God's word will never find understanding.

Isaiah 28:13-14, 'And the word of the LORD will be to them precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little, that they may go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scoffers.....'

So, if we want to find truth, we must not only be diligent, prepared to become familiar with the whole Bible, but humble enough to honour what we find when we find it, if we wish to keep on learning, for the Bible is like an onion, with layer after layer of meaning. Acts 5:32, 'And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." The Holy Spirit is also called 'the Spirit of Truth' in John 14:16-17, 'And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.' The Comforter is Jesus Christ dwelling in us, verse 18, 'I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.' He leads us into deeper understanding. The power of Christ dwelling in us also enables us to do his will. Notice that there is no mention of a 3rd personality, ever, in Heaven or in God's kingdom! Greek scholars admit that the pronoun 'He', with reference to the Holy Spirit, should be correctly translated 'it'.

The truth then, is too precious to be casually given, because it comes with that great responsibility – the responsibility to keep God's Law. Failure to honour that law once we have recognised its truth and authority would place us in an awful category, Romans 2:8-9, 'But for those who are self-seeking and who *reject the truth* and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.' God protects us from that fate by looking upon our hearts and opening the truth only to those who He

knows are faithful and desire to obey, for He has no desire that anyone might lose out on eternal life.

That is why most are not given to understand, and lack the Spirit of Truth, for no matter what they might think, if they were to examine their lives, they would find failure to follow in the footsteps of their Saviour. 1Peter 2:21, 'For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.' Christ has given us the Bible and we have no excuse for failure to keep and observe His Commands and example, to the best of our ability. Which days did Jesus, His disciples and even the gentile churches of the New Testament honour as Holy assemblies, for example?

Leviticus 23:1-4, 'Then the LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them, 'These are My appointed feasts, the feasts of the LORD that you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies. For six days work may be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of complete rest, a day of sacred assembly. You must not do any work; wherever you live, it is a Sabbath to the LORD. These are the LORD's appointed feasts, the sacred assemblies you are to proclaim at their appointed times..'

It is no good pretending that your church has the authority to change these days. Notice that even after Christ's return, and His establishment of The Kingdom of God, the whole world will be keeping these days or suffer no rain. (Zechariah 14 16-17)

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