



Revelation's Secret Sanctuary

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"I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning."

Isaiah 46:9-10

1. THE MOST-USED SYMBOL IN REVELATION

Revelation 5:6, 12

A Lamb stands in the middle of the throne "as though it had been slain," and heaven sings, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain."

John 1:29

"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" Jesus Christ is the center of all Bible prophecy.

Take Note: Revelation calls Jesus the Lamb twenty-seven times. There is one more "lamb" in Revelation 13 that is not Jesus at all — we will meet it on Saturday.

2. GOD SIGNS HIS NAME: FULFILLED PROPHECY

Isaiah 46:9-10

God declares "the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done." Anyone can explain the past; only God writes history in advance.

Daniel 2:31-45

Head of gold — Babylon. Chest of silver — Medo-Persia. Belly of bronze — Greece. Legs of iron — Rome. Feet of iron and clay — a divided Europe that never reunites. Four empires and a divided ending, called in advance. Remember the iron kingdom, Rome — it returns tomorrow night.

3. WHY BLOOD? THE SANCTUARY KEY

Hebrews 9:22

"Without shedding of blood there is no remission." The first death in history came when God made coverings of skin for the guilty.

Genesis 22:8

"God will provide for Himself the lamb." He did — in a way Abraham never dreamed. God became the Lamb.

Exodus 25:8

"Let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them." God built the whole plan of salvation into its furniture.

Take Note: The book of Revelation is written in sanctuary language. Learn the sanctuary and you have learned the alphabet of prophecy.

Hebrews 10:4

The blood of bulls and goats could never take away sins. Every lamb was a promise, pointing forward to the Lamb who came.

4. THE PROPHECY THAT SETS A DATE

Daniel 9:24-27

"Seventy weeks are determined ... from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks."

Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34

The scale: "a day for each year." Seventy weeks is 490 days — and therefore 490 years. Fix this key in your memory; we will need it again.

Ezra 7

The starting point: the decree of Artaxerxes to restore and build Jerusalem, dated by Persian records to the fall of 457 B.C.

Do the math: 69 weeks = 483 years. From 457 B.C. (remembering there is no year zero) you land in A.D. 27 — the year Jesus was baptized and anointed.

Luke 3:1, 21-22; Acts 10:38

Luke dates the baptism to "the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar" — A.D. 27. Messiah means Anointed One, and He was anointed by the Spirit that day.

Mark 1:15

The first words of Jesus' ministry: "The time is fulfilled." There was only one prophetic clock He could have meant.

Matthew 27:51

"In the middle of the week" — three and a half years later, the spring of A.D. 31 — Messiah was cut off, and the temple veil tore from top to bottom, torn by no human hand.

5. CUT OFF, BUT NOT FOR HIMSELF

Daniel 9:26

"Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself." He died — but not for His own sins. He had none. He died for yours.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Revelation 3:20

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock." There is no handle on the outside of that door. He knocks, and waits for your permission.

"As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God."

John 1:12