Revelation - The Time of Writing

1. **Introduction:** While Revelation is difficult to understand because it is apocalyptic literature, abounding in symbolism and figurative depictions, we can better understand what it is about by understanding when it was written. This understanding will help us better understand the basics of what the book is about.
2. **Revelation was written AFTER the baptism of Cornelius, Acts 10.**
3. Revelation 5:9, the blood of Jesus had already brought redemption to every tribe, tongue, people and nation.
4. When Jesus ascended into Heaven, the Gospel was still limited to the Jews.
5. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to reveal the Word fully to His apostles, John 14:15-16,26; 15:26; 16:12-14.
6. So long as the Bible was being written, this process was continuing, but it was eventually completed, Jude 1:3.
7. **Revelation was written shortly before a major event.**
8. Revelation 1:1, must shortly take place; 1:2, the time is near
9. Rev 2:5 I will come to you quickly, 16 I will come to you quickly
10. Rev 3:11 Behold, I am coming quickly!, 20 I stand at the door
11. 🡪 Rev 3:10 the HOUR OF TRIAL which will come upon the whole world as a test?
12. 🡪 Rev 1:7 // Matthew 24. Is this referring to the end of Judaism, the End of Time, or both?
* Matt 24:1-3, They ask about the destruction of the Temple, the sign of His coming, and the end of the age.
* Mt 24:9-14, persecution, but endure. The Gospel to all the world, “and then the end will come.”
	+ Mark 16:15, every creature; Colossians 1:5-6, 23, it was DONE.
* Mt 24:21-22, it was as bad as bad can get.
* Mt 24:27-31, the carnage at Jerusalem “immediately” followed by terror and Jesus’ appearance. This is NOT the end of Time or the Final Judgment because of other Scriptures clearly saying that all things will melt with fervent heat, 2 Peter 3:10-13, and that Hell and Hades will be emptied and then destroyed, Revelation 20:13-14. (No lying accusations or trials again, please!)
* Mt 24:32-42, what does this refer to? Context reveals a lot. The popular “Rapture” doctrine and the “Left Behind” series is not Biblical. How would some people be taken and others remain?
1. Rev 22:7, Behold, I am coming quickly!, 10 the time is at hand, 12 I am coming quickly, 20 Surely, I am coming quickly!
2. **The seven Angels sounding trumpets after Jesus broke the seven seals:**
3. Revelation 10:7 the seventh trumpet sounded when the Word of God was made known to mankind. It would be a mystery no longer.
4. Rev 8:1, Jesus breaking the seventh seal.
5. Rev 8:6, So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.
6. Rev 8:7-9:21 - 1. Vegetation struck, 2. the Seas struck, 3. the waters struck, 4. the heavens struck, 5. Locusts from the Bottomless Pit, 6. Four Angels Released from the Euphrates
7. Rev 10:1-7, things John was not allowed to tell us.
8. Rev 10:8-11, eat the little book (compare the Old to the New Testament)
	1. Sweet to eat, but bitter to digest.
	2. God’s Word is not always easy to do, but it’s better than any & all alternatives!
	3. Compare I Kings 19:4-10, as Elijah wanted to quit and God tells him to get up and get busy, even to things that made Elijah cry with grief and anguish.
9. **The Two Witnesses Shed More Light on Things:**
10. I do not know who the two witnesses are and what all the descriptive phrases actually mean.
11. Rev 11:1-2, introduction of the two witnesses has the Temple present and it is to be destroyed by the Gentiles.
* There has not been a Jewish Temple since the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD.
* This Temple was set for destruction.
1. For clarity’s sake, this is in Jerusalem, Rev 11:8. “Sodom”, “Egypt.”
2. Who is God noting as killing His faithful?
3. The third woe is coming quickly.
4. **Further Studies:**
5. Compare Ezekiel 38 and 39 with the Gospel accounts of the destruction of Jerusalem, and Revelation’s story of God’s delivery of the faithful to victory and utter punishment of the foes.
6. Revelation 20:7-10, Gog and Magog – Ezekiel 38-39, Gog and Magog. Unique.
7. **Revelation is a book of Good News!**
8. Revelation 21:1-8, Heaven described.
9. Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. What are you waiting for?!

**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

Hear The Gospel (John 5:24; Romans 10:17) Believe the Word of God (John 3:16-18; John 8:24)

Repent Of Your Sins (Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38) Confess Jesus as Christ (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:10)

Be Baptized (Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:27) Remain Faithful for Life (John 8:31; Rev. 2:10)

**FOR THE ERRING CHILD OF GOD:**

Repent (Acts 8:22), Confess (I John 1:9), Pray (Acts 8:22)

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