

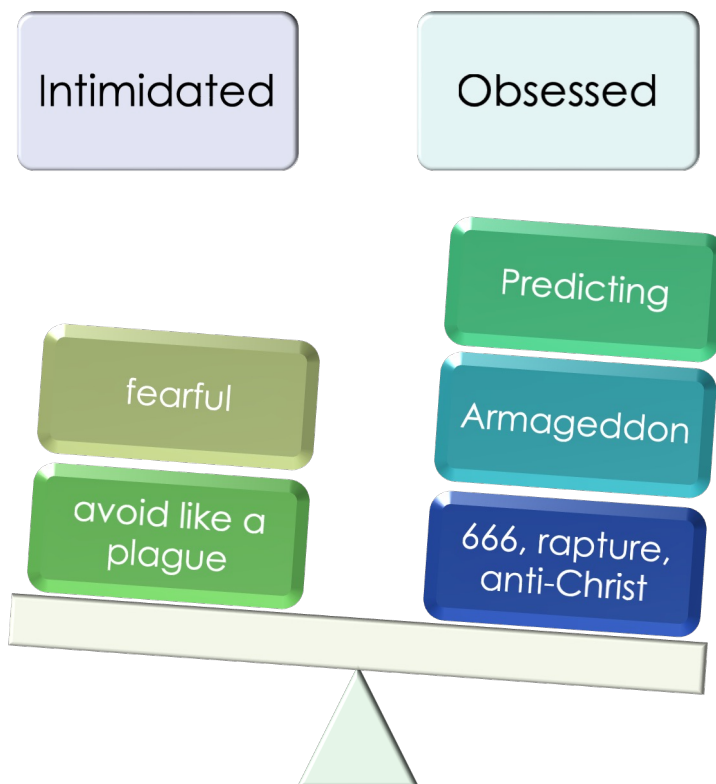


God is speaking. Are we
listening?

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2 approaches to Revelation





Rev 1:1-8

- Division 1- Revelation of Jesus Christ (Rev 1:1-3)
- Division 2 – Return of Jesus Christ (Rev 1:4-8)



John 14:16-17

16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.



Revelation of Jesus Christ (Rev 1:1-3)

1. The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,
 2. who testifies to everything he saw – that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.
- The word “revelation” in Greek “apokalypsis” means something unveiling, revealed or made known.
 - It is about God is revealing his plan to overcome evil once for all and bring his people to the heaven and earth to enjoy his presence forever. The central figure behind God’s plans is Christ.



Revelation of Jesus Christ (Rev 1:1-3)

3. Blessed 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**.
 - ▣ Why read aloud?
 - ▣ Hear → take to heart (respond)
 - ▣ The time is near. (In the last days Dan 2:28-29)



Lesson 1

- God is speaking, we need to take it to heart (Respond)



Return of Jesus Christ (Rev 1:4-8)

4. John, to the **seven churches** in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne.
 - Asia = Modern day Turkey.
 - 7 = symbolizes completeness or perfection.
 - A glimpse of our tribune God:
 - God
 - Holy Spirit
 - Jesus
5. And from Jesus, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.



Return of Jesus Christ (Rev 1:4-8)

6. And has made us to be a kingdom and **priests to serve** his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.
 - We are called to serve the Living God. Wow!
 - Jesus is coming back; He will judge the wicked.
7. Look, he is coming with the clouds, and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him”. So shall it be! Amen.



Return of Jesus Christ (Rev 1:4-8)

8. “I am the Alpha and the Omega”, says the Lord God, “who is and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty”.
 - These are the 1st and last alphabets in Greek. God states here that He is the beginning and the end.
 - In Genesis, we learnt that God spoke creation into being. And in Revelations, we will see how He as the Almighty comes to judge and rule.



Lesson 2

- Turn your eyes on Jesus triumph return.



Conclusion

- God is speaking, we need to take it to heart (Respond)
- Turn your eyes on Jesus triumph return.