



The
POWER

of
H O P E

Discovering the
Secrets, Keys
and Promises of
the Kingdom



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Dear Reader – You’ve probably heard the saying, “The best laid plans of mice and men oft times go astray.” So it is with this book. Originally titled “The Apocalypse! Unveiling of the End Times,” it has now been re-titled, “The Power of Hope!”

The theme of this book is all about a hope and a future. It is positive. It is encouraging. It is life-changing if you study the verses set out and apply them personally. The former title was meant to convey this “revelation” (the true meaning of the word “apocalypse”). When we are walking through “end times” we are rapidly approaching the hope and excitement of “new times.” Unfortunately, that was not the message the original title was conveying and people shied away from what sounded dark and depressing.

So, we have a new cover and a new title to better attract people with a message we all need: “The Power of Hope.” Take your time to ponder the secrets, keys and promises revealed on its pages. You will be blessed and empowered as you discover what it means to be a “son of God” and your exciting and fulfilling role in the kingdom of God! Get ready! Your adventure is about to begin!

CHAPTER ONE

Prologue A Personal Letter to the Reader – Your Adventure Begins!

Dear Reader,

Apocalypse. End Times. These words can make your heart beat a little faster and your mind spin into hyper drive. What do they mean? What is about to happen? How will it affect you and your loved ones?

You are about to embark on what could be the most important adventure of your life – your own personal study of the end times. Many books have been written and sermons preached on this topic, yet there is still much confusion and disagreement within the body of believers. This book is designed for you to take responsibility and ownership of what you believe through the use of *primary source* study tools – original historical writings.

Our Founding Fathers used a method of education known as the Principle Approach. Rather than relying on the teaching of others, this system enables students to begin to think and reason for themselves from a biblical foundation. Instead of being told *what* to think, the Principle Approach uses primary source documents, definitions from Noah Webster’s 1828 Dictionary, seven biblical principles and leading questions to help students learn *how* to find truth and think for themselves.

You will be taught how to use the Four R’s: Research – Reason – Relate – Record. In so doing you will begin to discover truth as it is disclosed to you personally by God’s Holy Spirit, and will not have to depend on “second-hand” revelation. In addition, your main “tools” will be *primary source* materials like Strong’s Concordance, American Dictionary of the English Language (also known as Webster’s 1828).

Using primary source volumes is of paramount importance as they are first-hand reports. Today, there are revisionist historical accounts *and* revisionist dictionaries in wide use. If these historical revisions simply include primary source stories that were previously omitted, then they are bringing forth more truth. However, most revisionists are seeking to re-write history to promote their way of thinking, ignoring the truth. We must learn to discern which is which.

On the other hand, rewriting definitions is an attempt to alter an absolute. Words mean what they mean and their definitions do not change. They are not subject to interpretation. They do not evolve. Our usage of them may change, but our mis-application does not alter their original meaning. Founding Father Noah Webster was a master of 27 languages so we can rely on the accuracy of his definitions as a source of original usage and truth.

For example, we are being bombarded today by people speaking of the end times using the word apocalypse. This is a correct translation of the Greek word - *apokalupsis* - used in the New Testament for *revelation*. My computer Thesaurus gives synonyms such as these:

- apocalypse - *disaster, catastrophe, Judgment Day, end of the world, destruction*

This is very interesting in light of the fact that the word revelation (Greek *apokalupsis*) is defined by Strong's Concordance and Webster's 1828 Dictionary, both primary sources that have not been altered by revisionism, very differently:

- revelation (#602 - *apokalupsis*) - *disclosure: appearing, coming, manifestation, be revealed, revelation (Strong's Concordance)*
- apocalypse - *revelation; discovery; disclosure. The name of a book of the New Testament containing many discoveries or predictions written by St. John. (Webster's 1828)*

Briefly using the Four R's, let's look at what we just found:

- Research - We discovered the true definition of apocalypse.
- Reason - It is very different from revisionist definitions - simply the revealing of something yet to be discovered.
- Relate - It is not inherently disastrous as we have been taught, and could even include good news.
- Record - Write down this new understanding in a journal for later applications in other questions that will be searched out as we look for truth about the end times.

This is why we entitled this book, Unveiling the End Times - The Apocalypse! We are seeking to help the reader discover the truth, unveil it. It is not enough to simply *believe* a thing. We must truly *know* it. We must not believe just because we have been taught by others. We must study deeply for ourselves.

Our greatest desire for the reader is that you will read this book carefully, prayerfully and *study for yourself* to unveil the truth. Search it out. Don't depend on what someone else has told you: "*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be*

ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15, NKJV). You will probably not agree with all that is written in these pages, and that is fine because our hope is not to sway you to our point of view. We, the authors, are also *works in progress* and make no claims to have all the answers.

Our hope is that you'll rise to the challenge of learning straight from the Holy Spirit and in doing so will strengthen your relationship with your Creator as you gain revelation knowledge. We are entering the last days, but as you will read in these pages, we do not believe this is the end, but rather a new beginning. Find your role as this reality unfolds. For God has created you as a unique individual with an incredibly important and distinct purpose on this earth, here and now. As you find your purpose, you will find your life.

We must be working at getting closer to God, hearing from Him directly, in these challenging and sometimes perilous days. Your path may change as the world changes, but as long as Jesus is your guide you do not need to worry. Put on your spiritual thinking cap. The most exciting journey of your life is about to begin.

In His service and for His glory –

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The POWER of Hope!

Discovering the Secrets, Keys and Promises of the Kingdom

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Do you have hope? What is it you hope for? Is your hope only for eternity, or do you have hope for your present day situations? Scriptural hope is a vehicle for becoming powerful sons of God, literally going from glory to glory as we imitate the Son of God.

Jesus also spoke about the promises, secrets, and keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. What did He mean? Do you have the keys? Do you know the secrets? Does it matter? The truth will come forth. Will you be the one to bring it or will you simply go along for the ride?

The purpose of this book is to give you the tools to find the answers to these questions, not to provide you with the answers. Your discoveries will be personal, provocative, profound and powerful. As you unveil the secrets, keys and promises of the Kingdom of God, you will find hope for today and tomorrow within your purpose. Get ready. Your adventure is about to begin.

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