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Dedication

² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴ and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵ And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." (Rev. 5:2-5 ESV)

<u>Unveiled</u>! is dedicated to its Revelator, ... for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

(Revelation 19:10c; cf. 1:2, 9; 12:17; 19:10a)

... "It is written. 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (From Mat. 4:4 NKJV; cf. Deut. 8:3)

Several months ago I visited a local discount bookstore and purchased a jigsaw puzzle of a map of the world. I encouraged myself, "Five hundred pieces won't take a genius."

As I began organizing the shapes and colors and separating their piles, I was certain I was short-changed. There didn't seem to be enough pieces to frame the thing. It perturbed me that I'd expected a complete puzzle from a discount store. I scolded myself, "Well, you get what you pay for!" Nevertheless, I decided to put the pieces together as well as I could without all the parts and with many pieces that didn't look like they belonged at all.

Persevering to finish my project, I thought of the puzzle our family spent weeks putting together. It was at least a thousand pieces, all the same shape, and nearly the same color—blue and gray dinosaurs in a swamp. Five of us worked in our spare time till completing it. We learned something about life: **Don't throw out the puzzle before putting all of its pieces together.**

Finally, after testing my patience, the 500 pieces found their places, and the map of the world made sense. It was a satisfying and a sobering moment. As I looked back on it, I saw how wrong I was about the shapes not fitting. At times I didn't understand where the parts went, but when I tried them, if they fit they stayed. At last they all worked perfectly, and its border neatly framed the entire puzzle. Not one single piece was missing and no extras remained. Its proper parts were there all along.

Writing this book was a lot like putting that puzzle together. Some pieces were hard to understand. How could they be what they were? I called out, "How can that be?" And He replied with a vision. I said, "This is hard to believe!" But when I believed, it made perfect sense. The more I believed, the more He revealed until all of its pieces fit, and I saw the whole world in a new way.

I was able to write these books because I didn't write them alone. I asked the questions; the Spirit of God had the answers. It took a team. I believed the Lord as I wrote, and He responded faithfully. After all, this work was His idea, not mine.

Unveiled! was written by faith and for faith because without faith, it's impossible to please God. Study the words and believe God only. Be objective. Think outside the box. In Revelation the elders sing the Lamb alone is worthy to take and unseal its scroll. As we exercise our faith to believe, we hear His voice.

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I never wanted to be a writer but began after the morning in late 2003 when He quietly shouted me awake, "Write a book!" I published *A Thorn in My Flesh* in late 2009. Next He silently spoke in January 2010: "The church is divided by deceptions," leading me to discover the truth of His words. I did the research and found the apostasy was systematized in the 4th century but had begun long before. He urged me to write the truth, and I wrote as His Holy Spirit revealed it to me.

I found strongholds that had prevented my faith in the Word and tore down the deceptions to believe with the Spirit as my Teacher in writing *The Union*. My quest for the truth led me into mysteries, which I extracted from the first book. They developed as *Mysteries of the Ancient Word*. Then prophecies popped out of the mysteries. Each book gave birth to another. I had no plan.

I wasn't a writer and didn't know what to expect. The Spirit led me along the way. Soon the internet opened up to me. I was inundated with the information I needed. As I wrote I learned.

I saw the Revelation in Daniel 7 and studied both together to better understand Daniel. To avoid confusion I prayed for a key in Revelation to clarify Daniel 7. My prayer was answered when I extracted Revelation from *Mysteries* to simplify its text.

As I read its words, suddenly the opposite happened when I realized the order of Revelation. How did we miss it? Then I knew He was doing the impossible—unveiling the *Apocalypse!* I separated the prophecies from the book of mysteries as another book was born through the Revelation and Daniel 7. He's been my Teacher since January 2010; that's how I write.

I searched the Bible to confirm my findings and leaned on the Spirit in prayer. He took me through the details, correcting names and dates, which are important. Metaphors opened before their evidence confirmed them. History took my breath away!

I learn in quietness, yielded but confident, dependent on my Rabbi who'd anointed me and given me His mantle. He did not open His Revelation to a scholar, because God doesn't share His glory with anyone. It didn't take a genius to believe Him. By my insistence on knowing the truth, His Holy Spirit unveiled it.

I dared to believe their words, and He opened scriptures I'd never understood. The scattered pieces of the puzzle neatly fit in their places as I searched history till I saw it all together. My far greater difficulty lay in turning its picture into words.

His apostles were men in humble circumstances, not scholars with computers and high tech at their fingertips, but He opened their minds to see the world like never before. We understand His parables and prophecies as He opens our eyes to them.

Scholars rarely understand what the prophets wrote. As a result, we've believed the prophets didn't mention the greatest war in history, which returned His people to their land. But He doesn't do a thing without revealing it to the prophets. (Amos 3:7) He authorizes our faith to believe in Him by His grace and opens our minds if we turn to Him as our Schoolmaster, our Rabbi.

Paul urges us to demolish strongholds, words we've received that are honored above the Word of God. He had been taught the deceptions but went to Arabia to discover the truth, not from any man but with the Holy Spirit as his Teacher. (Gal. 1:14-17)

The arguments are in our flesh and in the traditions and teachings we've received. If we believe men, they often affirm us apart from the truth. If we believe God, He always rewards us:

⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly but powerful through God for the tearing down of strongholds. We are tearing down false arguments ⁵ and every high-minded thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. We are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Messiah— (2 Cor. 10:4-5 TLV)

²⁷ But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. (1 Jn. 2:27)

Unveiled! has two goals: to clarify the prophecies and to prepare us for the future. By believing His words, we accept God as He is without distorting His nature. Our beliefs should change when what we think we know contradicts the Bible.

⁹ He said, "Go *your* way, Daniel, for the words *are* shut up and sealed until the time of the end. (Dan. 12:9 ESV)

As I wrote, words triggered words. When Daniel's details fit Revelation, I saw a fuller picture. I was "getting" it. Poring over documentaries I saw the prophecies clarify their evidence. In my weakness, He provided His strength.

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The two parts of *Unveiled!* interact, covering several epochs of history, especially as it relates to Israel. Each part shines its light on the other part's prophecies. After reading *Unveiled!* start to finish, turn back and forth for greater understanding. Draw pictures, take notes, read slowly.

The Scriptural Order is on pp. 300-01. Don't worry about the complexity; it's a jigsaw puzzle. The material is not easy, so I repeat things periodically as reminders to show where its words fit history. If our ideas are challenged, we compare the words of God to history and ignore opinions, even our own.

You'll find the Bible is proven true by the testimony of its prophecies. If we read the Bible without believing its words, we may question whether we want to know the truth. Maybe we've been *ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.* (2 Tim. 3:7) It takes tenacity, but if the Spirit lives in us, we ought to search for the truth till we find it. (Acts 17:10-12)

Like the Bereans, I believe God literally unless He speaks symbolically, as He often does in prophecy. Then I "press in" to "see" the visions, praying and meditating till my spirit and mind understand.

The Holy Spirit prodded me to search out literal meanings of words I thought I knew but hadn't understood. The Bible confirmed history as He unveiled His words to me. Many years ago He'd led me out of far more confusing things because I refused to quit. Maybe it's why He taught me His Logic, using me for His glory, not despite my past, but because of it.

If we neglect meditating on its words, we miss the meanings. Biblical words can be enigmatic, especially prophecies, but the title *Apocalypse* is from the Greek, *apŏkalupsis*, "to uncover or reveal." *Unveiled!* sheds light on the connections of history to words meant to be revealed for us to *see* at the end of the age.

Believing the Word is like eating the whole lamb at the first Passover in Egypt—guts, brains, and all! (Ex. 12:8-9) Now it's time for us to chew the parts that are hard to swallow; to take them in, and to digest them.

²⁶ "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. (Jn. 14:26 NKJV) – Hundreds of verses came to mind.

The main body of *Unveiled!* reveals the Revelation, step-bystep, validating everything by history, scriptures, and revelations that put the pieces together. The Order of Events begins on page 271 and clarifies its progression.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ was concealed until the end of this age because the future had to pass for history to reveal its mysterious words. Understanding prophecies requires revelations by His Holy Spirit. No scholar could have figured this out; in fact it wasn't meant to be figured out; it had to be unveiled—but not to a scholar. As most people would agree, this writer is the least likely choice for the honor, but only God is glorified in this.

Please put a bookmark at page 19; another at chapter 13, page 135; and a third at chapter 17, page 187. When you come to a reference to those chapters, you can flip to your bookmark to find it. That saves you time and clarifies the scriptures as you compare them with others. It also condenses a book that would otherwise be a cumbersome tome. (These chapters interweave.)

In Part 1, Revelation 17 introduces Daniel 7. Some of 17 occurred long before John was in exile on the Isle of Patmos. Other parts lead to Daniel's prophecy. As time goes on, Daniel 7:23-38 returns us to Revelation (on pp. 38-42).

The Revelation is for believers, Jews or gentiles. The history of its faith dates to the ancient Jewish faith. We're about to enter that history to learn about the future and the thousand-year reign of the Messiah, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It continues to the last judgment and from then to eternity. There's plenty to know, and it's all condensed into the Revelation, the true tale of two cities and their kingdoms, Babylon and Jerusalem.

Our part is to properly divide its words by the Spirit of its Author and to search out its times and seasons by history, current events, and scriptures. Finally, it's up to us to receive it, taking up its cross to follow Jesus, apart from which we're not worthy to be His disciples. (Mat. 10:37-39) Revelation tests our faith.

Its prophetic details are astonishing, affirming the testimony of Jesus Christ. That's why *Unveiled!* is an important book for all of us.

"And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."
(Rev. 22:7 ESV) – Yeshua, of His Revelation from the Father

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Prayer and meditation are essential because we can't understand spiritual words by figuring them out. *The just shall live by his faith.* (*Hab. 2:4 b*) The brain, like our flesh, is given life by our spirits. (Jas. 2:26) The mind of Christ is in the life of His Spirit:

¹⁰ ... For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. (1 Cor. 2:10b-13 ESV) – the spiritual mind

As God said, our prayers go up as incense, pure offerings to Him. Like incense, apart from the fire, their words are impotent:

- ¹¹ For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts. (Mal. 1:11) [This prophecy is fulfilled.]
- ⁸ ... having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. (Rev. 5:8b)

Significant Details

A Bible at your side helps for the parenthesized references. Concordances aid as the Spirit brings words to mind. For phrases like *the Great Sea*, Biblegateway.com is a tool to find frequency or usage. Literal translations validate exact words though manuscripts vary. Aramaic, Hebrew, and Greek lexicons are essential.

'Church' refers to institutional churches or to multitudes who profess to believe, so the word is not capitalized. The Greek *ekklesia*, like *sunagōgē*, is a congregation, a gathering, an assembly. Wherever we are in the *ekklesia*, or *sunagōgē*, holiness is the requirement of everyone who confesses Jesus'/Yeshua's name.

His full name in Hebrew is *Yehoshua*, "YHVH is Salvation," or "YHVH saves," shortened as *Yeshua*, meaning "salvation."

It's transliterated "Joshua." *Iesous* is its Greek equivalent. Since the language of the Roman Empire was Greek, His disciples spoke Greek as well as Aramaic and perhaps Hebrew.

The first King James Version of 1611 called Him *Iesus;* much later, it was "Jesus." ^d Both *Yeshua* and "Jesus" are used in this text. A growing number of Jews are finding Him as their Savior, using His Hebrew name, Yeshua. Had it been used it in 1611, there would be no different understanding today, but in the past, Hebrew was not commonly spoken—not even by the Jews. Their language was revived just before the nation was, but who knew? (Zeph. 3:9)

Occasional underlining highlights words relative to the text. Verses are indented in sans serif, distinguishing them from my own words. Occasional verses are in *italics*. The Scriptures have few *italicized* words, added for clarity by translators. Concerning upper or lower case: "Scriptures" refers to the Holy Bible; lower case "scripture(s)" points to a particular passage or verse(s).

The words *man* or *men* most often refer to mankind or to person(s) as a generic word. This is common in the Bible and is acceptable since God formed woman out of man, calling both *Adam*, "man(kind)" (in Gen. 2:22). We are thus all mankind and should not be offended. In Jesus Christ there's *neither male nor female (from Gal. 3:28)*, since God is Spirit and cares more about the contents of our hearts than our natural differences.

The unspoken Hebrew name of God [YHVH], in Biblical texts is "LORD." In the TLV, it is *ADONAI*. Both have two sizes of font to indicate His holy name. The substitute for *Adonai* is "Lord" in most Biblical texts. *Elohim* [the plural One], "God." *Adonai YHVH* is "Lord God." Some have "G-d", respecting Jewish tradition. Here it is "God" since He made His holy name *famous among the gentiles*—of all people!

Titles, e.g., "king, president, tsar, or emperor" are lower case unless used with names, e.g., King Cyrus. Exceptions to this rule are the titles of the Lord and His Kingdom.

BC meant "Before Christ" for fifteen hundred years till its recent change to "Before the Common Era," BCE. *Anno Domini*, "In the year of our Lord," was once abbreviated AD but recently was made CE. The former abbreviations are in this text to honor the Creator of this magnificent universe.