

Unlocking Revelation's Secrets:

**A Commentary on the Book of Revelation
with the Prophecies of Daniel**

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Dedicated to Lloyd and Gerry Baker,
my parents who guided me in the Christian path and who died in the hope of the
Three Angels' Messages

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PREFACE

The book of Revelation has long been my favorite book of the Bible. First, although its Greek grammar is not particularly good, the book's literary structure is beautifully laid out in a way that helps us understand how to interpret its prophecies. This structure is highlighted by the use of inverse parallelism in which the first section is parallel to the last section, the second is parallel to the next to the last, and so on. Furthermore, each section except for the prologue and the epilogue begins with a scene of the heavenly sanctuary or one that reminds us of that sanctuary.

Second, Revelation has also been fascinating to me because it is a book of apocalyptic prophecy in which heavy use of symbolism is made. This makes it necessary to play the role of a Bible detective in order to decipher its meaning. As usual, the Bible is its own best interpreter for understanding Revelation as well as the other books of the Scriptures. Third, the book of Revelation gives the very reason that the Seventh-day Adventist movement exists as the fulfillment of God's last-day prophetic movement. Finally, Revelation is all about Jesus and how He warns, protects, and sustains His people throughout Christian history. As with all Christian apocalyptic literature, it focuses our special attention on the end-time conditions and events, culminating in the glorious Second Coming of Jesus. It is my fervent hope that this commentary will give you the same vision of the glorious Jesus that Revelation has given me.

I want to thank my dear wife Linda for her invaluable editing work on this book in preparing it to be read and for her patient endurance while I was working on this project.

May the Lord richly bless you as you study His precious Revelation! And may you come to yearn for His soon return by echoing the apostle John's words, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20)

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