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New Message Series: The 7 Churches of Revelation: Times of Fire”

1. Ancient Prophets Gave Out Warnings

2 Kings 20:16-19

O.T. Prophets: to urge Gods people to follow God faithfully and warn of coming judgement to those who wickedly rejected God.

* Stephen’s Last Speech: Acts 7:35, 36, 38, 39

Ezekiel 3:18, 19, 22:30, 3:14,15, 33:7

Psalms 106:21, 23

TRUTH: God is such a loving, patient, forgiving God and He has raised up His spoke persons throughout history to offer His Hope, Kindness and Mercy.

Luke 12:35-40

1 Corinthians 14:8, 24, 25

Hebrews 13:17

2 Peter 3:11-14

“**Spirit Fullness** happens when I am overwhelmed with Gods love for me and then this love overflows to all around me: A Loving Boldness to all” -M.L.Jones

2. Blessings and Rewards In Studying Revelation

Ephesians 3:14-19

- God, our Loving Father speaks to us in profound ways so we become more deeply in love with Jesus and His people as a result.

Revelation 1:1-3

A Revelation Snap Shot:

- 1) **The Setting:** It’s around 95 A.D. - 60 years after Jesus died, 30 years after Acts and persecution is getting worse.

* John, the last living apostle, is exiled to a remote Roman island, called Patmos, where Jesus appears in all His glory and tells John to write what he sees.

- 2) **The Seven Letters:** Jesus sends these letters to churches under John’s care in Asia Minor (Turkey), to commend, rebuke, and encourage them as they wait for His return.

* Jesus wants His people to be a source of light in a dark world and these letters tell them how they are doing.

Matthew 5:14-16

Philippians 2:12-16

Our Goal: To fall more deeply in love with Jesus and with others around us.

Next Week: Ephesians: The Forgetful Church