STUDY GUIDE

# THE NEXT WORLD SUPERPOWER



#### • "THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST"

**Revelation 1:1-3** The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. 1174

 $\checkmark$  The purpose of the book of Revelation is to reveal \_\_\_\_\_.

- ✓ Far from being "sealed," God promises to \_\_\_\_\_\_ those who read and hear this prophecy.
- ✓ Revelation doesn't merely claim to be a \_\_\_\_\_ book; it claims to be \_\_\_\_\_ book.

#### O THE BIBLE'S GREAT CLAIM

**2 Timothy 3:16** "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." **1144** 

**2 Peter 1:21** "...knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." **1166** 

#### GREAT CLAIMS REQUIRE GREAT EVIDENCE

The greater the claim the greater the evidence required to validate it.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 1155

Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord. 654

**1** Peter 3:15 Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts and always be prepared to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you. 1164

Acts 26:24, 25 'I am not mad... but speak the words of truth and reason." 1082

God created you with a \_\_\_\_\_ and He fully expects you to \_\_\_\_\_ it!

#### THE EVIDENCE OF INTERNAL CONSISTENCY

Internal evidence alone lends tremendous credibility to the Bible's claim that it was inspired of God.

✓ The Bible was written in \_\_\_\_\_\_ different languages on \_\_\_\_\_\_ different continents by more than \_\_\_\_\_\_ authors from all walks of life (kings, doctors, shepherds, fishermen, etc.) over the course of \_\_\_\_\_\_ years! Yet through it all, the testimony of Bible remains clear, consistent, and harmonious about arguably the most controversial topic in the universe: God!

### THE BIBLE'S GREATEST EVIDENCE: PREDICTIVE PROPHECY

*Isaiah 42:8, 9* Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them." 696

**Isaiah 44:6-9** "Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and His Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: 'I am the First and I am the Last; besides me there is no God... have I not told you from that time and declared it? You are my witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one." 699

Head	Gold	BABYLON Daniel 1:1 Daniel 2:36-38	605BC to 539BC
Chest & Arms	Silver	<b>MEDO-PERSIA</b> Daniel 2:39a Daniel 5:1-6; 25-31	539BC to 331BC
Belly & Thighs	Bronze	<b>GREECE</b> Daniel 2:39b Daniel 8:20, 21	331BC to 168BC
Legs	Iron	<b>ROME</b> Daniel 2:40 Luke 2:32 John 11:47, 48	168BC to 476AE
- Feet / Toes	Iron / Clay	DIVIDED ROME (Europe) Daniel 2:40-43	476AD to Today
Rock (Cut without hands)	Rock	KINGDOM OF GOD Daniel 2:44	SOON!

The next world superpower is none other than the eternal Kingdom of God!

## PROPHECY DEMONSTRATES GOD'S POWER AND CHARACTER

John 14:29 "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe." 1043

**Hebrews 4:12** "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and sprit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." 1150