

Meaningful content

God of this world has blinded the minds

Studies should increase, deeper in meaning, and richer in content.

Our lives and conversation should reflect time spent in prayer, study and meditation of Scripture.

A life void of God is a life void of life.

A legal document = Ark of covenant in Revelation 11:19

Revelation the disclosure

1. 2 Timothy 3:16 (NASB95)

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

▼ 2. The Scriptures are knowable

Matthew 13:10–12 (NASB95)

10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

11 Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.

12 "For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.

The Embedded concept of communication in verses 1-3

The point of communication is to make something understood
We cannot take heed to something that is not understandable

Blessing is the result of taking heed, so in order to be blessed it is assumed to be understandable.
Not to guess at, and only if we get it right are we blessed.

The word of God is intended to communicate certain precise things.

The Word is a legal document, not to be interpreted as we see fit.
We do not interpret legal documents to suit our opinion

Accountability is also implied: but without understandable communication, God would not hold us accountable!

When God speaks something specific is intended to be understood by the utterance, everything else is excluded from that hundreds. God created us with a receiver on the same wavelength as God, which at the point of salvation brings us back to that point and ability to understand

Revelation 1:1 (NASB95)

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and

communicated it by

His angel to His bond-servant John,

Revelation 1:1 (NKJV)

1 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,

communicated

σημαίνω 40 sémainō to signify

4955 σημαίνω (sémainō); vb.; = Str 4591; TDNT 7.262—LN 33.153 **make clear**, often in prediction or foretelling (Jn 12:33; 18:32; 21:19; Ac 11:28; 25:27; Rev 1:1+)

a. Revelation 1:1–3 (ESV)

1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,
2 who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

▼ 3. Legal terminology

▼ a. Revelation 1:2 (ESV)

2 who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

witness: definition

3456 μαρτυρία (martyria), ας (as), ἡ (hē): n.fem.; = Str 3141; TDNT 4.474—1. LN 33.362 **witness**, through **first hand knowledge** (Jn 1:7); 2. LN 33.364 **testimony**, the content of what a witness tells (Mk 14:55); 3. LN 33.365 **reputation** (1Ti 3:7)

3457 μαρτύριον (martyrion), ου (ou), τό (to): n.neu.; = DBLHebr 4995, 6937, 6943; Str 3142; TDNT 4.474—1. LN 33.362 **witness**, providing **direct knowledge about a person or event** (Lk 21:13); 2. LN 33.364 **testimony**, the content of what a witness tells (1Co 1:6; 1Co 2:1 v.t.)

a legal testimony and the legal document

i. The testimony of Jesus Christ: is the disclosure of the information that John was to bear witness of.

Finishing the testimony of the covenant from God to mankind, which began in the covenant to Abraham, Jesus gives testimony to John to complete the gods contract with the nation Israel, and through them to the rest of the nations.

▼ 1. Revelation 1:19 (NASB95)

19 "Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.

a. John is disclosing all the information that he saw (indicating all the information John communicated, is to be understood). Unlike Daniel

John was commanded in verse 19 to write so that verse 3 could be accomplished

b. The impact of knowing the book of Revelation

It's important for us to understand where history is headed, because it significantly changes the way we conduct our lives today

▼ 4. Blessing to those who read and who concentrate on what's being said, and Put into practice.

▼ a. Revelation 1:3 (NASB95)

3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

i. Revelation 14:13 (NASB95)

13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

Revelation 16:15 (NASB95)

15 ("Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.")

Revelation 19:9 (NASB95)

9 Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God."

Revelation 20:6 (NASB95)

6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Revelation 22:7 (NASB95)

7 "And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book."

Revelation 22:14 (NASB95)

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.

ii. words of the prophecy Verse 2

▼ iii. concentrate

reads hear and heed

1. James 1:22–25

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.

24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

James 1:25

(NASB95)

25 But one who

looks intently at

the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.