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As **2020** began **The Door Post's** yearly theme was "**Staying in God's Present Daily**!" If you diligently followed each articles then you recall that the Christmas issue 12, ended by sharing a 2020 vision of "**HOLINESS**."

Nobody knew what would transpire in 2020, and as it closes, nobody knows what's in store for us in 2021 but God. **What we do know is**: "blessed is the one who reads out loud the words of this prophecy [Revelation]. Blessed are those who hear it and think everything it says is important. The time when these things will come true is near (Revelation 1:3 NLT).

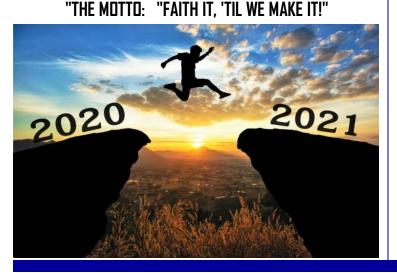
2021 is Here! This January New Year's issue of the JAMES DAVIS DODR POST Newsletter will feature a 2021 look at "**REVELATION**!" As the Bible says: "... the **last** shall be **first**" for this Door Post in the new year (Matthew 20:16 KJV).

"IN 2021, VICTORY OVER EVIL, JESUS WILL REVEAL IT! **HAPPY NEW YEAR**!

From: JAMES DAVIS E.M.L."DOOR POST" Newsletter Staff. WHERE GOD GUIDES, GOD WILL PROVIDE!" <u>Financial Support</u> is <u>Urgently Needed</u>!

THE DOOR POST SCRIPTURE:

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf." (Hebrews G:19-20 NIV).



THE DOOR POST James Davis EML Newsletter = Fourth Year Jr. Mother Iris A. B. Barnett, BA, MS = Curator

"REVELATION:" The word revelation actually means "disclosure." In this book of Revelation, the veil is taken off. The mystery is unlocked. The revelation of Jesus (C Revelation 1:1) has a double meaning. <u>First</u>, it is the revelation that is given **by** Jesus. <u>Second</u>, it is the revealing of Jesus, who lies hidden in the Old Testament and is revealed in the New Testament. In Revelation, Jesus is further unveiled. We get a clearer disclosure of his great love for us, and His victory over evil.

Evil: is not just about other people. **It's about us**. All of us have had **bad** thoughts, said **hurtful** things and **done** wrong. All of us have **failed** to be righteous. The Apostle Paul writes about evil, "There is no one righteous, not even one" (C Romans 3:10, 13; Psalm 140:3). Paul explains that now a righteousness from God has been revealed (C Romans 3:21, GNB). This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus, living holy and is given to all who believe (C Romans 3:22).

APOSTLE JOHN'S RECORD: Revelation is John's revelation of Jesus which came to him as he is worshipping. Praise And Worship, we all, "are enlisted as participants in a multidimensional act of Christian worship" [Eugene Peterson]. If we have worship on our mind and is preeminently concerned with worship, God will **speak** to us as we are worshipping and **Jesus** is revealed.

NATURE OF SPIRITUAL REALITY: John is revealing the nature of spiritual reality, by uses of poetry, songs, metaphors, visions, symbols and pictures. Parts of Revelation are extremely difficult to understand. Yet, it is worth persevering. Why? This is the only book in the Bible where we are <u>specifically told</u> that those who read it will be blessed. "How blessed the reader! How blessed the hearers and keepers of these oracle words" (Revelation 1:3 MSG). The change in the day of rest and worship from Saturday [the Sabbath] to Sunday has been done. The revelation to John began on the Lord's day...(C Revelation 1:10) the day the Lord was resurrected, in other words, Sunday.

DUR RESPONSE PAW: Should be, "I give you my fears. Thank you that, ultimately, I am safe in Your hands." We must fall at his **feet** and **worship**. There is no excuse! **JANUARY 2020**

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- THE BOOK OF REVELATION: is the last book in the Bible. It's title is from the word apokalupsis, meaning to unveil," "disclose," or "reveal." [C Rev. Chapters 1, 2, 771
- THEME: The book is a revelation "of," "from," and about Jesus Christ.
- LITERATURE: It is written in a combination of three literary types: 1). Apocalyotic —an intensified symbolic language to portrav the dramatic end-The vindication and time victor of God and his people. 2). Prophecy — is God's direct Word given through his servants, both foretelling and forth telling [C Rev. 1]. 3). **Epistle** – a letter addressing needs of particular churches [C Rev. 1:4-7; 2:3; 22:21].
- **REVELATION:** Points to future hope and calls for present faithfulness and perseverance.
- ENCOURAGE FAITHFULNESS: Revelation points to the glorious world to come, to a world where death will exist no longer; grief, crying, and pain will also exist no longer" [C Rev. 21:4 HCSB].

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JAMES DAVIS EML Newsletter (Continued)

TO THE PITTMAN FAMILY: God knows how much you need comfort and healing... But He won't hurry you or ask you to feel better until you're ready.



your side, comforting you.

Sending Sympathy!

THINK IMAGE:

Praise And Worship, C.O.G.I.C.

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COVID-19 AND REVELATION IN 2021!

to the seven churches should be uncovers our lukewarm state; clearly understood because of when we're wretched, pitiable, much preaching already done. poor, blind and naked. 1). Let's These lovingly rebukes from repent this year, lift our hands Jesus can be taken today to mean they are for the world's churches. That includes us! (Rev. 1:20) suggest that every our lips: let's pray, "set a church, including PAW, has its own Guardian. As Cornerstone, Jesus holds all churches in His hands. Jesus **loves** us (His Church], frees us, makes us to be kingdom families and priests to serve His God and Father (Revelation 1:5b-6).

"JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!" Perhaps we can understand that COVID-19 is a revealing that Jesus' return is close. He is a gentle teacher, but He also is risen in His glory, where the only appropriate response is to fall face down before Him as John writes (vv. 2,17). Obey Him!

THIS WORLD'S PANDEMIC:

IN 2021, BE HIS HALLELUJAH CHORUS:

Hallelujah means "Praise the Lord." It's an of the Lamb" is the greatest blessing of all. invitation from Jesus to worship God (C Rev. We must choose to accept the invitation. 19:10). We, the church, are being dressed Rebuild the church per God's instructions. daily, in "fine linen, bright and clean (R. 19:8); He puts the ideas in our hearts (Neh. 7:5). clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In 2021 Both covenants come from God's aboundbe clothed in righteousness; every righteous ing love for us. His name is the "Word of act is remembered (19:8b), valued and cele- God" (Rev. 19:13). The revelation of God is brated. To be invited to the "wedding supper

"THE DOOR POST WARNINGS IN REVELATION: can be seen as rebuke that like the evening sacrifice. This symbolizes an **opening** of the whole body to God. 2). Guard guard over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips" (v.3). God will protect us from saying anything unhelpful, make our words to be an encouragement and a blessing. 3). Watch our hearts: keep the heart from being drawn to what is evil in 2021 (v.4a). 4). Fix our eyes: on Jesus, our Sovereign Lord (v.8a; Hebrews 12:2).

> JESUS LOVES US: when He allow us to be in the fire of rebuke, tests, pandemics, or discipline, He does so out of love, saying, "I'll keep mine safe in 2021 (vv.9-10 MSG).

JESUS is COMING back!

JESUS — the Word of God (John 1:1).

Feature Article

REVELATION'S DEVINE CORRECTION: All is revealed by Christ to John; from the beginning of the book, through the Letters to the "Seven Churches," to the "Rejoicing of Heaven," the "Revelation of the Lamb," the "Advent of the Bride" (C Rev. 21:1-22;5). and everything in between. What do we do with these warning instructions and rebukes in 2021? This writer suggests the answer is found in our utter faithfulness to the Word. Those who heed the Word receive the blessings of God. Those who ignore these warnings and rebukes will be left outside the gates of God's presence (C Rev. 22:6-15). Like John, one 2021 instruction is for us to be found solemnly and hopefully praying for the Lord's coming (C vv 17.20). We, the churches, must have ears to hear what the Spirit has and continues to say (C v 16). We, the **people** of God must, by His grace (22:21), persevere in the hours of tribulation, knowing our enthroned Lord will return in triumph.

PONDER THIS IMAGE: Saints in 2021, if need be, are we **really prepared** to see Heaven's door open and coming, who according to John, is called "Faithful and True, the ONE addressed as the "Word of God" riding a white horse? He's dressed in a robe dipped in blood. The name written on His thigh is KING of Kings, and LORD of Lords (C Rev. 11:16). If not truly prepared, 2021 gives us another change to get ready! Time is Ticking! Pandemic is still surging. Hospitals are filled to capacity. Folks' dying. God's Loving Salvation Is Available!

