

**General Topics :: revelations "who can interpret it"****revelations "who can interpret it" - posted by crusader (), on: 2006/3/4 18:06**

for many years i followed end time preachers who talked about revelations and taught how certain events will happen that will lead us into the end times. i pose this question to the effect to test these foundations and current misconceptions.

1. is the writings in revelations written in typology or are they literal?
2. who can interpret revelations?

i was stuck in this area until it was revealed to me. Sometimes though when going against the nucleus belief of many foundations you need to hear confirmation from those that are filled with the holy spirit and can discern the truth when called upon, disregarding pre biased assumptions.

i say all this in love

Re: revelations "who can interpret it", on: 2006/3/4 18:12

Why don't you just spit it out brother.

You've left us hanging now.

Do tell what has been "revealed to" you.

:-)

But in the meantime, I'll answer to the best of my knowledge ... Number 1 question is ... Both. Number 2 question I'll leave for later.

His Love to you also !!!
Lord Bless.

Annie

Re: - posted by crusader (), on: 2006/3/5 3:24

sorry if i have offended people with my question, it wasn't a baited trap but more of seeing expression of other holy spirit filled students. i agree that revelations is of both typology and literal. many different cults in today's world translate the bible in their own beliefs. for example "the mark of the beast" is seen commonly by cults to be a special mark placed on the right hand. revelations is revealed to Holy spirit filled people so how can they come to the same interpretation as some of our preachers today. This does not make sense nor does it sit right with in my spirit! i would like to discuss it further in a more deeper expression

Re:, on: 2006/3/5 4:16

Oh no crusader ... I wasn't offended at all, just very curious what you did believe because I love eschatology. I just wanted to get a conversation going together.

We have a thread about it here

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id6767&forum36&79) Last Days Doctrine

Not sure if you'll like it or not, because I don't know how you feel about things quite yet.

God Bless you !!!
Annie

Re:, on: 2006/3/5 4:21

Also, I should answer your second question too.

I believe there is only one way to get any doctrine right.

First, you get every Scripture verse(s) from the entire Bible, from the Old to New Testaments and just look at them all. And be sure to look at them in context and with the whole of the Chapters and Books that they're found in.

Secondly by John 16:13.

God Bless !

Re: - posted by saved_matt (), on: 2006/3/5 4:39

Hi crusader welcome to SI,

I'm currently listening to a series on Church history by a bloke called Edgar F. Parkyns, it's absolutely fascinating not only does he teach about church history but also ties it in very well with the book of Revelation, his interpretation is, as far as i know, unique but is very compelling also for example he says the mark of the beast is not a literal mark but a symbol like the one in Ezekiel 9.

anyway the series can be found here:

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id2411&forum40&19) Edgar F. Parkyns on Church History - 10 Sessions

may the Lord bless you in your search

matt

Re:, on: 2006/3/5 4:49

Ezekiel 9 ?

That mark was on the ones to be saved.

We'll be marked by God on our foreheads to differentiate us in essence as holy unto God. Not a visible seal but nonetheless, that marking similar to the symbolics of Eze. 9 is for the righteous who cry over the sins of the land.

The Mark of the Beast is not from God as Eze 9 is.

It's a voluntary thing that people will take in order to "buy and sell" so it has to be something having to do with commerce

Also somehow involving some worship of this beast and his "system".

That's why, Stick to the Word and not all of these authors when forming important doctrines.

In His Love.

Annie

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Re: - posted by saved_matt (), on: 2006/3/5 7:25

Sorry Annie,

I was merely pointing out that this author talks about the mark of the beast in this way. I would recommend you listen to the series as I find he sticks closer to the Scripture than most. Through listening to it I've been lead to go back and look at various scriptures he has brought up that challenge my own eschatological beliefs, the best one so far is when he talks about Daniel's 70 weeks in Dan 9:24-27 very interesting when you ask who 'he' is in verse 27.

but hey I'm still learning I started out being a pre-trib rapture believer but now, since coming to SI and being challenged early on by Dorcas I think and your own long discourses on 'Last Days Doctrine', find little actual evidence for it in the scripture but I'm open to the Word and good exposition of the Word.:-)

God bless

matt

Re:, on: 2006/3/5 7:45

Matt, you always have been open to the Word and good exposition. I'm sorry if I appeared to bark at 'you'. Please understand I know how you search things out and know we have had very good exchanges last year.

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G5480

χάραγμα

charagma

khar'-ag-mah

From the same as G5482; a scratch or etching, that is, stamp (as a badge of servitude), or sculptured figure (statue): - graven, mark.

When I get scared I sort of come off as I did, because when they say it's "spiritual", they are leaving off the "buying and selling" part and the chip has already been used for the replacement of the Credit Card, as was the intent from the git go.

I have a Visa card application from 1998 that says, "As we successfully move onto a Cashless Society" and then I saw a literal commercial of a guy picking up things from the grocery store and just walking out with them, because he had the chip and the scanner just charged those items to his account. And on and on the stories go about the chip.

Please don't think I'm the type to bite without having a rabbi shot first. Ha. I mean no harm, believe me. I hope you know that.

God Bless you and thanks for coming back to tell me.

His Love.

Annie

Re:, on: 2006/3/5 7:50

Oh, I also thought it neat the Ezekiel 9:4 is sort of like Rev. 9:4.

Ain't GOD Neat ?! :-)

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/3/5 12:16

Quote:

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Re: - posted by Greenquality, on: 2006/3/5 12:42

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Re: Edgar F. Parkyns - posted by crsschk (), on: 2006/3/5 12:53

To draw attention once again to this highly recommended series that Matt brought forth;

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Thanks Ron,
What a blessing for us to have some of his tremendous work here.

Had to re-write part of this... Got thrown by the 'quote's' surrounding 'historic'. Was originally of the mind to say "Why is it his view not more prevalent...?"

For some outtakes of the series see
(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id9605&forum35#73336) this thread and look for **CJ aKfOrEsT**'s contributions there.

Re:, on: 2006/3/6 1:19

Well that's comforting Ron.

But what is "Idealist" ? Ha, that made me smile, but I'm not sure if it's funny or not.
I just thought, "Ideally" speaking would be, we wake up tonight all in Heaven. But

Re: revelations "who can interpret it" - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/3/6 22:55

I do not find the book of Revelation difficult to 'understand'. It is a book that details a vision given to John by Jesus of what will happen in the future. Knowing this, understanding it, will remove a lot of the difficulty many have with the book.

The book tells us in chapter 1: 3: "blessed is he that readeth and they that hear the words of this prophecy.." Read it expecting a blessing and pay careful attention to the verbs, adverbs. If you do so it will eliminate a lot of confusion. And do not worry about trying to figure out whether something has happened yet or not. Just read it for its own sake. And then read it again, and again, and again....Visualize what John saw..asking the Holy Spirit for illumination.

I think a lot of people are spooked by the book because of the wide ranging of disagreements concerning the book.(Read it WITHOUT referring to any reference books, like commentaries). Methinks this is a ploy of the Enemy to keep people away from studying it. It can be a very blessed experience reading, studying it if you make up your mind you will get into it.

BTW, I even taught it to 9-11 year old children using the inductive method of Bible study! That was fun! and a blessing! Having said that, it is a book whose understanding has a way of diminishing with time. I have to study it intently to retain the message and understanding. I do not know why unless it is that this knowledge is more of recent origin....and I am getting older... :-(

Read it for all its worth and then come back and tell us how you were blessed!

Just my thoughts,
ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2006/3/6 23:01

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Me thinks you've said that right sister.

:)

Re: - posted by saved_matt (), on: 2006/3/7 2:50

Quote:
-----Visualize what John saw

I have a friend who has got Revelation in pictorial form, dont know who drew them but they're supposed to be pretty amazing like the Great angel and the little book in Rev 10 standing on the land and the sea, i think my friend has them in perspective format ill ask if i can have a copy and see if Greg will put them in with the pictures, should be fascinating to see,

matt

Re:, on: 2006/3/7 7:55

Greenquality wrote:

Quote:
-----I know nobody want to hear from me

My friend, your thoughts and words are always welcome here. Dont ever hold back just because someone may disagree . If I did that I would never post here!

Greenquality also wrote:

Quote:
-----i really think the mark of the beast is in your forehead,to say in your mind!!

You're free to interpret that as you wish, however I think it is a literal mark because scripture makes it abundantly clear that without the mark one will not be able to "buy or sell". Also it speaks of the mark being on the **hand** or the forehead.

The technology is already here to implant a computer chip under the skin which can carry all of your medical information , banking information, etc. Just like we hardly use cash anymore because of the availability of debit and credit cards, soon we can have this chip under our skin and "swipe" your hand under a scanner at Walmart. If this doesnt sound like the description of the mark of the beast, I dont know what is. And think of the how one could be controlled by this as well. All they need to do it put a GPS on this chip, and someone could know the whereabouts of anyone who had this. You already have a GPS on you right now if you carry a cell phone. Or OnStar.

I'm telling you, folks... the Lord is at the door. If you arent ready, you better get ready. I honestly believe that most of us o

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n this forum will not taste death.

By the way, this may seem nit-picky, but the last book of the Bible is called Revelation... not Revelations. While that may not seem a big deal, I think it is foundational to understanding Revelation. While there are many things revealed in Revelation, the book is about **one** revelation, and that is of the Lord Jesus Christ. Once you grasp that concept, it does help to understanding the rest.

Krispy

Re: revelations "who can interpret it", on: 2006/3/7 8:05

Annie wrote:

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Is there a difference between the word used in Revelation and that in

(NKJV) 2 Corinthians 3:3

clearly an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, **written** not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but **on tablets of flesh**, of the heart.

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Re:, on: 2006/3/7 8:12

Dorcas... i prefer the way the KJV puts it:

2Co 3:3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

In other words, Paul wrote letter with ink, but we are living letters... and example unto all men because God's Word is written on our hearts. And what is in our hearts is what will be seen on the outside. Good stuff in our hearts, good lives. Bad stuff, bad lives. Garbage in, garbage out so to speak.

By the way, glad you made it back. Sorry I couldn't get down to see ya when you passed thru NC. I hope you enjoyed our wonderful state.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2006/3/7 8:15

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Annie, I refer you to my post about the mark. Scroll down 3 or 4 posts.

Krispy

Re: good point - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/3/7 8:20

Quote:

-----i really think the mark of the beast is in your forehead,to say in your mind!!

Greenquality, You may be on to something here. We humans tend to be very concrete-minded.

Take for example Eph. 6 where it talks about our REAL enemy - NOT flesh and blood (matter) but a spiritual enemy. Now, if you look around, you don't see this applied very often, do you? The enemy tends to be viewed in terms of flesh-and-blood - the person becomes our enemy or threat, not the spiritual force behind what we see or experience.

Also, take the example from Rom. 2:28 "A man is a Jew if he is one inwardly." . again a reminder that from the spiritual realm things look VERY DIFFERENT.

We tend to interpret with our natural senses, and don't see with spiritual eyes.

The prophets in the Bible could see through spiritual eyes, and their messages were given to them by God. We have a tendency to squeeze their words back into our concrete frame of thinking. We play God with our interpretations.

Not only that, we also have a tendency to squeeze EVERYTHING prophetic into our small frame of mind and experience.

A lot of prophecies for the future are still unrevealed (by God). God has not explained them fully, and we have no business trying to do so. That causes a lot of trouble, and closes off our minds to other un-thought-of possibilities.

Greenquality, keep sharing your thoughts.

Diane

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/3/7 8:35

Matt,

I have wished for something like this in a llllooonnggggggg time. If I do see something like it, it usually is promoting a particular view like pre-millennium, post-millennium. I would like something that stays true to the text. If I would be an artist I would have done it myself.

I look forward to seeing this, Matt. And if you can post it somewhere, be sure to let us know where it is...because I WANT to see it...you may have to PM me to direct me to it..I am a very busy lady who does not have a lot of time to spend on the computer...

I will be looking for it... :-)

ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2006/3/7 8:37

Diane... the mark is a literal mark. That's why it can also be in the hand.

Rev 13:16-17 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their **right hand, or** in their foreheads: And that **no man might buy or sell**, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

How much more plain and obvious can the Word of God be?? This was the error of the gnostics. They spiritualized everything until even Jesus was not believed to be flesh and blood, but a phantom.

Krispy

Re: revelations "who can interpret it", on: 2006/3/7 8:42

Krispy,

I'm sorry too, but I enjoyed NC and will try to catch up with you in the future.

On the mark, the reason I asked Annie that is I looked up the Greek, and the word is 'engraved'. Now, is this different from a word which means etched?

The reason I ask should be obvious, and that is, that we REALLY ARE living letters. The MARK on our hearts is 'real' - but it is spiritual.

Re: Mark - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/3/7 8:55

Revelation talks about two different marks placed on the foreheads: one placed there at God's direction as stated in Rev . 9:4 and the other made by man (Rev. 13:16-17) - who took the mark of the beast. So it would appear all will have a mark.

EDIT: The purpose of each is totally different. The one man by man is so he could buy and sell. The other made by God was to preserve him in the midst of God's judgement poured out on the earth.

Now I am not personally interested in getting into an eschatological discussion of pres, a-s, post Millenniumism.:-)

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by Greenquality, on: 2006/3/7 9:07

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Re:, on: 2006/3/7 10:17

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I think someone could get the impression that I dont think that the mark of the beast is spiritual, which is not what I believe. It is spiritual. But it is also physical.

It is spiritual in that it is the ultimate deception played on man by Satan. Mankind will be deceived by the anti-Christ even tho he has been warned about him for 2,000 years... or however long it is should the Lord tarry.

And it's a cut off point for mankind. If one takes the mark there is no hope of salvation during that time.

Krispy

Re:Compute, on: 2006/3/7 10:20

Please read this ...

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I will add that there are many "and"s and "or"s in connection with The Beast.

And to the others, please notice these verses and see that it is not just the chip; but is clear that it {the mark} must be physical.

Rev 13:17 *And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*

Rev 13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath 'understanding' 'count' the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

That word to "count" means an intelligent "compute". That is implying that there must be use of one's Brain to "figure" and one can only "figure" if they know what to look for {"hath understanding"}.

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Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, *and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands;* and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

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Making three ways to be damned.

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Re:, on: 2006/3/7 11:08

I absolutely believe it will be a mark similar to a tatoo of sorts. It will be something easily identifiable... and I believe it will be in conjunction with the chip.

Dogs have this already... a chip implant with owner info, etc... and they get a tag for their collar that indicates to a vet if they have this chip. A mark, if you will.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2006/3/7 11:53

Krispy, I agree and have stated so also on page one.

But the important part that I also think we need to see is that, some may also 'not' take the chip yet be damned ... {which is also a GPS unit and holds all personal 'profiling' data that is already collected and being collected as we type :-D } ... but there are those out there ... that know all of this about the chip, and have clearly stated that they will not by any means "take it" ... but they are Not Saved.

Then the others who don't believe it is a chip and will take it thinking they are not worshipping the beast OR his image.

The Three Damnable ways.

Yet, unless they are those who "will be" saved ... they will be still "taken in" in their thinking by the Beast and marvel at him or the system of the beast.

That is why these verses in that post above need to be looked at One Word At A Time. And also with the original language.

Such as the "in" and "upon" in Rev 20:4 and most especially all the "or"s - "and"s - "neither"s.

Thanks.

Re: - posted by Greenquality, on: 2006/3/7 13:09

What I'm saying, this person who has autism, and who is gifted from God, also is able to express what he does in his mind with numbers. Numbers are shapes, sound, textures, color, very abstract in our understanding of numbers, he sees the number (6) as having no shape, void, dark, a nothingness. To me I'm profounded, because the mark of the beast is 666. In the Jewish tradition any mark on the body or tattoo is forbidden. During WW2 we seen this done. How do you think we will be fooled again? We already know not to take a mark of any sort. BUT we can be fooled in our mind to believe in something that is false. Cain bore a mark for his protection by God. I think in terms, anti-christ as being christ like. Like Pepsi and Coke which is the real coke? They look alike, they have the same bubbly CO2 and color! but they taste differently.

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Re: - posted by Greenquality, on: 2006/3/7 13:18

Here a test! read.... matt ch 4 ver6... and read ps91:11,12 which one of these verses that is being Quoted, is false, or twisted?

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Friend, even though there's a few thoughts going on in your post here, it is well received.

First off ... with a little investigation you will find out that IBM ran the "numbering" of the prisoners of WW2 and that if you go back from Applied Digital Solutions and the Digital Angel (some of the chip makers), those smaller names, really originated and belong to IBM again.

About "Numbers" ... phew ... the beast system 'is' very very spiritual and very much into "numbers" ... but that is the dark side that your autistic genius sees "6" and is so true but Satan counterfeits and "anti.s" all things of God and how God uses numbers.

Those of the dark side, the very mystical mystery religion of the "coming one" are Extremely superstitious in their use of numbers and won't even "do" anything, unless it is on a "certain date and a specific numerical time".

You also mentioned "shapes, color, texture, and sounds" Our God is SOOOOOO unimaginably BIG that all things 'are' connected in all of these things but Satan and cohorts have perverted all created things into their own dark religion(s) and the New Age unto this darker world that

"anti" Christ will appear from have all this "wisdom" inverted and twisted and I'm afraid to say, Totally BACKWARDS ... in the darkest sense of that word. That is why their religion has also taken on the name "mystery".

Some really dark stuff there.

And Amen to your Last Line :-)

Who knows "who" we're entertaining unawares.
Of Angels or men or Prophets or Priests.

Lord Bless brother.
Annie

Re: revelations "who can interpret it", on: 2006/3/7 13:35

Hi Greenquality,

I looked up both verses and apart from the obvious - that the New Testament is close to a quote from the Old - it might be asking too much to expect Lucifer to use the word of God honestly.... might it not?

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/3/7 22:24

There will still be people who will take that mark and rationalize it by saying God would not be so cruel to damn them...He is too loving!!! and they are too good! Just like a lot of other things. To prepare ourselves for this possibility, we must now do things that are unpopular, be obedient to things we do not like to do...you fill in the blanks...all of us, I would reckon, have to deal with this in one form or another. We cannot now be careless in our obedience and then expect it will be easier when things get difficult.

ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2006/3/8 7:00

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Karl

Re:, on: 2006/3/8 7:31

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Karl,

Thank you for this. I very much enjoyed it. Soul food. Amen.

Re: who can interpret - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/3/8 7:52

Quote:

-----John was saying this, Those of you who are Seers can interpret this.

And even then, in the Bible seers did not utter interpretations without receiving it from the Lord. Divine revelation requires divine interpretation. Daniel did not attempt to speculate the meaning of his dream. Even then, he was very old when he received revelation about future kingdoms.

There is a statement that says: Fools trample where angels fear to tread. And, indeed, many have trampled into the field of interpretation without waiting for divine revelation, or seeing the danger that they put themselves and others in.

Some also fail to see that just perhaps God has certain people in the Church whom he has called to receive certain interpretation... And they might not be one of them.

Speculation has always been a human passion. However after you think for a long time that something is a possibility, it eventually becomes truth to you. And over time it becomes harder and harder to think of other possibilities. And then you pass your "insight" on to others, as if it is truth. And then, down the generations people start looking for things that might just not be true. Satan can easily lead them further down the garden path - AWAY from Christ.

Sad to say, many who utter interpretations have not had their own "Isle of Patmos" experience. They have no idea what it is to hear from God in the smaller day to day matters.

If I could walk back through time I would love to ask all those who taught me escalogical interpretations one question: "Where did you receive this knowledge?"

Answers such as, "Well, it just has to be that way; that makes sense; or I heard it in Bible College, or some well-known speaker said it, just does not necessarily qualify as divine revelation.

If one's pursuit to understand 666 is not precluded by a very serious consideration of Rev. 2 and 3 - the letters to the churches, and similar scriptures, they are in danger of deception.

God makes it very clear, in many places in the Bible, who will be deceived and fail to enter his kingdom. And if those references don't bear a heavy burden on our soul, then we are just playing chess with God's word in more obscure passages. And also, we are not preparing ourselves or anyone to stand their ground in the face of persecution, temptation, and deception.

Diane

Re:, on: 2006/3/8 18:03

Quote:

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This is where and when I always get myself in trouble ... while I'm RUSHING to get "supper" done for hubby. But I've got to get this out of my system before I myself can eat.

IF a person doesn't use the correct 50/50 of Scripture searching WITH Divine Revelation ... they "will" be deceived.

God puts equal value and necessity on Both ... and I being more prone to the prophetic gifts, had to be taught this over many years of dealing with those more academic type folks.

I've come out believing in Study to show thyself approved and John 16:13.

God wrote the "secrets" of the mysteries in the "language", so never discount that. Greek is a very intricate language ... as RonB of that.

These academic type have helped to keep me sound.

I'm the dreams and visions type ... so I needed their balance ... and THANK GOD He sent those type into my life.

Amen and Bon Appetite.

Love,
Annie

Re: hey everyone - posted by crusader (), on: 2006/3/9 4:07

hello everyone

i love the way everyone has responded to my post. it has been overwhelming and thought provoking. when i study scripture i have used the principles of mr A.w.pink in his book "the interpretation of scripture" i have found that the laws and principles he uses to walk through God's word are of an extremely high standard and he constantly checks his spirit to see if his answers come from his fallen nature or the holy spirit so that his fleshly biasedness doesn't taint his interpretation of the word. My ministry always refers to man's heart (spirit) and the more i see people of this age i see the revealing of revelations warnings of the end times. i don't need to see times and wonder's to tell me that we are in the last days people's attitudes towards God tell me this. there is a universal hatred towards our lord, men are filled with violence and have anti-christ attitudes and principles.

P.s have to go but will finish of my post at a latter day :-)

Re: who can interpret revelations, on: 2006/3/9 15:02

Diane said

Quote:
-----And also, we are not preparing ourselves or anyone to stand their ground in the face of persecution, temptation, and deception.

It is my turn to be beaten by you ;-)

I have been thinking about the work God has done in my through being isolated from all but Him, His word and my own responses to it from the person that I was and am. The thread on church abuse probably sparked me off, but, I found myself understanding that there is a Divine purpose in persecution; it is not just a 'test' to see if we really will go through with God. It is far more and deeper. God will use it to *help us* find out what we are like, and to *help us* choose aright. I'm now not sure that anyone can just bounce into the kingdom and without any hostility or external pressure, be sure that they have been sufficiently refined or chastened to qualify as a son of God.

This may seem a long way off 'revelations', but I think the connection is on this one point - that we *must* KNOW Him, and the only way to be sure, is to be forced to make what feel like pretty drastic choices, sometimes. Then, as we find ourselves shedding the world and its load, we also find we are in a quieter, broader place where we can fellowship with Him instinctively, according to the Spirit. Here, we find our hearts written all over scripture, again and again. We find we do know *His* heart.