

# **Walking Through Revelation**

2021 Fasting Guide January 3 - January 24

# **JEREMIAH 33:2-3**

"This is what the LORD says, he who made the earth, the LORD who formed it and established it—the LORD is his name: <sup>3</sup> 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."



# 1 John 1:3

"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ."

Hi Strong Tower -

I am so excited for our journey together in 2021. It all begins with our Daniel fast. Over the next twenty-two days, we are going to go on an amazing adventure in the book of Revelation!

It's going to be fun! For instance, on Mondays we will be swapping recipes and sharing meal ideas.

Over the next several weeks, we will come together daily for prayer. Throughout we will celebrate communion together, worship together, pray together, read scripture together and share testimonies with one another.

If you have never experienced this type of authentic Christian community, you are in for a treat. Get ready for a rocket boost in your relationship with God!

Often times people enter into fasting as a means of seeking God for a specific blessing. Be open to a renewed sense of fellowship and connection with God. May you desire the Blesser more than the blessings. Nevertheless, we know that our God is generous and kind and is full of anticipated and unanticipated blessings.

I love how Isaiah Chapter 58 is full of practicality and promises. Take a few moments to allow God to speak to you from this amazing chapter.

For those of you with dietary restrictions, please use extreme wisdom as you fast. Make sure you are getting the essential nutrients that your body needs. We want this fast to be life-giving and not legalistic. Our goal is connection with God.

If you are new to fasting or dread fasting, sometimes you may feel weak or temptation may feel very strong; check in with us daily. It will strengthen your resolve and we got your back.

Let's do this!

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### **INSTRUCTIONS**

We will be observing a <u>Daniel Fast</u> with grains and vegetables. Those who have dietary restrictions should alter as needed. We will fast from refined sugars and simple carbs such as breads and pasta.

During the fast, we will seek the Lord together but we also encourage private devotion and prayer.

We will be using a myriad of ways to connect during the fast.

1. Monday through Friday, we will have a morning conference-call prayer using our Zoom platform.

To join by phone:

Call: 1 (929) 205-6099

Meeting ID: 843 977 578 97#

Participant ID: \*023334#

To join by the Zoom app:

Meeting ID: 843 977 578 97

Participant ID: 023334

- 2. **Daily scripture reading.** Our scripture reading for each day will be one chapter of the book of Revelation. The fast will take us through all twenty-two chapters.
  - a. As Revelation instructs us, "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near." Rev. 1:3

- There is a blessing reserved in reading through the book! We will focus upon reading through the book while making some general observations regarding proper interpretation.
- 3. **Evening Gatherings.** We will have an evening gathering each day of the week from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Participants can either: a) gather in the STCC **sanctuary** by reservation (see below); b) **live stream** from the STCC website or Facebook page; or c) **call in** using our one-tap mobile number: 1 (929) 205-6099.

# PLEASE NOTE: SANCTUARY RESERVATIONS

Sanctuary gatherings will be limited to 30 persons; you must use the Church app or Church website to register in advance.

On the app, click: Events  $\supset$  Evening Fast Gathering  $\supset$  Register.

On the **website**, visit this <u>link</u> or click on "Register for Events" from the home page and then click on the "Fasting & Prayer" box.

### Please remember:

- If you feel ill or are feverish, please stay home.
- Masks are required to enter the building and must be worn at all times.
- Temperature checks are required to enter the building.
   We will use a non-contact forehead thermometer.

## OVERVIEW OF REVELATION

by Dr. Richard Fredericks, Pastor Emeritus/Adult Pathway Pastor, <u>Damascus Road Community Church</u>

The dominant theme in the entire book of Revelation is the Lamb, not the lion...not the awe-inspiring judge, but the Lamb. 28 times (four times seven) Jesus is identified as the Lamb.

Front to back the New Testament wants us to see Jesus primarily in His role as the crucified Savior and our risen Lord through His victory in Gethsemane, on Calvary and by the empty tomb. Revelation is no exception. It aligns with and concludes everything revealed in the 26 books that precede it.

The word 'apocalypse' literally means an unveiling, a drawing back of the curtain in order to allow us to see clearly. So, Revelation was not written to confuse or obscure, but to clarify our understanding of Jesus.

Revelation, like the rest of the New Testament, makes clear that God's decisive victory for all of human history has already happened in Jesus' atoning death on the cross. There He triumphed over sin, dealt a death blow to Satan and provided our redemption. Because of that victory, no matter how powerful it still seems, all evil is already defeated – "The dragon is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short." Revelation 12:12

Now all human history is shown, in Revelation, to be the fulfillment and complete outworking of Matthew 24:14 and 28:18-20!

## **RESOURCES**

For an excellent overview of the Book of Revelation:

- https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/revelation
- https://bibleproject.com/podcast/series/apocalypticliterature
- https://bibleproject.com/church-at-home/day-of-the-lord/

Also, check out the Book of Daniel:

https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/daniel

# **WEEK ONE:** January 3 – January 9

# Gatherings can be accessed via:

- The STCC sanctuary (reservations required; see p. 5)
- Live stream from the <u>STCC website</u> or <u>Facebook page</u>
- Call-in using our one-tap mobile number: 1 (929) 205-6099

Day 1/ Sunday, January 3rd		
Scripture reading:	☐ Revelation 1	
Gatherings:	☐ 11 a.m. Sunday Service	
	☐ 6 p.m. Teaching	
Day 2/ Monday, January 4th		
Scripture reading:	☐ Revelation 2	
Conference Call:	☐ 7 a.m. Prayer	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Monday Meal Share	
Day 3/ Tuesday, January 5th		
Scripture Reading:	☐ Revelation 3	
Conference Call:	☐ 7 a.m. Prayer	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Be the Light Box	

Day 4/ Wednesday, January 6th		
Scripture Reading:	☐ Revelation 4	
Conference Call:	☐ 7 a.m. Prayer	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Worship Night	
Day 5/ Thursday, Jan	uary 7th	
Scripture Reading:	☐ Revelation 5	
Conference Call:	☐ 7 a.m. Prayer	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Teaching	
Day 6/ Friday, Januar	y 8th	
Scripture Reading:	☐ Revelation 6	
Conference Call:	☐ 7 a.m. Prayer	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Be the Light Box	
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Day 7/ Saturday, January 9th		
Scripture Reading:	☐ Revelation 7	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Prayer & Testimonies	

# **WEEK TWO:** January 10 – January 16

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- Live stream from the <u>STCC website</u> or <u>Facebook page</u>
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Day 8/ Sunday, January 10th		
Scripture reading:	☐ Revelation 8	
Gatherings:	☐ 11 a.m. Sunday Service	
	☐ 6 p.m. <u>Compassion International</u> Children's Sponsorships	
Day 9/ Monday, January 11th		
Scripture reading:	☐ Revelation 9	
Conference Call:	☐ 7 a.m. Prayer	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Monday Meal Share	
Day 10/ Tuesday, January 12th		
Scripture Reading:	☐ Revelation 10	
Conference Call:	☐ 7 a.m. Prayer	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Prayer & Testimonies	

Day 11/ Wednesday, January 13th		
Scripture Reading:	☐ Revelation 11	
Conference Call:	☐ 7 a.m. Prayer	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Worship Night	
Day 12/ Thursday, Jar	nuary 14th	
Scripture Reading:	☐ Revelation 12	
Conference Call:	☐ 7 a.m. Prayer	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Communion and	
	Foot Washing	
Day 13/ Friday, Januar	ry 15th	
Scripture Reading:	☐ Revelation 13	
Conference Call:	☐ 7 a.m. Prayer	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Be the Light Box	
Day 14/ Saturday, January 16th		
Scripture Reading:	☐ Revelation 14	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Prayer and Isaiah 58 Teaching	

# WEEK THREE: January 17 – January 23

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- Live stream from the <u>STCC website</u> or <u>Facebook page</u>
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Day 15/ Sunday, January 17th		
Scripture reading:	☐ Revelation 15	
Gatherings:	☐ 11 a.m. Sunday Service	
	☐ 6 p.m. Movie Night	
Day 16/ Monday, Jan	uary 18th	
Scripture reading:	☐ Revelation 16	
Conference Call:	☐ 7 a.m. Prayer	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Monday Meal Share	
Day 17/ Tuesday, January 19th		
Scripture Reading:	☐ Revelation 17	
Conference Call:	☐ 7 a.m. Prayer	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Revelation Teaching/Richard Fredericks "The Revelation of Jesus Christ"	

Day 18/ Wednesday, January 20th		
Scripture Reading:	☐ Revelation 18	
Conference Call:	☐ 7 a.m. Prayer	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Testimony Night on Zoom	
Day 19/ Thursday, January 21st		
Scripture Reading:	☐ Revelation 19	
Conference Call:	☐ 7 a.m. Prayer	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Testimonies & Prayer	
Day 20/ Friday, January 22nd		
Scripture Reading:	☐ Revelation 20	
Conference Call:	☐ 7 a.m. Prayer	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Worship Fest	
Day 21/ Saturday, January 23rd		
Scripture Reading:	☐ Revelation 21	
Gatherings:	☐ 6 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service	

# Day 22/ Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> Scripture reading: □ Revelation 22 Gatherings: □ 11 a.m. Sunday Service □ 6 p.m. Break Fast Breakfast! NOTES

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