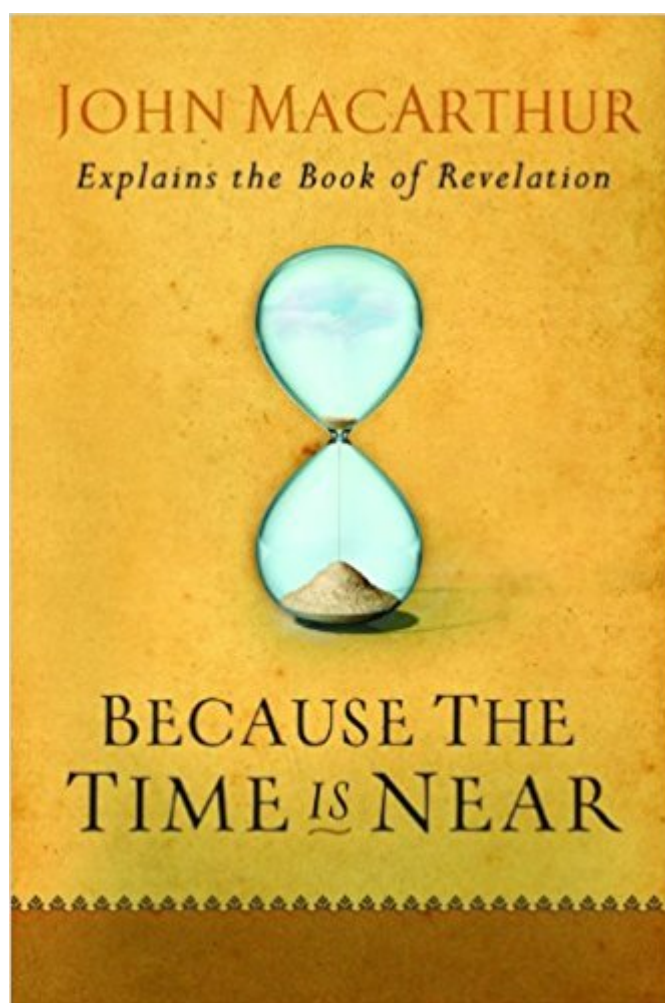


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With the possible exception of Dr. Tim LaHaye, no other Bible commentator has informed my own writing as much as that of John MacArthur. I find myself turning to him again and again.-Jerry B. Jenkins, author of The Left Behind series
God promised a blessing to those who read the

book of Revelation (1:3). It is not possible to be blessed by just reading unless you understand it. That is where John MacArthur's gift of simplifying complex truth makes this such a timely and meaningful book. You will be blessed, edified, and inspired as you read this practical and true-to-the-Scripture commentary on the last great prophecy in the Bible.-Tim LaHaye, author of The Left Behind series Thorough, accurate and straight-forward. It's the way my friend, John MacArthur, preaches, teaches, and writes. I'm grateful for the way John's literal interpretation of Revelation shines bright and buoyant hope onto the dark and dismal age in which we live. -Joni Eareckson Tada, The JAF International Disability Center

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I know that since the beginning of time people have thought it was the end times. So it would be easy to discount or ignore all the "signs" all around us these days. Reading Revelation is like going into a foreign country and trying to understand the road, street and merchant signs leading the way throughout the cities. Some of the signs are pretty standard and understandable, while others have you scratching your head, looking through the tourist/language dictionary and asking a citizen to help you. Well, John MacArthur is the "citizen" and this book is the dictionary. What's amazing is that you perk up and think thoughts like "I didn't know that", "wow, it's like reading the headlines today", "that makes perfect sense", "goodness, I will need to spend more time looking through the OT and NT scripture references". and "I love the history lessons embedded through it all". This is

not a elementary age study...John doesn't insult his readers with the watered down, tickle the ears, new age nonsense that so many are peddling these days. The book of Revelation has a very serious message...that includes severe warnings and a blessed hope for those who are serious about learning the Truth found in God's last book to us. John MacArthur treats it with the respect it deserves. .

This study of Revelation was an excellent resource. I didn't find it to be sensationalistic or mystical. Instead it was a straight and sober, reverent study of a Bible book that I have come to expect from John MacArthur. If your goal is to be entertained in the way that the History channel tries to present the Bible, and especially end-time theology, this is not the book for you. If your goal is to study Revelation section, by section, while having all of the symbols and cross-references to the old testament explained...you will thoroughly enjoy this book. I just want to point out that I thought John MacArthur spent a little more time than normal explaining various denominational interpretations of certain key passages of the book. He is normally very unapologetic about his theology (and I like that), but in this case he took a more inclusive tone. He still firmly states where he stands, but he explains where some of the big interpretative disagreements are, and the alternatives, without a lot of judgement.

I found this book very helpful while studying REVELATION. I respect John MacArthur and believe he is an accomplished and knowledgeable author. He references scripture for the explanations and I found this very helpful in correlating between old and new testament prophecy. I highly recommend.

I've read revelation 3-4 times now and couldn't make head or tail of it. Whether I write a review or not I always look for a reason to deduct points, not add them. And I started off by deleting ~~5~~ a star from this book bringing it back to a very respectable 4.5 stars. If you're familiar with John MacArthur's writings and sermons you'll be familiar with his ability to really bring the ancient scriptures to life with his use of allegory and comparisons to the current age. If this text lacked anything at all it's John's valleys and troughs in his writing. This book tended to be more a down the line explanation of revelation, it did at times reach a high point where you had to grip your seat, but I'd say for the most part it sailed in safe waters. For visual learners who need those visual aids to help them understand better I would have liked to have seen more comprehensive diagrams on the revelation time line, because it can get confusing as to where you are up to. Also a more detailed

index would have been nice too. Because this was a thorough explanation of every passage of revelation (with some well researched cross references) and its one that needs to be told with absolute clarity and precision I'm adding that half star back and giving it 5. I now understand the book of Revelation. Great work there John.

Great book. Explains things so even I can understand. John MacArthur is a great teacher. Revelations explained in a chapter format.

loved history background, concise and discerning explanations, Revelation Relevant For Today.

wonderful

Una vez más el Hermano John MacArthur nos guía con mucha sabiduría por el estudio de Apocalipsis, podemos aprender mucho de este precioso libro, no debemos temerle ni imaginarnos cosas más allá de su verdadero propósito...prepararnos para esperarle a Jesús, Quién es el que nos da este mensaje...¡Sino los has leído te lo recomiendo!!

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