

Names of God from the Bible

57 – The Overcoming Lamb

Wow, what a Name! How fantastic it is to know who wins!

Reading: Revelation 17:1-14

The Book of Revelation is not easy to understand; however, there are clues to help us, and some pictures in the Book are vivid and foundational. As we examine the Book in relationship with other Scriptures, certain facts emerge that fill us with excitement, peace and extreme joy.

Yes, the future is revealed in principle and there are clues as to some events that must take place. However, there are insights that are as certain as the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We don't need to speculate that there is a war on. A war between good and evil, a war between Satan and God, between the forces of darkness and the authority of light. We know about it from other Scriptures and we are equally convinced from our own experience. How else can we explain the occult, child abuse, sexual deviation and abuse, and the holocaust? Yes, as human beings, we constantly make choices that are either good or bad and yet there are times when we can observe a degree of evil that seems to transcend even the most callous human mind.

Our hearts and minds cry out for peace, justice and righteousness, for the cessation of inhumane atrocities and the insatiable quest for supremacy through atomic warfare. Though the world ignores or ridicules both the Creator God and His Church, there is, nevertheless, a search for meaning and peaceful co-existence between the world and the Church? Unfortunately, that is often at the expense of others since we are all basically selfish, self-centred and self-serving.

The Scriptures declare quite strongly that God, the Creator of the Heavens and the earth, is still in control of our final destiny. He has not abdicated His throne. There will be a Day of Reckoning. There will be a time when a final battle will be fought between the forces of Satan and the forces of God. This current age will be wrapped up, not at the will of humans to self-destruct, not even at the will and conspiracy of Satan, but in God's perfect timing, in accordance with His perfect will.

Satan's timing, best laid plan and opportunity took place at the Cross of Calvary. He thought that he had won the battle when, in fact, he lost the war. He was hell-bent on destroying the Author of Life. However, Jesus did not only satisfied God's wrath against sin, He also reclaimed the keys of death and Hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

All that is left is the clearing up exercise prior to the final confrontation when it will be divinely and eternally revealed that Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords. Satan will be exposed as the Great and Evil Deceiver, defeated, and, together with his minions and followers, banished forever into the Lake of Fire to suffer total annihilation and destruction.

When Jesus rose bodily from the dead that first Easter morning, the end had been secured. Any doubt as to who the final Victor would be was dispelled. Death, Satan and Hell have been defeated; all that was left was for the final number of the redeemed to be secured and then the end of evil will be revealed.

Jesus expects us to stand today against all forms of evil. No, not in our strength, but through the power of the risen and Overcoming Lamb.

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Yes, Jesus died at Calvary as the Lamb of God, but He rose again as the Overcoming Lamb that can and will never be defeated. "His called, chosen and faithful followers" will be there to witness the final victory.

As Tim Smith wrote:

*I want to be there when the trumpet calls.
I want to be there when the enemy falls.
I want to be there when the Lord is come.
I want to be there when the battle is won.
I want to be there.*

What does that name mean for us today

The greatest fears we will ever have to face are the fear of the unknown future and the fear of death. By Jesus' death and bodily resurrection, the fear of the future and the power of death, Satan and Hell have been defeated forever.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, please accept my praise and worship for the fact that You conquered Satan, death and Hell by rising again. Thank You that, one day, I shall see You in all Your majesty and glory. Amen.

Additional Readings

- Revelation 7:9-17
- Revelation 12:7-12
- Revelation 1:4-8

Questions

1. What does this name mean to you?
2. Has God revealed the significance of this name to you? How and when?
3. How does Jesus fulfil that name?