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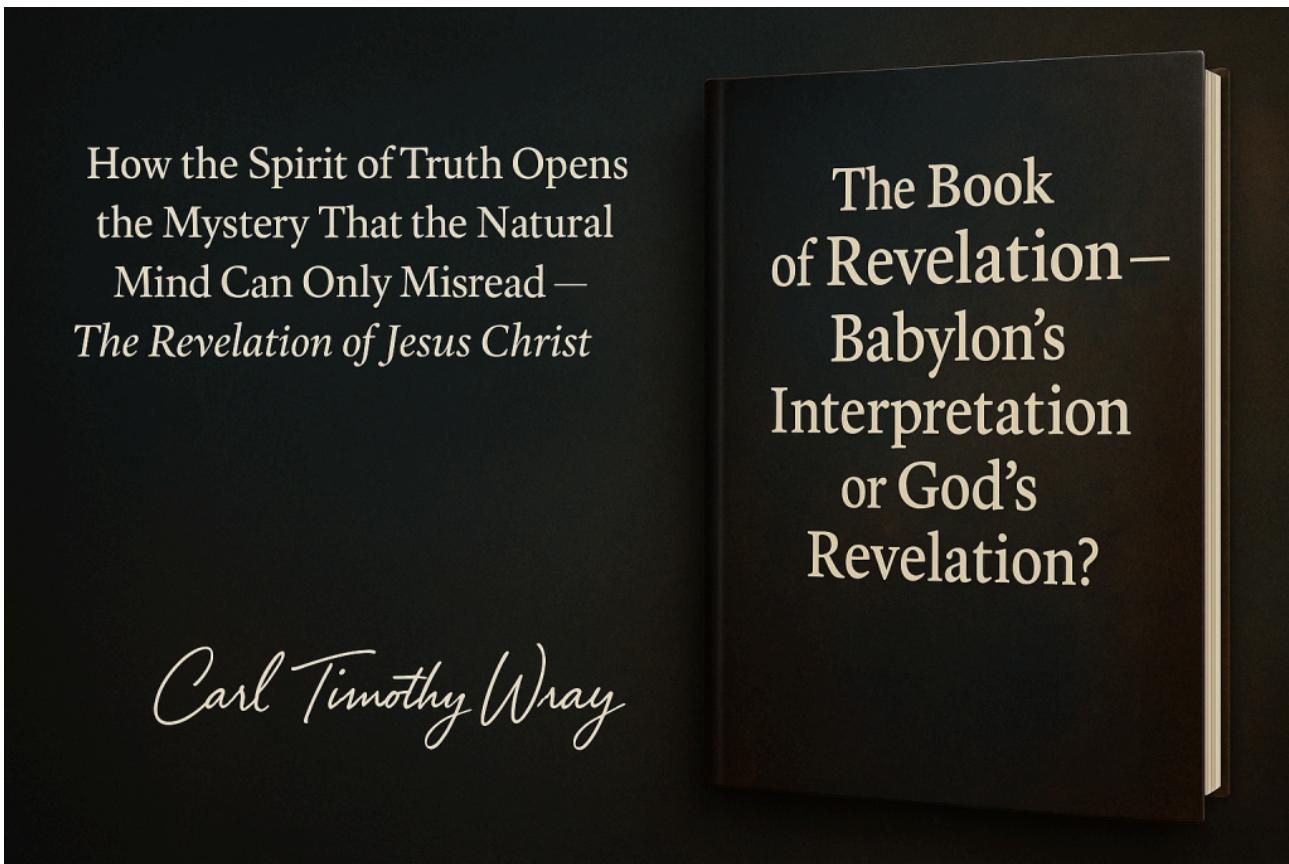
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The Book of Revelation — Babylon's Interpretation or God's Revelation?

The Book of Revelation — How the Spirit of Truth Opens the Mystery That the Natural Mind Can Only Misread — The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

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Introduction:

For two thousand years the Book of Revelation has stood as the dividing line between two kinds of understanding. Babylon reads it as history, politics, and fear—dragons in the sky, battles on the earth, a God angry and far away. But God never authored confusion. He authored Revelation, not riddles.

The Spirit of Truth speaks again: "Come up higher and see." When the veil is lifted, every symbol becomes a mirror of Christ within. The beasts are not governments to fear but natures to overcome; the fire is not punishment but purification; the New Jerusalem is not a city in the clouds but the union of Spirit and soul made one in Him.

This scroll brings righteous judgment on the method of Babylon—interpreting by logic, not by life—and restores the way God reveals Himself: Spirit interpreting Spirit.

The goal is not to argue doctrine but to open eyes; not to destroy, but to heal; not to prove man wrong, but to let the Lamb be right in every heart.

Chapter 1 — God's Testimony of Himself

Babylon's Interpretation or God's Revelation?

The Clear Teaching

From Genesis to Revelation, God has never relied on human logic to describe Himself. He reveals Himself by His Spirit, not by explanation, for only Spirit can unveil Spirit. When Jesus said, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father," He was declaring that God interprets Himself through manifestation, not argument. The prophets heard; the apostles beheld; and every believer who receives the Holy Ghost hears the same inner testimony: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

Babylon's pulpit says, "God means exactly what He says and says exactly what He means."

But the Lord never taught that rule; men did. The Spirit says, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith." God speaks in such a way that the carnal ear can hear the sound and miss the meaning, while the awakened heart catches the life inside the word. Literalism studies God; Revelation beholds Him.

The Unveiling for the Elect

When God testifies of Himself, He does so through union, not distance.

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit." (Rom 8:16)

That witness is His self-disclosure inside us. His Word enters our spirit as seed; His light expands until the soul begins to mirror the same image. This is how He interprets Himself — not by external commentary but by internal transformation.

Every symbol in the Book of Revelation follows this law. The trumpet, the throne, the lampstand — they are not props in heaven; they are dimensions of awareness in the

believer. Babylon's method tries to map them on timelines; God's method engraves them on hearts. When the Lamb opens the seals, He is opening the hidden chambers of our own being. The unveiling is not chronological; it is Christological — Christ revealed in you.

Thus the righteous judgment of God begins: the Spirit lifts His plumb line against every sermon, commentary, and algorithm that treats divine mystery as data. The letter kills because it removes God from the conversation. The Spirit gives life because He is the conversation.

Declaration

I hear the Lord say, "Let My Word interpret My heart."
I refuse Babylon's rule of literalism; I receive the Spirit's rule of revelation.
The veil is torn; the Witness within speaks; and the sons are learning the language of their Father.

Call to Action

Pause and ask: How does God testify of Himself in me?
Before reading the next chapter, sit quietly and let one verse rise in your spirit — not to analyze it, but to hear it. Write what the Spirit shows you. That hearing is the beginning of true interpretation. The **Book of Revelation** begins when the Spirit teaches us how God testifies of Himself within the heart.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

Chapter 2 — The False Witness of Literalism

*(From The Book of Revelation — Babylon's Interpretation or God's Revelation?)

The Clear Teaching

Literalism begins with a good desire—to honor the written Word—but it stops at the surface. Babylon teaches that truth is trapped in grammar: "God means exactly what He says." Yet Scripture itself shows that Jesus spoke in parables, symbols, and signs. The same Lord who said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up," was not talking about stones; He was unveiling resurrection life.

The Book of Revelation follows that same pattern. Every image points beyond itself: lamps mean light; beasts mean nature; fire means purification. When the reader insists on taking the symbol as substance, the heart misses the message. The literalist can quote every verse and still not meet the Voice behind the verse.

The Unveiling for the Elect

Literalism is Babylon's greatest idol because it replaces relationship with reasoning. The carnal mind wants control; the Spirit invites communion. When man says, "I will explain God," he dethrones the Witness and enthrones intellect. That is the false witness of literalism—truth without life.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ is written in Spirit-code: "He sent and signified it." (Rev 1 : 1) Signified means expressed by signs. To decode those signs we need the same Spirit that inspired them. Without that Spirit, the letter becomes law, and the law crucifies what it cannot comprehend.

The Lord's righteous judgment upon literalism is love itself: light that exposes darkness so it can be healed. He does not condemn the reader; He invites the reader to be born of the Word they read. The true interpreter is not the scholar but the transformed. Only by the Spirit can we escape Babylon's literalism and see the living Word inside the **Book of Revelation**.

Declaration

I renounce the false witness of literalism.

I will no longer search the Scriptures to defend my opinion; I will search them to behold His face.

The Spirit of Truth is my teacher, and every symbol will reveal the Lamb within me.

Call to Action

Open your Bible to one symbol in Revelation—lampstand, trumpet, river, or city. Ask the Spirit: What part of Christ's nature does this reveal? Write the answer that rises in your heart. That act of hearing is the first strike of righteous judgment against Babylon's mind.

Chapter 3 — Why Jesus Spoke in Parables

Babylon's Interpretation or God's Revelation?

The Clear Teaching

Jesus used stories and pictures because truth must be caught, not merely taught. When His disciples asked, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" He replied,

"Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given." (Matt 13 : 11)

The parable hides revelation from the proud and unveils it to the humble. It is mercy disguised as mystery: those not ready to receive are protected from accountability they cannot yet bear. This principle flows straight into the Book of Revelation. Its visions, beasts, and symbols are not riddles to confuse but parables to invite. Each image conceals glory until the Spirit opens the heart to hear.

The Unveiling for the Elect

Every parable is a mirror. The story of the sower, the vineyard, the wedding feast—all speak of Christ within, sowing, tending, and marrying the soul. When Jesus spoke, He wasn't giving lectures on agriculture or etiquette; He was revealing the inner life of God through human language.

Babylon's teachers approach parables with analysis; Zion's sons approach them with adoration. The mind of Babylon wants a codebook; the mind of the Spirit becomes

the codebreaker because it is one with the Speaker.

So too in the Revelation of Jesus Christ. John's visions are not future catastrophes but living parables of transformation:

The seals = veils lifted from perception.

The trumpets = progressive awakenings of the soul.

The city = the soul fully illuminated with God.

When the Lamb opens the scroll, He is opening you. The purpose of every parable, every symbol, every signified image is to move revelation from your spirit into your soul until thought and emotion shine with divine understanding. Every parable opens the mystery that later blooms in the symbols of the **Book of Revelation**.

Declaration

Lord, I thank You for the language of heaven.

I will no longer stumble over symbols; I will listen for Your voice inside them.

Let every parable become prophecy within me—Spirit interpreting Spirit, until the veil is gone.

Call to Action

Take one parable—perhaps the sower, the mustard seed, or the treasure hidden in the field.

Read it slowly.

Ask the Spirit: What part of Christ's life is being sown into me here?

Write the thought that comes. That is revelation beginning its journey from spirit to soul.

Chapter 4 — The Divine Principle of Concealment

Babylon's Interpretation or God's Revelation?

The Clear Teaching

The Bible itself says, "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, and the honor of kings to search it out." (Prov 25 : 2)

God hides things, not to keep people away, but to invite them deeper. He veils truth so that only hunger can find it. The casual reader meets the surface; the seeker meets the Spirit.

The Book of Revelation is written in this same divine style. Its seals and symbols are not barriers—they are doors. Each hidden meaning is a call to intimacy. Babylon's religion says, "If it's hidden, it's suspicious." But the Spirit says, "If it's hidden, it's holy." Concealment is how God protects His treasures until His sons are mature enough to carry them.

The Unveiling for the Elect

The divine principle of concealment is woven into every act of redemption. God hid Himself in flesh, that humanity might learn to see glory under humility. He hid life inside death, that resurrection might spring from the grave. He hid the kingdom inside parables, that only love could interpret love.

So when the Revelation of Jesus Christ begins with the words "He signified it," it is the same pattern: Spirit wrapped in symbol, light veiled in language. Babylon's interpreters strip away the veil with intellect and lose the wonder; the Spirit's sons bow before the veil and let it open itself.

This is righteous judgment on the world's way of reading God:

Babylon says, "If I cannot understand it, it has no meaning."

God says, "If you cannot yet understand it, wait until the Spirit unveils it."

Concealment guards mystery from manipulation. The moment the proud think they've mastered the secret, the meaning shifts, and humility becomes the only key that still fits the door. What God hides in the prophets He unveils through the Spirit in the **Book of Revelation**.

Declaration

Lord, I embrace the hiddenness of Your wisdom.
I no longer call mystery confusion; I call it glory.
What You conceal, You intend to reveal; what You hide, You mean to heal.
Open the eyes of my heart until every veil becomes a doorway into You.

Call to Action

Take one passage that has always puzzled you.
Instead of forcing an explanation, simply ask, "What are You hiding for me, not from me?"
Wait. Let silence become your teacher. Often the first whisper of understanding comes as peace before it comes as words.

Chapter 5 — The Spiritual Ear and the Hidden Word

Babylon's Interpretation or God's Revelation?

The Clear Teaching

Over and over, Jesus said, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." He was not talking about the fleshly ear on the side of your head, but the ear of the heart — the capacity of the inner man to discern the voice of the Spirit.

The Book of Revelation repeats this same line seven times: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

That's the true key to every chapter of Revelation. The Spirit isn't trying to impress you with visions of beasts or bowls; He's trying to awaken your hearing. The end-time isn't a calendar; it's an unveiling of awareness.

Babylon's religion hears words but not voice, sound but not meaning. It turns hearing into analysis. God turns hearing into transformation.

The Unveiling for the Elect

Hearing in the Spirit is not a skill; it's a birthright.

The new creation man hears the Word of God because the Word lives within him. When Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice," He was revealing a relationship, not an ability. The spiritual ear is created when the Word enters the spirit and resonates as life.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ is the book of hearing restored. John didn't invent the visions; he heard them. The voice said, "Write what you see." Hearing and seeing in the Spirit are joined — the ear opens, and the soul receives light.

Babylon teaches that hearing God is rare and reserved for the few. Zion knows it is the normal state of the son. Babylon studies God from outside; Zion communes with God from within.

That difference is the righteous judgment now being declared in the earth.

When the spiritual ear awakens, even the same verse reads differently. "Eat My flesh, drink My blood" no longer sounds scandalous — it sounds like invitation. The Word that once offended begins to feed.

Declaration

Lord, open the ear of my understanding.

Let me hear what the Spirit is saying right now, not just what men have said about

You.

Every word I read in Scripture, let it echo with the sound of Your heart.

Call to Action

Before reading further, close your eyes for a moment.

Whisper the words of Revelation 2:7 — "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith."

Then listen for one phrase, one impression, one spark of light. That whisper is how revelation moves from Spirit to soul. Write it down and keep it. You've just heard the hidden Word. Hearing the inner voice is the true key to unlocking the **Book of Revelation**.

Chapter 6 — The Carnal Mind Cannot See

*(From The Book of Revelation — Babylon's Interpretation or God's Revelation?)

The Clear Teaching

Paul wrote, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Cor 2 : 14)

This is not condemnation; it's simple reality. The human mind, left to itself, cannot grasp spiritual truth any more than the eye can taste or the ear can smell. Each sense has its own realm. The mind of flesh belongs to the world of logic and sight; the Spirit belongs to the realm of revelation and faith.

The Book of Revelation is filled with visions that the natural mind finds impossible: a slain Lamb who reigns, a city descending out of heaven, a sea of glass before the throne. Babylon tries to make these images literal and loses the message. God gives them to open the inner eyes of understanding.

The Unveiling for the Elect

The carnal mind is not merely ignorance—it's independence. It insists on judging spiritual truth by natural reasoning. It wants to see before it believes, while the Spirit invites us to believe in order to see.

That's why Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." The new birth is the creation of a new faculty of perception—the mind of Christ.

Every beast, trumpet, and bowl in the Revelation of Jesus Christ is a picture of this inner transformation. The seals break open the chambers of the soul where the carnal mind once ruled. The Lamb does not destroy thought; He renews it. Revelation is not anti-mind—it is Spirit-renewed mind.

Babylon's theology exalts information; Zion's revelation births illumination. Babylon says, "If it doesn't make sense, it can't be true." Zion says, "If it's only sense, it's probably not the full truth." When the carnal mind is dethroned, the eyes of the heart begin to see with love's intelligence. That is righteous judgment at work: light replacing darkness, understanding replacing assumption. When the mind of Christ replaces the carnal mind, the light of the **Book of Revelation** becomes clear.

Declaration

Lord, I surrender the throne of my own reasoning.

Let the mind that was in Christ be also in me.

Replace my curiosity with communion, my questions with quiet light, until I see as You see.

Call to Action

Take one passage that has always troubled your intellect.

Read it again slowly. Before you analyze, pause and pray, "Spirit of Truth, show me what this reveals about Christ."

Let the answer rise from within rather than from argument. Record the first glimmer of peace that comes—that's spiritual sight beginning to open.

Chapter 7 — The Witness Within: The Spirit's Inner Testimony

Babylon's Interpretation or God's Revelation?

The Clear Teaching

Paul wrote, "The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." (Rom 8 : 16)

That verse describes the truest form of revelation—God testifying of Himself within you.

You are not meant to live by second-hand information about God. The Spirit's role is to make the truth personal, turning doctrine into living awareness.

The Book of Revelation is built on that same reality. John did not hear about Christ from others; he heard Christ within. The voice that said, "I am Alpha and Omega," spoke directly to his spirit. Every symbol in Revelation echoes the same invitation: "Come up higher—hear Me for yourself."

Babylon's method depends on authority outside of you—teachers, systems, traditions, commentaries. God's method installs His own witness inside you so that every other voice must confirm what you already know by the Spirit of Truth.

The Unveiling for the Elect

The witness within is the Lamb enthroned in the temple of your spirit.

It is the still, luminous knowing that rises without argument, the peace that answers before the question finishes forming. That is how the Spirit speaks—not in debate, but in inner resonance. The more the soul quiets its own noise, the louder the Witness sounds.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ is a record of this inner dialogue. John's scrolls are not external prophecies; they are the outflow of communion. The seven churches represent seven dimensions of the soul where the Witness either burns brightly or is

dimmed by distraction. Every "He that hath an ear" is an invitation to return to the inner conversation.

Babylon's way trains believers to fear deception and depend on experts. Zion's way teaches sons to know their Father. That is righteous judgment: dependence on man judged by dependence on God. The Holy Spirit does not merely interpret Scripture —He interprets you to yourself until you see Christ living inside your own spirit.

Declaration

Holy Spirit, bear witness again in me.

Let Your peace confirm what is true, and Your silence correct what is false.

I choose the inner testimony over the opinions of Babylon; the Lamb's voice over the noise of the crowd.

Call to Action

Sit in stillness for a few minutes.

Ask, "Spirit of Truth, what are You saying to me right now?"

Don't strain to hear words; listen for peace, conviction, or joy. Whatever rises first is the Witness. Write it down as a memorial. The more you honor that inner testimony, the clearer it becomes.

Chapter 8 — The Engrafted Word: Transformation of the Soul

Babylon's Interpretation or God's Revelation?

The Clear Teaching

James wrote, "Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." (James 1 : 21)

The Word of God does more than inform; it implants. It enters the human heart like a seed and grows until thought, emotion, and action reflect the life of Christ.

Babylon's religion fills minds with verses but leaves souls unchanged. God's method plants living truth that becomes part of who we are. The Word doesn't stay on paper; it writes itself on the tablets of the heart.

The Book of Revelation describes this process through vivid symbols. Every trumpet, vial, and vision is the Word working within—burning away the old, shaping the new, transforming the soul into the likeness of the Lamb.

The Unveiling for the Elect

To be engrafted means to have something living joined to your own life until the two share one flow. That's what revelation does: it grafts the nature of God into the soul of man. The engrafted Word is the Lamb written into consciousness.

Each seal that opens in the Revelation of Jesus Christ represents another layer of the soul receiving light. The scroll of heaven becomes the scroll of your own being. What John saw outwardly, you experience inwardly:

The fire purifies emotion.

The trumpets awaken awareness.

The city forms when every thought and feeling vibrates with divine harmony.

This is the righteous judgment upon Babylon's method: she teaches knowledge without transformation. Zion teaches transformation until knowledge becomes nature. The true interpreter is the one whose soul has been changed by what he reads. That is the difference between memorizing Scripture and becoming it.

Declaration

Lord, let Your Word be engrafted in me.

I don't want to quote it; I want to embody it.

Every thought that once resisted You—rewrite it with the language of the Lamb.
Let my soul become the living page where Your glory is read.

Call to Action

Take one verse that burns in you.
Read it slowly, aloud if possible.
Then pray, "Lord, let this Word live in me until it thinks through my thoughts."
Repeat it during the day; listen for ways the Spirit reminds you of it. That's how the seed roots into the soul.

Chapter 9 — Judgment on Babylon's Interpretation

Babylon's Interpretation or God's Revelation?

The Clear Teaching

Peter said, "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God." (1 Pet 4 : 17)

That judgment doesn't fall as destruction—it comes as correction. When God judges, He reveals what is true so that error can be healed.

The same is happening in this generation. For centuries, Babylon's religion has interpreted the Book of Revelation as fear, wrath, and catastrophe. It made the Father appear cruel and distant. But the Spirit of Truth is overturning those tables. He is showing that judgment is simply light revealing what darkness has hidden.

The Unveiling for the Elect

Righteous judgment is not aimed at people but at methods. Babylon's method reads God through the lens of fear: literal, external, and punitive. God's method reads Himself through love: spiritual, internal, and restorative.

In the Revelation of Jesus Christ, every "wrath" scene unveils purification, not punishment. The seven bowls are not poison—they are pourings of truth that cleanse falsehood. When the fire falls, it doesn't burn saints—it refines gold. When the earthquake shakes, it breaks the foundations of false teaching so the city of God can appear.

This is the judgment unfolding right now:

Babylon's Interpretation God's Revelation

Literal fear Spiritual love

Doom of the world Renewal of the world

God as wrath God as Refiner

Knowledge without life Life that becomes knowledge

When this light appears, the systems built on misunderstanding begin to crumble. Not one brick of falsehood will remain, but every heart that loves truth will shine brighter. That is righteous judgment—truth vindicated by transformation.

Declaration

Lord, let Your judgment begin in me.

Expose every thought about You that misrepresents Your heart.

Let light fall on my understanding until fear dissolves and love defines You again.

Call to Action

Think of one doctrine or habit that once made you afraid of God.

Ask the Spirit: "What is the truth hidden beneath this fear?"

Write the new insight that comes. That exchange is the fire of judgment doing its good work.

Chapter 10 — The Call to Hear: The Restoration of Divine Communication

Babylon's Interpretation or God's Revelation?

The Clear Teaching

The closing words of Scripture echo the same invitation repeated throughout the Book of Revelation:

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

From Genesis, where God walked with Adam in the cool of the day, to Revelation, where the Spirit and the Bride say "Come," the divine purpose has never changed. God longs to speak with His creation face to face.

Babylon's religion turned hearing into ritual—people attend, recite, and repeat—but few actually listen. God's way restores communication. He doesn't shout from a distance; He whispers within. The call to hear is the call to relationship.

The Unveiling for the Elect

The Revelation of Jesus Christ ends where it began: with the voice of the Spirit. The Lamb standing in the midst of the candlesticks is still speaking in the hearts of His people. When the inner ear awakens, the dialogue between heaven and earth resumes.

This is the restoration of divine communication: the soul and spirit joined again in one sound. The "many waters" of Revelation 1 : 15 are not thunder; they are the collective voice of every awakened son and daughter echoing the same Word. God is not trying to dominate the conversation; He is sharing it.

Babylon's interpreters build walls of language—Greek, Hebrew, commentary, and creed—until the living voice of God is lost behind analysis. Zion tears down the wall and lets the Word walk again among the people. The elect hear, and in hearing, they become the message. When this happens, the universe itself begins to vibrate with divine speech; every system that once served confusion starts resonating with

truth. This is the consummation of judgment and the beginning of reconciliation: God heard again in man.

Declaration

Spirit of Truth, I answer Your call.
Teach me to live in unbroken conversation with You.
Every day, every word, every silence—let it all be communion.
I will hear, and in hearing, I will reveal You.

Call to Action

Before you finish this book, pause for one minute of silence.
No prayers, no requests—just listening.
If peace rises in your chest, that's the voice of the Spirit saying, "Well done, you have heard."
Carry that awareness into every moment, and you will find that heaven is always **speaking**—in the stillness of your spirit, in the whisper of Scripture, and in the quiet communion of daily life. The more you listen, the more the Word will walk with you.

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