

PRESS RELEASE

LANDMARKS OF FAITH The Revelation of Jesus Christ to John

A trip to Israel isn't the only way to explore the roots of the Christian faith. Jeff Harrison, former teacher and guide in the Holy Land, brings the drama and excitement of history "to life" in the Landmarks of Faith seminar series.

In his last two seminars, Pastor Harrison shared fascinating new information about the life of Jesus and history of the Church from the latest archeological discoveries and insights from Israel. This year's seminar will tackle the controversial Book of Revelation. How did the early Jewish and Gentile Christians, to whom this book was written, understand its often strange and bewildering symbols?

The answer is surprisingly simple: they appealed to the Bible itself. Most scholars agree that the complex images found in Revelation are remarkably similar to images found elsewhere in the Bible, yet few make use of these striking resemblances to interpret Revelation's meaning. Yet Scripture interpreting Scripture was the most common method used in Jesus' day by the rabbis and by Jesus' own disciples to understand the Bible. By reviving this method, using Scripture to interpret the Book of Revelation, the original message of John's visions suddenly becomes clear.

Harrison identifies these similar passages and draws out their meaning on the basis of Messianic interpretations popular in the time of the New Testament and the earliest Church. The result not only illuminates Jesus with remarkable Biblical clarity, but presents a sobering warning that the Church will face difficult times before His return, a view shared by most Christians through the ages. Here and elsewhere, the seminar exposes weaknesses in the currently popular Dispensationalism (found in many modern prophecy books) on the basis of solid Scriptural evidence and the clear testimony of earliest Christian history. Insights are also gained from Jewish culture and religion, especially worship traditions in the Jewish Temple, which strongly influence several of the visions. Unlike others, Harrison claims no privileged knowledge of the future, but restricts himself to the text of the Bible in the original languages, Jewish culture and religion, and well-known facts of Church history. The message that emerges is a challenging one, encouraging Christians to faithfulness and devotion to God in these dangerous last days.

Feedback received from those attending the seminar has been enthusiastic: "It clarifies an otherwise difficult book." "It removes the need for complex interpretations that are difficult to understand." "It makes Revelation make sense."

Pastor Harrison studied in Israel with some of the top Israeli archeologists and Christian scholars in Jerusalem. He and his wife and children are now missionaries in the Philippines. This seminar is one of the teachings he shares with pastors, Christian leaders, and churches in Asia. Through the use of information and media, Harrison takes seminar participants as close to the land of Israel as they can get without stepping on an airplane.

The Landmarks of Faith "Revelation of Jesus Christ to John" seminar will be presented at _____ located at _____ from (days and dates) _____ (meeting times) _____. Seminar booklets, which are necessary to follow along with the seminar, will be available for _____ each.[*] (Booklets can be shared by two people.) A free-will offering will also be taken. For more information contact _____.

[* Calculate copy cost for 47 page booklet, one sided, stapled. Should be less than \$4.]