

Disarming Revelation

Lesson One: Revealing Jesus

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What is non-violence?

Why does it matter?

Hebrews 1:3
John 1:18

**Who is Jesus?
Who is God?**

Does Revelation, with the violent imagery, undermine the non-violent picture of Jesus we get in the rest of the NT?

How could the apostle who wrote so much about love write so much about war, death, and destruction?

Revelation is the revelation of Jesus, so it *must* be consistent with the character of Jesus and, therefore, God.

The Temptation of Jesus

Matthew 4 versus Luke 4

Get behind me... Peter?

Jesus in John

Jesus as the new Joshua

The Anti-Christ

Jesus's Lament

**Jesus: “False Christs will
come”**

**The apostles: “The false
Christians are here.”**

**Do not suffer as an
evildoer...**

Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He crouches down, he stretches out like a lion, like a lioness—who dares rouse him up?

Genesis 49:9

Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

Revelation 5:5

Wait... a lion?

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Lesson Two: The Lion and the Lamb

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The Purpose of Revelation

Revelation is a tale of two cities.

**Revelation is a creation
story.**

**Revelation is an unveiling of
who Jesus actually is.**

Jesus in Revelation

Jesus has a sword?

**His robe was dipped in
blood?**

Here comes the lion...

Kenosis - emptying oneself

Be faithful until death...

Martyrdom in Revelation

**How have they have
conquered the beast?**

Revelation 13:7-9 || The endurance of the saints

David had two sons...

**David couldn't build the temple
because he was a man of war.**

**But was Solomon much
better?**

**Solomon became the new
pharaoh.
1 Kings 10:9**

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Chariots - 10:26-29

Pharaoh's Daughter - 11:1-3

Slave labor - 9:15

**How much gold did
Solomon bring in?
1 Kings 10:14**

**Two cities. Two Temples.
Two brides. Two ways of peace.**

The wrath of the lamb

God turned them over...

**“The land will spew you
out...”**

Wait... not like that...
Zechariah 1:15

**What the victory of the
Lamb means**

Molech or Yahweh?

Revelation 22 - Healing for the nations

Colossians 2:15 - Disarming Revelation

**This weekend we have disarmed
Revelation in that we have shown
that it can not be used to justify
violent Christian revolutions.**

But “Disarming Revelation” also means that Revelation should disarm us. That is, its function is to subvert the conventional wisdom of violence and war by revealing who Jesus actually is: the Lion who manifests himself as a slain lamb.