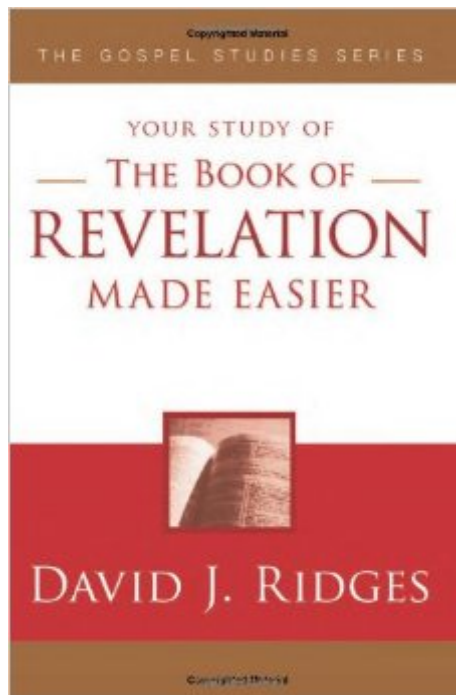


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## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

I enjoyed David Ridges' book on prophecy but this one just takes up space on my Kindle. It's so bad, it's difficult to know where to begin...but I'll try. The books of the Bible are very Jerusalem-centric, as Joel Richardson noted in his excellent books, *The Islamic Antichrist: The Shocking Truth about the Real Nature of the Beast*, and his more recent *Mideast Beast: The Scriptural Case for an Islamic Antichrist*. Revelation was not written for housewives in Hoboken, or even for the Latter-day Saints. And when one tries to tilt any particular book outside of its context, there are bound to be misunderstandings. As a Mormon for over forty years, getting outside the bounds of what many members relate to (such as what's going to happen here in America) is a difficult mold for LDS authors to break out of. I bought this book for answers to a number of questions I had about John's Apocalypse, and not one of them was answered. Ridges discussed all the obvious things that anyone could understand (with no help), but completely ignores the areas

where one might have some deeper questions. First, Ridges spends no time talking about the Beast that will sweep down on Jerusalem in the last days. Who, for example, is Gog? Is he the same as the Antichrist (yes)? How will Ezekiel's "Gog" differ from the one who will appear at the end of the Millennium? What of the two prophets who will appear in Jerusalem during the battle of Armageddon? Who are they? What did Joseph Smith and the early church leaders say about it? Zechariah figures prominently in details on the Second Coming, which is strongly related to John's Apocalypse, but Ridges completely ignores Zechariah 12-14. Zechariah also indicates Israel's enemies would be those nations "round about" Israel, but the word "Muslim" isn't even mentioned as the common religion of all the nations round about Israel, and which are mentioned by the prophets. So we're going to be politically correct? One of the areas that make Joel Richardson's books so relevant is that he takes Muslim eschatology and contrasts it with Christian and Jewish eschatology. It's amazing, but the good guys in Islamic prophecy are the bad guys in Christian prophecy and vice versa. To know about the return of Jesus, we have to know the conditions under which he'll return. And there's very little about Armageddon in Ridges' book -- almost nothing, in fact. Not even a photograph of the valley. When John says that the Beast will be given power over the "saints" ("holy ones") and will "overcome them," does this mean in the United States and the Old World or is he speaking of the Jews or the two prophets? Not one word. You wouldn't think it was even in John's book. I suspect the Beast will afflict anyone who isn't of his religion, most likely by cutting off their heads (which John suggests). But will the Beast have any influence in the United States or which used to be the United States? Doubtful, but some people worry about such things. Who is the "false prophet" mentioned by John? Will his miracles be real or false? How many people will he deceive? What kind of a place is Armageddon and will it support a huge army? What will motivate the Beast/Gog? Ezekiel suggests "spoil" but the battle at the end of the Millennium will be pure rebellion. I could go on, but this suffices. If you're a complete idiot or just know NOTHING about Revelation, you might get something out of this book. But for me it was prophetically and doctrinally numbing. Not many of our general authorities have spoken much on Armageddon, but that's no reason for not doing one's own research. In fact, the most disappointing aspect of Ridges' book is that it leaves out most of John's book. If you want better books on the scriptures, the old ones by W. Cleon Skousen are much better.

I never understood the book of Revelation before I read this book. I'd taken classes and read other material, but this book finally brought things into clarity. I highly recommend it. I've loved all of the David J. Ridges works so far.

This book was wonderful. I learned and understood the Book of Revelation more than I ever have. Being Mormon or not, it's still the Book of Revelation!! Thank you David Ridges!

This book helped me understand the Book of Revelation. First he explains the symbolism often used in the scriptures. That alone was a tremendous help to me. Then he goes verse by verse with definitions, explanations, references to symbolism, and other scripture references. I loved the way the book was organized. It was easy to read and made my study complete.

Purchase of this work is my first use of Ridges' publications. I am quite pleased with the study guide. It is very useful in my Scripture studies. I will be purchasing Ridges' compilation of The Old Testament, which you offer. However, I did not see a compilation for The New Testament, only the Gospel Study Series available in parts. If you do offer Ridges' publication for The New Testament in a complete compilation, please let me know. Loving shopping, Jorja Shannon

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I recently discovered David Ridges and have been collecting them to add to my library. Revelations is a difficult book to read and Mr. Ridges makes it easier to understand

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