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Millar



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Bronwen
Broman

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Our speakers



Fiona Millar

Fiona was born in the high Andes of Peru (of Scottish missionary parents), grew up as a pastor's kid in industrial central Scotland and now lives in the leafy suburb of Ashgrove with her husband Gary, youngest daughter Bek and their labradoodle, Nessie. Passionate about sharing Jesus with women and children, she loves opening up the Bible with groups of women and having God challenge and shape her in the process.

After 18 roller-coaster years of ministry in Presbyterian Churches in Ireland, she now serves Jesus at Queensland Theological College and in her local church, with friends who don't yet know Jesus and with pastors' wives. She loves teaching Scripture and training others to do that throughout Queensland. A lover of books, theatre, movies, music, food and people, she is an impulse buyer and lover of spontaneous mischief. She revels in waking up each day in this land of blue skies and bold colours.



Bronwen Broman

Bron is a local Adelaidian. She works as a physio part-time and is married to Jonny. Together, they have two girls aged 1 and 3, who she hopes will get to come to Grace Girls one day!

Bron loves spending time with people, going for walks on the beach or in the bush, eating delicious food, drinking tea, and sharing life with friends and church family. She is really looking forward to learning alongside the grace girls as they open God's word together.



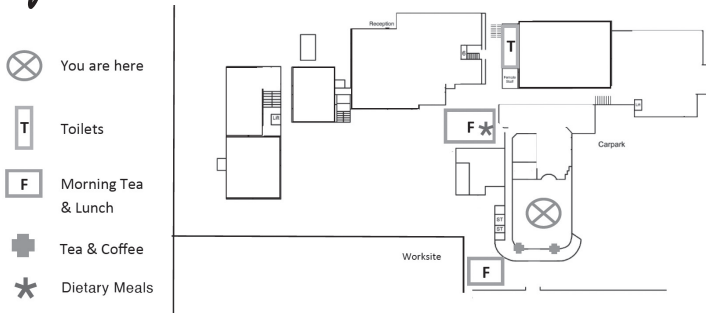
Our aim

Our aim is to gather women and girls together to strengthen our faith and biblical understanding through engaging with the Bible, as we seek to encourage each other in our relationship with the Lord Jesus as we live and serve in today's world.

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There are lots of us around today, please be mindful of other gals as you move about.

Dietary requirement meals are only available for those who have specified. Please discuss with our team to ensure you receive the correct meal if you have a labelled name tag.

To keep everyone safe, please refrain from entering the Grace Girls bathrooms if you are over 18 years old.

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Session 1

Bible reading - Revelation 4 (ESV)

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After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." **2** At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. **3** And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. **4** Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. **5** From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings[a] and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, **6** and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: **7** the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. **8** And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!"

9 And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, **10** the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 "Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created."

Bible reading - Revelation 5 (ESV)

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Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. **2** And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" **3** And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, **4** and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. **5** And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

6 And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. **7** And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. **8** And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. **9** And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, **12** saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Session 2

Bible reading - Revelation 11:15-12:12 (ESV)

11 **15** Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." **16** And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshipped God, **17** saying,

"We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
who is and who was,
for you have taken your great power
and begun to reign.

18 The nations raged,
but your wrath came,
and the time for the dead to be judged,
and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints,
and those who fear your name,
both small and great,
and for destroying the destroyers of the earth."

19 Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings,[a] peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

12 And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. **2** She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. **3** And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. **4** His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.

5 She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule[b] all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, **6** and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days. **7** Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, **8** but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. **9** And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. **10** And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers[b] has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. **11** And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. **12** Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!

Bible reading - Revelation 14:14-20 (ESV)

14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. **15** And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, “Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.” **16** So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.

17 Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. **18** And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, “Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.” **19** So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. **20** And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.

Session 3

Bible reading - Revelation 19 (ESV)

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After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,

"Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

2 for his judgments are true and just;
for he has judged the great prostitute
who corrupted the earth with her immorality,
and has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

3 Once more they cried out,

"Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up forever and ever."

4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" **5** And from the throne came a voice saying,

"Praise our God,
all you his servants,
you who fear him,
small and great."

6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

"Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.

7 Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;

8 it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"-
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

9 And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." **10** Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. **12** His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. **13** He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. **14** And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. **15** From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. **16** On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, **18** to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great." **19** And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. **20** And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulphur. **21** And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

The Revelation to John

WHAT: A letter which contains **prophetic visions**.

1:1 It's 'the revelation of Jesus Christ' God gave it to John to 'show his servants what is soon to take place'.

BY WHOM: written by John, in chains for the gospel on the prison island of Patmos, words given to him by Christ himself

TO WHOM: to seven churches in Asia who are under threat from false teachers, persecution, compromise and complacency (seven is the number of completeness so the letters are for all followers of Jesus).

WHY: to encourage Christians to see Jesus in all his victorious splendour, bringing to a climax all human history and so to stand firm knowing the end of this age is coming. ('keep' means take to heart in the Greek). So, we are not just to stretch our brains but are moved to love Christ more and to live in faithful obedience to our King.

1:3 'blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it for the time is near'.

WHEN: The revelation given to John is said to be of 'what must soon take place'. The word "soon" (Rev 2:16; Rev 22:7, Rev 22:12, Rev 22:20) means that the action will be sudden when it comes, not necessarily that it will occur immediately. Once the end-time events begin, they will occur in rapid succession.

THE BIG REVEAL – Revelation means unveiling, making seen what has been hidden. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is the one doing the revealing and Jesus is the one being revealed. He shows John what is happening in our world now and what is soon to happen, from the control centre of the Universe – and it's all about Him!

CAN WE UNDERSTAND IT?

In one sentence: **'God rules history and will bring it to its consummation in Christ'. OR 'Praise the Lord, cheer for the saints, detest the beast, long for the final victory'**. V.S. Poythress

It's a Picture Book not a Rubik's Cube

So, we savour the whole picture and don't get bogged down in the details!

'The main things are the plain things, and the plain things are the main things.' A. Begg

DO I NEED TO KNOW ALL ABOUT THE BIBLE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON?

There are over 500 Old Testament echoes – pictures, references, allusions in Revelation which help us understand some of the weird images and symbols in Revelation and show us that the climax of all human history, in Christ's return, has been unfolding from the start of the one big story of the Bible.



See Jesus in Revelation Chapter 1

He is v.5 the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, ruler of kings of the world, v.7 coming on the clouds and every eye will see him, v.8 Alpha and Omega, who was and is and is to come, the Almighty v.10 a loud voice like a trumpet

And a fresh vision of Jesus in all his beauty and power & supremacy, echoing Daniel's vision:



v.13 Jesus is standing 'in the midst of the lampstands' – he walks with the churches in their suffering; the Son of Man is there with them.



v.13 clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. Jesus serves as the priestly Son of Man -robe and sash worn by priests in Exodus 28.



v.14 The hairs on his head were white, like white wool, like snow – like the ancient of days in Daniel 7. Jesus, like God is eternal.



v.14 His eyes being like a flame of fire, nothing is hidden from his gaze, he knows what is happening in every heart, in every church.



v.15 His feet were like burnished bronze refined in a furnace, warrior's feet were bleeding and sore, but Jesus is able to crush his enemies, he stamps on them and destroys them.



v.15 His voice was like the roar of many waters, as majestic as the mighty ocean waters, it judges and saves.



v.16 In his right hand he holds the 7 stars which are the angels of the churches – the churches are in the hands of the glorious and exalted Son of Man.



v.16 A double-edged sword comes out of his mouth, cuts and destroys all his enemies – it is the powerful and effective word of the Son of Man.



v.16 his face was like the sun shining at full strength. Jesus is so glorious that it is impossible to look directly at him- John falls on his face as though dead.



v.17-18 I am the first and the last and the living one. I died and behold I am alive forevermore and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Jesus rules over death, he is the sovereign one.

Daniel 7:9-14

9 "As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days (**God**) took his seat; his clothing was white as snow (**purity**), and the hair of his head like pure wool (**eternity**); his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. 10 A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. 11 "I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. 12 As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. 13 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. 14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

This great passage in Daniel is fulfilled in Jesus Christ – the kingdom is given to him.

See Jesus: The Lion and the Lamb

The Invitation

The setting

- The control-centre of the Universe
- The One
- Our response



The Drama

- The problem
- Good news: Jesus Christ rules History

“This world is not out of control rushing headlong into annihilation and destruction, all things are under the sovereign and secure control of our great God because in Heaven there is a Lion who is also a Lamb and he has the whole world on his heart and in his hands”. Daniel Akin

The Pictures

a) Picture One – conquered (5:5)

From the tribe of Judah

The root

b) Picture Two – slain (5:6)

Both / and

Worthy

The Triumph of the Lamb

The Wrath of the Lamb

The Lamb will Shepherd

The Scars of the Lamb

Our response

See Jesus - The King and the Judge

Picture 1

The trumpet sounds

A day is coming!

The Eternal Kingdom and the
forever king

An apocalyptic Christmas Story

What kind of King makes kings of his enemies?

The God who 'is to come' has come.

We have the King's protection from Satan

See King Jesus, stand firm – how do we live as we wait for his return?



Psalm 2: The Reign of the Lord's Anointed

Why do the nations rage[a] and the peoples plot in vain?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

3 "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

6 "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

7 I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

9 You shall break[b] them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

**Theme
fulfilment**

Psalm 2

Revelation

Global rebellion
against God's Rule

11:18,16:14; 19:19

Identity of Jesus,
the Messiah as God's
Royal Son

12:5; 1:5

King Jesus taking ownership
of the earth

11:15; 21:24

King Jesus rules with
a rod of iron

12:5; 2:27; 19:15

Faithful followers of
King Jesus find refuge
in God

12:6; 7:14-17; 22:14

Picture 2

The Judge who harvests

The Judge judged

The solution for injustice

The Judge who judges justly

A tale of two thrones

Weeping or rejoicing?

Babylon or the New Jerusalem?

Time is short ...

Two challenges for the followers of the Lamb

- Persecution
- Seduction

A funeral song for a prostitute

The Judge and Hell

What makes us cry?

See Jesus - The Warrior and the Bridegroom

Picture 1

His appearance

His eyes

His crowns

His robe

His followers

His names

His war



Picture 2

The eternal plan

The context

The dress

The betrothed King

The preparation

The bride and the city

Psalm 84: A health check for location amnesia

Come

Songs - Spotify

Only a Holy God, CityAlight Music

There is One Gospel, CityAlight Music

Blessed Assurance, CityAlight Music

Behold Him, Paul Baloche and Mitch Wong

He Who is to Come, Cody Carnes, Kristin Stanfill and Sean Curran.

Christus Victor (Amen), Brian Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristen Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

Turn Your Eyes, Sovereign Grace

In Christ Alone, Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Build My Life, Bethel Music

Because He Lives, Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither

O Praise the Name (Anastasis), Hillsong

Is He Worthy?, Andrew Peterson and Ben Shrive

Holy, Holy, Holy, Reginald Heber and John Bacchus

Behold Our God, Sovereign Grace Worship

Behold Behold, Caroline Cobb (ASCAP) and Sean Carter



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Recommended resources (Books)

1. **'My Rock, My Refuge'** by Tim Keller
2. **'Remember Heaven'** by Matthew McCulloch
3. **'From Crimson to White'** by Natalie Brand
4. **'Prone to Wander'** by Natalie Brand
5. **'Blessed'** by Nancy Guthrie
6. **'Control Freak'** by Jonny Ivey



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