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VOLUME TWO

More Reflections on the Book of Revelation

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Dedication

To Keri Jones, Noralv Askeland, and Chandrakant Chavada, “...outstanding among the apostles.”

In loving memory of Hazel, 1943–2002, “prepared as a bride...for her husband.”

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Software Engineer

Endorsements

The *Lion and the Lamb* is not an easy book to put down! Prepare for late nights if you open this Holy Spirit-inspired read.

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So often the Book of Revelation is either forgotten, distorted, or simply just ignored because it is too difficult to understand—yet Christians in every generation must grasp its powerful message. To help today's church, Tony Ling provides an insightful guide to John's letter of faith and hope with a prophetic understanding deeply rooted in the rest of Scripture.

Hugh Griffiths

Church leader, Wales, UK

This is an encouraging read from beginning to end! It's full of practical teaching of who we are in Christ Jesus—and inspiring us to live as overcomers and conquerors, demonstrating the power of God in our lives.

Sharon Key

Secretary

Tony's first volume is so easy to read and suggests practical responses to the Word of God: it emphasizes the centrality of the risen Jesus on the throne and reminds me of the Church's purpose in our world.

John Rigby

Church deacon

Having read *The Lion and the Lamb* four times, one finds oneself fascinated and thrilled with the new revelation that it is all about Jesus. His centrality removes any unnecessary attention on the antichrist or the beast, and it brings a fresh understanding of God's plan for our daily life now and in the future.

Ted Kent

Veteran missionary to Africa

In *The Lion and the Lamb* Tony Ling opens the Book of Revelation in a way that is both encouraging and deeply inspiring. He helps us to appreciate how Revelation, which is as relevant today as it was then, continues to change lives through its wonderful message of overcoming faith and unwavering hope. I highly recommend this insightful and compelling book.

Bill Clark

Church leader, Canada

The Lion and the Lamb is one of those rare books that I could not put down but had to finish. I believe this book will have a profound impact as it gets itself into the hands of people all over the world. Thank you for obeying the Holy Spirit and writing an outstanding book that helps us better understand the Book of Revelation while making it so applicable for everyday living!

Jim Harkins

Church leader, USA

Tony Ling removes all the confusion and fear from the Book of Revelation and keeps the focus where it belongs—on Jesus!

Allan Hinchliffe

Manager

Tony Ling's clear insight into the Book of Revelation has simply deepened my appreciation of Jesus.

Veronica Elliot

Grandmother

I love the way Tony Ling takes our eyes off trivial earthly things and fixes them on heavenly realities. The book brings a life-changing blast of fresh spiritual vision.

Alison Lloyd

Youth and community worker

This book spoke volumes to me, helping me see the Book of Revelation in a different light. It filled me with joy, as I have never read a book full of so much passion before.

Joyce McNamara

Mother and grandmother

This book is a deep well of wisdom and inspiration. It is a superb reference for those who want more from God.

Chris Lake

Community worker

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Introduction

In this volume of *The Lion and the Lamb*, we conclude our current reflections on the book of Revelation. As stated in the introduction to Volume 1, this is not a commentary, nor is it an exhaustive treatment of the biblical text. Not every passage, image, or concept within John's prophecy has been examined or explained. What some may think of as less significant verses have been given more space than others that might be considered to be of greater importance. However, in this work I have honestly and humbly sought to address some of the major issues relevant to the Church of Jesus Christ in the twenty-first century and to individual saints of God—those redeemed by His blood and sealed by His Spirit—who are its members. For it is here, among the people to whom the Book of Revelation is

addressed—people like you and me—that the work of God’s cosmic redemption begins and reaches its glorious climax.

“If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”(2 Corinthians 5:17)

“The old order of things has passed away. . . I am making everything new!”(Revelation 21:4-5)