



The Book of Revelation (Introduction)

Introduction: Revelation = “Apocalypse” = unveiling. (artist revealing his painting) It is the revealing, or uncovering, of who Jesus really is today. Only Book with a promise to the reader. I believe the greatest blessing is in gaining a clearer Biblical perspective not only of the entire Bible, but also in giving us a clearer glimpse of the glory to come. Also, it will give us an acute awareness that the time is certainly at hand.

The Book of Revelation is about "Redemption". It is the consummation of all things.

Why is this Book hard to understand? There are 404 verses in which there are over 800 allusions to the O.T. This Book is for the lazy, but for the diligent student.

One way to view Revelation is as a "coded" book in which multiple O.T. references "unlock" these codes to reveal their "hidden" meaning.

Tools Needed: Prayer, Diligence, a Biblical Shovel (various Bible study tools - Concordance, Commentaries, Dictionaries, Bible Atlas, etc.)

Keys to unlock the Book: Rev. 1:19 & Dan. 9:24-27

Theological Terms that need to be defined:

Amillennialism - no literal 1000 year reign of Christ.

Millennialism - a literal 1000 year reign of Christ on the throne of David in Jerusalem.

Traditional Views

Preterist: Then only; during the time of John only.

Historicist History only; deals strictly with past events

Idealist: Allegorical; spiritualized to mean whatever the reader desires really

Futurist: Prophetic; yet future and "literal" **The Book of Revelation claims the latter (ch. 1:3)**

Basic Divisions (found in Rev 1:19):

Ch: 1 The things which thou hast seen.

Ch: 2-3 The things which are.

Ch: 4-22 The things which shall be after these things.



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REVELATION CHAPTER 1

Vs. 1 - Who is being revealed? _____ Does this mean that He was "hidden" before?
"shortly" = quickly or rapidly, not immediately
Who is John? What other Books did he write?

Vs. 3 - The Promise of a Blessing. Why do you think this Book offers a blessing? What does it mean to "keep" the words of this prophecy?

GREATINGS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES IN ASIA – Week 1

Vs. 4 - "who was and who is and who is to come" speaks of what theological attribute of God?

Who are the Seven Spirits before the throne of God? (Isa. 11:2) _____

Vs. 5 - 3 things Christ is:

1. the Faithful Witness - (John 8:14; Prov. 14:5)
2. the First Born from the Dead - (Ps. 89:27; 1 Cor. 15:20; Col. 1:18)
3. the Ruler over the Kings of the Earth - (Rev. 17:14)

Vs. 6 - What 3 things did Christ do for us according to vs. 5b -vs. 6?

1. _____ - (John 13:34)
2. _____ - (Heb. 9:14)
3. _____ - (1 Pet. 2:5,9)

Vs. 7 - (Matt. 24:30; Zech 12:10-14)

Vs. 8 - this if for your JW friends - (Isa. 41:4; Rev. 21:6; 22:13) Who is Speaking? _____

"beginning and the end" speaks of what theological attribute of God? _____

"Almighty" - (Isa. 9:6) _____

THE VISION OF THE SON OF MAN – Week 1

Vs. 9 - Why was John exiled to the Island of Patmos? _____

(“**Patmos**”: A Roman penal colony off the coast of Asia Minor (Turkey), 15 miles from Ephesus, it was an island about 10 miles long and 6 miles wide. John was 90 years old (?) at the time of this revelation.)

Jesus warned about taking their lampstand away? What do you think Jesus meant by this?

What instructions does Jesus give this church to correct their problems? _____

What promise does Jesus give to those who “overcome”? _____

What does it mean to “overcome”? _____

THE CHURCH OF SMYRNA – Week 2

Vs. 8-11: What does Jesus say this church is doing well? _____

What things does Jesus say they are doing wrong or failing at? _____

What does Jesus tell this church to do regarding some of them being thrown into prison? _____

How do you think Christians today should handle persecution and trial? _____

What does Jesus promise to those who are faithful unto death? _____

What does Jesus promise the “overcomer” here in this church? _____

THE CHURCH OF PERGAMOS – Week 3

Vs. 12-17: What does Jesus say this church is doing well? _____

What things does Jesus say they are doing wrong or failing at? _____

What throne is in the midst of this church? _____

Look back into Numbers 31 and read the story about Balaam. What did Balaam end up doing to hurt Israel? _____

If they don't repent, what does Jesus promise to fight against them with, and what do you think this weapon really is? _____

What does Jesus promise the "overcomer" here in this church? _____

THE CHURCH OF THYATIRA – Week 3

Vs. 18-29: What does Jesus say this church is doing well? _____

What things does Jesus say they are doing wrong or failing at? _____

What did Jezebel try to get God's people to do, and why do you think her motivation was? _____

How does Jesus say he will do to this church? _____

What does Jesus promise to those who are faithful unto death? _____

What does Jesus promise the "overcomer" here in this church? _____

REVELATION CHAPTER 3:1-13 – Week 4

THE CHURCH OF SARDIS – Week 4

Vs. 1-6: What does Jesus say this church is doing well? _____

What things does Jesus say they are doing wrong or failing at? _____

According to vs. 3 what are they to watch for? _____

What do you think Jesus meant by warning that He would blot their name out of the Book of Life?
Does this verse mean that someone can lose their salvation? _____

What do you think the Book of Life is? _____

What does Jesus instruct this church to do?

THE CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA – Week 4

Vs. 7-13: What does Jesus say this church is doing well? _____

What things does Jesus say they are doing wrong or failing at? _____

Do some research and see if you can find out what the Keys of David are _____

What does Jesus promise this church for their faithfulness? _____

What chapter in Revelation talks about this New Jerusalem? _____

REVELATION CHAPTER 3:14-22 – Week 5

THE CHURCH OF LAODICIA – Week 5

Vs. 14-22: What does Jesus say this church is doing well? _____

What things does Jesus say they are doing wrong or failing at? _____

What is Jesus overall view of this church, and why? _____

Which other church of the 7, is the spiritual opposite of this church? Why? _____

What does God for those He loves?

What does Jesus promise the over-comer?
