

The Book of Revelation - Introduction

Series REV-02

As we begin the study of this great book, it will not be a verse by verse exposition of the Revelation as other studies have done, but rather an exposé or an unfolding of principles, which can be applied in the daily life of the common person. These principles, which are found throughout the Scriptures are revealed in the Revelation, sometimes in symbols, sometimes from a viewpoint we are not familiar with. Regardless, it will be assumed that the reader has a basic knowledge of the Scriptures, as we “Study to show ourselves approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” {2 Tim2:15}.

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In Chapter One of the Revelation, there is much for our admonition and consideration which we most prayerfully ponder. The first verse is a clear indication God desires us to understand, this “**revelation.**”

Revelation 1:1 - “The Revelation of _____, which God gave to Him...”

1. What is meant by the word “revelation”? _____

The interesting thing about the first few words of verse one is that God gave this revelation to Him, to Christ. This shows something about the nature of God—His humility and unselfishness. Thus, how are we to view this revelation?

2. The Revelation of Jesus needs to be seen from _____ perspective, because God gave Him this revelation.

The Father and the Son decided that the only way for man to be restored to “His image and likeness” would be through the incarnational ministry of the Son. This would involve the way God treats humanity in sin.

Two aspects of “the revelation of Jesus Christ” needs to be understood from a different perspective, God’s perspective.

3. In verse one, we also see the order or “Chain of Command” that sets in place for the rest of the book, the operation of God’s communication to humanity. Notice how Scripture expresses this chain. {The principle of the Law of First Mention comes into play here.}

The Father >> to Jesus >> to the angel >> the prophet >> the people

4. Because chapter 1 of the Revelation is the introduction for the rest of the book, we need to realize it as the ‘launching pad’ for what is to come. There are four segments or parts to this first chapter. {We will discuss in class.}

This first time through the Revelation we will encapsulate a concept that shows up frequently in its pages. We find this concept embedded in vs.5 and in vs. 9 and in the last part of the chapter, verses 12-16. This concept is known as something we all experience in life, but never welcome:

Recapping what was stated in the opening paragraph of this lesson, that ‘symbols’ make up an important part of the book of Revelation. Thus we will be utilizing the Bible Symbol book in our studies for understand of that which God revealed to John in signs and code, to be deciphered.

Much prayer and firm determination to receive the blessings God has in store for each of us, will be expected as stated in verse 3—a blessing awaits all who read, hear and “keep those things written therein.”