

BOOK OF REVELATION –

Exercise #3 - for April 6

We need to keep the big picture in mind, lest the detail bog us down.

This simple exercise will help do that and also prepare us for a more invigorating class time come Monday evening.

- 1) Four times in the book is this phrase used, I am the Alpha and Omega. As you look at these verses in your Bible, ask yourself why? Why does Jesus for the first time in the book acknowledge Himself in this way and then three more times. After you've thought about the answer, then look at what I've got listed below:

Rev. 1:8 - I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending...

Which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty

Rev 1:11 - I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last...

Write in a book, and send to the seven churches

Rev 21:6 - I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Rev 22:13 - I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

I believe the key is found in the second and third passage above. Christ is speaking to the seven churches (His people). At the end of the book, He gives an invitation to those who are *athirst* the water of life is freely given. We find in Psalm 42:1 the answer to this invitation. This must become our experience.

- 2) If you have time, read again Revelation 3. We will bring out some new things in class from this chapter.