

REVELATION UNVEILED: CHAPTER ONE

IN THE REVELATION OF JESUS TO JOHN AND THE CHURCH OF THE FIRST CENTURY, GOD SPEAKS DIRECTLY TO THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH THROUGHOUT ALL AGES. JOHN MAY NOT HAVE REALIZED HIS MESSAGE WOULD BE READ FOR THE NEXT TWO THOUSAND YEARS, BUT GOD KNEW THE CHURCH WOULD ALWAYS NEED THIS MESSAGE. GOD'S LITERARY PREFERENCE IS LIKE THAT OF ISAIAH & EZEKIEL OR DANIEL, FULL OF FANTASTICAL IMAGERY AND CELESTIAL BEINGS. IT IS THE LEAST UNDERSTANDABLE OF ALL THE NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS AND LETTERS, YET IT IS A DIRECT MESSAGE FROM GOD. NO OTHER EXAMPLE LIKE IT EXISTS IN THE ENTIRE NEW TESTAMENT, AND IT HAS BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD AND MOSTLY IGNORED FOR 20 CENTURIES.

Read REVELATION 1:1-8

Revelation 1:1

1. Whose Revelation is it?
2. Who originated?
3. Why?
4. How did he make it known?

Revelation 1:2

5. What did John do?

Revelation 1:3

6. Who is blessed and by what?

Revelation 1:4-5a Greetings from the triune God:

7. How is each of the Trinity described?

Revelation 1:5b-7

8. What are all the things God has done which deserves our praise?
9. Of what does v. 7 remind you?

Revelation 1:8

10. How does the author refer to himself?

SOMETHING TO CHEW ON:

IF THE WORDS OF REVELATION 1:1-8 WERE ALL THE SCRIPTURE ONE HAD, HOW MIGHT IT BE SUFFICIENT AS "GOOD NEWS?" –OR– DOES THE PASSAGE CONTAIN THE COMPLETE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL?

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READ REVELATION 1:9-20

Revelation 1:9

1. What does John say about himself?
2. Where is he, and why?

Revelation 1:10 & 11

3. What do you make of the 1st phrase? What might it mean?
4. What did he experience? What did he hear?
5. What is he asked to do?

Revelation 1:12-16 5.

6. What do you make of the vision?

Revelation 1:17-20

7. What are Jesus' first words?
8. What are all the phrases ascribed to Jesus, by himself?
9. How are these comforting words to someone who is fearful?
10. What do the stars & lampstands represent?
11. What does it mean to you that each church has an angel?
12. Referring to the number 7— what/who do you think is represented by the 7 churches?
13. Who, then, is the recipient of the book: a. in 90 A. D.? b. throughout time?
14. Why do you think John uses Jewish symbolism, numerology, and references to Jewish enemies in his book?