

Series "Jesus Unveiled"
"Revelation Of Jesus Christ"
Revelation 1:1-3
Part-1

Revelation Is Jesus' Answer To The Lord's Prayer: Matthew 6:10

About ¼ of the Bible is prophecy.

Revelation 1:1 – "The Revelation of Jesus Christ," – "Unveiling, to uncover Jesus Christ"; "Jesus Unveiled"; "His Person,"; "His Power,"; "His Program".

Revelation 1:1 – "the things which must soon take place;"

Background Of Revelation: (Bear With Me!)

Called "The Revelation", not Revelations; "1" Revelation or Apocalypse means: "unveiling, to uncover something hidden, to reveal."

Apocryphal – which means "to hide or cover", Revelation 22:10.

The Theme Of Revelation: "To uncover, or reveal Jesus Christ", Revelation 1:1

It's the only book of the Bible that promises blessings to those who **read, hear and **heed its message**, Revelation 1:2, 22:7**

There are 4 ways of interpreting the Book of Revelation:

- 1. Pre-ter-ist** – It is from a Latin word that means "Past"; all the prophecies of the book were fulfilled in the past.
- 2. Idealist** – Not actual events, expressions of principles forces, active in any age!
- 3. Historical or Continuous-Historical** – That throughout church history, this book has been fulfilled.
- 4. Futurist** – Prophetic – large part prophetic, will take place in the future.
Revelation 4-22 are future!

Matthew 24:29-31

Revelation Contains Symbolism: Signs are given, which can be more accurate than words which have meanings that change.

Revelation Sometimes Interprets Revelation:

Example: "The Lamp stands", Revelation 1:12

Revelation 1:20

Written By: The Apostle John "John Beloved"; He was very close to Jesus Christ. He was called "The Disciple That Jesus Loved."

Revelation 1:1

Revelation 1:4

When Written: 95 AD, The very last book of the Bible written.

Where It Was Written: Island of Patmos; it is a small little island in the Aegean Sea. Revelation 1:9

Who It Was Written To: Believers – Revelation 1:1

The Theme: Victory Of Jesus Christ, Jesus Unveiled (**Person & Purpose**)

Key Words: "lamb" 29X, "throne" 47X, "seven" 55X, "four" 29X, "twelve" 23X.

Key Verse: Revelation 1:19

The Outline Of The Book:

1. Things which you have seen – Revelation 1 – vision of Jesus – unveiling of Jesus Christ.
2. The things which are – Revelation 2-3 – 7 churches
3. The things which shall take place after these things – Revelation 4-22, Future.

The Believer Should Not Fear The Future: Psalm 46:1-3

Thought Of Our Passage: The Book Of Revelation Reveals Jesus, Offering Blessings To Those Who Read, Hear And Obey This Prophecy.

1. Verse 1 – The Title

2. Verse 2 – The Testimony

3. Verse 3 – The Terms

1. Verse 1 – The Title:

Revelation 1:1

"The Revelation" – "unveiling, to uncover, to bring to manifestation."
This is the Opposite of Apocrypha – which means "closed-up" – to hide.

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ" – The Revelation was made by Jesus Christ, The Revelation reveals Jesus Christ, The Revelation belongs to Jesus Christ!

"which God gave Him to show to His bond servants," – "servant who serves by love."

Matthew 24:36

"the things which must soon take place," – The word "must" literally means "It is necessary."

"soon" – word that means instrument refers to "speed of time...suddenly, when it happens it will occur quickly – the time of judgment will come with no delay."

2 Peter 3:10-12

"communicated it" – "signified, given insight, or sign, symbols."

"by His angel to His bond-servant, John" – Chain of Communication.

"John" – Beloved; Son of Zebedee, brother of James, fisherman (Matthew 4:21).

2. Verse 2 – The Testimony:

Revelation 1:2

"who testified" – "Revelation is an eyewitness account" (Not second hand); "testified" – used many times by John, over 30X in his Gospel alone.

John's 3 Testimonies:

- 1. Testified To The Word Of God:** "testified to the word of God" – (Person) 1 John 1:1
- 2. Testimony Of Jesus Christ:** "and to the testimony of Jesus Christ," – (Words Of Jesus)
- 3. Testified To All That He Saw:** "even to all that he saw."

3. Verse 3 – The Terms:

Revelation 1:3

John's 3-Fold Beatitude: "Blessed" – "how happy, how fortunate";
Matthew 5:1-11 – Sermon on the Mt. Beatitudes

"Blessed is he" – This is the first of "7 Beatitudes in Revelation".

1. **"Blessed is he (Singular) who reads"** – "keeps on reading"

2. **"those (Plural) who hear the words of the prophecy"** –
"keeps on hearing"

"the prophecy" – 7X Revelation is said to be prophecy, "Fore-telling and Forth-telling"; that is speaking forth the mind and counsel of God.

3. **"heed the things which are written in it"** – "keeps on obeying", Revelation 22:7

James 1:22

"for the time is near!" – "soon, there is an urgency!"

God's Apparent Delay! 2 Peter 3:15

2 Timothy 3:13

Application:

1. God Wants The Believer To Understand Revelation. The Revelation Of Jesus Christ Means "The Unveiling, To Uncover Jesus Christ."
2. The Futurist Interpretation Of Revelation Takes The Scriptures As Literal; That God Meant What He Said. Much Of Revelation Is Future, "The Things Which Must Soon Take Place."
3. Revelation Is Unique In That It Offers Blessings To Those Who Read, Hear And Obey This Prophecy.
4. True Bible Prophecy Does Not Lead One To Neglect The Practical Things Of The Christian Life; Blessed Are The Balanced.