

REVELATION 1:1-3

(Intro) Last week in our beginning remarks in our study of the Revelation we looked at five things.

1. The time of the book. 95 or 96 A.D.
2. The title of the book. (Unveiling)
3. The theories of the book. (Spiritualist, Futurist.)
4. The theme of the book. (Jesus Christ.)
5. The teachings of the book. (What is ahead.)

Today I want us to begin our study of the Revelation by examining the first three verses.

But before we get there I need to make some things plain.

1. The Second Coming of Christ will take place in two parts.
 - A)
 - B)
2. We need to understand the amount of time history has and will cover.

I. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BOOK. Vs. 1a

Again remember that the meaning of the name Revelation is an unveiling. It means to reveal. Verse 1 tells us what this book unveils.

1. It unveils the person of Jesus Christ. 1a

John 1:1-2

John 1:14

- A)
- B)
- C)

The O.T. veiled Christ but the New Testament and Revelation in particular unveiled him. Revelation tells us much about the person of Jesus. Let's look at some of the things that Revelation tells us about Christ.

1. His character. (He wants to be known of men.)
2. His credentials. Ch. 1:8, Ch. 5. Worthy to open the book.
3. His concern. Ch. 2-3 (Over the churches)
4. His compassion. 3:20 (Stand at door and knock)
5. His condemnation. Ch. 4-19. (Tribulation)
6. His conquest. Ch. 19-20 (Armageddon and Millennial)
7. His city. Chapter 21

D)

I Corinthians 13:12

I John 3:2

2. Revelation also unveils the purpose of God. Vs. 1b

To show us things that must shortly come to pass.

- A)
- B)
- C)
- D)

II. THE SIGNATURE OF THE BOOK. Vs. 1c-2

The writer was John the beloved, he same author of the gospel of John.

1. The marvelous way we received the book.

God gave the book to Jesus. Jesus gave the book to the angels. The angels signified the book to John. And John gave the book to the Christian (Servant.)

The word signified means a symbol or sign.

The book of Revelation is full of symbols and signs. Many of these symbols and signs are explained in the book itself.

(Examples) Lamps =
Stars =
Incense =

2. The meticulous way he recorded the Revelation. Vs. 2

- A)
 - B)
 - C)
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III. THE SINGULARITY OF THIS BOOK. Vs. 3

This book is a special book, there is not another book in the Bible like this book. It is special because...

1. It embodies a special promise. Vs. 3a

Beatitudes of Revelation.

- A) The first one. Ch. 1:3 Relates to today.
- B) The next two. Ch. 14:13; 16:15 Relates to tribulation.
- C) The fourth one. Ch. 19:9 Relates to Marriage Supper.
- D) The fifth one. Ch. 20:6 Relates to the Millennial.
- E) The sixth and seventh ones. Ch. 22, 14. Relates to the celestial city.

Let's look at the one in our text for today. Blessed are those who read, hear, and do the words of this prophecy.

Why are we blessed by reading?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

2. It embraces a special period. Vs. 3c

The time is at hand.

- A)
- B)

Luke 12:40

I Corinthians 15:51-54