

## CHAPTER ONE – THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING REVELATION

### GOD'S INTRODUCTION TO REVELATION – PART TWO – 1:7-8

Chapter one is the key to understanding the book of Revelation; without it we would not be able to rightly \_\_\_\_\_ the book, therefore missing the power and excellence of the truth found within its pages. The entire chapter breaks down into a descriptive, preparatory overview of Revelation that proves invaluable to the student of scripture.

So far in our study we have exposed verses 1-6 and learned the following:

- The title of the book
- Author
- Historic time of writing
- Blessings of the book
- Three basic applications of Revelation – Historical, Doctrinal, Devotional
- The “sevens” of Revelation
- Seven thousand years of human history since creation; three thousand years detailed in Revelation
- Our mission: To \_\_\_\_\_ God, now and forever

Today we will see how chapter one introduces us to the *central theme* of Revelation and points us to the glorious identity of its *central character*.

**Central theme:** The \_\_\_\_\_ – Revelation 1:7

1. He will come with \_\_\_\_\_ – Ps. 97:2; Is. 19:1; Dan. 7:13; Na. 1:3; Mt. 24:30; 26:64; Mk. 13:26; Lk. 21:27

- This is \_\_\_\_\_ the rapture of the church; it is the event referred to in Acts 1:9-11 - (Called the “Second Coming”)

*And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Acts 1:9-11*

2. It is an event that will transcend \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ – Revelation 1:7

3. All kindreds of the earth shall \_\_\_\_\_ because of this event

- The “Lord’s Day” is also referred to as “The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_”

*Isaiah 2:12 For the **day of the LORD** of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:*

*Isaiah 13:6 Howl ye; for the **day of the LORD** is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.*

*Isaiah 13:9 Behold, the **day of the LORD** cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.*

*Jeremiah 46:10 For this is the **day of the Lord GOD** of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.*

*Ezekiel 13:5 Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the **day of the LORD**.*

*Ezekiel 30:3 For the day is near, even the **day of the LORD** is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen*

Joel 1:15 Alas for the day! for the **day of the LORD** is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

Joel 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the **day of the LORD** cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

Joel 2:11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the **day of the LORD** is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

Amos 5:18-19 Woe unto you that desire the **day of the LORD!** to what end is it for you? the **day of the LORD** is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

Amos 5:20 Shall not the **day of the LORD** be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

Obadiah 1:15 For the **day of the LORD** is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

Zephaniah 1:14 The great **day of the LORD** is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the **day of the LORD:** the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

Zechariah 14:1 Behold, the **day of the LORD** cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

Malachi 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful **day of the LORD:**

Acts 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable **day of the Lord** come:

1Thess. 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the **day of the Lord** so cometh as a thief in the night.

2Peter 3:10 But the **day of the Lord** will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

- The “Lord’s Day” is also referred to as “\_\_\_\_\_” (found \_\_\_\_\_ times in \_\_\_\_\_ verses...)

Mt 7:22 Many will say to me in **that day**, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Mt 24:36 But of **that day** and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Lu 6:23 Rejoice ye in **that day**, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

Lu 10:12 But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in **that day** for Sodom, than for that city.

Lu 17:31 In **that day**, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.

Lu 21:34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so **that day** come upon you unawares.

1Thess 5:4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that **that day** should overtake you as a thief.

2Thess 1:7-10 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in **that day**.

2Thess 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for **that day** shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

2Ti 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against **that day**.

2Ti 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at **that day:** and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

- On “that day” He will establish, by \_\_\_\_\_, His literal, physical, Davidic kingdom in Jerusalem (Rev. 19:11-21). This is why “all the kindreds of the earth will wail because of him. Even so, Amen.”

4. The "Lord's Day" is the greatest "\_\_\_\_\_" on God's calendar
- It is so important to the Lord, He taught us to \_\_\_\_\_ for it – Mt. 6:10; Lk. 11:2
  - What is it?
    - Specifically – The actual day Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ returns and sets his feet upon this earth to establish His kingdom
    - Generally – The time frame beginning with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church and extending to the end of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ year reign
  - What it is not...
    - It is \_\_\_\_\_ referred to, in the entire Bible, as the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the week – \_\_\_\_\_...
5. It is the central theme of \_\_\_\_\_; AND it is the central theme of the entire \_\_\_\_\_ – Acts 3:19-21

**Central character:** The \_\_\_\_\_ – Revelation 1:8

1. Alpha and Omega
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ letters of the Greek alphabet – from which the word \_\_\_\_\_ is derived...
2. The beginning and the ending
  - He has absolute jurisdiction over, and is the \_\_\_\_\_ authority of, all things...
3. Which is, and which was, and which is to come, the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Nothing and no one is like Him; He is not bound by any force whatsoever, not even \_\_\_\_\_... He is the Almighty!

**Conclusion:** What "day" are you living for?