

CHAPTER ONE – THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING REVELATION

GOD'S INTRODUCTION TO REVELATION – PART FOUR – 1:10, 11, 19, 20

Chapter one is, without a doubt, the key to understanding the book of Revelation. The entire chapter breaks down into a complete overview of the entire book itself:

- The title of the book – Revelation
- Author – the apostle John
- Historic time of writing – 91AD – 96AD
- Blessings of the book – to those who read, hear, and _____; grace and peace
- 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
- The central theme – The Lord’s Day (a.k.a. the Day of the Lord; That Day, etc.)
- The central character – The Lord Almighty
- John’s physical location – The Island called Patmos
- Doctrinal time of writing – The Lord’s Day (a.k.a. the Day of the Lord; That Day, etc.)
 - Specifically – Begins when Jesus comes back to the earth the second time
 - Generally – Begins with the rapture of the church and extends to the end of Christ’s millennial reign
- God’s instruction to John concerning Revelation – _____ – the things that he saw...things past, present, and future
- A detailed description of the Lord Jesus Christ – Almighty God

Today we will conclude our introduction to Revelation by learning the *method* of writing and the *outline structure*...

God's method of writing: _____ – Revelation 1:1, 20

- Why write using signs and symbols?
 - Signs and symbols are _____
 - John wrote about the future according to what he _____ about the _____
 - God _____ truth from unbelievers and _____ truth to His servants – Jer. 23:30-33; Ezek. 14:1-4, 9; Mt. 13:10-17; 2 Thes. 2:11

God's incredible outline of Revelation: The key to rightly dividing Revelation – Revelation 1:10, 11, 19

- The natural _____ of the book
 - There are _____ chapters in Revelation
 - Heaven opens _____ times in Revelation:
 - 1) Heaven opens and someone goes _____ - Rev. 4:1-2 – the _____ of church
 - 2) Heaven opens and someone comes _____ - Rev. 19:11 – the _____ coming of Christ

– Important details concerning these two events:

- 1) The rapture of the church
All born again saints are caught _____ to meet the Lord in the air
This event _____ the church age and ushers in the tribulation period
- 2) The second coming of Christ
Jesus Christ comes _____ to the earth with his saints
This event _____ the tribulation period and ushers in the millennial reign

• These two events divide Revelation into _____ distinct sections:

- 1) Chapters 1 – 3
- 2) Chapters 4 - 19:10
- 3) Chapter 19:11 - Chapter 22

• God told John to _____ about three distinct sections in Revelation – Revelation 1:19

- 1) *AThe things which thou hast seen@* - _____
- 2) *AThe things which are@* - _____
- 3) *AThe things which shall be hereafter@* - _____

Key Point – God instructs John to write about the past, present, and future. He writes from the perspective of where he was located in _____ at the particular time the instructions were given – the Lord=s Day. The Lord’s Day begins *generally* at the rapture of the church.

• **From John’s perspective on the Lord’s Day, Revelation divides distinctly in the following way:**

- 1) **Chapters 1 - 3 - _____ History**
- 2) **Chapters 4 - 19:10 - _____ period; what takes place in heaven and what takes place on earth**
- 3) **Chapter 19:11 - 22 - The _____ Coming, Millennial Reign, Judgment, New Heaven, New Earth**

• The “Revelation of Jesus Christ” makes perfect sense to be divided into three tenses because...

- 1) Jesus Christ is he “which _____”
- 2) Jesus Christ is he “which _____”
- 3) Jesus Christ is he “which is to _____”

Conclusion: Are you ready?