

Revelation – The Return

Revelation 1

Because of Adam's original sin, sin and death entered the world and paradise was lost.

- Sin separated us from God and broke the world.
- Salvation through Jesus is the only solution to our sin problem.

Revelation ends with a curse on those who add to or take away from the book.

- Revelation 22:18-19

Revelation is the only book in the Bible with a blessing for those who read, hear, believe, and obey it.

- Revelation 1:3

Revelation is intended to be an encouragement for Christ's followers. Favorite book of persecuted Christians today.

Revelation was written by the apostle John while on the island of Patmos sometime in the 90s AD.

- Revelation is a letter to all Christian churches.

The book of Revelation:

- shows us what must take place in the future, and
- reveals who Jesus is and His role in the events of the prophecy.
 - Revelation 1:1 God's timetable is better and more thorough than ours: 2 Peter 3:8 1000 yrs. is like 1 day ...
 - 2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is patient not wanting anyone to perish but everyone to come to repentance.

The revelation of Jesus

Jesus:

- is one Person of the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 - Revelation 1:4-5, Isa 11:2 Describe Jesus
- _____
- freed us from our sins.

- Revelation 1:5-6 How _____
- is the Alpha and Omega. Revelation 1:8
- How is He coming back and Who will see Him? Vs1:7 _____
- has authority over all things.
 - Rev 1:18, Colossians 1:16-17

John's vision

John was in church, in the Spirit when he heard the voice of Jesus. Why do you need to be in church and worship? _____

John saw Jesus as someone "like a son of man".

- Revelation 1:12-15, Revelation 1:16, Hebrews 4:12

Jesus stands in the midst of His churches.

- Colossians 1:18 Jesus is the Head of the church.
- HCC is God's church and Jesus is among us! **In our midst tonight**

John's response to seeing Jesus was fall face down fear and awe.

- Revelation 1:17

- We don't fear death because Jesus has victory over death, Hades (OT equivalent of sheol), and hell.
 - Revelation 1:17-18 READ below.
 - Isaiah 41:10 He will uphold you with His righteous R Hand,

How do you see Jesus in a new way? _____

What areas of your life do you now see Jesus as having the key to victory over? : _____

Action Steps

- Read Revelation 1-2 several times this week and make notes about the revelation of who Jesus is in this chapter.
- Consider who Jesus is as revealed in Revelation 1 and worship Him privately and corporately as He deserves.
- Invite someone to join us next week for our next sermon in Revelation.
- Share the good news of the gospel with someone this week.

REVELATION 1 AMPC

1 [This is] the revelation of Jesus Christ [His unveiling of the divine mysteries]. God gave it to Him to disclose *and* make known to His bond servants certain things which must shortly *and* speedily come to pass ^[a]in their entirety. And He sent and communicated it through His angel (messenger) to His bond servant John,² Who has testified to *and* vouched for all that he saw ^[b]in his visions, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.³ Blessed (happy, ^[c]to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [in the assemblies] the word of this prophecy; and blessed (happy, ^[c]to be envied) are those who hear [it read] and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it [heeding them and laying them to heart], for the time [for them to be fulfilled] is near.⁴ **John to the seven assemblies (churches) that are in Asia: May grace (God's unmerited favor) be granted to you and spiritual peace** ^[e]**(the peace of Christ's kingdom) from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and from the seven Spirits** ^[f]**(the sevenfold Holy Spirit) before His throne,**⁵ **And from Jesus Christ the faithful *and* trustworthy Witness, the Firstborn of the dead** ^[g]**[first to be brought back to life] and the Prince (Ruler) of the kings of the earth. To Him Who** ^[h]**ever loves us and has** ^[i]**once [for all] loosed *and* freed us from our sins by His own blood,**⁶ And formed us into a kingdom (a royal race), priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the power *and* the majesty and the dominion throughout the ages *and* forever and ever. Amen (so be it).⁷ Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth shall gaze upon Him *and* beat their breasts *and* mourn *and* lament over Him. Even so [must it be]. Amen (so be it).⁸ I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End*, says the Lord God, He Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty (the Ruler of all).⁹ I, John, your brother and companion (sharer and participator) with you in the tribulation and kingdom and patient endurance [which are] in *Jesus Christ*, was on the isle called Patmos, [banished] on account of [my witnessing to] the Word of God and the testimony (the proof, the evidence) for *Jesus Christ*.¹⁰ I was in the Spirit [rapt in His power] on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a great voice like the calling of a ^[j]war trumpet,¹¹ Saying, *I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last.* Write promptly what you see (your vision) in a book and send it to the seven churches *which are in Asia*—to Ephesus and to

Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.¹² Then I turned to see [whose was] the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,¹³ **And in the midst of the lampstands [One] like a Son of Man, clothed with a robe which reached to His feet and with a girdle of gold about His breast.**¹⁴ **His head and His hair were white like white wool, [as white] as snow, and His eyes [flashed] like a flame of fire.**¹⁵ **His feet glowed like burnished (bright) bronze as it is refined in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters.**¹⁶ **In His right hand He held seven stars, and from His mouth there came forth a sharp two-edged sword, and His face was like the sun shining in full power at midday.**¹⁷ When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as if dead. **But He laid His right hand on me and said, Do not be afraid! I am the First and the Last,**¹⁸ **And the Ever-living One [I am living in the eternity of the eternities]. I died, but see, I am alive forevermore; and I possess the keys of death and Hades (the realm of the dead).**¹⁹ Write therefore the things you see, what they are [and signify] and what is to take place hereafter.²⁰ As to the hidden meaning (the mystery) of the seven stars which you saw on My right hand and the seven lampstands of gold: the seven stars are the seven angels (messengers) of the seven assemblies (churches) and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Isa: 11:2And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him—**the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the reverential *and* obedient fear of the Lord**—³ And shall make Him of quick understanding, *and* His delight shall be in the reverential *and* obedient fear of the Lord. And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, neither decide by the hearing of His ears;⁴ But with righteousness *and* justice shall He judge the poor and decide with fairness for the meek, the poor, *and* the downtrodden of the earth; and He shall smite the earth *and* the oppressor with **the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.**

AMONG THE LAMPSTANDS

Lesson 2

