Revelation

Chapter 1

Why Study Revelation?

- ✓ **Revelation is the Word of God**
- ✓ **Revelation reveals God's plan for the future**
- ✓ **A special blessing is promised to all those who read Revelation**
- ✓ **Revelation will give us a concern for those who reject God and his Son, Jesus**
- ✓ **Revelation will change our lives**

Three Main Divisions:

- ✓ **Part One - The Letters to the Churches (Chapters 1-3)**
- ✓ **Part Two - From the Rapture to the Second Coming (Chapters 4-19)**
- ✓ **Part Three - The Millennium and Beyond (Chapters 20-22)**

Meaning of "Revelation"?

- ✓ **The word "revelation" comes from the Greek word "apokalypsis" meaning *the uncovering*, *the unveiling*, or *the disclosing*.**
- ✓ **Revelation is the disclosing of Jesus Christ:**
  - **the revealing of the person of Jesus**
  - **the revealing of what He intends to do starting from John's time and running through to the end of time**

Revelation 1:1

[1]The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,

→ **Who wrote Revelation?**

→ **Jesus gave it to an angel, who gave it to John, who gave it to the church**

→ **What was the revelation supposed to show the church?**

Revelation 1:2,3

2 who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

- ✓ What is promised to those who read?
- ✓ "the words of this _____"?
- ✓ Why will the readers be blessed?

Revelation 1:4,5

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✓ To whom did John send the Book of Revelation?

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✓ How is Jesus described?

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✓**Amazing, encouraging words!!!**

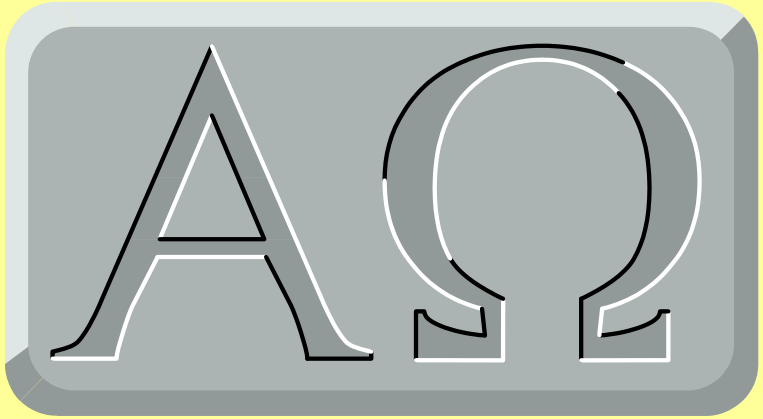
Revelation 1:6,7

6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. 7 Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.

- ✓ How are we a "kingdom and priests"?
- ✓ Why will some people mourn?

Revelation 1:8

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."



✓ What did Jesus mean when He said "I am the Alpha and the Omega"?

Revelation 1:9,10

9 I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. 10 On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,

- ✓ **Where was John? Why was he there?**
- ✓ **What did he hear?**

Revelation 1:11,12

11 which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and
send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus,
Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis,
Philadelphia and Laodicea." 12 I turned around
to see the voice that was speaking to me. And
when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

✓ What was John supposed to write on the scroll?

✓ What was he supposed to do with it?

Revelation 1:13-15

13 and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.

✓ **Does this remind you of anything?**

Revelation 1:16-18

16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. 17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hell.

Revelation 1:19-20

19 "Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. 20 The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

✓ What are the 3 divisions of the book of Revelation given in verse 19? What does that imply about the sequence of events?