

APOCALYPSE

Revelation 1:1-3

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INTRODUCTION: NO OTHER BOOK

No other book so fittingly brings conclusion to the written Word of God.

Genesis to Revelation

1. The Earth created (1:1).
1. The Earth passes away and a new earth is made (21:1).
2. Satan's first rebellion.
2. Satan's final defeat (20:3,7-10).
3. Sun to govern the day (1:16).
3. No need of the Sun (21:23).
4. Darkness called night (1:5).
4. "No night there" (22:5).
5. Waters called seas (1:10).
5. "No more seas" (21:1).
6. Entrance of sin (3).
6. End of sin (21:22).
7. Curse pronounced (3:14,17).
7. "No more curse" (22:3).
8. Death entered (3:19).
8. "No more death" (21:4).
9. Man driven out from Eden (3:24).
9. Man restored to paradise (22).
10. Man is refused the Tree of Life (3:24).
10. Man is restored to the Tree of Life (22:14).
11. Sorrow and suffering enter (3:17).
11. No more sorrow (21:4).

Key: The book of Revelation is from Jesus and about Jesus foretelling the blessing of His people and the judgment of His enemies.

I. THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Apocalypse: un_____

A. THE REVELATION OF JESUS

? Which way should we take it?

1. God Gave The Revelation To Him
2. Jesus Took It And Sent It By An Angel
3. The Angel Gave It To John, Jesus' Slave

Daniel 12:4a

But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time;

Revelation 22:10

5. John Gave It To Jesus' Slaves

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord God does nothing
Unless He reveals His secret counsel
To His servants the prophets.

Psalms 25:14

The secret of the Lord is for those who fear Him,
And He will make them know His covenant.

6. To Show What Must Soon Take Place

Point: The revelation of Jesus is His Word to us about what is and what must soon take place.

Revelation 1:17b-19; 2:1, 7, 8, 11, 12, 17, 18; 10:4, 8; 14:13; 16:1; 19:15; 22:20

B. THE REVELATION OF JESUS

Revelation 1:17; 2:5, 16; 5; 19; 22

Point: When Jesus appears, nothing remains the same.

II. THE BLESSING OF JESUS' PEOPLE

? Who is the blessing for?

A. THE READER

B. THE HEARERS

C. THE KEEPERS

Revelation 14:12

? Why?

CONCLUSION: ARE YOU LISTENING TO JESUS?

Revelation is a difficult book to understand, but we begin to plumb the depths of its riches by understanding first that this is a book from Jesus, about Jesus for the blessing of His people and judgment of His enemies.

“If Jesus were to appear right now, would I fall in worship or flee in terror?”

“Am I willing to lose whatever life I have here for the life promised God’s people in the end?”