

I Sermon Notes

The Alpha and Omega and the Ways Things Really Are Rev. 1:1-8

I. What is the Book of Revelation?

- A. It is an apocalypse (an _____) (1:1)
- B. It is a _____ (1:3; 22:7. 10, 18)
- C. It is an epistle or _____ (1:4-6; 2-3)
- D. Rich in O.T. imagery
"John paints an apocalypse, and the OT is his _____."

II. The Purpose of Revelation

- A. To _____ the church with the revelation of Jesus Christ (1:1-3)
- B. To _____ and equip the church against her enemy
- C. To challenge the church to trust in her _____
- D. To challenge the church to be faithful to her call in the face of her _____
- E. To encourage the church in Christ and our glorious _____

III. What is Seen and What is Reality

The unveiling that John gives is the perspective of _____

This means, this is how things really _____, not how they appear

- 1) He is the Alpha and _____
- 2) The One Who IS and Who WAS and Who IS TO _____
- 3) The Lord God the _____
- 4) The One Who Sits on the _____
- 5) The victorious _____

The Roman Empire *Appears* to be the Ruling _____

- 1) The beast coming up from the sea (13:1-10)
- 2) The beast coming up from the earth (13:11-18)



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Conclusion

1. Nations differ in terms of degrees of evil and Satanic _____.
2. But that is not the way things really are, there is a Throne behind the thrones, there is the reality of _____, behind _____.
3. When this happens, we will either endure persecution or _____.

