

# THE BOOK OF THE REVELATION

## 1:1-3

The Revelation is the final chapter describing the end times, from the Tribulation to the end of time as we know it. This book is God's \_\_\_\_\_ message to his people and to the unsaved. This book is intended to prepare the Believer for \_\_\_\_\_ eternity with God and the unbeliever for an eternity of total, never ending \_\_\_\_\_ without God.

### I. The Prologue ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) 1:1-8

#### A. \_\_\_\_\_ (Dedication of the Book) Vs 1-3

##### 1. Verse 1

###### a. **The Revelation**

1. Gk. Apocalypse
2. To unveil; \_\_\_\_\_ the cover from; bring to light that which before had been \_\_\_\_\_ or concealed

###### b. **Of Jesus Christ**

1. Not a revelation \_\_\_\_\_ Christ
2. A revelation \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus Christ
3. *The revelation from Jesus Christ*

###### c. **Which God gave Him to show His servants**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of this book is clearly indicated: **God gave**
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the book is clearly indicated: Show so as to be seen
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this book are clearly indicated:

###### a. **Servants**

1. a \_\_\_\_\_
2. One who gives himself up to another's \_\_\_\_\_
3. One \_\_\_\_\_ to another to the disregard of one's own interests

###### b. **His servants**-those who faithfully \_\_\_\_\_ Christ

###### d. **Things which must shortly take place:** events that, though \_\_\_\_\_ revealed before now, will take place \_\_\_\_\_

###### e. **He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John**

1. Christ sent this message to John
2. **Signified**-Gave a sign or \_\_\_\_\_
3. **By His angel**-Christ sent an \_\_\_\_\_ to demonstrate the authenticity of this message

##### 2. Verse 2

###### a. **Who**-John, the beloved disciple

###### b. **Bore witness**-\_\_\_\_\_ witness that this really occurred (*He regarded himself merely as a witness of what he had seen, and claimed only to make a fair and faithful record of it. Albert Barnes*)

1. **To the word of God**-the Father's statements concerning His \_\_\_\_\_
2. **To the testimony of Jesus Christ**-The Son's statements of "Things which must shortly take place"
3. **To all things that he saw**-The events to which he was an \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ in being allowed to see them take place before they ever happen.

3. **Verse 3 Blessed**-blessing and \_\_\_\_\_
- a. The first of \_\_\_\_\_ "blessings" mentioned in the book of the Revelation, also known as 7 \_\_\_\_\_-statements describing those who are blessed of God)
  - b. ***He who reads the words of this prophecy***-read for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ and understanding
  - c. ***He who hears the words of this prophecy***-think about what is being said; be \_\_\_\_\_ so as to comprehend what is stated concerning the words of the prophecy
  - d. ***He who keeps those things written therein***-\_\_\_\_\_ to the commandments given in the words of the prophecy
  - e. ***For the time is near***- From \_\_\_\_\_ point of view, the time of fulfillment of these prophecies was very near when they were given, how much closer they must be today.
    1. We must remember that it is \_\_\_\_\_ who states the time is near
    2. We must remember that a day with God is like 1,000 years with mankind *2Pe 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*
  - f. *It is commonly accepted that the book of Revelation is too mysterious for the ordinary mind to understand, and that it is scarcely practical or profitable for the study of the unskilled and unscholarly. On the contrary it is here presented to us as God's message to all His people, with a special blessing pronounced on those who read, hear, and keep it. [Simpson, A.B. (1994). [The Christ in the Bible Commentary](#) (Vol. 6, p. 409). Wingspread Publishers.]*

B. The Salutation 1:4-8 (Outline to be continued next time)