A Tour Through the Divine Library

(Revelation)

I. General Introduction to the Revelation

-Title and Recipients: “Revelation of John (Jesus Christ)” (1:1); written to the seven churches in Asia

 (1:4, 11); relevant for all the churches (2:7, 29)

-Author and Date: written by the apostle John (1:1, 4, 9-11. 22:8) in AD 94-96

-Approaches to Interpretation: Preterist; Historicist; Futurist; Idealist; Modified Eclectic Approach;

 Progressive Recapitulation (6:12-17 with 7:9-17; 11:18a with 11:18b; 14:14-20 with 15:2-4; 16:17-

 18:24 with 19:1-10; 19:11-21 with 20:4-6; 20:7-15 with 21:1-8)

-Purpose: encourage small, persecuted churches by reminding them of the complete and final victory of

 Christ and His church over Satan and his agents

-Structure:

 I. Vision #1: Christ and the Church (ch. 1-3)

 II. Vision #2: Christ and the World (chs. 4-16)

III. Vision #3: Christ and Victory (chs. 17-20)

IV. Vision #4: Christ and Eternity (chs. 21, 22)

 II. General Overview of the Revelation

III. Prominent Themes in the Revelation

 -144,000 (7:4-8; 14:1-5); Great Tribulation (7:13, 14); the Millenium (20:1-10); God, the Judge of His

 Enemies and Deliverer of His People (*passim*)

IV. Christ in the Revelation

 -1:5-7; 13-18; Almighty One (1:8); Alpha and Omega (1:8; 21:6); Beginning and the End (1:8; 21:6);

 Lion of the tribe of Judah (5:5); Heir to David’s throne (5:5); Lamb of God (5:6-22:3); the Word of God

 (19:13); King of kings and Lord of lords (19:16); 19:11-16

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V. Practical Lessons from the Revelation

1) Do not underestimate the blessing God bestows upon those who make conscientious use of the means of grace.

2) Beware of a subtle deviation from the gospel as you read and study the Book of the Revelation.

3) The Book of the Revelation is particularly relevant to us at this time in our nation and world.