



Hillside Baptist Church Sunday Night Study

An Exposition of Revelation

Prologue, Praise, Parousia

Revelation 1:1-8

The Introduction (1:1-8) and the Epilogue (22:6-8) of Revelation form an *Inclusio* to the book.

I. Prologue (1-3)

A. The Central Purpose of Revelation - “To unveil or Reveal” (*apokalupsis*)

B. The Central Character of Revelation - Jesus Christ

C. The Transmission of Revelation

The Father —> The Son —> His Angel —> John —> Servants of Christ

D. The Universal Relevancy of Revelation

i. Blessing - 1st of 7 Beatitudes (1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7, 14)

ii. Imminency - “Must Take Place soon...the Time is near”

II. Praise (4-6)

A. Epistolary Greeting: Author, Recipient, Greeting

B. A Triune Acknowledgment

1. The Father - Who is and who was and who his to come
(Comes from Ex. 3:14-15, the Divine Name)

2. The Holy Spirit - Seven Spirits before the throne
(Isa. 11:2; Zech. 4:2, 10. The Spirit’s perfect and effective work)

3. Jesus Christ - the faithful witness (Isaiah 43:1), firstborn from the dead
(Colossians 1:18), the Ruler of the kings of the earth (Psalm 89:27, Rev. 19:10).

C. Doxology

1. To Him who loves us – present tense.
2. And freed us from our sins by His blood – Exodus language
3. And made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father (1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 20:6)
4. [Be] Glory and power unto the ages, Amen

III. Parousia (7-8)

A. *Parousia* - Greek for “the coming” (v.7)

1. Daniel 7:13-14
2. Zechariah 12:10

B. The Divine Notary (v.8)

1. The Alpha and Omega - Rooted in Isa. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12
2. Ascribed to both Father and Son (Father 1:8; 21:6) (Son 1:17; 22:13)
3. Almighty - El Shaddai (Gen. 17:1; Exodus 6:2-3)