

October 27, 2024
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Revelation 1:1-3

“Introduction to The Revelation of Jesus Christ”

Title: “The Revelation of Jesus Christ” - 1:1

Human Author: “John” - 1:1-2, 4, 9; 22:8

Date: c. 95-96 A.D.

Background / Setting: 1:9; 2:10, 13

Theme / Purpose: 1:1

Historical and Theological Themes:

Interpretive Challenges:

- Preterist
- Historicist
- Idealist
- **Futurist**

Outline: 1:19

Why Study Revelation? 1:3 - Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

So What?

Discussion & Application:

1. Many people refer to this book as the book of “**Revelations.**” Why is it important to see this as the book of “**The Revelation**” (singular)?
2. What (or Who) in the book of Revelation do a lot of people want to know about? What (or Who) is the primary focus of Revelation that we should be most excited to learn more about? How can we maintain that focus as we study this book in detail?
3. What does the word “**revelation**” mean? What does the book of Revelation reveal to us that we didn’t know before? [Create a LONG list of things we may have known some things about from other OT & NT books but understand in greater detail in Revelation]
4. Why is a **date** of c. 95-96 A.D. (as opposed to 67-70 A.D.) important to our interpretation of the book? What evidence for the later date is most convincing for you?
5. It appears to many that **persecution** of Bible-believing followers of Jesus is increasing in the United States. If that persecution leads to loss of jobs, physical beatings, incarceration, exile, or even martyrdom, how would the book of Revelation help us stand up & stand out? What specific passages would give you the most strength to persevere to the end?
6. Much has been said in our culture recently about being on “**the right side of history.**” What is meant by that statement. How does the book of Revelation help us have the conviction that Bible-believing followers of Jesus are on the right side of history? How does a deep conviction of that help you intellectually, emotionally, morally, socially, and politically?
7. Read through the entire book of Revelation and record all the different ways **Jesus** is described / depicted or titles that He is given. How do these titles and descriptions increase your hope for the future regardless of the difficulties you are facing?
8. What does the word “**blessed**” mean (Rev. 1:3)? Why does John say “he” (singular) who reads and “those” (plural) who hear and heed the things written in the book of Revelation are blessed? In your humble opinion, what priority should be placed on the reading of Scripture in public worship services? [Please send your opinions to Pastor Paul who would love to hear how you would approach it and why]
9. What does it mean in 1:3 that the “time is **NEAR**”?
10. List as many “**blessings**” as you can find that come to those who read, hear, and heed (obey) what is written in Revelation.
11. **Read the book of Revelation this week.** Send any **questions** that you have about specific passages to Pastor Paul (pbrown@tbbfchurch.org). He will attempt to answer them when we get to them in our verse-by-verse study.
12. **Spend a lot of time with Jesus this week.** Praise Him for Who He is. Thank Him for what He has done, is doing, and will do. Ask Him to fill you with hope & courage to stand up & stand out for Him and His coming kingdom. Tell Him how much you love Him and are longing to see him face-to-face. Sing some of your favorite hymns and/or praise songs that express your love for & commitment to Him.