

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

"The King and the Kingdom"

Revelation 1:1-8

INTRODUCTION: Chapter Divisions - Chronology of Revelation

1. The Period of the **CHURCH**
 - a) Chapters 1-3
2. The Period of the **TRIBULATION**
 - a) Chapters 4-19
3. The Period of the **MILLENIUM**
 - a) Chapter 20
4. The Period of **ETERNITY**
 - a) Chapters 21-22
5. **Outline of the book**
 - a) *Revelation 1:19*
6. **Explanation of (Parenthesis) in Revelation.**
 - a) A parenthesis we are gaining additional insight on earth.
 - 1) A parenthesis supplies more details.

I. INTRODUCTION TO LETTER

A. THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE BOOK

1. Vs 1a

- a) **"Revelation"** - apocalypse
- b) In the Greek the word simply means - ***"an uncovering, or manifestation or unveiling"***.

2. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Therefore the Revelation (Apocalypse) of Jesus Christ is the making known King Jesus.

3. Vs 1b

- a) ***"which God gave Him to show his servants the things that must soon take place"***

1) ***"must soon take place"*** - Gk = tachos - English "Tachometer"

2) The Greek meaning refers to something which will happen suddenly or quickly.

B. A BOOK OF IMAGES (Symbols)

1. The book of Revelation is a book of Words and Images.

2. Vs 11a

a) *"Write what you see in a book"*

3. It is a visual book that demonstrates in symbols and images what's going to happen in the future.

4. Vs 1

a) Notice the Transmission of these images.

1) *"which God gave to Him (Christ)"*

2) *"to show His servants"*

3) *"by sending his angel to His servant John"*

b) God - Jesus - angels - John - servants

5. Vs 2

a) *"that he saw"*

C. A BOOK OF BLESSINGS

1. Vs 3a

a) *"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy"*

b) 1 Timothy 4:13

2. Vs 3b

a) *"Blessed are those who hear"*

3. Vs 3c

a) *"Blessed are those who keep what is written in it" (Obedience)*

b) Revelation 2:7

1) *"He who has an ear let him hear"*

4. Vs 3d (Blessed are those who believe or anticipate)

a) *"for the time is near"*

1) Which means that its later than it's ever been.

b) Today we are more near than we've ever been.

1) *Mark 13:28-32 WOW!!!*

II. THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE BOOK

1. Vs 4a

a) *"to the seven churches that are in Asia"*

1) Cf Vs 11

2. The Apostle Paul writes letters to seven different churches.

a) Church @ Rome

- b) Church @ Corinth
- c) Church @ Galatia
- d) Church @ Ephesus
- e) Church @ Philippi
- f) Church @ Colosse
- g) Church @ Thessalonica

3. Individual letters to Seven Churches

a) Vs 10-11

4. The number seven is very significant in Scripture.

- a) Seven is the number of completion or perfection.
- b) Seven is used 54 times in Revelation.
- c) *Joshua 6:3-5*

III. THE ORIGIN OF THE BOOK

A. GOD THE FATHER

1. Vs 4b

- a) *"Grace to you and peace from Him"*
 - 1) "Who was"
 - 2) "Who is"
 - 3) "and is to come"

B. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Vs 4

- a) *"and from the seven spirits who are before His throne"*

2. **Seven Spirits** - refers to the fullness, or completeness of the Holy Spirit.

3. *Isaiah 11:1-2*

- a) Seven characteristics of the Spirit of God.

C. FROM GOD THE SON

1. Vs 5

- a) *"the Faithful witness"*
- b) *"the firstborn of the dead"*
 - 1) *1 Corinthians 15:20*
- c) *"and the ruler of kings on earth"*

IV. A WORD OF DEDICATION

A. TO HIM WHO LOVES US

1. Vs 5b

B. TO HIM WHO SET US FREE

1. Vs 5c

C. TO HIM WHO HAS GIVEN US A POSITION

1. Vs 6a

a) 6a KJV

D. CONCLUDES HIS DEDICATION WITH WORSHIP

1. Vs 6

a) *"to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever"* AMEN

V. THE KING IS COMING

A. THE PRESENTATION OF THE KING

1. Vs 7a

a) *"Behold, He is coming with the clouds"*

2. Vs 7

a) *"and every eye shall see him"*

3. Vs 7a

a) **"coming"** - gk = **Parousia** is the normal word for **"coming"** or **"advent"**

a) This is NOT the Rapture of the Church.

b) This word **"coming"** refers to a coming which changes the situation.

B. THE KING IS IN CONTROL

1. Vs 8

a) *"I am the Alpha and the Omega"*

1) I am in charge

2. Revelation is the account of Jesus campaign for control over the earth.

3. Vs 8

a) *"the Almighty"* = El Shaddai