

# THE BOOK OF REVELATION

REVELATION CHAPTER 1:1-3

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**" JESUS CHRIST - UNVEILED! "**

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**INTRODUCTION**

*to the text*

*Revelation 1:1-3*

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**This, The Book of Books, of the Bible**

**Revelation 19:10**

Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

**This is My Favorite Book of the Bible**

**SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE COMING EVENTS**

*v.1 "things which must shortly take place..."*

*v.3 "for the time is near."*

2000 Years ago Jesus' Disciples Wanted to Know Future Things  
So, like an Approaching Storm - Global Events

**Time, is Coming like a Train!**

**Now A Little Bit of Preparation**

"The" Revelation of Jesus Christ

Meaning it is the unfolding revelation of Jesus Christ

**The Book of Revelation**

Deals with the Final and Deepest Revelation of Jesus Christ

**WRITTEN IN THE MID 90'S AD.**

**There are Three Interpretations to the Book**

Three different views

# Denominational Views

## #1 - Allegorical View -

It's a book of symbols and types and little, if anything, is real or to happen at all. -

## #2 - Historical View -

It's all done, fulfilled, it's not a futuristic book. What it speaks of is that of things that already happened in the past.

## #3 - Correct View, The Literal View -

Understanding that the events are of the future. That from chapter One to Chapter Four deals with the Revelation of Jesus Christ, His Church in the Earth and from Chapter 4:1 to the End are Futuristic Events...

\_\_\_\_\_ We hold to the **literal view** \_\_\_\_\_

We Believe That Jesus Literally Lived,  
died and rose again from the dead

We hold to the literal return of Christ...

**“ JESUS CHRIST – UNVEILED ! ”**

### 1.) ***A Revelation of Jesus Christ to the World***

**vv. 1**

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John,*

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which **God** gave **Him** to show  
**His servants**—things which must shortly take place.  
And He sent and signified it by **His angel** to **His servant John**,

God wants you and I to know and understand

#### **Revelation 22:10**

“Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.”

#### **Daniel 12:4**

“But you, Daniel, close up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end comes; then many will travel the world and shall search for understanding, and knowledge shall increase.”

*A Revelation of Jesus Christ to the World*

### **a.) *It's The Will of the Father – that Jesus be known***

v. 1: The (A) Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave...

#### ***There are Two very Important Things Here***

The word “The” is not found in the Original Greek Scriptures = it's the word “(a)”

#### **A Revelation of Jesus Christ...**

***The Progressive Unveiling of Jesus Christ.***

It Demands the Incorporation of the Four Gospels

Matthew - A Revelation of Jesus Christ

Mark - A Revelation of Jesus Christ

Luke - A Revelation of Jesus Christ

John - A Revelation of Jesus Christ

It Demands the Incorporation of the Epistles

It Demands the Incorporation of the Prophets  
It Demands the Incorporation of Moses  
It Demands the Incorporation of the Old Testament

***It Demands the Incorporation of The entire Bible***

Which is "The"— Revelation of Jesus Christ, The Book of Revelation Being the Final Act to the Grand Revelation!

**Psalm 40:7-8**

Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book *it is* written of me. :8 I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law *is* within my heart."

**Hebrews 10:7**

*Then I said, "Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God."*

***The Second of those Two very Important Things is***

~~The (A) Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave...~~

**"which God gave..."**

This is God the Father

***It's the Father's desire that the world be introduced to Jesus Christ His Son***

**John 3:34-35**

For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure unto Him. :35 The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

**John 5:20-24**

For the Father loves the Son, and **shows Him all things** that He Himself does; and He **will show Him greater works than these**, that you may marvel. :21 For **as the Father raises** the dead and gives life to *them*, **even so the Son** gives life to whom He will. :22 For the Father judges no one, **but has committed all judgment to the Son**, :23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who **sent Him**. :24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in **Him who sent Me** has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

**John 5:37**

And the Father Himself, who sent Me,

**John 6:38-40**

For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. :39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. :40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

**John 7:16**

Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but **His who sent Me**.

**John 8:28-29**

Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and *that* I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father **taught Me**, I speak these things

(The Revelation that the Father has Given The Son)

**John 12:49**

For I have not spoken on My own *authority*; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.

**John 14:10**

Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

**John 14:24**

He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but **the Father's who sent Me**.

**b.) It's The Will of Jesus Christ – that He be known**

v. 1: A Revelation of Jesus Christ, **which God gave Him**

**John 14:6-7**

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. :7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

**John 8:18-19**

I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me." Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" ¶ Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also."

**c.) It's The Will of Heaven – that Jesus be known**

v. 1: Which God gave Him (Jesus) to show His servants — things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by **His angel**

*It's the **Angels' desire** that we would see Jesus*

## The Heavenly, Angelic Hosts Worship

**Revelation 4:8**

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"  
**(who is doing the worshipping? / who is being worshipped?)**

**Isaiah 6:1-4**

...I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the glory of His robe filled the temple. :2 Above throne stood seraphim, angels; each one had six wings: with two wings he covered over his face, with two wings he covered over his feet, and with the remaining two wings he flew. :3 And each one cried to the other and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" :4 And the beams of the door were shaken by the voice of them who cried out...

## The Heavenly, Angelic Hosts Worship

**1 Timothy 3:16**

And without controversy (undisputed truth / failing arguments) great is the mystery of godliness: God was **unveiled** publicly in the flesh, **justified** in the Spirit, **seen** of angels, **preached** unto the Gentiles, **believed** on in the world, **received** up into glory.

**Seen** *grk* οἰπτὰζὶνομαὶ **optanomai**, op-tan'-om-ah-ee, οἰπτομαὶ **optomai**, to gaze with wide-open eyes, as at something remarkable, surprising, fantastic to behold; to be present, watching from a distance.

## The Angel's Gawked

Angel's aren't easily impressed – they've seen a lot in their lifetime

**Luke 2:8-15**

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. :9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. :10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. :11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. :12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." :13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: :14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" :15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

## Gawking Angels !

***It's The Will of the Father – that Jesus be known***

***It's The Will of Jesus Christ – that He be known***

***It's The Will of Heaven – that Jesus be known***

*A Revelation of Jesus Christ to the World*

**d.) *It's The Will of John – that Jesus be known***

*The (a) Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Jesus Christ to show His servants. (Who are His Servants?) —things which must shortly take place And He sent and signified it by His angel **to His servant John,***

***To His Servant John,***

*John, Author of the Gospel of John*

*This John, Author of 1,2,3 Epistles of John*

*And Eyewitness, Historian of the Book of Revelation*

***It's What The Apostle John was Saying***

**1 John 1:1-3**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— :2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— :3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. – *and all of God's people said...*

**John 1:1-2,14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. :2 He was in the beginning with God... :14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Revelation 1:9**

I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

**Imprisoned on Patmos in the Greek Isles of the Mediterranean**

Was the only apostle to die of old age. After being persecuted, beaten, and boiled alive in a vat of oil – John was miraculously kept by God and banished to exile...

**John Confesses**

I, John... was on the island that is called Patmos

Because #1 - for **the word** of God and

Because #2 - for **the testimony** of Jesus Christ.

**That Fact is that after 2,000 years  
you're sitting here holding a Bible in your lap!**

***Because It's The Will of the Father – that Jesus be known  
It's The Will of Jesus Christ – that He be known***

***Because It's The Will of Jesus Christ – that He be known  
It's The Will of Heaven – that Jesus be known***

***Because It's The Will of Heaven – that Jesus be known  
It's The Will of John – that Jesus be known***

***Because It's The Will of John – that Jesus be known  
It's The Will of the Church – that Jesus be known***

**Because It's The Will of the Church – that Jesus be known  
It's Our Will – that Jesus be known**

## **“ JESUS CHRIST – UNVEILED! ”**

### **2.) A Revelation of Jesus Christ by the Book vv. 2**

*...to His servant John; who bore witness to the word of God,  
and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw...*

#### *A Revelation of Jesus Christ by the Book*

### **a.) The Old Testament Confirmation**

**v. 2:** *John - who bore witness to the word of God,*

John is Saying - I've put the historical record of the old testament on trial. I have pursued every clue, Every lead, I have interviewed others and I have seen with my own eyes and I have heard with my own ears what the ancient scriptures have foretold about Jesus. – it's true!

#### *A Revelation of Jesus Christ by the Book*

### **b.) The New Testament Confirmation**

**v. 2:** *...to His servant John; who bore witness to the word of God,  
and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw...*

#### **JOHN IS SAYING HERE ;**

That he placed everything that Jesus said and did on trial.

That he pursued Every clue, Every Lead, he checked out everything he saw and heard and has concluded, that Jesus is the Christ, exactly the One who He said He was!

#### *A Revelation of Jesus Christ by the Book*

### **c.) The Harmony of the Scriptures (O.T. & N. T.)**

**Isaiah 48:12**

"Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, My called: **I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last.**

**Isaiah 44:6**

"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: **`I am the First and I am the Last;** besides Me there is no God.

**Isaiah 41:4**

Who has performed and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? **`I, the LORD, am the first; and with the last I am He."**

**Revelation 1:8**

"**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,**" says the Lord, "**who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."**

**Revelation 4:8**

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "**Holy, holy, holy, lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!**"

**Revelation 1:11**

"**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,**" and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches

**Revelation 21:6**

And He said to me, "It is done! **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.**

**Revelation 22:13**

"**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.**"

**Revelation 1:17**

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; **I am the First and the Last**

**Revelation 1:18**

"**I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.**

**Revelation 2:8**

"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write,  
`These things says the **First and the Last, who was dead, and came back to life:**

**1 John 5:20**

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. **This is the true God** and eternal life.

**1 Timothy 3:16**

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on** in the world, **received up** in glory.

**Titus 2:13**

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of **our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,**

**John 8:58**

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM.**"

**John 8:24**

"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for **if you do not believe that I am He,** you will die in your sins."

**John 10:32**

Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" :33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because **You, being a Man, make Yourself God.**"

**Titus 2:10**

Let us adorn the doctrine of **God our Savior** in all things.

**Jude 1:24-25**

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25 To **God our Savior,** who alone is wise...

**1 Timothy 4:10**

For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in **the living God, who is the Savior** of all men, especially for those who believe.

**Isaiah 42:8**

I am the **LORD**, that is **My name;** and My glory I will not give to another...

**Hosea 13:4**

Yet I am the **LORD** your God ever since the land of Egypt, and you shall know no God but Me; for there is **no Savior besides Me.**

**Isaiah 45:21**

Tell and bring forth your case; yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the **LORD?** And there is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior; there is none besides Me.

**Isaiah 43:11**

I, even I, am the **LORD** (yehovah), and besides Me there is no savior.

**Isaiah 7:14**

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His **name Immanuel.** = "God among us"

**Proverbs 30:4**

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and **what is His Son's name,** if you know? I Know !!!

**Luke 1:30-32**

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a **Son,** and shall call His name **Jesus.** 32 "He will be great, and will be called **the Son of the Highest;**

**Philippians 2:10-11**

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Philippians 3:20**

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

**John 3:16**

"For God so loved the world that He gave **His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes **in Him** should not perish but have everlasting life. = Savior!

**John 4:42**

And so the Samaritians said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and **we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.**"

**1 John 4:14**

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent **The Son** as **Savior** of the world.

**2 Peter 1:11**

for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our **Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

*It's No Wonder Then...*

**Rom 10:13**

For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## " JESUS CHRIST – UNVEILED! "

### **3.) A Revelation of Jesus for the heart of man vv. 3**

*Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.*

*A Revelation of Jesus for the heart of man*

### **a.) Happiness - because of what is written**

*v. 3: Blessed is he (singular) who reads and those (plural) who hear the words of this prophecy*

## The scene is Timeless – It's the Congregation

Gathered Together Around the Word to Hear it and to Worship Jesus Christ

## They're Havin' Church

blessed grk **makarioß makarios**, *mak-ar'-ee-os*;  
supremely blest; very well off, fortunate, the happiest, blessed to the full

Reading and Hearing the Words

Why?

Because it is The (a) Revelation of Jesus Christ

*A Revelation of Jesus for the heart of man*

### **b.) Happiness – because of what we do**

*v. 3: Blessed is he who **keeps those things** which are written in it*

Believes in Hope and who's Faith is Active

*A Revelation of Jesus for the heart of man*



**Verse 3**

v.3 *Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; - - -  
for the time is near.*

# Every Christian Generation

has longed for the final days and the glorious Coming of Christ

**Acts 1:6**

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

**Matthew 24:3**

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

## Jesus is Coming Again

### THE PERSONAL APPLICATION

HAS JESUS CHRIST SEEN THE INSIDE OF YOUR HEART?

HE ALREADY KNOWS WHAT'S IN THERE – BUT IS HE ALLOWED IN?

**Revelation 3:20**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and sup with him, and he with Me.

## It's Time to "Sup"

TO BECOME ONE WITH HIM

Personally / This has been the most difficult  
but also the most Wonderful Year for Me

As many of you know My Sister died of cancer recently. In the last several years I've lost my mother, father and sister to cancer...

But Listen; Each of them went Home to heaven

I'm Very Glad to be Able to Say That –

I Don't Have to Guess

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren (jack), concerning those who have died in Jesus (your family), lest you sorrow as the others who have no hope. :14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who died in Jesus (your family),. :15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those (your family), who have died. :16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead bodies of those in Christ will rise first. :17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. :18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

## Have Any of You Had a Christian Friend or Family Member Die? Do You Want to See Them Again?

### **Romans 10:9-11**

If you confess (make public) that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from death, you will be saved (delivered from judgment and hell). :10 For it is by our personal faith that we are put right with God; it is by our active confession that we are saved. :11 For the scripture says... "Whoever believes in him will never be disappointed."

### Matthew 12:30

"Anyone who is not for me, is against me;

### **John 14:1-6**

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. :2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. :3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. :4 And where I go you know, and the way you know." :5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" :6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

## Will You Today "Literally Accept" Jesus Christ?