

Jesus Unveiled

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Main Passage: Revelation 1:1-8

Theological Theme

The Almighty triune God always has been and always will be.

Introduction

- ? What has been your experience with the book of Revelation?
- ? What are some questions about this book you'd like to learn more about?

1. The Revelation of Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:1-2)

Revelation is apocalyptic literature, a genre that heavily uses symbolism to reveal things about God's actions and future judgment. The very first word of the book in the original Greek text is "apokalupsis," the Greek word from which we get the English word "apocalypse." When we hear this term, it might call up visions of fire and catastrophe from epic blockbuster movies, but the Greek here simply means "to uncover, unveil, or reveal."⁶

- ? What do these verses say the purpose of this revelation is?
- ? Who is it the revelation of? How should that shape our approach to this book?
- ? What has been revealed to you about Jesus? What is our role in revealing Him to more people?

2. Blessed Are Those Who Hear (Revelation 1:3)

We are still awaiting the complete fulfillment of the events referenced in the book of Revelation, so "the time is near" doesn't mean that these events would come to pass soon as we might expect. Jesus is coming back, and while Revelation has tempted many an individual to guess when this might take place, the truth is that we do not and will not know.

- ? How are we blessed according to this verse?
- ? What near time was John referring to in this verse?

- ❓ How would you live differently if you truly believed Jesus could return at any time?

3. To The Seven Churches in Asia (Revelation 1:4-8)

In this passage, John reminded the (perhaps persecuted) readers of the work and person of the victorious Christ. God is eternal. He has always existed and will always exist (“the one who is, who was, and who is to come,” v. 4). The seven spirits John references in verse 4 may refer to the seven angels he referred to later in the book of Revelation (1:20; 8:2) or possibly to the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 11:2).

- ❓ What does this passage indicate about the purpose of this letter?
- ❓ What can we learn about Jesus from these verses?
- ❓ How does it give you hope to remember God is eternal and over all things?

Conclusion

This letter to a persecuted church is one of great hope. John wanted the churches in Asia to know that though Christ had died for their sins, He lived and would one day return to set things right in their troubled world. He also reminded them of God’s eternal nature and His great power, a power no one can ultimately resist. John’s assurance that everything would work out in the end was rooted in faith in the One who loves us and has set us free from our sins.

- ❓ What stands out to you from this first week of our study on Revelation?
- ❓ What does today’s passage teach us about Jesus and His relationship with us?
- ❓ Who can you share with about the love of Jesus?