

Preface to the Book of Revelation

Study 1. Revelation 1:1-8

A. The Preface to the Book. 1:1-8

1. Introduction. 1:1-3

- a. Who is this book about? 1:1
 - 1) The word “revelation” is a translation of the Greek word *apokalupsis*. Literally it means “unveiling”, but it is usually translated as some variation of the word revelation or revealing.
 - 2) There may well be a play on words here, a Divine pun, if you will.
 - a) This book consists of Jesus unveiling of what will happen in the future.
 - b) But it also consists of Jesus’ unveiling of Himself and His role in the present and the future.
- b. Who gave Him this revelation or unveiling?
- c. Who are the recipients of this message?
- d. How did Jesus convey his message to the human author?
- e. Who is the human author?
- f. To what has the human author testified? 1:2
 - 1) To the _____ of God
 - 2) To the _____ of Christ
 - 3) Even all that he, the author _____
- g. Who are the ones who are blessed? 1:3
 - 1) Those who _____
 - 2) Those who _____
 - 3) Those who _____
- h. Thought question: Do you plan to be blessed or plan not to be blessed?

- i. If you want to be blessed, what will you have to do?
- j. How close are the events of this book?

2. The Salutation. 1:4-6

- a. To whom is John writing? 1:4 _____
- b. What blessings does he give to them? _____ and _____
- c. How does John describe each member of the Godhead from whom these blessings flow?
 - 1) The Father: _____
 - 2) The Spirit: _____
 - 3) The Son (Jesus Christ) 1:5
 - a) Prophet: _____
 - b) Ultimate man as Victor over death: _____
 - c) Supreme King: _____
- d. How did Jesus show His love for us? 1:5b _____

- e. What two things has Jesus made us believers in Him to be? 1:6a
 - 1) Having to do with royalty: _____
 - 2) Having to do with a priesthood: _____
- f. John blesses Jesus: 1:6b
 - 1) To Him be _____ and _____
 - 2) How long? _____

3. The Prologue. 1:7-8

- a. What did John predict about Jesus? 1:7 _____
 - b. Who will see Jesus when He comes? _____
 - c. What will their reaction be? _____
 - d. Someone guarantees John's prediction. 1:8
 - 1) What does He call Himself? "I am the _____ and the _____."
 - 2) Who is He? The _____. (This is most likely a reference to God the Father.)
 - 3) How does He relate to time?
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____
 - 4) How does He relate to power? He is _____.
4. What have you learned?
 - a. About Jesus?
 - b. About God?
 - c. About yourself?

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