

Revelation 1:1-3 — The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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Notes

- The point of this sermon is:

You need to know and obey the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

This Scripture prepares us to read and obey the rest of the book. It does so by telling us what Revelation is about and what we must do with it.

In this light, the goal of this sermon is to place a burden on the hearers to know and become familiar with the contents of this book, and to heed the commands given in it.

Introduction

1 The Nature of the Revelation of Jesus Christ

1.1 Who does it reveal?

- The book of Revelation reveals Jesus Christ.

1.1.1 He is God

- Rev 1:11

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last.”

- Rev 1:17

“Do not be afraid, I am the First and the Last.”

- Rev 22:13

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”

- Rev 1:13

... and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, ...

- Rev 3:1, 5:6

“These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: ...”

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

- Rev 3:14

“These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God; ...

- Rev 22:16

“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches, I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”

- Rev 1:16

... and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

1.1.2 He is the Savior

- Rev 1:5

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, . . .

- Rev 1:18

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

- Rev 5:6

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, . . .

- Rev 13:8

All who dwell on the earth will worship him [the beast], whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the world.

- Rev 5:9

“You are worthy to take the scroll,
And to open its seals;
For You were slain,
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, . . .”

- Rev 5:12

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
To receive power and riches and wisdom,
And strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

- Rev 5:13

“Blessing and honor and glory and power
Be to Him who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

- Rev 5:5

“Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

- Rev 3:7

“He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens.”

- Rev 1:18

“And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.”

- Rev 19:7

“Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.”

- Rev 7:17

“for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

- Rev 21:22-23

But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

- Rev 22:1-2

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

- Rev 22:3-4

And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

1.1.3 He is the conquering King

- Rev 1:7

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

- Rev 1:14-16

His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in his right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

- Rev 6:16-17

...and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

- Rev 14:14

Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

- Rev 17:14

"These [ten kings and the beast] will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."

- Rev 19:11-16

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on Him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped with blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS
AND LORD OF LORDS.

- Rev 20:15

And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Note: we know this is the Lamb's Book of Life from Rev 13:8.

1.2 Who is it from?

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