

Revelation, 2023  
Outline Lesson One

Note: Scriptures marked with an asterisk (\*) are those which I will read aloud.

- I. Revelation gives us the “Big Picture” (Revelation 21:10)
  - a. Paul understood “Big Picture” (II Cor. 12:2-4; Ro 8:18; II Cor 11:23-33; \*II Cor 4:16-18; Phil 1:21-24)
  - b. Jesus understood “Big Picture” (\*Hebrews 12:2)
  
- II. Background
  - a. Penned by: The Apostle John (Rev 1:1,4,9;21:2; 22:8)
  - b. When: Probably around AD 95 or 96
  - c. Where: The Isle of Patmos (Rev 1:9)
  - d. Under what circumstances: John was exiled “for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.” (Rev 1:9)
  - e. Written to whom: Believers (servants), to the seven churches (Rev 1:1,4)
  - f. Revelation of what: Jesus Christ (Rev 1:1)
  
- IV. Common Misconceptions
  - a. Because it contains apocalyptic literature, is difficult or impossible to understand (I Cor 14:33)
  - b. Is a depressing book of doom and gloom (I Chron 12:32)
  - c. Is too complicated (Deut 29:29)

- V. Brief description of some of the different methods used in interpreting Revelation
  - a. Allegorical View: Sees events in Rev. as symbolic
  - b. Preterist View: Sees events in Rev as occurring during first century of church history
  - c. Historical View: Sees events in Rev. as occurring through church history to the present
  - d. Futurist View: Sees events after third chapter of Rev as yet future
  
- VI. How we will interpret in this course (Acts 17:11)
  - a. Futurist View (\*Isa 46:9-10)
  - b. Literally (unless otherwise indicated)
  
- VII. Goals of this course
  - a. To have “revelation knowledge” of Jesus (Eph1:16-23; Eph 3:14-21)
  - b. To have spiritual discernment (\*I Cor 2:9-14)
    - 1. Given by the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:9-11; I Cor 6:19-20; Jo 14:15-18; \*Jo 16:13)
  - c. To live lives that demonstrate the love and joy of Christ to a hurting lost world