

Revelation- 2023

Outline Lesson Two

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

- I. Introduction (*Rev 1:1-9)
 - (a) Things John recorded (*Rev 1:2)
 - 1. The word (logos) of God
 - 2. The testimony of Jesus Christ
 - 3. All that he saw
 - (b) The Promise of Blessing (*Rev 1:3; Jn 10:10; Rev 22:7)
 - (c) The Greeting (*Rev 1:4-5; Isa 11:2)
 - (d) Believers as kings and priests unto God (*Rev 1:6; 5:10; 20:6)
 - (e) Description of Jesus at Second Coming (*Rev 1:7; *Matt 24:30; *Zec 12:10-14)
 - (f) Jesus as Alpha and Omega (*Rev 1:8)
 - (g) John identifies himself and location of his vision (*Rev 1:9)
 - (h) The reason for John's exile (*Rev 1:9)

- II. The Vision (*Rev 1:10-20)
 - (a) Circumstances at time of vision (*Rev 1:10; Jn 4:24)
 - (b) Instructions to John (*Rev 1:11)
 - (c) Description of Jesus (*Rev 1:10-17; Dan 10:5-6; 7:9)
 - (d) John's response to vision (*Rev 1:17; Dan 10:8-10)
 - (e) Jesus declares his authority (*Rev 1:18; Eph 1:19-23; Phil 2:9-11)

- III. Keys to interpreting Revelation (*Rev 1:19-20)
 - (a) John to record three things
 - (1) Things he has seen (past) (Rev 1:10-20)
 - (2) The things which are (present) (Rev 2-3)

- (3) The things which shall be hereafter (future) (Rev 4-22)
 - (b) Jesus gives meaning of symbols in vision (*Rev 1:20)
 - (1) Seven Stars are the angels of the seven churches
 - (2) Seven golden candlesticks are the seven churches.
 - (c) Jesus doesn't give meaning of sharp two-edged sword, but meaning given elsewhere in Scripture (*Rev. 1:16; *Heb 4:12; *Eph 6:17; *Rev 19:15)
- IV. The Letters to the Seven Churches (Rev 2-3)
- (a) Jesus personally addresses (*Acts 9:4-16)
 - (b) Three Ways to apply the messages
 - (1) To local churches at time of writing
 - (2) To local churches today
 - (3) To individual members of the Church then and now
- V. Format of the Letters
- (a) Destination
 - (b) Description of Christ
 - (c) Commendation
 - (d) Rebuke and warning
 - (e) Exhortation (*I Cor 2:9-14)
 - (f) Promise to over-comers (*I Jn 5:4-5; I Jn 4:4; Ro 8:35-37; Heb 4:15; Rev 3:21)

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