

## "The Revelation of Jesus Christ" Revelation 1:1-3

| I. | How c | w do we approach this apocalyptic (revelatory) book? |                      |                          |  |  |
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|    | a.    | Among the four main approaches, Cornerstone          |                      |                          |  |  |
|    |       | chooses a approach to                                |                      | approach to              |  |  |
|    |       | understanding the book.                              |                      |                          |  |  |
|    | b.    | We understand that the purpose of the book is to     |                      |                          |  |  |
|    |       | bring clarity of to believers                        |                      | to believers             |  |  |
|    |       | (1:1, "which God gave Him to show his servants       |                      |                          |  |  |
|    |       | the things that must soon take place.").             |                      |                          |  |  |
|    | c.    | Revelation is not all information as                 |                      |                          |  |  |
|    |       | there are 278 allusions to the Old Testament.        |                      |                          |  |  |
|    | d.    | Symbolism: Symbols refer to                          |                      |                          |  |  |
|    |       | they never refer to nothing.                         |                      |                          |  |  |
|    | e.    | We seek to interpret symbols in Revelation using     |                      |                          |  |  |
|    |       | the following hierarchy:                             |                      |                          |  |  |
|    |       | 1.                                                   | Explanation of the s | symbol in immediate      |  |  |
|    |       |                                                      |                      |                          |  |  |
|    |       | 2.                                                   | Explanation of the s | symbol in other parts of |  |  |
|    |       |                                                      | the,                 | or                       |  |  |
|    |       | 3. We take the symbol                                |                      |                          |  |  |

|            | f.      | Numbers are to be taken                          | whil                  |  |  |  |
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|            |         | also full of                                     | meaning.              |  |  |  |
|            | g.      | Events that are "soon" are viewed as "soon" from |                       |  |  |  |
|            |         | the standpoint of                                | of time—the           |  |  |  |
|            |         | next immediate era is thus "s                    | soon" with no         |  |  |  |
|            |         | intermediary eras before it.                     |                       |  |  |  |
|            |         |                                                  |                       |  |  |  |
| II.        | Γhis is | the Revelation of Jesus Chris                    | st: God               |  |  |  |
|            | Jes     | sus this revelation to                           | events that would     |  |  |  |
|            | ha      | ppen soon (1:1).                                 |                       |  |  |  |
| Daniel 2:  | 28;12:4 | 4; Hosea 3:5                                     |                       |  |  |  |
| III. J     | Jesus ( | delivered this revelation via ar                 | 1 to John             |  |  |  |
|            | the     | e apostle (1:1b-2).                              |                       |  |  |  |
| IV.        | There   | is a pro                                         | omised to the one who |  |  |  |
|            | ke      | eps what is written in this boo                  | k (1:3).              |  |  |  |
| Revelation | n 16:10 | 6-15; 22:7, 14-15                                |                       |  |  |  |
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