

SERMON OUTLINE

In Revelation 1:1-3 John reveals 7 truths concerning the epistle of apocalyptic prophecy he received.

- I. The revelation is of Jesus Christ (v.1a)
- II. The revelation is given by God to Christ (v.1b)
- III. The revelation is given to inform his servants what must take place (v.1c)
- IV. The revelation is communicated to John (v.1d)
- V. The revelation is testified to by John (v.2)
- VI. The revelation brings blessings:
 - A. To those who read it (v.3a)
 - B. To those who hear it (v.3b)
 - C. To those who keep it (v.3c)
- VII. The revelation is given because the time is near (v.3d)

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, April 8, 2018

Passage: Revelation 1:1-3

Memory Passage: Revelation 1:3

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 1-4** This week we will read all 22 chapters of Revelation (each reading is approximately 5 pages in my Bible and took me approximately 10 minutes to read). For each day's reading answer the following questions, which are adapted from the COMA (Context, Observation, Meaning, & Application) questions for apocalyptic literature found in David Helm's book *One-to-One Bible Reading* published by Matthias Media. You can download other apocalyptic questions, as well as questions for other genres, for free here: <http://www.matthiasmedia.com/Samples/otobr/OTOBR-Sheets-for-copying-US-letter.pdf>
- (b) Context: What other bits of the Bible are mentioned or hinted at in the passage? How does the passage connect with the previous chapter and rest of Revelation?
- (c) Observation: What images are used in the passage and what effect do they have? What does the passage reveal about God? If there is a crisis in the passage, what is the tension/conflict about and how does it relate to readers?
- (d) Meaning: What specific instructions/commands are given, and what consequences for disobedience are mentioned? Summarize the main points of each section you read today. How does the passage point to Jesus?
- (e) Application: How does this passage lead you to trust God and His promises in Jesus? How does this passage adjust or confirm your understanding of the message of Revelation? How does this passage call on you to change the way you live?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read Rev. 5-9.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read Rev. 10-14.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read Rev. 15-18.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read Rev. 19-22.

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Read, Hear, and Keep