

The Book of Revelation

September 21 WEEK 3
“IT’S ALL ABOUT JESUS”

I. Purpose of Prophecy (Review)

II. Author, Location & Audience, and Date of the Revelation

- a. John the Apostle
 - i. One of the first disciples, authored Gospel of John, 1-3 John
 - ii. The one Jesus loved (the beloved) (John 21:20)
 - iii. Cousin of Jesus? Youngest disciple?
 - iv. Only disciple at cross. Responsible for Mary (John 19:26-27)
 - v. Survived torture, placed in boiling oil. Sent to Patmos.
- b. Location & Audience
 - i. Remote island of Patmos
 - ii. To: Seven Representative Churches on Gospel Circuit
- c. Date: A Sunday (v. 10) 95-100AD; Good things happen on Lord’s Day

III. The Revelation of Jesus Christ (1:1-10)

- a. One verse says it all (verse 1)
 - i. The revelation – to reveal, communicate, make clear (278 of 404)
 - ii. Of/about: The story of Jesus means story _____ Jesus
 - iii. What does this book teach me about _____?
 - iv. For the benefit of His believers/servants
 - v. Future-oriented (starting point circa 95 AD)
 - vi. Soon means imminent – tachos – quickly and at _____ time
- b. v.2 – reoccurring theme – Word of God (Bible) and testimony about Jesus (our telling)
- c. v.3 - _____ it for yourself, _____ to it being taught, _____ it
- d. v.4 Trinitarian chapter: Seven-fold Spirit=Holy Spirit
- e. v.5-6 What do we learn about Jesus?
 - i. Not firstborn in _____, but first in _____. (Mom vs. Wife) (cf. Ps. 89:27)
 - ii. Jesus took initiative. He _____ us (v.5), He _____ us (v.5b), He made/_____ us into part of His Kingdom to come (already building it / not yet) (cf. John 14:1-3) (v.6)
- f. V.7 Those who pierced Him (cf. with Armageddon & Dan. 7:13-14)
- g. V.7 Nai Amen – strongest affirmation in Greek
- h. V.8 God is both omnipresent and omnipotent. He is in control!
- i. V.9 Why is John on Patmos? Word of God and Sharing it with others