

The Book of Revelation
The Glorified Christ
Lesson III
Revelation 1

If one announced that the subject would be “The Anti Christ” one would gather a large crowd! If you announce that you would be giving some advise on some subject, there would be a crowd! By way of illustration: How to get on with your wife. How to raise your family. How to prosper and handle money. How to lose weight. How to powder your nose. How to dress and put on make-up etc. etc.. These subjects would create much interest among Christians.

But to say we are going to talk about Jesus Christ would not be of interest to the majority. This proves that we have left our first love. We are more interested in THIS LIFE than the life to come. It reveals the need we have to read again, Matthew 6:19-21, 31-33 and Colossians 3:1-2.

I. THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS PRIMARILY ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

1. Revelation 1:1 The message is ABOUT Him. The message is FROM Him.

Did you ever receive a love letter? What excitement! When I had fallen in love with my Anne I would drive seven miles with a team of horses just to get a letter from her! It was not only from her it was about her! And I wanted to know all! Think of Revelation as being that! A letter from Jesus. Revealing His plans. It is a love letter.

“No subject is so thrilling as that of Eschatology” wrote Tatford That is especially true if it is from the one you love! The message is SIGNIFIED that is, “communicated”. I checked ten translations on this word “signified” Only the K.J.V uses that word. Five translated the word “communicated.” Two translated the word “made-known” Knox.. “disclosed” Moffat “testifies.” The message was communicated, disclosed to John by an angel.

2. Revelation 1:19 He tells John to “write”
3. Revelation 2:1 He is observing the Churches.
4. Revelation 5:11-14 He is worshipped in Heaven.
5. Revelation 6:1 He brakes the seals.
6. Revelation 19:11 He opens Heaven.
7. Revelation 20:1-7 He comes to reign.
8. Revelation 21:5 He makes ALL things new.
9. The emphasis of the entire Book is about Him. Cf Revelation 19:10.
10. Revelation 22:20 The cry of the Book, “Even so, come Lord Jesus”
11. We are not living looking for: the Anti-Christ. The Tribulation. A great revival. Prosperity here. We are *Living and Looking for Him*. Titus 2:13. Hebrews 9:28
2 Peter 3:11-14 cf 2 Timothy 4:6-10

II. THE BOOK IS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST WHO IS COMING AGAIN.

a. Revelation 1:4 THE ONE WHO: IS... The Eternal One. Colossians 1:17, John 1:1 John 1:4, John 14:6 He did not say “ I have life”, He said I AM LIFE. Life not originated, not created, eternal without beginning and without ending.

b. **WAS....** literally, “who was here. 1 Timothy 1:15 Jesus came to this earth. John 1:10, 1 Timothy 3:16, Matthew 1:23, When Jesus came, God came to this earth in a way He had never come before.

c. **WHO IS COMING.** He was here. He is coming HERE again. Hebrews 9:28 the second time. Hebrews 2:6 Again John 21:22, Acts 1:11 Notice the words repeated in Revelation 1: 8 and Revelation 4:8

III. THIS SECOND ADVENT, THIS SECOND COMING, THIS REVELATION, THIS UNVEILING OF HIS POWER AND GLORY IS A THEME OF ALL SCRIPTURE.

1. Isaiah 6:1-3 cf John 12:41-43. Isaiah 11:9, Isaiah 24:23
2. Ezekiel 43: 1,2 “glory”
3. Daniel 7:13-14
4. Habakkuk 2:14
5. Psalm 72:19 (cf verses, 1,2,7,8,11,17-19)
Psalm 102: 16
Zechariah. 9:9,10
Zechariah 14:9
6. Matthew 19:28, Matthew 24: 30, Matthew 25:31
7. Luke 9:32 cf 2 Peter 1:15-18
8. In Paul’s letters: Romans 8:18, Colossians 3:4. 1 Thessalonians 2:12
9. In Peter’s letters: 1 Peter 4:13, 1 Peter 5:1,10 cf Matthew 6:13

IV. WE CONCLUDE WITH PRAISE! WE OWE EVERYTHING TO HIM!

1. Revelation 1:5 HE loves us. 1 John 4:10, Ephesians 5:25, Galatians 2:20 John 13:1
2. Revelation 1:5 HE washed us. Hebrews 1:3 by His blood. Ephesians 5:26 by His Word.
3. Revelation 1:6 HE hath made us. 1 Peter 2:9, Revelation 5:10, “Unto HIM who hath loved us and washed us from sins, unto Him be the glory for ever amen.”