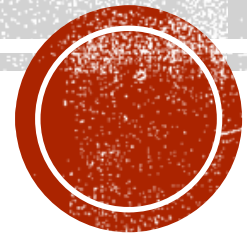


REVELATION - INTRO

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REVELATION — INTRODUCTION

- Revelation is – is Singular, not plural
- Revelation – to unveil or uncover, to reveal
- Revelation contain seven Epistles by Jesus:
 - Ephesus
 - Smyrna
 - Pergamos
 - Thyatira
 - Sardis
 - Philadelphia
 - Laodicea
- “Search the Scriptures and they are they which testify me” John 5:39



WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

- Christ at the Center (Rev 1:1)
- “More sure word of prophecy” 2 Pet. 1:19
- “Search the Scriptures and they are they which testify me” John 5:39
- “Volume of the book is written of me” Ps. 40:7
- Testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” Rev. 19:10
- “Thy Kingdom Come” Matt. 6:10



REVELATION (THE UNVEILING)

- The Consummation of all things
- The only book promising a special blessing to the reader (Rev. 1:3)
- The only book in the Bible with an outline
- Things thou has seen (the vision of Christ) – Rev. 1:19
- The things which are (the present churches - letters) - Rev. 1:12-18
- The things which shall be hereafter (the prophecy) – Rev. 4-22

- 404 verses containing over 800 allusions from the Old Testament
- It presents the climax of God's Plan for Man



BIBLE OVERVIEW

Old Testament - Christ in Prophecy	“Behold, He Comes!”
Gospels - Christ in History	“Behold, He Dies!”
Acts - Christ in the Church	“Behold, He Lives!”
Epistles - Christ in Experience	“Behold, He Saves!”
Apocalypse - Christ in coming Glory	“Behold, He Reigns!”



BIBLE OVERVIEW

- Two Basic Discoveries
- The Bible consist of 66 separate book
- Penned by over 40 authors
- Over a period of several thousand years that are in integrated message system;
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- It can be demonstrated that the origin of this message is from outside of our dimension of space and time



BIBLE OVERVIEW

- The OT is an account of a Nation.
- The NT is the account of a Man
- The creator became a Man. His appearance is the Central Event of all History
- He died to purchase us and is alive now
- The most exalted privilege is to know Him.
That's what the Bible is all about.



REVELATION

- God means what He says and says what He means
- Nothing is trivial: All things are for our learning
- God is His own interpreter
- Search Scriptures yourself - Act 17:11



JOHN - THE AUTHOR

- The Gospel of John
- Three Epistles
 - 1 John - Sermon on Love
 - 2 John - Personal letter to Mary?
 - 3 John – Personal note to Gaius
- The Apocalypse (Revelation)



JOHN - THE AUTHOR

- Born at Bethsaida to Zebedee and Salome
- Galilean fisherman
- In partners with Peter and Andrew
- Early disciple of John the Baptist
- Well connected
- High Priest, Nicodemus, et al (John 18:15)?
- One of the inner circle
- Mt. Transfiguration (Matt. 17) Peter, James and John
- Raising of Jairus' daughter (Matt:18)
- Olivet Discourse (Matt. 24)
- Gethsemane (Matt. 26.37)
- Assigned care of Mary (John 19:26)



JOHN - THE AUTHOR

- Ultimately retires to Ephesus after his exile (81-96 AD)



THE PATMOS EXILE

- Exiled by Domitian (81-96 AD) the brother of Titus who destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD.
- History
- **Hippolytus:**
- John was first plunged into a boiling oil, and then sent to this island exile
- **Victorinus:**
- John was forced to work in the mines that were located on Patmos
- **Irenaeus, Clement, and Eusebius:**
- After Domitian dies, John returned to Ephesus, went to the churches, and appointed leaders, and set things in order



REVELATION - ALTERNATIVE VIEWS

- Preterism - Then One (apply to the first century)
 - Historical - History only
 - Idealist - Allegorical (not real, Jesus is in the heart)
 - Futurist - Prophetic
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- Why Prophecy
 - Old Testament
 - 1845 references to Christ's rule on the earth
 - 17 OT books give prominence to the event
 - New Testament
 - Of the 216 chapters, there are 318 references to the Second Coming
 - It is mentioned in 23 of the 27 books



THE SEVENS

- Seven Churches (1:4, 11,20; 2; 3)
- Seven Seals (5; 6)
- Seven Trumpets (8,9)
- Seven Bowls (15; 16; 17:1; 21:9)
- Seven Plagues (15:1,6,8; 21:9)
- Seven Mountains (17:9)
- Seven Kings (17:10,11)



THE SEVENS

- Seven Lampstands (1:12-13,20; 2:1)
- Seven Spirits (1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6)
- Seven Stars (1:16,20; 2:1; 3:1)
- Seven lamps (4; 5)
- Seven “Title-pairs” (2; 3)
- Seven Promises to the Overcomer (2; 3)
- Seven Horns (5:6)
- Seven Eyes (5:6)
- Seven Angels (8:2,6; 15:1,6-8; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9)
- Seven Thunders (10:3, 4)
- Seven Thousand (11:13)
- Seven Heads (12:3; 13:1 17:3, 7, 9)
- Seven Crowns (12:3)



THE SEVENS - BEATITUDES

- 1. Blessed I he that readeth, and they that hear and keep those things ... (1:3)
- 2. Blessed are the dead who die in the lord (14:13)
- 3. Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments (16:15)
- 4. Blessed are they who are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb (19:9)
- 5. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection (20:6)
- 6. Blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book
- 7. Blessed are those who do His commandments (22:14)



THE SEVENS

- Seven Features (1)
- Seven Letter Divisions (2; 3)
- Seven Personages
 - Woman, Man-Child, Red Dragon, 7 headed Beast, False Prophet, Michael, Lamb
- Seven Years of Judgments (11:3; 12:6,14; 13:5)
- Seven “I Am’s” of Christ (1:18, 17, 18; 21:6; 22:13,16)
- Seven Doxologies in heaven (4:9-11; 5:8-13; 7:9-12; 11:16-18; 14:2-3 15:2-4 19:1-6)
- Seven New Things (20:21)
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REVELATION - THE CLIMAX OF EVERYTHING

Genesis	Revelation
Earth Created (1:1)	Earth Passed away (21:1)
Sun to govern Day (1:16)	No need of sun (21:23)
Darkness called night (1:15)	No night there (22:5)
Waters He called seas (1:10)	No more sea (21:1)
A river for earth's blessing (2:10-14)	A river for New Earth (22:1,2)
Earth's government (re: Israel) (37)	Earth's judgment (re: Israel) (16:8)
Man in God's Image (1:26)	Man Headed by Satan's Image (13)
Entrance of sin (3:6)	End of sin (21:27)
Curse pronounced (3:14-17)	No more curse (22:3)
Death entered (3:19)	No more death (21:4)
Man driven out of Eden (3:24)	Man restored (22)
Tree of life guarded (3:23)	Right to Tree of life (22:14)
Sorrow & suffering enter (3:17)	No more sorrow (22:4)
Nimrod founds Babylon (10:8-10)	Babylon falls (17,18)
God's Flood to destroy evil generation (6-9)	Satan's flood to destroy elect generation (2)
A bow: God's promise (9:13)	A bow for remembrance (4:3; 10:1)
Sodom & Egypt: corruption, judgment (13,19)	"Sodom & Egypt" (Jerusalem) (11:8)
A confederation vs. Abraham's people (14)	A confederation vs. Abraham's seed (12)
A bride for Abraham's son (24)	A bride for Abraham's Seed (21)
Marriage of 1st Adam (2:18-23)	Marriage of Last Adam (19)
Man's dominion ceased; Satan's begun (3:24)	Satan's domain ended man's restored (22)



OUTLINE OF CHAPTER 1

- 1-3 - Introduction
- 4-11 - Salutation & Occasion
- 12-18 - Vision of the Risen Christ
- 19 - Outline of the Book
- 20 - Prep for Chapters 2 and 3

