

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Revelation 1:1-3/Overview

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Revelation 1:1-3. *(If you are able try to read the whole book this week)*

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ,
 which God gave Him
 to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place;
and He sent
 and communicated it by His angel
 to His bond-servant John,
 ² who testified to the word of God
 and to the testimony of Jesus Christ,
 even to all that he saw.

³ Blessed is he who reads
 and those who hear the words of the prophecy,
 and heed the things which are written in it;
 for the time is near.

1. What is the meaning of the word revelation? What does it mean to reveal something?
2. Who is this book a revelation of?
3. What does “of” reference in the statement “The Revelation of Jesus Christ”? Is the revelation possessed by Jesus Christ? Or is Jesus Christ the object of the revelation?
4. To whom did God give this revelation?

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5. What is the purpose of this revelation?

6. Who are the bond-servants?

7. What is communicated by the statement “Must soon take place”?

❖ Day 2

Read Revelation 1:1-3 again.

8. Who communicated this revelation, and by what means was it communicated?

9. Who was the recipient of the revelation?

10. What do you know about the Apostle John? What does this verse tell us? What do you know about his life from the New Testament? What other book of the Bible did he write?

11. What three things did John testify to?

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12. What is referenced by the “word of God”?

13. What is referenced by the “testimony of Jesus Christ”?

14. What is indicated by “all that he saw”? *when reading the book as a whole pay attention for the statement “I saw” as it is a repeated phrase throughout.*

❖ Day 3

Read Revelation 1:1-3 again.

15. Who will be blessed by this book?

16. What is the reason for the blessing?

17. What is indicated by referring to the content of this book as prophecy?

18. Read Revelation 1:19. What three things make up the content of this book?

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19. If you read the whole book this week how would you divided the chapters into the three categories given in Revelation 1:19 to make an outline of the book? (If you have not read the whole book take some time to skim through and try to think about its contents in these three categories)

20. Read Revelation 22:6-21. What words, ideas, or themes are repeated in the conclusion of the book that are present in here in the introduction (Revelation 1:1-3)? What is the significance?

In preparation for Sunday, pray thanking God for the gift of this book. Pray that we would be those who read, hear, and heed the words that are written in it. Pray that we would long for and be moved to action by the soon fulfillment of the prophecy of this book.