



Resources

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Revelation 1:1-3

[1] The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, [2] who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. [3] Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

Sermon Outline:

1. Superscript (1-3)
2. Salutation (4-5a)
3. Doxology (5b-6)
4. Purpose (7-8)

Life Group Leader Notes:

Here is the outline to the entire book for your reference:

1. The Prologue (1:1-8)
2. Jesus Among the Seven Churches (1:9-3:22)
 - a. The Vision of the Exalted Christ (1:9-20)
 - b. The Letters to the Seven Churches (2:1-3:22)
3. The Vision of Heaven (4:1-5:14)
4. The Seven Seals (6:1-8:1)
5. The Seven Trumpets (8:2-11:19)
6. The Seven Signs (12:1-14:20)
7. The Seven Bowls (15:1-16:21)
8. The Triumph of God (17:1-20:15)
9. The New Heaven and New Earth (21:1-22:5)
10. The Epilogue (22:6-21)





•What is the main point of the book of Revelation? Was it written to give us a “sneak peak” into the future, or was it written to help persecuted Christians endure to the end? How can we keep this goal in mind throughout the study? What might happen if we miss the main purpose?

•Pastor Scott made the point that the promises of the Bible might not mean much to those who have not suffered much. While prosperity is a gift from God, it can lead to dangerous doctrines - like the idea that God never wants Christians to suffer. But for people who have suffered, the promises mean everything. Have you ever gone through a season where you completely relied on the promises of God? What verses helped you through that season? What did you learn? How will this help you read the book of Revelation?

•Why is it important for us to remember that the book was “revealed”? How does the passage in Daniel 2 connect to the prologue in Revelation 1? When you read the Bible, do you think that this is a book produced by humans, or is it a book inspired & revealed by God? How does this change the way that you read the Bible?

•In verse 3, John said that “the time is near.” Pastor Scott emphasized that we are living in the last days. The end times were inaugurated with the death & resurrection of Jesus. Was that new to you? Do you think that we are living in the end times now? How would this change how you live? Would it change your values? The way you make decisions?

•The first of John’s seven “Blessings” is listed in verse 3. *Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy.* How often do you hear the word read out loud? What is the benefit of hearing the word together? Is this something you could regularly do together as a Life Group? Do you read the Bible aloud in your homes with your family?

•The book of Revelation is a blessing. When we read it, hear it, and keep it, we will be blessed. Take a few minutes to talk about the blessings that will come to the person that faithfully hears and applies these words with the help of the Spirit.

