

## Why Study the Revelation?

1. For a difficult reason.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by God and is profitable.

Rev. 22:10 Don't seal it, keep this book open.

We must:

- Read it repeatedly.
- Study it carefully.
- Interpret it consistently.
- Compare it contextually.
- Believe it thoroughly.
- Obey it completely.
- Anticipate it hopefully.

2. For practical reasons.

There are two reasons given to understand this book.

One positive and one negative.

- Rev. 1:3 Blessed is he that reads, and they that hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. (See also Rev. 22:7)
- Rev. 22:18-19 ...If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.

3. For a chronological reason.

### **GENESIS**

- Entrance of sin
- Dawn of Satan
- Death enters
- Sorrow begins
- Paradise lost
- Savior promised

### **REVELATION**

- End of sin
- Doom of Satan
- Death exits
- Sorrow banished
- Paradise regained
- Savior preeminent

4. For prophetic reasons.

5. For theological reasons.

The theme of the book is direct and clearly specified.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ. Rev. 1:1a

6. Because it will help us know better who Christ is.

- Chapter 1: A vision of His glory, wisdom, and power.
- Chapter 2-3: His authority is established over His churches.
- Chapter 5: He is the Lamb who is worthy to open the book of judgment.
- Chapter 6-18: His righteous wrath is poured out on the earth.
- Chapter 19-20: He returns to reign and judge His enemies.
- Chapter 21-22: He will rule forever.

Reality #1: Jesus was a real man who lived on this earth.

Reality #2: We are real sinners who have no hope apart from God.

Reality #3: Jesus really died and rose again for our salvation.

Reality #4: You can really know you are going to heaven when you die by receiving Christ as your Savior.

Reality #5: Jesus is really coming again. Ready or not!

Reality #6: Every knee is really going to bow and every tongue really will confess that Jesus is Lord.

Next Week: We begin to look at Chapter 1