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Session 6: Now to Him

Revelation 1:1-2

Revelation (apocalypse) means the revealing of the mystery of Jesus Christ.

Mystery means partially veiled.

The revelation was given from God (the Father) to Jesus to his angel to John.

Revelation is all three:

Epistle meaning letters that involve application.

Prophecy meaning “The Lord said to me ... and here is what is going to happen.”

Apocalyptic meaning filled with symbolism. I.e., Daniel and Isaiah

Revelation 1:3

Blessed is he who READS, HEARS, and KEEPS.

-You can be blessed during the season of Revelation.

3 Views on the timing of Revelation:

- 1) **Preterist view** believes that the book of Revelation was largely fulfilled in the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

Reference to Thesis on the later date of Revelation. <https://joelstrumpet.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/hitchcock-dissertation.pdf>

- 2) **Historicist view** believes that the book of Revelation is unfolding throughout history.
- 3) **Futurist view** believes the book of Revelation is primarily concerned with the final 7 years before the return of Jesus.
 - a. They reject replacement theology (check last week’s notes)

(v.1) “the things which soon must take place” - CERTAINTY

(v.3) “for the time is near” – URGENCY

These are not an issue of timing but of URGENCY and CERTAINTY.

Example of Urgency and Certainty not timing:

Romans 16:20 “The God of peace **will soon** crush Satan under your feet...”

Revelation 1:4-6

“John: To the seven churches in Asia. Grace and peace to you....” – Pastoral Epistle Language

Trinity formula (v.4-5)

“The one who is, who was, who is to come.” – the Father

“The seven spirits” – the Holy Spirit

Zechariah 4:1-2 – golden lampstand with 7 spouts (Menorah)

Isaiah 11:1-2 – roots of Jesse with a shoot

Spirit of:

1. Spirit of the Lord
2. Wisdom
3. Understanding
4. Counsel
5. Strength
6. Knowledge
7. Fear of the Lord



“to Jesus Christ” – the Son

- *Jesus identifies Himself as YHWH God Almighty. John 8:58 referring to Exodus 3:14*

(v.5) witness meaning martyr

Revelation 1:6 – “He loves us!” We must meditate on it!

“The idea that your puny little pathetic sin is too big to stand before the shedding of the blood, the fact that the Author of life died for you. You think your sin can stand up against that. “

(v.6) “And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father” - rooted in the Exodus story.

A priest: Ambassador of Christ

Revelation 1:7

Olivet Discourse – the passage on apocalyptic in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21)

Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark, and Luke (they are very similarly written)

Deuteronomy 33:1-2, 26

Isaiah 63

Habakkuk 3

Psalms 68

Matthew 16:27

Zechariah 12:9-13 – Israel centric passage

Daniel 7:9-14

Jude 14-15

Anthropomorphic means having human characteristic in relation to God.

Jeshurun means “my upright one” another name for Israel

YHWH (the God of Israel) is known as the Cloud Rider.

Ancient of Days – God the Father

Challenge: Meditate on Revelation 1:1-7 and look up some of the above passages in relation to Revelation 1:7.