

I. Introduction: Revelation is the unveiling of Jesus Christ, as the sovereign King of the universe, who decisively defeats Satan and Antichrist, to set up His eternal Kingdom.

- A. The book of Revelation is probably the most misunderstood book in the NT. Many pastors and Christians ignore it entirely, because it is difficult to understand.

II. Unveiling Jesus Christ (Rev 1:1-8).

A. God's Purpose (vv. 1-2).

1. "Revelation" (*apokalupsis*) appears 8 times in the New Testament and means "to become visible." This book is about revealing a person, God in flesh, Jesus Christ.

B. God's Promise (v. 3).

1. God promises to bless those that hear the words of this prophecy, and respond to it in belief. Only those who hear and respond in action are considered blessed.

C. God's People (vv. 4-6).

1. John names seven churches in Asia minor that he was pastoring and leading, whom the revelation of Jesus was supposed to be delivered to as a gift.

D. God's Prediction (vv. 7-8).

1. John sees Jesus coming on the clouds in judgment, to conquer Satan and his followers. The truths of this book are bitter-sweet predictions of Jesus' victory.

III. Conclusion: Revelation presents Jesus as the sovereign ruler of the universe, who pours out wrath on those who have rejected Him, and sets up His eternal kingdom.

Questions About: Unveiling Jesus Christ

1. How many people in this world would like to know the future? What would you like to know about the future? How would it change your life if you knew it? Would it be better? Worse?
2. Why is the first chapter of Revelation so important? (**Rev 1:1-2**) What is the correct name of the book? (**Rev 1:1**) What is the outline of the book? (**Rev 1:19**) What does “soon” mean?
3. Do you believe Jesus’ coming is imminent? What does the world say about His return? (**2 Peter 3:3-4, 8-9**) If He came back today, would you be ready? What do you need to change?
4. What promise is there regarding this book? (**Rev 1:3**) What do we need to do to be blessed? What other blessings does God promise? (**Rev 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7, 14**)
5. Which churches would receive this Revelation? (**Rev 1:4-6**) Why don’t unbelievers understand Revelation? (**1 Cor 2:14-16**) How is the trinity described here? (**vv. 4-5**)
6. What was the prediction God gave concerning Jesus? (**Rev 1:7-8**) How would the Jews have understood that promise? (**Dan 7:13-14**) How will people respond to Jesus’ return? (**v.7**)
7. How does John describe Jesus in **Rev 1:7-8**? What does this tell us about Jesus? How has your understanding of Jesus grown already? How does it need to change?
8. Do you think that we are living in the last days as described in the Bible? What kind of people should we be if Jesus is going to return soon? How does your life need to change?

Prayer

1. Will you ask God to reveal to you a deeper understanding of Jesus?
2. Will you pray God would help you to live in expectancy of His imminent return?