

FINAL CONQUEST

A VERSE-BY-VERSE STUDY OF REVELATION

BACK TO THE FUTURE

AN OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION
REVELATION 1:1

Introduction: As we begin our study of Revelation, we are going to travel back in time 2,000 years to a tiny island in the Aegean Sea where the apostle John received a detailed preview of the future that awaits every human being who has ever lived.

I. Why Some People Study Prophecy

A. Sensationalism (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

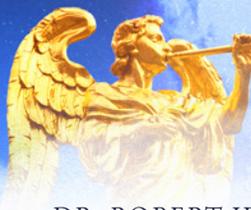
2 Timothy 3:16-17 ¹⁶ “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

B. Intellectualism (1 Corinthians 8:1)

1 Corinthians 8:1 “We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes us feel important but it’s love that strengthens the church.” (New Living Translation)

C. Obedience (Revelation 1:3)

Revelation 1:3 “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.”



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II. Overview Of Revelation

A. The Title of the Book

Revelation 1:1 “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.”

B. The Author of the Book

Revelation 1:1b “He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John.”

C. The Circumstances of the Book

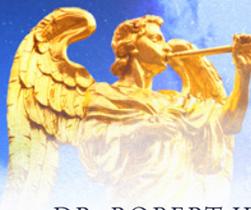
Revelation 1:9 “I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.”

D. The Recipients of the Book

Revelation 1:11 “...Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

Revelation 1:4 “John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne.”

Revelation 1:1-3 ¹ “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.”



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E. The Characteristics of the Book

1. References to the Old Testament

2. Symbolism

- a. Symbols were used as a code for believers
- b. Symbols were used to communicate the unfamiliar
- c. Symbols were used to arouse emotions

III. The Outline Of The Book (Revelation 1:19)

Revelation 1:19 “Write therefore the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall take place after these things.”

A. The Things Which You Have Seen (Past)

B. The Things Which Are (Present)

C. The Things Which Will Take Place (Future)

IV. The Message Of The Book

A. The Person of Jesus Christ

1. His humanity (Revelation 1:13)

Revelation 1:13 “And in the middle of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His breast with a golden girdle.”



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2. His deity (Revelation 22:1, 3)

Revelation 22:1, 3 ¹ “And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, ³ And there shall no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His bond-servants shall serve Him;”

3. His eternality (Revelation 1:8)

Revelation 1:8 “‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’”

B. The Power of Jesus Christ

1. Inherent power

2. Effectual power

Revelation 19:15 “And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.”

C. The Purpose of Jesus Christ

1. His immediate purpose

2. His ultimate purpose

Revelation 21:3-5 ³ “And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them, ⁴ and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed way.’ ⁵ And He who sits on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’ And He said, ‘Write, for these words are faithful and true.’”