

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

The Book of Revelation is NOT:

- a. Scary
- b. _____ hard to understand
- c. God's final **judgement** on sinful mankind
- d. God's **punishment** for the sin of mankind

Rather it is:

- a. _____
- b. Understandable when read _____ written
- c. God's **personal** evangelistic campaign
- d. God's **warning** against final judgement

Background and Context:

- a. Written _____ the Apostle John, _____ Emperor Domitian failed to kill John in a cauldron of boiling oil, and was then _____ to the Island of Patmos.

Believed to have been written between _____ and _____ AD.

At a time when John was the _____ living apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- b. Delivered to _____ seven churches in the province of Asia (and eventually to all churches) by those who cared for John's needs while in exile.
- c. Contains both _____ times, dates, places, timelines, and descriptions; as well as _____ imagery.

Sometimes it is _____ clear which is which, sometimes it is _____.

When it's clear, we read it clearly as written. When it's not– we hold our findings _____.

- d. Contains direct and specific messages for the _____ readers (7 churches) and their contemporaries living in the day (the other churches).

Contains direct and specific messages to _____ readers, over all time to come.

- e. Is best understood when we read it _____ written, and don't try to add to the text or take away from the text to address an issue not being addressed. (ie: Who is the anti-christ?, Where is the United States in the end times?, When will Christ return?, etc.)

Revelation 1:1-3

- a. John's writings have an irrefutable _____. (God, Jesus, Angels, John, written to servants)
- b. This letter of John should bring us _____ and _____.

Revelation 1:4-8

- a. Written to the Seven Churches in the Province of Asia
1. Possibly churches that were all _____ by John (50/50)
 2. Definitely all churches _____ a single Roman Trade Route
 3. Identified as churches who represented _____ holy and unholy church practices
 4. _____ the state of the Christian church as a whole (7 seals, 7 bowls, 7 trumpets, 7 years of tribulation, and 7 churches)
- b. Written to _____ God
- a. Him who was, and is, and is to come = God the _____
 - b. Sevenfold Spirit before the thrown = God the _____
 - c. Jesus Christ, first born from the dead, ruler of the kings = God the _____
- c. Revelation may be written by John, but it is truly _____ God (Verse 8)
- a. "I am the alpha and omega ... who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:9-20 Worship through Symbolism

- a. "His robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest" – _____
- b. "His hair on his head white like wool" – The _____ of the ages
- c. "His eyes were like blazing fire" – Perfect _____ and judgement
- d. "His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace" – _____ and _____
- e. "His voice was like the sound of rushing waters" – both _____, and _____
- f. "Out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword: - _____ and Authority
- g. "His face was like the sun" – Brilliant, life giving, _____, radiant
- h. Also: Resurrected, Alive, Eternal, In Control, Messiah from the OT, and God

Take home: John's response to this declaration was to worship, listen, believe, and follow Jesus as God.

We **should** respond the same way, and perhaps experience some **Shock and Awe** as well.