

Introducing THE BOOK OF REVELATION WORKSHEET

Revelation 1:1-6

The book of Revelations gives the most detailed look into the future of all the books in the Bible. It unveils the future history of the world, all the way to history's climax in the return of Jesus Christ and the glorious setting up of His glorious earthly kingdom and eternal kingdom.

IN THE INTRODUCTION JOHN LISTS ELEVEN CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS BOOK. LET'S TAKE THIS HOUR TO EXAMINE THEM.

(1) IT IS A REVELATION - v. 1a

a. The term Revelation (*apokalupsis*) appears 18x in the NT.

It means "**to become visible.**"

- i. In Luke 2:32 the term "Revelation" is translated as "**light.**" A light **to reveal** to the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.\
- ii. In Rom. 8:19 the term "Revelation" is translated, "**manifestation.**" Or "The earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the sons of God to **become visible.**"
- iii. In the book of 1Cor. 1:7 the term "Revelation" is translated as "**coming.**"

"So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the **coming** (revelation) of our Lord Jesus Christ

Or,

"So that ye come behind in no gift; **waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to become visible.**"

THE BOOK OF REVELATION CONTAINS TRUTHS THAT HAD BEEN CONCEALED, BUT NOW IT HAS BEEN REVEALED, OR MADE VISIBLE.

Though it does not directly quote the OT, 278 of its 404 verses refer or allude to the OT.

(2) ITS CENTRAL THEME IS “JESUS CHRIST” – v. 1b

It is a revelation **FROM** Jesus Christ – Rev. 22:16. In Revelation 1:1 it is also a revelation **ABOUT** Jesus Christ

- a. Rev. 2-3 He is revealed as “Lord of the Church.”
- b. Rev. 4-22 – “He is revealed as the true Ruler of this world where we have a detailed look at His second coming.”
- c. Rev. 1:5a He is revealed as the faithful witness
- d. Rev. 1:5b He is revealed as the first begotten (born) of the dead
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- e. Rev. 1:5c – He is revealed as “the prince of the kings of the earth”
- f. Rev. 1:8a – He is revealed as the “Alpha and Omega”
- g. Rev. 1:8b – He is revealed as that “which is, and which was, and which is to come”
- h. Rev. 1:8c – “the Almighty”
- i. Rev. 1:17 – the first and the last
- j. Rev. 1:18 – the living One
- k. Rev. 2:1 – he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand
- l. Rev. 2:12 – he which hath the sharp sword with two edges
- m. Rev. 2:18 – The Son of God
- n. Rev. 2:18b - who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine brass
- o. Rev. 3:1 - he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars
- p. Rev. 3:7 - he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth
- q. Rev. 3:14 - the Amen, the faithful and true witness
- r. Rev. 5:5 - the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David,
- s. Rev. 5:6 – The lamb of God 12 x
- t. Rev. 6:10 - O Lord, holy and true

- u. Rev. 19:11 - Faithful and True,
- v. Rev. 19:13 - The Word of God
- w. Rev. 19:16 - KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.
- x. Rev. 20:6 – The Messiah
- y. Rev. 22:16 - the bright and morning star.

(1) THE REVELATION

(2) ITS CENTRAL THEME IS “JESUS CHRIST.” V. 1B

(3) ITS DIVINE SOURCE - REV. 1:1C

“which God gave unto him” Rev. 1:1c

(4) ITS HUMAN RECIPIENTS

“to shew unto his servants” – Rev. 1:1d

(5) ITS PROPHETIC CHARACTER

“things which must shortly come to pass” – Rev. 1:1e

(6) ITS SUPERNATURAL DELIVERY

“sent and signified *it* by his angel” – Rev. 1:1f

(7) ITS HUMAN AUTHOR

“unto his servant John. Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.”– Rev. 1:1g-2

(8) ITS PROMISED BLESSING – Rev. 1:3

“**Blessed** is he that readeth, and they that **hear** the words of this prophecy, and **keep** those things which are written therein:”

- a. Blessings – Rev. 1:3 – **Reads, Hears and Keeps**
- b. Rev. 14:13 – Blessed are those that die in the Lord
- c. Rev. 16:15 – Blessed is he who **watches and keeps** his garments

- d. Rev. 19:9 – Blessed are they which are called to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb
- e. Rev. 20:6 - Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection:
- f. Rev. 22:7 - Blessed is he that **keepeth** the sayings of the prophecy of this book.
- g. Rev. 22:14 – “Blessed are they that **do his commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”

(9) ITS COMPELLING URGENCY

“for the time *is* at hand.” – Rev. 1:3

(10) ITS BENEDICTION – Rev. 1:4-5a

- a. To the seven churches in Asia (modern Turkey)
- b. Seven Spirits depicts the fullness of the Holy Spirit (Is. 11:2; Zech 4:1-10)
- c. Three titles of Jesus (Faithful, First-begotten and Prince of the kings of Earth)

(11) ITS EXALTED DOXOLOGY – Rev. 1:5b-6

Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Rev. 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.