

I. From the Frying Pan to the Fire...

- A. Finished up \_\_\_\_\_ and now we begin Revelation...
- B. Both books have many places where many good, solid, Christ-loving folks disagree.
- C. Revelation – Either completely ignored or all-consuming. Which is it for you? \_\_\_\_\_

II. Revelation 1:1-3 – The Importance of this book...

- A. Title – Revelation of Jesus Christ

- 1. Disclose or expose in full view that which was formerly \_\_\_\_\_, veiled, or secret.
- 2. Irony – book written to unveil has caused many people to avoid the book!
- 3. Working knowledge of OT is very important to understand Revelation.
- 4. Revelation provided by Jesus or about Jesus?

- B. Given to Jesus from the God the Father to show His bondservants... via His angel to John!

- 1. Importance of angels in the unfolding plan of God

- 2. So John is the human author who is to communicate to \_\_\_\_\_ churches in Asia Minor...
- C. Content – to show the things which must soon take place...

- 1. Note Daniel 2 – things to take place in the future, in the latter days
- 2. Note "soon" – is this near in time, quickly, or imminent? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Note "must" – \_\_\_\_\_ part of God's plan

- D. Means – John bears witness or testifies to what he saw – the word of God & testimony of Jesus...
- E. Great promise – Blessed: the one who reads, those who hear... and heed these things.

- 1. The words of this book are meant for us to respond to – to hear, understand and follow...
- 2. Why? The time is \_\_\_\_\_.

III. Revelation 1:4-7: A Sneak Peak

- A. Author – John: Which John? Prominent enough that no more is needed...

- B. Recipients – 7 churches in Asia Minor – not only churches but natural travel circuit....

- C. Greeting – Grace to you and peace. God \_\_\_\_\_ favor results in peace with God...

- 1. From Father, Spirit, & the Son.

- 2. Father – who is, who was, and who is to come (See \_\_\_\_\_ 3:14)

- 3. Spirit – seven Spirits before Father's throne (Isaiah 11? Zechariah 4? Number of completion?)
- 4. Son – Emphasis is placed on Jesus:

- i. The faithful witness & the firstborn/the pre-eminent One of the dead,

- ii. The ruler of the kings of the earth. (Prophet, \_\_\_\_\_ & king. Psalm 89:27 & 37)

- iii. He loves us; He's freed from our sins; He's made us to be a kingdom & priests...

- a. Christ's death – satisfied the \_\_\_\_\_ of God; blood is an atoning sacrifice

- b. \_\_\_\_\_ death – freed all those who call on Him in faith...

- iv. To Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever!

- v. Jesus will come with the clouds! (See Daniel \_\_\_\_\_; Acts 1:9-11; Matthew 24:30)

- a. Every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, all tribes of earth mourn Him

- b. Zechariah \_\_\_\_\_ & Matthew 24 – Jews repent & sorrow; people judged...

IV. Revelation 1:8: Backing it all up...

- A. Question – Does this refer to the Father or the Son?

- B. Either way – we see the infinitude of God; His eternity & His \_\_\_\_\_.

Revelation 1:1-8: Pay Attention to the Beginning...

- A. We cannot ignore this book – we must read it, hear it, and \_\_\_\_\_ these words...

- 1. Otherwise, we will not understand our times...

- 2. Otherwise, we may lose heart or become \_\_\_\_\_ by our world...

- B. Keep our eyes on the prize – \_\_\_\_\_, in all His beauty as portrayed in these verses.

- 1. He is the faithful witness; the firstborn of the dead; the ruler of the kings of the earth.

- 2. He \_\_\_\_\_ you; He's freed you from your \_\_\_\_\_; He made you to be a kingdom & priests.

- 3. Praise Him, glorify Him – He is coming again. It is certainly \_\_\_\_\_!