



"Jesus Revealed – A Study Through Revelation" A Picture of Christ...Chapter 1"

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'" Revelation 1:8

A. The unique message of Revelation...

1. It is the only prophetic book of the New Testament.
2. It is the only other "red letter" book.
3. It is a book of hope... "soon", "near"...
4. It is a book that is hard to understand.
5. It is a book that is easily abused.
6. It is full of the Old Testament; mentioned over 500 times in 404 verses.
7. It is written by the closest friend of Jesus upon receiving this revelation!

B. The blessing that comes with Revelation...

1. A blessing comes to those who read this book.
2. A blessing comes to those who hear the reading of this book.

3. A blessing comes to those who keep or obey the words of this book.

C. The picture of Christ that Revelation gives us as God's supreme messenger...

1. "His head and his hair were white like wool" representing his divine purity.
2. "His eyes were like blazing fire" piercing through the heart of man.
3. "His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace" meaning strength and speed.
4. "His voice was like the sound of rushing waters" both thunderous and soothing.
5. "In His right hand he held seven stars" with the strength to uphold the heavens and gentleness to wipe away tears.
6. "Out of His mouth came a sharp double-edged sword" with the penetrating quality of the Word of God to discern man's heart and thoughts.
7. "His face was like the sun shining in its brilliance" with the radiance and the glory of God that no human could fully behold!

"When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: 'Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is not and what will take place later.'" Revelation 1:17-19

D. What does Jesus want us to know?

1. Be warned!
"[Epilogue: Invitation and Warning] 'Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.'" Revelation 22:12
2. Be comforted!
"After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18
3. Be ready!
"You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." Luke 12:40

"'Look, he is coming with the clouds,' and 'every eye will see him, even those who pierced him'; and all peoples on earth 'will mourn because of him.' So shall it be! Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'" Revelation 1:7-8