

## **Series: “*A Study of the Revelation of Jesus Christ*”**

### **Lesson #1: “*Seven Facts About The Book Of Revelation*”**

#### **1. The Major Theme of the Book is “The Revelation of Jesus Christ”.**

Rev. 1:1

- a) It is not the Book of Revelations
- b) It is not “The Revelation of John the Divine”
- c) It has to do with the coming Revelation of Jesus Christ
- d) The Bible teaches two advents of Jesus Christ
  - 1) The 1<sup>st</sup> advent (coming of Jesus to earth) was not one event, but rather a series of events.
    - The birth of John was the 1<sup>st</sup> event of the 1<sup>st</sup> advent
    - The birth of Jesus – an event of the advent
    - The life of Jesus – an event of the 1<sup>st</sup> advent
    - His death, burial, resurrection, ascension – events of 1<sup>st</sup> advent
  - 2) The 2<sup>nd</sup> advent, like the 1<sup>st</sup>, is not one event, but like the first will also be a series of events
    - These events are foretold in scripture.
    - The rapture (1 Thess. 4:13-18) will be an event of the advent.
    - The revelation of Christ will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> advent.

## **2. The Book was written by John in A.D. 96**

Rev. 1:9-11

- a) Thus things that took place at the cross or in A.D. 70 did not fulfill prophecies in Revelation

## **3. Revelation is a Book of Prophecy**

Rev. 1:3

- a) Prophecy is a miracle of utterance and involves foreknowledge. *“No one can foretell what one does not know”*
- b) Foreknowledge does not belong to men.

Proverbs 27:1  
James 4:13-15

- c) Foreknowledge does belong to God.

Acts 15:18  
Isa. 46:9-11  
Romans 8:29 cf. Jer. 1:5, Psalm 139:13-16

## **4. Revelation is a Book of Symbols**

- a) Rev. 1:12-16 cf. Rev. 1:20

- b) Rules re. Bible symbols

- A symbol must have a literal meaning other than the ordinary meaning.
- Bible symbols must be explained by the Bible.

Ezek. 37:1 cf. 37:11

## **5. Revelation is a Book of Sevens**

Rev. 1:11,12,16; Rev. 5:1; Rev. 8:1,2; Rev. 15:1; Rev. 16:1; Rev. 17:1

Seven – The number of completion

Eight – The number of new beginnings (cf. Rev. 21:1-4)

## **6. Revelation is a Book of Judgments**

a) Chapters 1-3 – First of the church

b) Chapters 6-18 – Then of the world

1 Peter 4:17; 2 Thess. 1:7-10

## **7. Blessing is promised to one who reads this Book.**

Rev. 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7; 22:14

a) Rev. 22:18-19 – This Book primarily “Revelation”

b) Rev. 22:20-21

A promise

A prayer

A benediction