



A Study of Revelation

Some Important Things As We Continue Into Revelation

- Written by John from Patmos.
 - Patmos was an island for exiles and criminals.
 - John was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day.
- Tells Christians of things which must shortly take place.
- Is signified, that is written in symbolic language with signs and symbols representing the things that Jesus wants to reveal to these Christians.
- Some themes to watch for:
 - Overcoming in the face of persecution.
 - The danger of giving up.
 - Victory awaits those who are faithful.
- The date of Revelation:
 - Some believe that revelation was written around 70 AD under the rule of the Roman emperor Nero.
 - Emperor from 54-68 AD.
 - He was the first emperor who persecuted Christians.
 - Nero was at fault for allowing Rome to burn and needed a scapegoat. Christians were the focus of his fury.
 - Others believe that Revelation was written around 96 AD under the rule of the Roman emperor Domitian.
 - Emperor from 81-96 AD.
 - He was the second of the emperors who were known for persecuting Christians.
 - A more severe persecution.
 - Demanded to be worshiped as divine.

Outline of Revelation

- Prologue, 1:1-8
- Part One: Christ among the Churches (1:9-3:22).
 - The appearance of Christ to John (1:9-20).
 - Letters to the seven churches of Asia (2:1-3:22).
- Part Two: God Is Sovereign over All the Earth (4:1-11:19).
 - The vision of the throne of God (4:1-5:14).
 - The Book Sealed with Seven Seals (6:1-8:5).
 - The Seven Trumpets (8:6-9:21).
 - Intermediate Visions: Announcement of Retribution (10:1-11:19).
- Part Three: The Deeper Spiritual Background (12:1-22:5).
 - God in Conflict with the Powers of Evil (12:1-14:20).
 - The Last Plagues: the Seven Bowls of Wrath (15:1-16:21).
 - The Judgment of the Scarlet Woman (17:1-19:21).
 - The Reign of Christ and Final Destiny of All (20:1-22:5).
- Conclusion: Final Assurance and Warnings (22:6-21).

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