

SESSION 1

REVELATION

1:1–3

INTRODUCTION

◆ **PURPOSE of WORDSTRONG**

7 LEVELS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH / 7 QUALITIES TO "ADD TO YOUR FAITH" (2 PETER 1:5–7)						
BABY (1 Peter 2:2)	LITTLE CHILDREN (1 John 2:12)	CHILDREN (Ephesians 4:14)	YOUNG MEN (1 John 2:13b; 14b)	FATHER (1 John 2:13a; 14a; Eph. 4:13)	ELDER (1 Peter 5:1–3; Acts 20:17,28)	AGED (Philemon 1:9; Psalm 92:14)
VIRTUE	KNOWLEDGE	TEMPERANCE	PATIENCE	GODLINESS	BROTHERLY KINDNESS	CHARITY

◆ **BASIC ASSUMPTIONS**

- The Bible is the _____ / _____ of God. (1 Cor. 2:1–8)

- As such, it is humanly _____ . (1 Cor. 2:9)

- Therefore, it must be _____. (1 Cor. 2:10–12)

- * We must make _____ . (2 Tim. 2:15)

- * We must _____ with _____. (1 Cor. 2:13)

◆ **BIG PICTURE OF REVELATION**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

◆ THE KEYS TO “RIGHTLY DIVIDING” REVELATION

1. 22 Chapters

2. Heaven opens two times in the Book.

- A. Revelation 4:1–2— Heaven opens and somebody **goes up**. (The **Rapture**)
- B. Revelation 19:11— Heaven opens and somebody **comes down**. (The **Second Coming**)
 - Note the distinction between these two events:
 - **Rapture**—
 - 1) Jesus comes in the clouds **FOR** His saints.
 - 2) **Ends the Church Age** and **ushers** in the **Tribulation Period**.
 - **Second Coming**—
 - 1) Jesus comes to the earth **WITH** His saints.
 - 2) **Ends the Tribulation Period** and **ushers** in the **Millennium**.

3. Those two events “DIVIDE” the Book into three sections.

- A. Revelation 1–3
- B. Revelation 4–19
- C. Revelation 20–22

4. God told John there would be three sections to the Revelation. (Rev. 1:19)

- A. “The things which thou **hast seen**.” (Past)
- B. “The things **which are**.” (Present)
- C. “The things which **shall be** hereafter.” (Future)

5. The actual time period in which John wrote the Revelation. (Rev. 1:10)

- A. “I was in the Spirit”
- B. “On the Lord’s Day”

6. From the standpoint of “the Lord’s Day,” this “DIVIDES” Revelation this way.

- A. Revelation 1–3– “*hast seen*”– (past)– “Church Age”
- B. Revelation 4–19– “*which are*”– (present)– “Tribulation to the Second Coming.”
- C. Revelation 20–22– “*which is to come*”– (future)– Millennium, New Heaven/Earth, Eternity.

◆ BEGINNING THE JOURNEY THROUGH REVELATION (Rev. 1:1–3)

1. THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST. (Rev. 1:1)

A. The unveiling of the _____ of Christ.

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ..." (1:1a)

B. The unveiling of the _____ of God.

"...to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass." (1:1c)

C. The unveiling of the _____ of transmission.

"...which God gave unto him...and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John." (1:1b, d)

2. THE RECORD OF JOHN. (Rev. 1:2)

A. The record of the _____ of God.

"Who bare record of the word of God..." (1:2a)

B. The record of the _____ of Jesus Christ.

"Who bare record of...the testimony of Jesus Christ..." (1:2b)

C. The record of the things _____ by John.

"Who bare record of...all things that he saw." (1:2c)

3. THE REWARD OF THE BOOK. (Rev. 1:3)

(The Three-fold Promise of Blessing)

A. Blessed is he that _____ the words.

"Blessed is he that readeth..." (1:3a)

B. Blessed are they that _____ the words.

"...and they that hear the words of this prophecy..." (1:3b)

C. Blessed are they that _____ the words.

"...and keep those things which are written therein:" (1:3c)

CONCLUSION– Will you experience the _____ or the _____ of Revelation?

"...for the time is at hand." (1:3d)