

# “Revelations #1”

## Revelations 1: 1-8

*It was a disputed book, because it is a very controversial book, there are a lot of different ideas and thoughts as to its meaning. (Many commentators with differing views)*

Revelation is an apocalyptic letter in the key of the old testament! That the original audience understood.

You can't pick and choose what is literal and what is symbolic. You have to be very careful that you don't over-complicate this book.

*The less complicated you make this book, the more sense it makes... I think we have a tendency to over think the book of Revelations.*

- The most important line in this book is verse one.
- There is a lot of symbolism, also a lot of numbers ie. (7), (666) ... written early 90's.
- With that being said let's read V1.

V1 Read... NKJV.

- The revelation of Jesus Christ... this could be taken as a revelation which came from Jesus Christ or as a revelation which is about Jesus Christ... both are appropriate.
- Apokalypsis Iesou Christou – Lit. means the Unveiling of Jesus Christ.
- Focus is Jesus Christ. This unveiling is both about Him and from Him.

*“God gave Him to show to His servants the things that must soon take place.”*

*“He made it known by sending His angel (Messenger) to His servant John.”*

- John 3: 31 – 36 Read...

## V2 – 3 Read...

- Blessed is he who reads and those that hear the words of this prophecy.
- For the time is near.
- You have to read and study revelations from the perspective of people of that day.

Who is this written to?

## V 4 Read...

- Writing to seven churches... **churches that existed at that time.**
- Churches that were experiencing persecution, at this time the church was not popular.
- So, to the churches & Christians at that time as well as to us today, we receive a word of comfort.

*“Grace and peace... From the seven spirits... and from Jesus Christ... the ruler over the Kings of the earth.”*

Why this word of comfort?... (Because He loves us and is with us no matter what we are going through)

- End of verse 5...

*“To Him who LOVED us and washed us from our sins in HIS OWN blood.”*

## V6 Read...

- He has made us Kings and Priests... (Lit. a Kingdom of priests)
- To Him be glory and dominion...

## V7 -8 Read...

- We can't get sidetracked when studying this book.
- It's the unveiling of Jesus Christ and the unveiling of things to come.