

Review of Revelation 1:1-8

(How well do you know your) Bible?

- 1. **It is a prophetic book.** It's from Jesus to John through the Lord's angel. (Rev. 1:1)
- 2. Blessings for the reader. It reveals who is, who was, and who is to come. (Rev. 1:4 & 8)
- 3. **It's the final test**. In the physical sense and in showing you know your Bible.
- 4. **Prophecy reveals** an all-knowing God.

Revelation 1:9-11

Church's views of Revelation

- 1. **Preterist-** Was only for that day and time.
- 2. **Historical-** Is only a reflection of what happened in the past.
- 3. **Idealist-** Allegorical perspective of spiritual realities.
- 4. **Prophetic-** What was, what is, and what is to come. The whole counsel of God.

Revelation 1:12-13

The Whole Counsel of God

- 1. Rev. 1:1 & 13 Christ, the core/center of the counsel of God for creation and redemption.
- 2. **2 Peter 1:19-21 Prophecy is vehicle** God uses to give the counsel to humanity.
- 3. Rev. 19:10 It's the Spirit of Prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.

Revelation 1:14 The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. (Ezekiel Chapters 1:27-28 & 43:2)

Genesis/Revelation Connection

1. Earth is created & Earth will pass away.

Gen. 1:1/Rev. 21:1

2. Darkness is called night & then no more night.

Gen.1:5/Rev. 22:5

3. The seas are created & then no more seas.

Gen. 1:10/Rev. 21:1

4. Sun is created & then no more need for a sun.

Gen. 1:16/Rev. 21:23

5. Sin enters the world & then end of sin.

Gen. 3:6/Rev. 21:7

6. The Curse & then no more curse.

Gen. 3:14-17/Rev. 22:3

7. Sorrow, suffering enters & then no more sorrow.

Gen. 3:17/Rev. 22:4

8. Death enters & then no more death.

Gen. 3:19/Rev. 21:4

9. The tree of life taken away & then access to the tree of life.

Gen. 3:24 & Rev. 22:14

10. Satan deceives humanity into impurity & then humanity is pure.

Gen. 3:24/Rev. 21:27

Revelation 1:16-18

The Uniqueness of Revelation

- 1. **V:11-16 Heptadic structure** with sevens, 7 Churches, 7 golden lampstands, 7 stars.
- 2. V:8 &17-18 Three of the 7 "I am" statements...
- 3. **They acknowledge truth,** He's the alpha/omega, the first and the last, and He is the living one. This connects (Matthew 24 & 28)

Revelation 1:19-20

Jesus Interprets

- 1. V:19 Continues the Triune theme.
- 2. **V:20** The seven stars are the angels of the 7 Churches, and the seven lampstands are the 7 Churches themselves.
- 3. Church get ready Jesus is speaking to the Church.

(Revelation Chapters 2 & 3)