

Revelation

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Session 4

Chapter 1:17 -2:3

It is **IMPOSSIBLE** to gain any understanding of Revelation without being born-again!

Remember....Only **GOD** has all the answers!

Revelation is not meant for you to "dissect" it nor agree with it.

It is only for you to **ACCEPT** it!

WARNING!!! SATAN does not want you to learn the **TRUTH** of God's plan!

Revelation is **NOT** complicated but our lives are.

"Revelation" is also known as "The Revelation of **CHRIST**".

The emphasis of Revelation is on **FUTURE** events.

The "STEPS" OF REVELATION

GOD

JESUS CHRIST

ANGEL

JOHN

SERVANTS (US)

THE CHURCH

Look at Revelation 1:17

"When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead..."

Here we see John's _____ to his vision of Christ.

John was assuming our _____ position before God. Speechless, motionless, in _____ of

The _____ of God!

_____ truly in touch with The Holy Spirit _____ in adoration to Jesus Christ!

"But He laid His right hand on me saying "Fear not. I am The First and The Last."

Believers have _____ need for _____!

This also speaks of Christ's _____ and _____!

Before and After all things, Christ will still be in _____!

Look at Revelation 1:18

"and The Living One. I died..."

This speaks of Christ's _____ death for our sins and His _____.

We worship a risen, living Savior!

"and behold, I am alive forever more..."

Christ died for our sins _____ and for all and _____!

He _____ risen and He _____ Lord! Either you accept Him or you reject Him!

"and I have the keys of Death and Hades." Look at Hebrews chapter 2

This speaks of Christ's _____ and _____! Jesus has power over death!

Death has _____ dominion over the born-again believer! "Hades" is Greek for "the _____ world."

Hell _____ very _____. Heaven and Hell are spiritual _____ the human mind cannot see nor fully comprehend.

_____ also refers to the _____ where the physical body is buried to the place where the spirit goes after _____.

_____ The Great White Throne Judgement of Revelation 20, death and Hades will be "thrown into the lake of fire" which is the _____ death.

The _____ death is death of the _____. The _____ death is annihilation, death of the _____.

The "key" is a symbol of _____. Jesus Christ controls all spiritual _____!

Look at Revelation 1:19

"Write therefore the things that you have seen..."

John has seen The _____ Christ. John is to write the _____ he has had of Him.

"those that are..."

This refers to matters that pertain to _____ Church. We will see these more clearly in chapters 2 & 3.

"and those that are to take place after this."

This refers to that _____ of Jesus Christ, where The Church goes to Heaven, and we shall see what will take place on the earth after The Church leaves it.

Look at Revelation 1:20

"As for the mystery..."

A "mystery" in Scripture means a _____, that which has not been revealed before.

This has not been revealed before it was given to John.

The rest of this verse is exactly what it says. These things are seen _____ and are explained figuratively.

Seven stars = messenger/_____ of seven churches. Seven lampstands = Seven churches.

The Seven Churches

Each were a **CONGREGATION**.

Each had a spiritual **CONDITION**.

All but one had a **COMMENDATION**.

All but two had a **CONDEMNATION**.

All but two had a **CONSEQUENCE**.

Each represent seven basic _____ in church history.

1. Ephesus - _____ Church (A.D. 30-100)
2. Smyrna - _____ Church (A.D. 100-313)
3. Pergamos - _____ Church (A.D. 313-590)
4. Thyatira - _____ Church (A.D. 590-1517)
5. Sardis - _____ Church (A.D. 1517-1790)
6. Philadelphia - _____ Church (A.D. 1730-1900)
7. Laodicea - _____ Church (A.D. 1900-Present)

Look at Revelation 2:1-7

THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS - The Congregation

Ephesus was one of the finest and largest churches of The New Testament. It was begun by the Apostle _____ at the end of his second missionary journey. (Acts 18:19-20)

It was a wicked city that was dedicated to the worship of the goddess Artemis.

This church exhibited spiritual vitality, depth, and dedication to the Scriptures.

Of the seven churches mentioned, it is the only one where reference is made to the _____.

The name Ephesus means "_____ one." It was also known for its fervent evangelism.

It had a large percentage of _____ converts.

In Revelation, Ephesus represents The "early" or "_____ " church. This was the most desirable of all the churches or church _____.

THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS - The Condition

Ephesus was "going through the motions" _____ the fervor is once had for The Great Commission.

Look at Revelation 2:1

John is writing to the "angel" (messenger/pastor) of the church of Ephesus on behalf of The Glorified _____

Who holds the pastors (stars) in His hands and _____ in control of The Church (seven golden lampstands) as Savior, Lord, and _____.

Look at Revelation 2:2

THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS - The Commendation

"I know your works..."

Jesus is commending the church for it's good _____ in Christian service.

"your toil, and your patient endurance..."

Jesus is commending the church for not giving up in spite of _____.

"and how you cannot bear with those who are evil..."

The church would not _____ for those of evil.

The Greek word for "church" is "ecclesia" which literally means "_____ - out ones".

A true/authentic church is a church that although it is "_____" the world, it refuses to be "_____" the world!

Look at Romans 16:17-20

The church refused to participate in "_____-warm Christianity.

The church of Ephesus took seriously the practice of Church _____.

"but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false."

The church at Ephesus would not be taken in by _____ apostles.

Today, there are many false apostles _____ as servants of Christ but who are really enemies of The Cross.

The "ecclesiastical" _____ of "ecumania" (a one-world church regardless of one's faith) is _____ whenever and wherever it is found.

Look at Revelation 2:3

The church at Ephesus was a _____ church, in both message and ministry. It was _____ fainthearted. It focused on presentation of The Gospel.

In summary, The church at Ephesus was:

A _____ church.

A _____ church.

A _____ church.

An _____ church.

An _____ church.