

Revelation

Lesson 02: Revelation 1:1-20

(A Chapter-by-Chapter Overview of God's Picture Book)

Review

Rule of thumb for studying the Bible: _____ before _____.

The Prophetic/Symbolic Approach

A prophet's job was to "tell it like it is" and to "tell it like it is going to be."

The Prologue (Revelation 1:1-3)

Revelation— To draw back a veil.

blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it,

We are much more content when we understand the times we live in and where things are headed, even if it is difficult.

The Introduction (Revelation 1:4-8)

A Letter Format (vs 4)

From: John

To: The Seven Churches That are in Asia.

The number seven: Instead of the _____ of the number, consider the _____ of the number.

The Seven Spirits before the Throne: Likely translation, "the sevenfold spirit".
Isaiah 11:2

John utilizes some Old Testament phrases in verse seven.

Daniel 7:13; Zechariah 12:10

Alpha and Omega: A picture of _____.

Who is, and who was, and who is to come: A picture of _____.

A Picture of the Lord of the Church (Revelation 1:9-20)

Christians in Stress Identify with John (vs 9)

John's Vision Begins (vs 10)

2 Corinthians 12:1ff

Specific Messages for Specific Needs Revealed (vs 11)

Seeing a Relationship (vs 12)

Christ and His Glory (vs 13-18)

An Important Message of Reassurance (vs 19-20)

Seven Stars: Seven Messengers

Seven Lampstands: Seven Churches

The Lord of the Church in the Midst of the Lampstands