
Things To Come: A Study of Revelation

"Laying The Groundwork"

Revelation 1

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Introduction: Today we begin a new study where we will work our way through Revelation.

1. Revelation closes the apostolic era of church history & completes the story of Jesus we started with our study through Mark's gospel.
2. It is a unique book requiring careful handling.
3. There are four main points of view on Revelation.
 - Historist
 - Preterist
 - Idealist
 - Futurist
4. The book serves a special purpose that corresponds to our outline (1:19).
 - Things Which You Have Seen: Comfort
 - Things Which Are: Correction
 - Things Which Shall Take Place: Instruction
5. Today we lay the groundwork for our study.

I. The Revelation of Jesus Christ

- A. Who Is Jesus?
- B. What Is He Doing?
- C. What About John?

II. The Recipients of Revelation

- A. The Church
- B. The Picture
- C. The Purpose

Conclusion: As chapter 1 closes, the church had no idea there would be a 2,000 year church age.

1. They thought Christ would return in their lifetime. We now know differently.
2. This is why Revelation is important:
 - It offers correction, so the church can survive.
 - It offers instruction, so the church can be informed.
 - It shows how much Jesus cares for & is connected to us, the church.
3. Next week we will begin looking at the 7 churches John wrote to.
4. But today, be encouraged. Jesus is in our midst. He holds the church in a special way. He has big plans for us & every one of them will come true!