

REVELATION, Part 1

The New Testament * Week 38 * Opening and closing collect: Proper 15, BCP 232

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- I. What Revelation is NOT meant to be
 - A. Scary, weird, unintelligible.
 1. Prophecy is like that: poetic, symbolic, apocalyptic.
 2. Three divisions of Old Testament/New Testament:
 - a) History/Writings/Prophecy: Genesis-Esther, Job-Song of Solomon, Isaiah-Malachi
 - b) Gospels-Acts/Epistles/Revelation
 - B. Primarily about the Beast, 666, judgment, End Times.
 - C. Ignored, neglected, or rejected
 1. Martin Luther & Thomas Cranmer
 2. Many modern teachers
 - D. Dissected to determine times, dates, and details
 1. Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32 – “No one knows the day or hour...”
 2. Acts 1:7 – “It is not for you to know...”
 - E. The FIRST Bible study anyone does.
 - F. What Revelation IS:
Revelation 1:1a – Revelation of Jesus Christ.
 - G. Revelation 1:1b –
 - H. Revelation 1:3 – A blessing.
 - I. Revelation 1:4 – Grace full and Peace full
 - J. What does it reveal about Jesus?
 1. Revelation 1:5-6 –
 2. Revelation 1:7 –
 3. Revelation 1:8 – Alpha and Omega
 4. Revelation 1:9 –

5. Revelation 1:10-16 –
 6. Revelation 1:17 –
- II. Revelation can be confusing because, it is prophecy.
- A. Not chronological like Gospels or Acts
 - B. Not logical like ...
 - C. Prophecy, which jumps all over the place
 - D. Revelation deals with past, present, and future. "Present" = about AD 95
- III. Chapters 1-5 – PRESENT (AD 95)
- A. Ch 1 -- KEY VERSE: Revelation 1:1
 - B. Ch 2-3 -- Seven Churches
 1. 2:1-7 – Ephesus (medium)
 2. 2:8-11 – Smyrna (good)
 3. 2:12-17 – Pergamum (medium)
 4. 2:18-29 – Thyatira (medium)
 5. 3:1-6 – Sardis (bad)
 6. 3:7-13 – Philadelphia (good)
 7. 3:14-22 – Laodicea (bad)
 - C. Chapters 4-5 -- KEY VERSE: Revelation 5:5
 1. Chapter 4 – Throne room of heaven
 2. Chapter 5 – The Scroll and the Lamb
- IV. Chapters 6-11 -- FUTURE. NEXT WEEK
- V. Chapter 12 -- PAST Satan unsuccessfully tries to thwart God's plans.
- A. Satan and his angels
 - B. KEY VERSES: Revelation 12:7-11
- VI. Chapter 13-22 -- FUTURE – NEXT WEEK

Preparation for next week: Read John 1-10