

APOCALYPSE NOW I

April 27, 2025

Revelation 1:1-3

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Do some of your own research into the background of the Book of Revelation.

Who is the author of the Book? (What is his story?)

Who are the recipients of the Book?

What is the date & occasion of the writing of the Book? (What is the context for the necessity & content of the Book?)

2. What is to be inferred from this Book being “The Revelation of Jesus Christ” (v. 1)? (What does it uncover, unveil or reveal?)
3. What is significant about the process of the transmission of this prophecy (vv. 1-2)?
4. “The Revelation of Jesus Christ” is a prophecy (v. 3). What is the normal nature of God’s prophetic language (Numbers 12:6-8; Hosea 12:10)?

What does it mean, then, that Jesus Christ “sent and signified [SIGN-i-fied] it by his angel unto his servant John” (v. 1, KJV)? What is the nature of the language of Revelation? (Figurative or literal?) How does that effect how we understand it or look at it?

5. Describe your reaction when you read that this prophecy concerns “the things which must soon take place” (v. 1) and that “the time is near” (v. 3). How does this effect your outlook on the content to follow?

6. To whom, or for what, is blessing promised (v. 3)? What significance does this attach to the Book (c.f., 2 Timothy 3:16-17)?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will come humbly to God’s word this week by . . .

I will allow God’s word to take me where it will this week by . . .

I will seek the revelation of Jesus Christ this week by . . .