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“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”

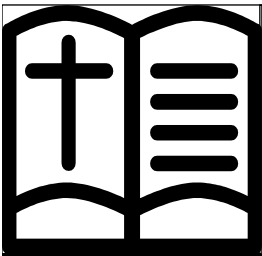


“THE BOOK OF THE RESORATION OF ALL THINGS TO THE CHRIST”

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF THE REVELATION

I. ESTABLISHING THE GUIDELINES OF INTERPRETATION

- A. *This revelation IS the Word of God given to Jesus to share with His servants. It is given to be understood. It is the uncovering not the covering!*
- B. *The book records the things which were happening at the time, the things which John was given to see and the things that were to happen after these things*
- C. *The book was written 2000 years ago to the multi-ethnic congregations of the mid eastern world whose common language was koine Greek.*
 1. *We will uncover the Greek meanings of the words*
 2. *We will try to understand the mindset of that day*
 3. *We will read the Scriptures in the normal manner of reading all literature, understanding the literary devices in the normal way. We will read it as literally as it was written*
 4. *We believe the book was written around 95 CE while John was exiled on Patmos for his testimony about Jesus as the Christ. Therefore the temple in Jerusalem was already destroyed*



5. *We will interpret this book in the setting of the completion of Scriptures given to Israel through the prophets of Israel. It is the conclusion of the message given to Adam and Eve through the descendants of Abraham*
6. *Of the relationship of this revelation to the rest of the revelation of the prophets, the book of Daniel stands out as the most prominent. The scroll with seven seals is the scroll Daniel sealed in chapter 12 of his book. It speaks of the end of the age.*
7. *The chapters from 6 through 20 are an account of the details of the 70th week of Daniel, the promised 7 year period of judgment and wrath on the earth. It is divided into two segments of time, each 3 1/2 years. This will require that at some time future to this book, Israel will be restored to the promised land and a third temple of some sort will be rebuilt in Jerusalem. This is consistent with the writings of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel as well as partials of the minor prophets*
8. *The chapters of the book are not chronologically successive. They are John's record of things that he was seeing much in the same way of us watching multiple news broadcasts of events that are happening at the same time, i.e. Chapters 6, 7:1-8, 11:1-14; 13:1-2 all cover events of the first 3 1/2 years of the 7.*