

Revelation Bible Study — Revelation 1:1-8

I. Introduction

- A. Author — John (the son of Zebedee and one of the Twelve)
- B. Date — Around 95 AD during the reign of Domitian (81-96 AD)
- C. Genre
 - 1. Apocalyptic
 - 2. Prophetic
 - 3. Epistolary (Letter)
 - 4. Apocalyptic-Prophecy
- D. Schools of Interpretation
 - 1. Historicist School
 - 2. Futurist School
 - 3. Preterist School
 - 4. Idealist School
- E. Overarching Theme
 - 1. Revelation was written to encourage Christians of all ages to persevere, to stand firm, to remain faithful, and to trust in the victory of Jesus Christ

II. The Revelation of Jesus Christ — Revelation 1:1-8

- A. The Prologue to Revelation — **Revelation 1:1-3**
 - 1. “Things which must soon take place” (Revelation 1:1)
 - a) **Daniel 2:28 (NKJV): But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days.**
 - b) **2 Peter 3:8–9 (NKJV): But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is**

not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

2. “Bore witness” and “testimony”
 3. A blessing to those who read and those who hear
- B. The Greeting to the Seven Churches — **Revelation 1:4-8**
1. “The seven churches which are in Asia”
 - a) Asia = Asia Minor = Modern Day Turkey
 - b) Seven Churches — All churches throughout the church age
 2. “Grace to you and peace”
 - a) From the Father — “Who is, Who was, and Who is to come”
 - b) From the Holy Spirit — “The Seven Spirits Before His Throne”
 - c) From the Son
 - (1) “Faithful Witness”
 - (2) “Firstborn from the Dead”
 - (3) “Ruler Over the Kings of the Earth”
 3. Doxology to Jesus
 4. Announcement of the coming King
 - a) “Coming with clouds”
 - b) “Every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him”
 - c) “And all the tribes of the earth will mourn”

III. Questions