**Revelation Bible Study**

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1. The Prologue (vv 1-8)
   1. Significance of the books name:
      1. The **Apocalypse** of Jesus Christ
         1. This word means “*disclosure, revelation, unveiling*.”
      2. Sequence of the delivery of this message:
         1. God the Father to the Son to His angel to John to the seven churches.
            1. Angels in Revelation attend to John in his visions. They will help him interpret what he sees as well as help him focus on what is important. They will also answer questions.
   2. Revelation as prophecy: (v3)
      1. The Word of God is given in visual form.
      2. No other book in the New Testament is referred to this way.
   3. The Seven beatitudes of Revelation: (v3)
      1. Verse 3 includes the first one. The other six are 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7,14.
      2. The verbs in verse 3 are present participles meaning they are “continuous”; reading, hearing, keeping.
   4. The Trinitarian authority of Revelation: (vv 4-6)
      1. The Father: “who is and who was and who is to come”
         1. Exodus 3:14 in Greek (Septuagint) “I Am the One Who Is”
         2. John emphasizes that the message of Revelation comes first of all from God the Father.
      2. The Holy Spirit: “the seven spirits who are before His throne”
         1. In Revelation the number 7 symbolizes God. It’s a picture of completeness, perfection, and holiness in reference to God’s activities and creative works.
            1. The Church which is represented by the seven churches is under the Spirit of God.

See 2:7; 2:11; 2:17; 2:29; 3:6; 3:13; 3:22

* + - * 1. The sevenfold Spirit upon Christ: Isaiah 11:1,2
    1. The Son: “Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings on earth”
       1. Christ is spoken here last because of His saving work. As a result of His crucifixion and resurrection, God’s people are redeemed and can now worship him as royal priests.
  1. The Lord’s Return: (vv7,8)
     1. The whole human race will witness the return of Jesus.
        1. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
           1. “Caught up in the air”

The word “rapture” which comes from the Latin Vulgate, verse 17, is connected to the resurrection.

* + 1. “The Alpha and Omega”
       1. This title is applied to the Father here in verse 8 as well as in 21:5. It is also applied to Jesus in 22:13. It is one of the shared titles between the Father and the Son in Revelation.
       2. Only here in verse 8 and 21:5 does the Father speak directly.
          1. The Holy Spirit given prophecy about the Son (crucified, resurrected and exalted) has its origin in the Father and as a result has the full authority of the Father.

John 15:26,27 and 16:13-15