

REVELATION

for the rest of us!

The Revelation is everybody's favorite book of the Bible, or so it would seem. When you ask folks what book they would like to study, the list almost always includes the Revelation. We're intrigued; it's shrouded in mystery, veiled in imagery and, well; it just seems so spiritual to understand this great and final word from God. The many views, interpretations; the many books, sermons, charts and apocalyptic movies only add to our curiosity... and sadly, to our confusion.

So how do we wade through the theology, the prophecies and the metaphors to make sense of it all and to find the blessings promised to *"the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and... those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it..."* (Revelation 1:3)?

My views and interpretations will only add one more voice to many. So, I am not going to add my views and interpretations to your mix. Instead, I am going to share:

SIX KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING THE REVELATION!

If you will use these keys, you will be able to unlock the doors to the seemingly unknown and come to your own conclusions as the Revelation opens before you! Along with all the other material available to you, it is essential that you remember to let the Revelation itself speak to you! It God's Word... listen to what He says!

Introduction:

1. The Revelation is _____.
2. This is NOT _____ Revelation.
He is the _____ not the author!

3. John is exiled on the Isle of _____
for preaching and teaching about Jesus. (1:9)
4. The revelation is being recorded to be _____
with Christians (1:4, 11)
5. The word "Revelation" is *Αποκαλυψις* which translates
"Apocalypse." It means an _____.
(1:1, 3, 19)

Six Keys To Understanding The Revelation:

- I. _____ are the events taking place? (1:19)
 - A. _____, _____, or _____?
 - B. Remember, "present" is _____ time.
- II. _____ are the events taking place?
 - A. in _____ (7:9-8:4)
 - B. or on _____ (8:5ff)
- III. If in _____ be captivated by it, but don't worry about it! You'll see it when you get there!
- IV. If on Earth, _____ on Earth?
 - A. It will NOT be in _____!
 - B. Keep your eyes on events in the Eastern world, especially regarding _____!
- V. Remember, John is explaining to those in the first century things he has been _____, most of which he didn't understand either!
(look for key words: *as, like, resembled, appearance...*)
- VI. Look for _____ Explanations first!
 - A. 1:10-19 is explained in verse 20
 - B. The dragon of 12:3 is explained in 12:9
 - C. 17:1-6 is explained in verses 7-18
 - D. If the Bible tells you what it means, then ***that's*** what it means!

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