

A Study in Revelation

Part 1 - The Revealer and The Revealed

Revelation 1:1-3, 9

1. **Setting the scene (Patmos):** Read Revelation 1:1-3, 9 and summarize John's situation. How does his exile help you hear the book's message with humility and hope?
2. **Observation (chain of revelation):** Read Revelation 1:1–2.
 - Trace the chain: **God** → **Jesus** → **angel** → **John** → **servants**.
 - What does this teach about the source and authority of the message?
 - What does “**the revelation of Jesus Christ**” mean—*by* Jesus, *about* Jesus, or both?
 - How did the sermon say Jesus is both **Revealer and Revealed**?
3. **Interpretation**
 - **Apokalypsis (unveiling):** Read Revelation 1:1 and Mark 1:15.
 - i. How does “apokalypsis” (unveiling) help us read symbols as windows to **Christ's reign now**?
 - ii. Where did you hear “already and not yet” in the sermon, and how is that seen here?
 - **Immediacy:** Read Revelation 1:1, 3.
 - i. What do “**must soon take place**” and “**the time is near**” mean if 2,000 years have passed?
 - ii. How does this shape a Christian posture of **readiness** without date-setting (cf. Acts 1:6–7)?
4. **Common distractions:** From the sermon's four distractors (timelines, symbols, only-future, fear/speculation):
 - i. Which one most tempts you? Why?
 - ii. In our world with many distractions how do we keep our focus on Christ as we walk day by day?
5. **Read Revelation 1:3 and 22:7, 18–19.**
 - What is the **condition** of the blessing? What **warning** guards it?
 - In practical terms, what does it look like to **hear and keep** Revelation in your life or home?
6. **Mission & Endurance**
 - **From Patmos to us:** Read Matthew 24:4, 13–14.
 - How do Jesus' words (don't be led astray; endure; proclaim the gospel) echo John's purpose in Revelation 1:1–3?

- Name one concrete step your group will take to **endure** and **witness** this week

7. Pray together as a group.

Optional memory verse: *“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.” — Revelation 1:3*