

# REVELATION

*Intro*



# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

- John is writing from Patmos - banished
- Persecutions of
  - Nero (54-68) ; Domitian (81-96)
- Rev 1:19 – seen (11), are (2,3), after (4:1)
  - Christ
  - The Churches
  - The Future



# Things to come shortly...

- John begins with a promise
  - *apokalupsis* – laying bare, uncover, unveil
  - This was given by Jesus
  - Communicated by His angel(s)
  - Bond-servant - *doulos*
  - Testify – John 19:35; 21:24; 1John 1:2; 4:14
  - John had and continued to testify (*martureo*)

# A Promise to start!

- BLESSED reads/hears and HEEDS!
  - Time is near... (3)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> of 7 beatitudes in Revelation...
  - Reads, hears, heeds – pres. act.
- Seven *ekklesia* in 'Asia' 19x
  - ESPTSPL – more to come on these...(2,3)
  - Grace and peace – so needed then and now!

# Primary Source

- HIM who is, who was and who is to come...
- Seven Spirits before the Throne
  - Not the Holy Spirit; but rather Isa 11:2, acts...
- And from Jesus
  - Faithful witness; First-born; Ruler; loves us; released us from sin in/by His blood!!!

# Our current state: (6)

- Made us to be:
  - A kingdom; Priests to His God & Father
  - Glory and praise and dominion! AMEN! (8x)
- Behold, He is coming! (Zech 12:10-14)
  - 9:9 – His first coming; see ch 12-14
  - All tribes, pierced... context of Armageddon
- I AM – Alpha/Omega; is, was, is to come