

Revelation Sermon Two

Revelation 1:1-9

Three Realities in Revelation about God:

1. God's inerrant Word is a *reliable* map.
2. God's sovereign plan replaces fear with hope.
3. God's glorious Son is worthy of worship.

Knowing What the Bible Teaches About the Future...

- Communicates the full character of God, balancing our theology.
- Gives us hope for today and alleviates unnecessary fears about the future.
- Compels us to live Godly lives in view of future rewards.
- Moves us to worship God who will ultimately triumph over evil.

Did You Know...

- Some of the greatest subjects of prophecy find their consummation in Revelation (the Lord Jesus Christ; the church; the resurrection of the saints; the great tribulation; satan; the man of sin; false religion; the times of the Gentiles; and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ).
- The book of Revelation lists more titles for the Savior than does any other book in the Bible.
- The numbers 7 and 12 are predominant in the book of revelation:

#7 = spirits, stars, lamps, seals, horns, eyes, angels, trumpets, thunders, heads, crowns, plagues, vials, mountains, and kings.

#12 = 12,000 from each tribe; twelve gates, angels, foundations, and apostles; 12,000 furlongs.

- There are more Old Testament quotations and allusions in the book of Revelation than in any other New Testament book totaling 360.

DEFINITION OF PROPHECY: Bible prophecy is History written in advance!

When we compare the contents of the Revelation with other Biblical prophecies, certain *basic patterns* emerge:

1. The church will continue to grow.
2. Satanic opposition will intensify.
3. Israel will return to the promise land.

4. The church will be raptured to Heaven.
5. Judgments of the tribulation will follow.
6. The marriage of Christ and the Church.
7. The triumphal Second coming of Christ.
8. The Millennial Kingdom will be established.
9. The final triumph over Satan and the Great White Throne Judgment.
10. The eternal state.