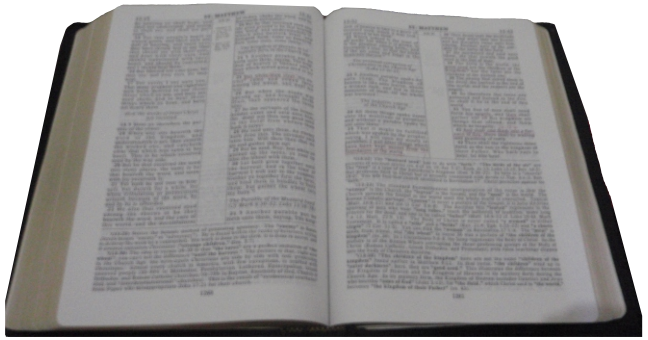
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A Bible Believers Commentary on

Revelation

Chapter 1

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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The last book in the bible

It's a controversial book which a lot of churches won't teach for for that reason.

If you quit teaching everything that was controversial you would have to give up the whole bible.

This is one of the greatest books in the bible.

Without the book of Revelation you would never know how everything ends.

No where in the bible do you find out the devil ends up in the lake of fire except for the book of Revelation.

Mt. 25:41- Tells the lake of fire is prepared for the devil.

- You wouldn't know what heaven looked like if it wasn't for the
- book of Revelation.

- **Jh. 14:2**- In my fathers house are many mansions.

- But you don't know what they look like until Revelation.

The bible ends up happily ever after.

A lot of times life doesn't have a pretty ending.

But the bible does.

If there is a God then it has to work out in the end.

If not were wasting our time.

But it will

Doctrinally - It's probably 7 churches in the Tribulation.

Spiritually - We can apply these 7 churches to us today.

22 chapters, 404 verses, 12000 words, written 90-96 AD.

John writes the book of Revelation after every one else has finished their books, Peter, James, Paul etc.

There are two views about the dates of when the bible was written.

1- written under Nero

2- written under Domitian

We take the view the book was written under Domitian.

The people who believe it was written under Nero was written before 70 AD.

They teach everything took place at the destruction of Jerusalem.

Which makes the book of Revelation in the past, so it already happened.

There's a lot in the Book that hasn't happened yet.

If it was all past John would of said so.

Revelation mainly deals with the Gentile world.

The reign of Domitian is about 95 AD.

Revelation of Saint John the Divine is the correct title.

Divine = Diviner - a person who can see into the future.

The Revelation **of** St. John the Divine

" of " is the subject.

1:1- The Revelation of Jesus- "of " is the object.

All the schoalers say you can't go by the King James because it's not the revelation of John but of Jesus Christ.

The truth of the matter is the word "of " can take a subject or object.

Example - the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

- Are we talking about me fearing the Lord or the Lord fearing something.

- The truth of God.

  - Is this the truth about God or the truth God has.

- The Love of God

  - Is this God loving you or you loving God.

- This is where the Jw's get in trouble.

- Jesus Christ is the beginning of the creation of God.

  - **Rev. 3:14-** ...the beginning of the creation of God

  - God is not the object but the subject.

  - Its Johns Revelation - he's the author.

  - But it's the Revelation about Jesus Christ.

  - When you get to Rev. 1:1 Jesus Christ is the object of Revelation.

  - Both are correct in a King James Bible.

  - The next thing I think its one of the most important things about the book of Revelation which really makes it so you can understand it.

- Abrahams will remain empty until Rev. 6 in the great tribulation.

1:18- The resurrected Christ is talking to John

  - Hell has gates and bars

  - There are two compartments hell and Abrahams bosom.

1:19- John is up in the Lords day and looks back at the things

  thou hast seen - Rev. 2-3

  which are- 4-19

  shall be- 20-22

1:20- 7 stars = Angels

  - Stars are not always planets etc.

  - **Rev. 6:13** - Stars of heaven fell unto the earth

  - These are angels.

  - **Rev. 9:1**

  - Los Angeles= Lost Angels

  - Called = Stars movie stars

1:20- The 7 churches are 7 local churches in Asia Minor.

  - **Historically**- John is writing to these churches and giving them the message.

- Lk. 4:18- to preach deliverance to the blind

- Isa. 42:6-7-

6- quoting the NT.

- Sum it all up.

- When Jesus died on the cross his spirit went to the father , his body went into the tomb provided by Joseph of Arimathaea.

- His soul went down to the heart of the earth

- Mt. 12:40

- Eph. 4:6-9

- When he went down he went through hell, but his soul was not left in hell.

- Acts 2:27, 31

- When he went down into that place he took the keys away from the keeper.

- The keeper is called Apollyn and he is personified as the King and Angel in Rev. 9

- He took the keys and locked the gates and went over to the other side (Paradise & Abrahams bosom) and took the captives out of prison and took them up with him.

- He left that gate opened and went to heaven and says I have the keys of death and hell

- If you have him you have the keys you don't have to join any church to get the keys

- If you have Christ you have the keys and the door.

As you read the new testament the bible gives you four accounts of Jesus first coming.

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

The book of Revelations is not Chronological it gives four accounts of Jesus 2nd Coming.

1- Rev. 6:5-17

2- Rev. 11:14-19

3- Rev. 14:13-20

4- Rev. 19: 11-16

Most denominations teach this chronologically and I don't see how they can do it. It would make no sense.

1:1- Revelation in Latin = Apocalypse

- Revelation means an unveiling.

1:2- word- small "w"

- Testimony of Jesus Christ.

- Rev. 19:10 - For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

- If you know where your going when you die that's the testimony of Jesus Christ.

- That's your testimony - you know your going to heaven.

- The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

- We don't know everything about the future but we know a lot.

- What do we know about the future?

  - Men are getting worse not better.

  - The body of Christ will be raptured before the tribulation.

  - The world will be run by a ten federated kingdom.

  - The Anti-Christ will rule the earth during the tribulation.

  - Israel will be restored.

1:3- blessed is he that:

1- Readeth

2- Heareth

3- And keep these things which are written therein.

- If you will read it, hear it, and believe it God will bless you.

- It didn't say you had to understand it.

1:3- Make sure you have the right Bible.

- **Rev. 22:18-19**- don't Add or Take away from the scriptures.

1:3 - Who heard the words and kept them.

- **Rev. 3:7-8** - There is only one church who kept the word of God.

- There are 7 churches and only the Philadelphia church kept his word.

- The sun in his strength is a picture of a glorified Christ preparing to rise on this earth at the 2nd Advent with burning heat and burn the wicked up.

- Ps. 19:4-6

1:16- So everything we have read so far is dealing with the 2nd Advent.

1:17- Fear not-

- This is what Christ said in the upper room.

1:18- liveth= present

was dead= Past

alive evermore= future.

have the keys of hell and of death

- If he has the keys then he has been in and out

- Doors have been opened and shut.

- There's nothing like a King James bible to clear up a Greek commentary.

- Jonah 2

- Mt. 16:18- gates of hell

- New bibles say- powers of hell

- Jonah 2:2- Jonah is in hell

2:6- Bars - like a Jail

- Eph. 4:8-10- He led captivity captive.

- He got them out of jail.

1:14- his head and his hairs were white like wool.

- He didn't always look this way.

- SOS. 5:9-16 - Jesus is a Jew

- Reddish complexion

- Black bushy hair

- In glory he has white hair, white hair is symbolic of trouble.

- Everything you've been through he's been through.

- Jesus has bared sin and sorrow so long his hair has turned white.

1:14- white as snow

- you don't hear much about this Jesus.

- White hair and eyes as flames of fire.

- Flame thrower.

1:15- many waters= water fall

- This is Christ were going to see.

1:16- The stars are symbolic, but he is not.

sword- Heb. 4:12

countenance was **as** the sun - 2nd Advent

- Christ 2nd Coming is like the Sun coming up in the morning.

- **Mal. 4:1-2**

7 churches are

- 2:1- Ephesus - 0 - 100 AD

- 2:8- Smyrna - 100 - 325

- 2:18- Pergamos - 325 - 500

- 3:1- Thyatira - 500 - 1000

- 3:7- Sardis - 1000 - 1500

- 3:14- Laodicea - 1900 - ?

1:4- Asia = Asia minor not major.

- Asia - Turkey, Iraq, Iran, around the Black sea area.

1:11- List the 7 Churches

- This book was to be written and sent to these 7 Churches and these churches are described in Revelation 2 & 3

- There are 4 Churches in Chapter 2, and 3 Churches in chapter 3

- God always breaks it up to 3 & 4 or 6 & 1 never 5 & 2.

- The Reason being - There is 6000 years before the 2nd Advent & 1000 years reign.

- Or 4000 years before his 1st Coming and 3000 years after.

Gen. 1:5, 8, 13, 19

- 1:20- Life

- After 4 days or 4000 years there is life.

- 2Pet. 3:8- 1000 years as 1 day & 1 day as 1000 years.

- Christ shows up after 4000 years and men can have life.

- After the 4th day life shows up.

All scripture has 3 applications

- 1- Historical - How it actually happened in history.

- 2- Spiritual - Every verse in the Bible can be used devotionally to teach spiritual things.

- How to apply it to you personally.

- 3- Doctrinal - Prophetic

- God has some biblical truth he wants you to know.

- Example

- History- Israel came out of Egypt and crossed the Red sea.

- Spiritual- Egypt type of the Devil or the World. You get saved and now we are going thru the wilderness on our way to the promised land.

- Doctrinal- Moses is coming again that's prophetic

- Crossing the Red sea pictures the rapture.

- Pharaoh = Anti-Christ

7 churches in Asia minor

- Historclly - John wrote and sent the letter to 7 churches in Asia minor.

- Each Church represents a time in History.

- The dates are not definite and they overlap each other.

2:12- Pergamos - 325 AD

- this date we can be sure of

- Pergamos = Much Marriage

- This is a worldly church joining the world under Constantine and Eusibeus at the Council of Trent 325AD.

3:7- Philadelphia - 1500 Ad

- This is the reformation Church of Martin Luther.

- Philadelphia= Brotherly Love

- Church of the open door.

- This is the only church that has no rebuke.

- The Lord has a rebuke for every church but Philly.

3:14- Laodicean- 1900 Ad

- Laodicean= Civil Rights
Rights of the People
Human Rights.

1:12- 7 golden candle sticks

1:13- son of Man = Jewish designation

Paps- Breast
Papa, Papal - a nursing father
Pope

- If chp. 2 & 3 represents the church age then John is in the future looking back at the church age. Writing what he saw.

- John is in the day of the Lord and writes backward about the church.

1:10- heard behind me a great voice as a trumpet.

- In time he is ahead of the trumpet

- The Rapture is in chapter 4 buy John is ahead of it

1:11- Asia - minor

- Turkey, Iraq, Iran and maybe Greece.

- In the bible Asia never includes China and Japan.

- Our times we group it all together and call it Asia Major.

- 7 Churches are 7 local Churches in Asia.

- Paul writes to 7 Churches

- Rome
- Corinth
- Galatia
- Ephesus
- Philipi
- Colossi
- Thessolonica

- The only place they match is Ephesus.

- The last church is Laodicea

- Laodicea is mentioned in Pauls epistle to the Colossians.

- Each name of the Churches mean something.

- Spiritually- the message to the 7 churches can apply to any church now, America, Zimbabwe etc.

- You can take any verse in 2 or 3 and preach it today to any local church.

- Doctrinal- This is harder Rev. 2 & 3 have a direct application to the churches in Revelation.

- There are 7 churches now and will be 7 churches in the Tribulation.

- Rev. 4:1-2 - The Rapture.

- That's John going up and John is a type of the Bride of Christ.

- John laid on the bosom of Christ

- John is the disciple whom Jesus loved.

- **Jh. 21:22**- If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?...

- This is the Rapture because the Church is no longer here.

- 2:12, 17,18,29 - Church

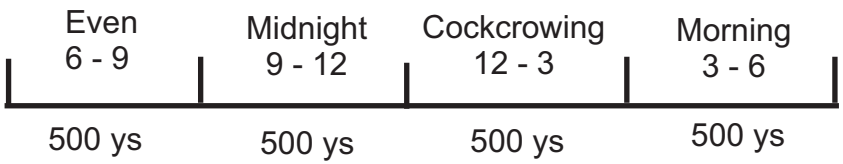
- 3:1,6,13,14,22 - Church

- After Rev. 4:2 there is no more Church.

- Rev. 2&3 is a picture of the Church Age.

- The Church Age is 2000 years. - 4 watches

- Evening, midnight, cockcrowing, morning watch.



Mt. 13:35- even, midnight, cockcrowing, morning

All denominations come from only 7 Churches.

1- Catholic
2- Greek Orthodox
3- Baptist
4- Methodist
5- Presbyterian
6- Luthern
7- Episcopal

1:4- which is- present tense

- which was- past tense

- which is to come- future tense

- 7 Spirits - Isa. 11:2

- Rev.4:5- 7 Lamps = 7 Spirits

- Rev. 5:6- 7 Spirits

- The book of Revelation never calls the Holy Spirit the Holy Spirit.

- The Holy Spirit has different manifestations.

- In the book of Revelation the Holy Spirit is not operating as he did in the Church age.

- John calls the Holy Spirit the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, or the Spirit of God.

- The Lord picks up John and hauls him somewhere after 2020 and shows him what's going to take place.

- When John writes he's in the 21 Century and has to write so people in the 2nd and 5th century etc. can understand what he is saying.

1:10- If you do make the Lord's day Sunday then:

- 1:19- hast seen- past
are- now
shal be-

- Scoefield says - The things John saw is Chp. 1
are- chp. 2&3
shall be- 4

- What we believe is

1- the things which thou sawest - Chp. 1-3

2- which are - chp. 4-19

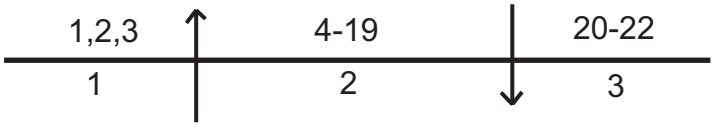
3- shall be - 20-22

- Why do we do this?

- 4:1-2 - Somebody goes up

- 19:11- Somebody comes down.

- Heaven is opened 2 times in Revelation 4 & 19 and if this is true it divides the book into three parts.



1:9- kingdom of Jesus Christ not God.

- Patmos - is a little island off the Aegean Sea off the coast of Asia minor about 100 miles.

- word of God - He was preaching the bible

- Testimony of Jesus Christ

  - He was prophesying about the 2nd coming of Christ.

- Rev. 19:10

1:10- I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day,

- Now here is a problem

- Just about every baptist pastor says the Lord's day is Sunday.

- So I was in the Spirit on Sunday.

- This is not Sunday.

- In the OT. the Lords day is the Day of the Lord.

- It's the 2nd Advent.

- John is picked up and taken in the future to the Great Tribulation.

- The Day of the Lord is an over lap.

- The day of the Lord never a reference to a 24 hour piece of time.

- The day of the Lord in the OT. somtimes included the White Throne Judgment.

- But in Revelation it's the Spirit or the Spirit of God.

1:5- Jesus Christ

- Faithful witness

- First begotten of the dead

- There are other people who have been raised from the dead but they all died again.

- Jesus Christ is the first person to raise from the dead to never die again.

- We will come up from the dead and never die again.

- But Jesus is the first.

1:5- washed us from our sins in his own blood.

- Salvation

- Col. 1:14- ...through his blood...

1:6- Kings and Priest

- John is in the body of Christ and he has all the Paul-line epistles in front of him.

- now - we are Priest and we offer spiritual sacrifices.

- 1Pet. 2:5

- Heb. 13:15

- King- we will be king during the 1000 year reign on earth.

- Today were Priest not kings

- To many Christians are trying to live like Kings.

- Today are ministries are as a suffering Prophet.

- Mt. 16:24 - We don't follow now.

- Our ministry is to work, serve, suffer, we will reign later.

- Many brethren think their reigning now.

- The Baptist talk about spreading the kingdom like its already here.

- When the kingdom comes a lion will eat straw like an Ox.

- Isa. 11:5-8

1:6- Kings and Priest

- No cross no crown

- If you don't carry your cross you don't get a crown.

1:7- 2nd Advent

1:7- every eye shall see him

- This is not the Rapture, the Rapture is a mystery

- 1Cor. 15:51

- Rev. 1:7- every eye shall see him

- The Rapture he comes as a thief in the night only the redeemed see him.

- 1Th. 5:2

- The 2nd Advent is publick every body see's him.

- 1st Coming - Rome was in Power

- 2nd Coming - Rome will be in Power

- 1st - One universal language - Greek

- 2nd - English

- 1st - Jews in Jerusalem

- 2nd - Jews in Jerusalem

- 1st - Forerunner John the Baptist

- 2nd - Elijah

1:7- pierced him -

- Rome pierced him but the Jews are included.

- Zech. 12:10

- Rome killed, stabbed, beat etc.

1:8- It changes Jesus is now talking.

- Alpha and Omega, the first and last letter in the Greed alphabet.

- the Lord Jesus Christ is God the Almighty.

1:9- John writes again.

1:9- In Tribulation

- It could mean just having trouble

- Or it could be tribulation.