

Why Revelation Still Matters – Sermon Notes

Revelation 1:1-2

Rev. Brian Bill

January 3-4, 2026

Key Idea: *God unveils Revelation to surrendered servants who center their lives on Jesus Christ.*

Preliminary Points

1. Revelation was written to be _____.
2. The Book of Revelation was not written to scholars but to ordinary people going through _____.
3. The Book of Revelation is all about _____ and His kingdom.
4. It's important to keep your Old Testament _____ when handling the Book of Revelation.
5. Pastor Brian understands Israel and the church to be _____.
6. It's important to avoid excessive _____.
7. May God use our time in Revelation to awaken evangelistic _____ and mobilize us to live on mission by glorifying God and _____ disciples of Jesus in our _____, among our neighbors, and among the _____.
8. Let's stop fixing our hope on earthly politics and personal _____ and center our lives on the Lord who _____ forever and ever.
9. Much of Revelation contains symbols that made _____ in the First Century.
10. There is symbolic significance to _____ in Revelation.
11. There are parts of this book that are difficult to _____ and challenging to understand.
12. Revelation is all about _____ warfare and we should expect it in our lives.
13. Pastor Brian does not have all the _____ when it comes to the Book of Revelation.
14. Let's pray that God will use our study in Revelation for His _____ and our _____.

The _____ (Revelation 1:1a)

- The title "Revelation" is in the _____, not plural.
- The word "revelation" is *apokalupsis* (apocalypse) and means, to _____.
- The Book of Revelation is preeminently a book about the _____ of Jesus Christ.
- If we focus on anyone other than _____ in the book, we'll miss what Revelation is all about.

The _____ (Revelation 1:1b)

- The word “show” means to _____.
- The word “servants” means _____.
- Four main methods of interpretation:
 - Preterist.
 - Historicist.
 - Idealist.
 - Futurist.
- Revelation 1:19 contains an outline of the book.
 - Past (chapter _____).
 - Present (chapters _____).
 - Future (chapters _____).

The _____ (Revelation 1:1c-2)

- Angels are mentioned _____ times in Revelation.
- Most believe the Apostle John wrote Revelation around A.D. _____.
- The word translated “witness” comes from the same root as _____.
- Some of the most repeated commands in Revelation are:
 - Behold - _____ carefully.
 - Hear - listen _____.
 - Repent - _____ obediently.
 - Worship - express _____ willingly.