

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST
REV. 1:1-3 / 3-15-18 / WED

I. THE PERSON OF THE REVELATION

- A. This book is about Jesus-v.la.
 - 1. Every book in the Bible is about Jesus!
 - 2. When he came the first time he was veiled-Phil. 2:5-8.
 - 3. He was briefly unveiled during his first advent-Matt. 17:1-2.
- B. The book of Revelation “unveils” Jesus-I Cor. 1:7 & Rev. 1:7.

II. THE PURPOSE OF THE REVELATION

- A. Revelation reveal's God's plan for the future-v.lb.
 - 1. "Servants refers to Jesus' followers(us).
 - 2. "Soon" means when these events begin to unfold, they will do so quickly, one right after the other.
- B. "Angel" refers to a messenger, much like the angel's announcement to Mary.
- C. "Made Known" means revealed in symbols, the characteristic of apocalyptic language.

III. THE PENMAN OF REVELATION

- A. God and Jesus are the divine authors-lc-2.
- B. John is the human author—1:1-2
- C. How did John receive this message? Through a series of four visions.
 - 1. Vision One: 1:9-3:22.
 - 2. Vision Two: 4:1-16:21
 - 3. Vision Three: 17:1-21:8
 - 4. Vision Four: 21:9-22

IV. THE PROMISE OF THE REVELATION

A. This is the only book of the Bible which promises a blessing for those who read it-v.3.

1. "Blessed" means "happy", "fortunate", or "truly well off".
2. Jesus promised blessings too in the beatitudes.
3. Revelation contains seven blessings or beatitudes.

B. Three blessings are promised in v. 3.

1. "He who reads it"-refers to public reading because books were scarce.
2. "He who hears it".
3. He who heeds it ("take to heart")--James 1:22-25.

C. Revelation is a book of prophecy.

1. One meaning of "prophecy" is to "**forthtell**" (to declare). This refers to Revelation 1-3.
2. Another meaning is to "**foretell**" (to reveal the future). This refers to chapters 4-22.

D. When will this prophecy begin? ("**the time is near**").

1. "**Time**" here does not refer to time on a clock.
2. Time as used here means "**season**" or "**era**". Remember, God's time is different from ours-2 Peter 3:8.

2 Peter 3:8

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

3. Why is the time delayed?-2 Peter 3:9.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.