

## I. THE OUTLINE OF THE BOOK

### A. The Four Parts

1. **John's Commissioning**
2. **The 7 Letters**
3. **The Throne Room Vision and Transfer of Power**
4. **The Transition Period Between this Age and the Next**

B. In this session we're going to look at the first part of the book.

## II. AN OUTLINE AND OVERVIEW OF REVELATION CHAPTER 1

A. Revelation Chapter 1 is critical to understanding the rest of the book and is easily overlooked. It's important to contemplate and meditate on because it explains the nature of John's commissioning and what he was being called to proclaim. Every commissioning reveals so much about the message and the historic and prophetic context of that message. The first chapter of Revelation reveals so much about the nature of its message and its historic and prophetic context.

***In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. (Isaiah 6:1)***

***The words of Jeremiah, the son of Hilkiah, one of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month. Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:1-5)***

***<sup>15</sup> But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, <sup>16</sup> to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles ... Galatians 1:15-16***

B. The Outline of the Chapter:

1. **The Prologue – 1:1-3**

2. **Greeting and Blessing** – 1:4-6
  3. **An Oracle Concerning the Coming of the Lord** – 1:7-8
  4. **John's Vision of Jesus on Patmos** – 1:9-20
- C. **The Prologue** – 1:1-3
1. The Nature of the Book – 1:1
  2. The Central Message of the Book – 1:1
  3. The Contents of the Book – 1:2
  4. What We're Supposed to Do with the Book – 1:3
- D. **Greeting and Blessing** – 1:4-6
1. Grace and Peace – 1:4
  2. From the Father, Son and Spirit – 1:5
  3. Doxology to Him who loved us, freed us and exalted us – 1:5-6
- E. **An Oracle Concerning the Coming of the Lord** – 1:7-8
1. He is coming on the cloud and every eye will see Him and all will mourn even those who pierced Him (ethnic Jews) – 1:7
  2. The Alpha and Omega who *is*, who *was* and who *is to come*, the Almighty – 1:8
- F. **John's Encounter with Jesus on Patmos** – 1:9-20
1. Where and when John had the vision – 1:9-10
  2. The command John received – 1:11
  3. The vision of the Glory of Christ the Son of Man – 1:12-16
  4. John's weakness and Jesus' glory – 1:17-18
  5. The command to write to the 7 churches – 1:19
  6. Jesus explains the symbolism and gives a hermeneutic for the rest of the book – 1:20

### III. A WAY TO VIEW THE BOOK OF REVELATION: JOHN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

A. John 1/John 13

B. 1 John 1:1-3