

BEGINNING THE UNVEILING
(Revelation 1:1-8)

I. Prologue (Rev. 1:1-3)

A. It is the REVELATION of JESUS CHRIST (1:1)

1. The SOURCE is GOD
2. The SUBJECT reveals FUTURE events
 - a. The revelation will be SPECIFIC
 - b. That which is revealed is SURE
 - c. The TIME SPAN covered is SHORT
3. The SIGNS were delivered by an ANGEL

B. It is the RECORD of JOHN [the Apostle] (1:2)

1. He is the SERVANT of Christ
2. He is a SCRIBE of God's Word (cf. John 19:35; 21:24)
 - a. It's a record of the TESTIMONY of Jesus Christ
 - b. It's a record of the THINGS seen by John

C. There is a REWARD for those who pay careful ATTENTION (1:3)

1. A three-fold BLESSING is announced
2. Imminent FULFILLMENT is promised (cf. 22:10)

II. Salutation (Rev. 1:4-5a)

A. GREETING from John to seven CONTEMPORARY CHURCHES

B. GRACE and PEACE from God

1. COMFORTING words to introduce a FRIGHTFUL revelation
2. CONFIRMED by the entire TRINITY

III. Benediction (Rev. 1:5b-6)

A. GRACE that accrues to US (1:5b-6a)

1. It is a grace that ENDURES from One who LOVES us
2. It is a grace that EMANCIPATED us from SIN and its PENALTY by His BLOOD
3. It is a grace that ELEVATES us as a KINGDOM of PRIESTS

B. GLORY that accrues to CHRIST (1:6b)

1. It is a BRIGHTNESS that is eternally UNDIMINISHED
2. It is a SOVEREIGNTY that is eternally UNBOUNDED

IV. Anticipation (Rev. 1:7-8)

A. The INEVITABLE triumph of Christ

1. It will be VISIBLE, WITNESSED by all living
2. It will be VICTORIOUS, provoking MOURNING by all who OPPOSED Him (cf. Matt. 24:30)

B. The ETERNAL triumph of Christ

1. He is OMNISCIENT: “the Alpha and the Omega”
2. He is OMNIPRESENT: “the beginning and the ending”
3. He is ETERNAL: “is...was...is to come”
4. He is OMNIPOTENT: “the Almighty”