

A Special Message

Revelation 1:1-8

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The book of Revelation has a _____ place in the New Testament. If we neglect its message, we _____ the blessings it conveys to us. Even in dark and discouraging times it gives _____. We begin the study of this book to find out what it says about the Lord Jesus, and _____ what it has to say about the future.

A. Viewpoints Concerning the _____

1. Preterist – views the prophecies of the book as having been _____ in the early church
2. _____ – sees the book as displaying the history of the church from the days of John to the _____ of time
3. Idealist – looks at the book as revealing great _____ in constant conflict without referring to _____ events
4. Futurist – views most of the book after chapter 3 as _____ yet to be fulfilled

B. Unique _____ of the Book (1:1-3)

1. What it is
 - a. An _____ of Jesus Christ
 - b. It is not a _____.
2. Its _____
 - a. Given by _____ to His Son
 - b. Given by the Son to His _____
3. _____ it was given
 - a. To show things that would shortly come to _____
 - b. “Shortly” indicates _____, not necessarily soon
 - c. Prophecy is _____
 - (1). It shows _____ does not rule the world.
 - (2). It delivers us from the _____ of man.
 - (3). It _____ us because we know the future.
 - (4). It motivates us to share the good news of _____.

4. To _____ it was given
 - a. His servant John, who bears _____
 - b. Especially _____
5. Its _____
 - a. The testimony _____ Christ
 - b. The testimony which comes _____ Him
6. Why it should be read and _____
 - a. The blessings it brings for _____
 - b. The _____ is at hand, so do it now.

C. The _____ (1:4-8)

1. To the seven churches of _____ Minor
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
2. From
 - a. God the _____
 - b. God the _____
 - (1). _____ witness (the teaching work of His human life)
 - (2). First _____ of the dead
 - (3). _____ (true and rightful ruler of mankind)
 - (4). Loved and washed us from _____ in His blood
 - c. God the Holy Spirit
3. Jesus will _____ return to the earth.
 - a. With _____
 - b. _____ where all can see
 - c. Specifically refers to _____ (Zechariah 12:10)
4. Jesus Christ, the Lord God _____
 - a. Alpha and Omega – the first and last letters of the _____ alphabet
 - b. The beginning and the end of _____ things