

Revelation Bible Study — Introduction & Revelation 1:1-3

I. Introduction

- A. Revelation — *A mysterious, enigmatic, intimidating, and wonderful book*
- B. Revelation — *A book that is hard to properly understand*
- C. Revelation — *A book that has been overly sensationalized*

II. Why Revelation?

- A. Revelation helps Christians see the world in the *proper perspective*
- B. Revelation *promises a blessing* to the one who hears and reads

III. Introductory Matters

A. Author

- 1. Ultimate author — God
- 2. Human author — John (the son of Zebedee and one of the Twelve)

B. Date

- 1. Early Date — Before 70 AD during the reign of Nero (54-68 AD)
- 2. Late Date — Around 95 AD during the reign of Domitian (81-96 AD)

C. Genre

1. Apocalyptic
2. Prophetic
3. Epistolary (Letter)
4. Apocalyptic-Prophecy

D. Schools of Interpretation

1. Historicist School
2. Futurist School
3. Preterist School
4. Idealist School

E. Overarching Theme

IV. The Revelation of Jesus Christ — Revelation 1:1-3

- A. The revelation **of Jesus Christ** — **Revelation 1:1**
- B. The revelation **to John** — **Revelation 1:2**
- C. The revelation **of blessing** — **Revelation 1:3**

V. Questions