

DAY 5: AN INTRODUCTION TO REVELATION CHAPTER 1

I. THE HEARTBEAT OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

- A. The entire book of Revelation revolves around the concept of John, the disciple, missing his best friend, Jesus
- B. The BOR is a different level than a revelation or doctrine, it's personal
 - 1. John was not aching and yearning for theology, he was missing a person

II. AN OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

- A. Chapter 1: John on the Island of Patmos
- B. Chapters 2-3: The 7 Letters given to the 7 churches in Asia Minor
- C. Chapters 4-5: John's encounter with the Father and the Son in the throne room
- D. Chapters 6-22: The Great Tribulation and the restoration of all things

III. CHAPTER 1: PROLOGUE

- A. John explains to whom it was given, why it was given, and the blessing that is received by reading this book (v. 1-3)

IV. JOHN'S GREETING & BENEDICTION (v. 4-8)

- A. John defines his audience: the seven churches of Asia (v. 4)
- B. The BOR is given to the local church to help define the mystery of the church as God intended it to be
- C. The BOR was given to community, it was not meant for isolation
- D. God's plan (as explained in the BOR) supersedes culture and/or institution
- E. He loves us, has given blood to free us (v. 5), to make a kingdom of priests (v. 6)
 - 1. You ARE a priest with Him, you don't need a priest, you have direct access to Jesus
- F. The BOR is a wrecking ball to institutional religion
- G. Prophetic oracle describing what is to come (v. 7)
 - 1. Referencing [Zechariah 12:10](#)

V. JOHN'S ENCOUNTER WITH THE LORD (v. 9-20)

- A. Read everything in the BOR through the lens of John's friendship with Jesus