

NOTE: RAISING CHILDREN CLASS (Bro. Norman) – Across the Hallway

Revelation

Introduction

Revelation 101

- Written by John (the “beloved” Apostle)
- Written from the Isle of Patmos
 - John was imprisoned there
- Date of the book?
 - Early Date – (before the Destruction of Jerusalem)
 - Late Date (Later 1st Century – Domitian reign)
 - Ireaneus and Clement reference John on Patmos
 - Technically I’m not sure the date matters
 - The Purpose of the Writing must not be lost
 - The Harlot referenced in Chap 17 is the City of Rome

Outline of the Book - General

- Chap 1 Introduction of Jesus Christ
- Chap 2-3 View of the Church-Earth
- Chap 4-5 Throne/Control Room – Heaven
- Chap 6-19 Struggle/Conflict
 - Christ v. Satan
 - Church v Rome
 - Introduced to the “7’s”
- Chap 20 Millennial Reign of Christ
- Chap 21-22 Judgment Day (today or future?)

Ways to Interpret the Book

- Continuous Historical (Less and less popular)
 - Sees Historical/Future Events in the text
 - The 7 Churches are considered “eras”
- Futurist (Generally held by Premillennialist)
 - Chap 1-3 Written to 1st Century Audience
 - Chap 4-22 – Written to in the 21st Century
- Preterist
 - Chap 1 -20 – Written to 1st Century Audience
 - Chap 21-22 – Debated on fulfilled or future

Overall Message of the Book?

The Redemption of Anakin Skywalker



Message of Revelation: Rev. 1:1-3

- Revelation of Jesus (v.1)
 - Message revealed
 - Originator
- Must shortly come to pass (v.1) or Time is at hand (v2)
 - Compare Daniel 12:4 to Rev. 22:10
- Blessed is he that: (v.3)
 - Reads
 - Hears
 - Keeps (just like any other book in the Bible)

What's Next?

- The same questions has been asked for Century? Why and How Long?
- The same answer has come back every time
 - Revelation 1:4-7
 - Grace and Peace
 - Loved us, released us and made us....
 - “...to him that overcomes...”
 - We point to their suffering to today for strength
 - The same may be true of our suffering tomorrow...