

Facts of the Book of Revelation

This is not the Book of “REVELATIONS”. This is the Book of the Revelation. It is because people have thought it is a book of revelations, they have missed the point that the theme of this book is the Day of the Unveiling of Christ and the events that precede and follow that unveiling or revelation.

When one comes to the Book of Revelation, one should have already studied ALL the other Books of the Bible. Especially should one have paid attention to the Old Testament, because there are more Old Testament quotations in Revelation than any other book in the New Testament including Hebrews. THEREFORE one cannot ignore the Old Testament and properly interpret the last Book in the Bible.

Furthermore, learn that we do not formulate our doctrine in Revelation. Here we finalize it. By way of example, there are so called “Church doctrines” being formulated based on Revelation 12. They prove to be false. Certain questions should be settled before one approaches Revelation. For how one has interpreted the other Books of the Bible will and *should* determine how one will interpret Revelation. So we repeat. When we, in our Bible study, come to Revelation we should have already reached some very important conclusions. Or to re-word that: We will interpret Revelation according to the way we have interpreted all other Scripture.

One should have determined if the preceding books teach that Christ has or has not promised to return to *this earth*. This is perhaps the greatest of all questions demanding a Biblical answer. If before arriving at Revelation, one is sure that Christ *will return* to earth, then that doctrine will have a bearing on how one reads and interprets Revelation.

Furthermore, one needs to have arrived at a firm conclusion relative to the subjects of “The Church”, “The Jews” the “Tribes of Israel” before interpreting Revelation. For if one is sure that “The Church” is never “Israel”; that “The Tribes” refer only to Israel this will determine how one will interpret passages in Revelation relative to the 144,000.

If one has determined that the other Scriptures teach that not only has Jesus promised to return but that He has stated plainly that just before His return , the sign of His return will be world-wide-Tribulation, that too will determine how we interpret the last Book of the Bible.

And on and on we could go. But remember, Revelation gives “final words” about some of these doctrines. Other passages teach us *that* Jesus will return, Revelation tells us plainly the *length* of time He will return.

I Revelation 1:1 The major theme- “The Revelation of Jesus Christ”

1. Not “of John the Divine” as in so many Bibles.
2. 65 Books have declared Him to be:
 - a. The Promised Messiah John 1:41
 - b. The Son of David Matthew 1:1
 - c. The Son of Man Matthew 16:13
 - d. The Son of God Romans 1:4
 - e. The rightful King of the earth. Ezekiel 21:27
 - f. Now here King of kings Revelation 19:16
 - g. It is impossible to fully understand these titles apart from the O.T. Scriptures.
3. The Revelation- or apocalypse.
This unveiling will *show*, fully reveal who He is! John 18:33-37 The first time he *said* He was King. 1 Timothy 6:13-15 When He comes again He will *shew* He is King.
4. Don’t follow false Christ’s Matthew 24:23-26, 2 Peter 2:1
5. The **Revelation** of the true Christ will be unmistakable Matthew 24:27
6. This will be history’s greatest event.
Revelation 1:7-8, Revelation 3:11, Revelation 16:15, Revelation 22:7 Revelation. 22:12, Revelation 22:20, cf Jeremiah 23:5, Zechariah 14:9, Revelation 11:15. What a day! What a revelation that will be!

II Rev. 1:9-11 The Book was written in 96 A.D. by the Apostle John

1. Thus anything written *as prophecy* in this Book could not have been fulfilled in 70 A.D.
2. James and John were brothers . Matthew 4:21
3. James was beheaded. Acts 12:1-2
4. John was boiled in oil, banished to Patmos and lived to be over 90 years of age.
5. God gives each one time to fulfill *HIS* purpose on earth. Revelation 1:18, 2 Timothy 4:6, Romans 14:9

III Rev. 1:3 Revelation is a Book of prophecy

1. Prophecy *is* pre-written history.
2. The prophecy of this Book will only be fulfilled by the events of the Second Advent.
3. Prophecy is a miracle of utterance that involves foreknowledge. “No one can foretell what he does not know”.
4. Foreknowledge does not belong to men.
Proverbs 27:1
James 4:13-15
5. Foreknowledge does belong to God.
Acts 15:18
Isaiah 46:9-11
Romans 8:29 Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:1-4,6,13-17

IV Revelation is a Book of Symbols 1. Revelation

1:12,16, cf Revelation 1:20 2.

Rules regarding Bible Symbols.

- a. A symbol must symbolize, that is, have a literal meaning other than the ordinary meaning.
- b. Bible symbols must be explained by the Bible.

V Revelation is a Book of Sevens

1. Revelation 1:11, 12, 16. Revelation 5:1, Revelation 8:1, Revelation 15:1 etc.
2. Seven is the number of completion. By way of example see Revelation 21:1-4 3. Seven is followed by 8 which speaks of the New Beginning.

VI Revelation is a Book of Judgments

1. Revelation chapters 1-3 first for the Church.
2. Revelation chapters 6-18, then for the world.
3. Cf 1 Peter 4:17

VII Blessing is promised to the one who reads this Book of Revelation

1. Revelation 1:3 cf Revelation 14:13, Revelation 16:15, Revelation 19:9 Revelation. 20:6, Revelation 22:7, Revelation 22:14
2. Rev. 22:18-19 “this book” primarily the Book of Revelation.
3. Rev. 22:20-21 a promise a prayer a benediction.