

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Chapter 1 – Keys to Understand Revelation

JOHN'S MIRACULOUS JOURNEY – REVELATION 1:9-20

So far in our exposition of Revelation 1 we have seen important points necessary to comprehend the book (verses 1-6) and the theme (verses 7-8). Today's closing text reveals several more things: the apostle John's _____ through time and space, the key to rightly _____ the book, and an extraordinary, detailed _____ of its central character in all his glory.

John's physical location at the time of Revelation:

1. The isle of Patmos – Rev. 1:9
 - A rugged and rocky _____ island located off the west coast of Turkey in the Aegean Sea
 - John's introduction (vs. 9-10) – he is writing *directly* to tribulation saints
2. John's reason for being there – Rev. 1:2, 9; 12:17; 19:10
 - a. The word of God
 - b. The testimony of Jesus

John's spiritual location during the time of the Revelation:

1. The isle of Patmos has been left far behind
 - God has miraculously transported John on a journey through time and space
2. The Lord's day – Rev. 1:10
 - John has moved through history to the _____ of the _____
He is no longer in 90 AD, nor is he geographically limited to Patmos
This time travel is spiritual, he is _____ having a vision, nor is he bound by his human body
He is in the Spirit—the Holy Spirit is the pilot of this miraculous journey

John's instructions concerning the Revelation:

1. Write what he _____ – Rev. 1:11b
 - Write in a _____
Remember, John is in the Spirit on the Lord's day

2. Send what he writes to the _____ in Asia *Minor* – Rev. 1:11

- John is to _____ specific *letters* to the seven designated churches – Rev. 1:11c; 2:1, 8, 12, 18; 3:1, 7, 14

John's supernatural outline of Revelation:

1. The textual outline of Revelation – Rev. 1:19

a. The natural divisions of the book

- There are 22 chapters
 - Heaven opens _____ times
 - 1) Heaven opens and someone goes _____ – Rev. 4:1-2 – A rapture or catching up
 - 2) Heaven opens and someone comes _____ – Rev. 19:11 – The second coming of Christ
- *These two events divide Revelation into _____ distinct sections (see attached chart)

b. Details about these divisions and sections

- The supernatural outline of Revelation:
 - 1) Chapters 1-3 - *The things which thou hast seen* - The _____
 - 2) Chapters 4-19:10 - *The things which are* - The _____
 - 3) Chapters 19:11-22 - *The things which shall be hereafter* - The _____

Remember, John is in the Spirit on the Lord's day

The Lord's day begins with the rapture of the saints which ends the church age

The Lord's day continues throughout the tribulation, the second coming, and lasts throughout the millennial reign (1,000 years)

- John's miraculous perspective:

- 1) Chapters 1-3 - Church history
- 2) Chapters 4-19:10 - Rapture and judgment seat of Christ for believers only
Tribulation; various events taking place in heaven and on earth
- 3) Chapters 19:11-22 - The second coming, millennium, judgment, new heaven & earth

2. The three divisions and Jesus Christ – Rev. 1:4

- The *Revelation of Jesus Christ* is divided into 3 tenses (past, present, future) because:
 - 1) Jesus Christ is he which “*is*”
 - 2) Jesus Christ is he which “*was*”
 - 3) Jesus Christ is he which “*is to come*”

John’s supernatural revelation of Jesus Christ:

1. The gospel’s description of Christ – Mt.; Mk.; Lk.; Jo.

- All in all Jesus is a lovely, wonderful _____

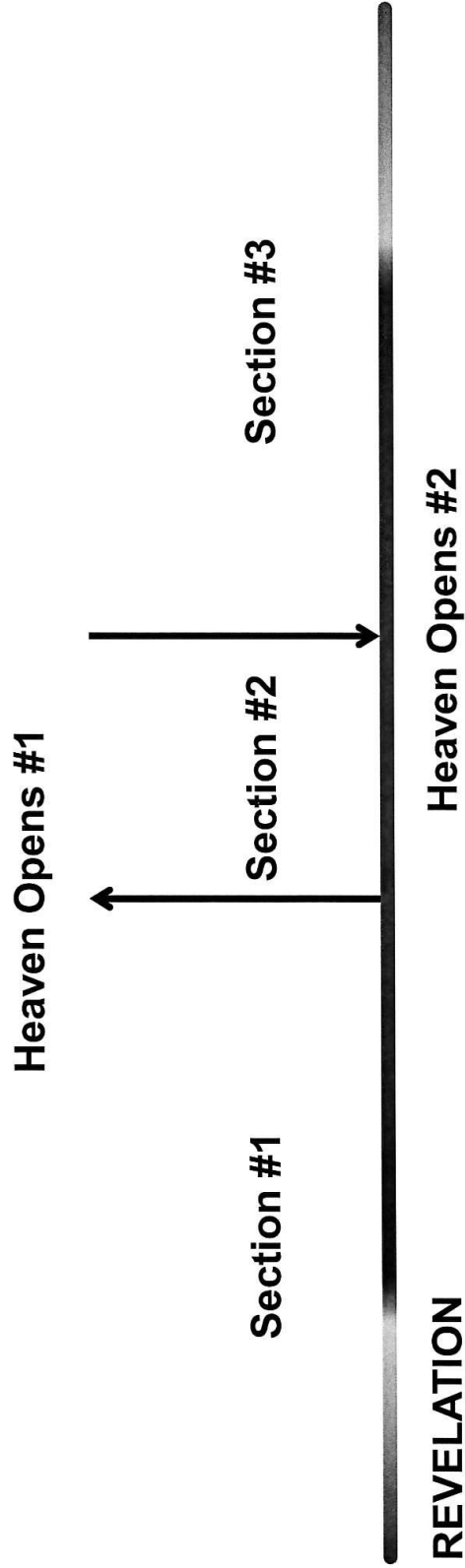
2. What John sees – Rev. 1:12-20

- Jesus in the midst of seven golden candlesticks –
- He is like unto the Son of man –
- Clothed with a garment down to the foot –
- Girt about the paps (_____) with a golden girdle –
- Head and hairs white like wool, white as snow –
- Eyes as a flame of fire –
- Feet like fine brass –
- Voice as the sound of many waters –
- In his right hand, seven stars –
- Out of his mouth went a two-edged sword –
- Countenance as the sun shineth in his strength –
- First and the last –
- He that liveth, and was dead; and is alive forevermore –
- He has the keys of hell and death –

3. This is the _____ of *Jesus Christ*—The Lord God Almighty

- John’s response: Rev. 1:17 – “*I fell at his feet as dead*”

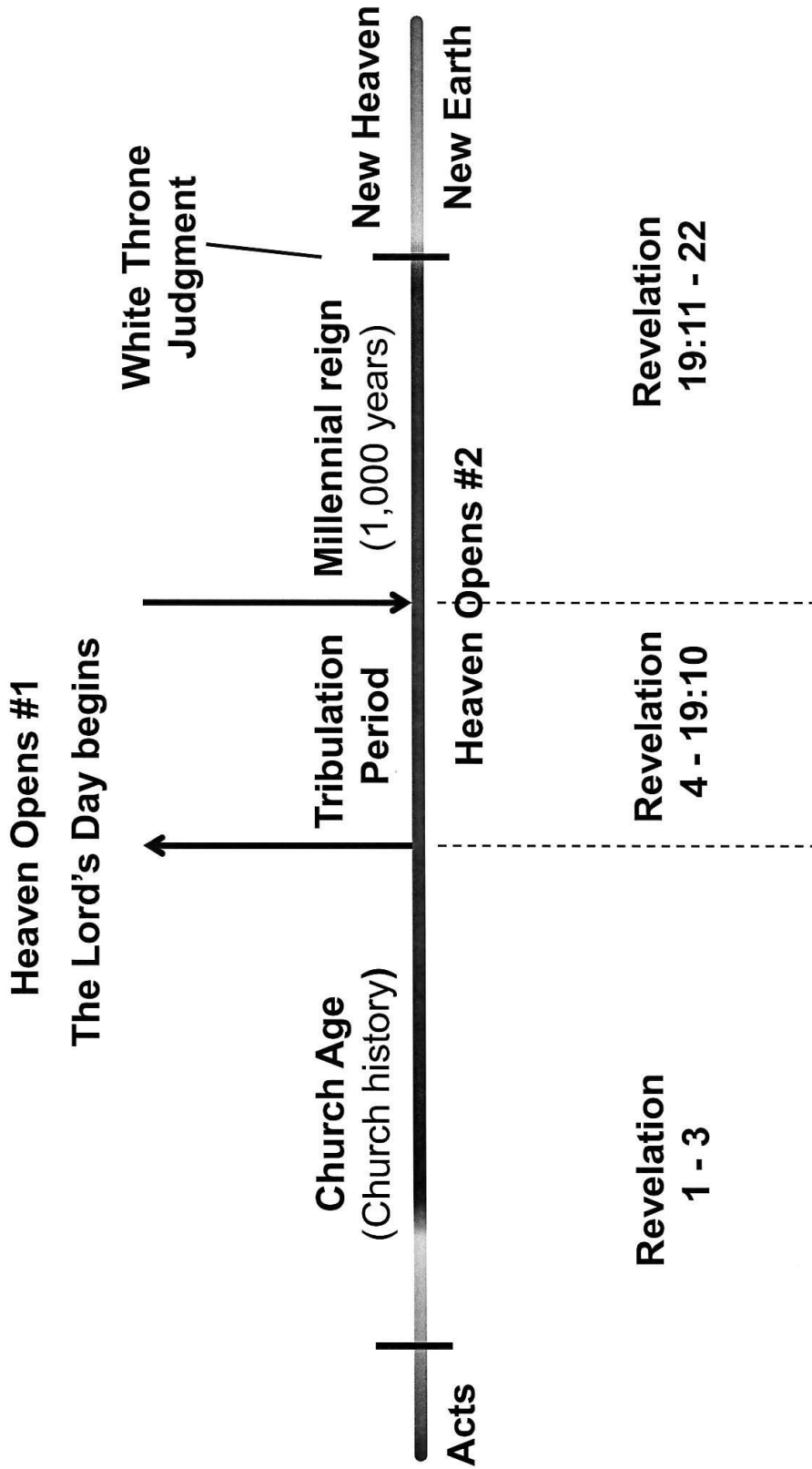
Divisions of Revelation



These 2 divisions create 3 distinct sections

Addendum #1

Outline of Revelation



Addendum #2