

- What do we NEED to take away from Revelation 1: 1-4a?

1. We need to be settled in the paradox that the preeminence of Jesus Himself through Revelation leaves us in awe and wonder. Yet He has made it clear that He wants us to know through prophetic Word that He is to be known.....that He is revealed!
2. Lastly, will we approach this book in the way in which it was intended....as slaves? Let's each one of us ask ourselves, how are we willing to submit our will to the plans and purposes of God's will? Will we voluntarily give up the subtle ways in which we are trying to control the future and our own version of morality? Will we give up being our own little gods in order that we might make Him known in every way of our lives?

- Question to meditate on this week: We talk and discuss Jesus every week. Are you giving Him "a try" or have you submitted to His preeminence in every facet of your short time on earth?

Answers: declaration, revealing, history, church, spiritual, Prophetic, revelation, person, supremacy, sovereignty, slave, consistency, gospel, eyewitness, read, hear, do

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Text: Intro to Revelation and Revelation 1: 1 – 4a

- Revelation (apokalyptis): to disclose, appear before, the coming of, to enlighten or be manifested before. The _____ and _____.
- Four main approaches to interpretation
Preterist/Partial Preterist
 - _____ book.
 - Must date writing to before 70 A.D.

Historicist

- Prophecies fulfilled during the _____ age.
- Would have meant little to original audience.

Idealist/Modified Idealist

- Set of ideal principles related to the struggle between good and evil.
- Allegorizes the entire book as a _____ conflict.

Futurist/Prophetic

- _____ account of actual future events, specifically focused on the end of this age.
- Natural result of the straightforward reading of the letter.

Revelation 1: 3 ***Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy and keep the things which are written in it, for the time is near.***

Revelation 22: 18 ***I bear witness to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book.***

- Revelation.....
 - It is at its highest point – the _____ of Christ.
 - It has as its grandest theme – the _____ of Jesus Christ.
 - It uncovers as its greatest treasure – the _____ of Jesus Christ.
 - And it builds upon its most profound thesis – the _____ of Jesus Christ.

- Revelation is specifically written to Christ's _____.

Slave (doulos): devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests

- Three Fold Testimony of Revelation

- The Word of God – total _____ with the rest of Scripture.
- The testimony of Jesus Christ by angel – tested by the _____.

Galatians 1: 8 ***But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to the gospel we have proclaimed to you, let him be accursed!***

- The _____ testimony of the Apostle John. "This is what I saw"
 - Promise of blessing made in V. 3.
 - Those who _____.
 - Those who _____.
 - Those who _____.