

Revelation 1

1. "The Revelation of Christ" appears as the title of this book. When many people think of "Revelation" they automatically think of *Armageddon*-like conflicts, battles and catastrophes. However, the word "*revelation*" is a common Bible word (some examples are Lk. 2:32; Rom. 16:25; Eph. 3:3; 1:17; 1 Cor. 14:6,26; 2 Cor. 12:1,7; Gal. 1:12; 2:2; 1 Cor. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:7,13; 4:13). What does the word "revelation" mean? (*Hint: Ephesians 3:3-5 is helpful*)
2. The purpose of this book was for Christ to "to show His servants" certain things. Who were these "servants?"
3. These were "things which must shortly take place" (v. 1). The word "shortly" is variously translated "shortly" (1 Cor. 4:19); "quickly" (Lk. 14:21; 16:6); "hastily" (Jn. 11:31); "soon" (Gal. 1:6); "suddenly" (1 Tim. 5:22). However, what common timing mistake do many people make in their applications of the events of this book?
4. The message was "signified." What does this mean?
5. This message was communicated to John by an "angel." What role have Angels customarily played in the process of divine revelation? (For help read: Rev. 22:6,8-9; Acts 7:38,53; Gal. 3:19).
6. Who wrote the book of Revelation? What are the two main views about the time of writing of this book?
7. To what island was the writer banished?
8. What is the overall theme of the book of Revelation?

9. What is the significance of the following numbers:

3?

4?

3 1/2?

6?

7?

1000?

144,000?

10. Name the seven churches of Asia:

a. Since we know that there were more local churches than just these “seven,” what do these seven churches represent?

11. Who is the “Alpha and Omega?”

a. What did these letters signify?