

Understanding Revelation

Lesson 3

A. Purpose of Revelation

1. To reveal Jesus: **Rev. 1:1** (1800)
2. To explain the future: **Rev. 1:1** (1800)
3. To give us hope: **Psm. 119:105** (950); **1 Cor. 10:11-12** (1680); **2 Pet. 1:19** (1787)

B. How to study Revelation

1. Study the scripture itself
 - a. Is it a sealed book? **Rev. 1:1, 3** (1800)
 - b. Is it meant to be understood? **Rev. 22:7, 10** (1825)
2. Let scripture explain itself: **Isa. 28:10** (1055)

Out of 404 verses in Revelation, 276 are quotes from other places in scripture. That's almost 70%. **2 Pet. 1:20-21** (1787)

Note the similarities in Daniel and Revelation

	Daniel	Revelation
Babylon	Ch. 1-12	14:8; 16:19; 17:5; 18:10, 21
River Euphrates	Ch. 5	16:12
Babylon's fall	Ch. 5	14:8; 16:19; 17:5; 18:10, 21
Beast like creatures	Ch. 2, 7, 8	Ch. 7, 14, 17, 18
Image of the beast	Ch. 3	13:14-15; 14:9, 11; 15; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4
Forced worship	Ch. 3, 6	Ch. 13
Death decree	Ch. 2, 3, 6	Ch. 13
Victory of God's people	Ch. 2, 3, 6	Ch. 7, 14, 15, 19, 20
God's Remnant	Ch. 1-6	Ch. 7, 14, 15, 19, 20
Christ	Ch. 3	Ch. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22

C. **Why there is so much confusion: Mt. 7:21-23** (1407); **2 Tim. 2:15** (1748); **4:3-4** (1750)

D. **Follow Jesus example: Lk. 24:13-27** (1543)

1. ABC Method of study

- a. A = Assumption that God does not lie: **Lk. 24:17-21, 26** (1543); **Heb. 13:8** (1772); **Titus 1:2** (1752); **Mal. 3:6** (1393); **James 1:17** (1774)
 - b. B = Believe the Big Picture: **Luke 24:27** (1543); **2 Tim. 2:15** (1748); **Acts 17:11** (1623)
 - c. C = Consider the Context: **2 Tim. 3:16** (1750)
2. Don't be slow of heart to believe what the Bible says, even if it goes against popular opinions. Open your heart to God's Word and do what it says! **Luke 24:25-27** (1543)
 3. **Rev. 1:3** (1800)

E. How to put scripture together

1. Concordance
2. Center column references in the Bible
3. Books and printed Bible studies
4. Nothing can stand in our way of drawing close to God: **Rom. 8:35, 38-39** (1658)

Review

1. What percentage of Revelation is quoted from other Scripture? _____
2. The Bible is to be taken as a whole, line upon line, precept upon precept. T F
3. Much of the symbolism found in Revelation comes directly out of the prophetic book of Daniel. T F
4. Name two things or events that are found in both Daniel and Revelation.

5. There is only one place to hide in the last days and that is in _____