

Book of Revelation part two

- I.** Not a normal greeting for a beginning of a New Testament book.
 - 1. Establishes the book's process of revelation, its authority, its content, and its objective.
 - 2. From God the Father to Jesus Christ to an angel to John to slaves of Jesus Christ.
 - 3. Revelation—new truth regarding the future.
 - 4. To be shown to Christ's slaves, special relationship.
- II.** John, who needs no title, continues his validation of both the process and content of the book (Rev. 1:2).
 - 1. John known in all the churches, with the authority of apostleship, bore this record.
 - 2. Quite possibly verses 1 to 3 were written after the completion of the rest of the book—written last.
 - 3. The Word from God—the Father.
 - 4. The witness concerning Jesus Christ.
 - 5. As many things as John saw—via visions (9:17).
- III.** The book's special blessings (v. 3).
 - 1. Happy is the reader.
 - 2. Happy are those hearing the reading
 - 1) If they comprehend the concepts (*cf.* Mt. 13:13).
 - 2) If they mentally guard those concepts.
 - 3) If they act upon the events being at hand—near (2 Pet. 3:8).
- IV.** The book's special greeting (Rev. 1:4-5).
 - 1. To the churches.
 - 2. From John.
 - 3. Grace and peace from:
 - 1) God the Father: the One who exists in the now, the One who was always existing, and the One who is coming.
 - 2) God the Holy Spirit: seven Spirits before the Throne (Rev. 3:6).
 - 3) God, Jesus Christ, the One who is the faithful witness, the first born from out from among dead ones, and the ruler of the kings of the earth, by loving us and having loosed (redeemed) out from our sins by His blood.