

Book of Revelation part 3

- I. Extra ordinary beginning for a New Testament book (vv. 1-3).
 1. Documents the authority of the book.
 2. Explains the process and the revelatory nature of the book.
 3. Describes the special blessings/happinesses received from comprehending and mentally using the concepts of the book.
- II. The term “church”.
 1. Etymology: Greek, *kuriakon* “belonging to the Lord”; Germanic, *circe*; Old English *kurk*; English *church*.
 2. Has an exclusive New Testament meaning (Mt. 16:18).
 3. “Called out ones”, assembled.
 - 1) Called to salvation (Rom. 8:30; Eph. 4:4; Col. 3:15; 2 Tim. 1:9).
 - 2) Called through the Gospel (2 Thes. 2:14; Rom. 1:16).
 - 3) Called to live a lifestyle (1 Thes. 4:7).
 - 4) Called out of spiritual darkness (2 Pet. 2:9).
 - 5) Called out of the world system (Jn. 15:18-19).
 4. “Church”, called out ones when assembled.
- III. The book’s special greeting (Rev. 1:4-5).
 1. To the churches.
 2. From John (3 Jn. 4).
 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 (Jn. 1:1-2).
 - 2) God the Holy Spirit: seven Spirits before the Throne (Rev. 5:6).
 - i. Regeneration—born again
 - ii. Baptism
 - iii. Indwelling
 - Seals
 - Earnest
 - First-fruit of riches
 - Anointing
 - iv. Grieving
 - v. Filling
 - vi. Walk by
 - vii. Leading
 - 3) God, Jesus Christ, the One who is the faithful witness (Jn. 14:6), the first born from out from among dead ones (1 Cor. 15:23), and the ruler of the kings of the earth (Mt. 28:18), by loving us and having loosed (redeemed) us out from our sins by His blood (1 Pet. 1:18-19).