

II. Revelation, chapter 1

A. Outlines:

1. Content

1:1-3, Introduction  
1:4-7, Invocation  
1:8-11, Divine Command  
1:12-16, The Picture of Christ  
1:17-20, The message

2. Sentence outline:

John: receiving the revelation God gave Christ (1:1-3)  
writes to the seven church (1:4-8)  
from his place of confinement (1:9-10)  
with the authority of Almighty God (1:11)  
to tell of Christ in triumph (1:12-16)  
ready to give justice to the churches (1:17-20)

B. Content Questions

1. What is the purpose of the special blessing of 1:3?
2. How is the eternal nature of God revealed in 1:4?
3. Why is Christ called the "faithful witness in 1:5?
4. How is both the beginning and ending of the age seen in 1:5-7 (this is known as an envelope structure)
5. How do the words of verse 11 emphasize the deity of Christ?
6. What is the relation of verse 16 and Hebrews 4:12? Or is there one?
7. Is there any significance to the fact that there are seven churches (v. 20)?
8. What are the "keys of death and hell?" vs. 18?

C. Notes of analysis: This chapter...

1. Shows us the eternal person of the Lord...
2. Gives the basis for his coming inspection of the church...
3. Reminds us of his continuing mercy and judgment...
4. Invites every fellowship to prepare for His inspection...
5. Assures us that He is coming in such a manifest way in time that the whole world will be aware of His ministry.

The chapter does not...

6. Summarize the total prophetic picture
7. Stress our responsibility factor