

Summary - Revelation Chapters 1 - 11

1. The situation of the 1st century.

Deep persecution during the reign of Domitian (AD 81-96). He demanded worship as a god. He had believers beheaded and burned alive.

2. The purpose of Revelation.

To comfort the church in its struggle against evil.

3. The theme of Revelation.

The victory of Christ over the dragon and his helpers

Revelation 17:14 *they will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.*

4. The structure of the book.

A series of cycles (7 in number) which show us the events from the first coming of Christ until the end of the age (His return).

5. The importance of the church.

Christ's calls for repentance from immorality and idolatry.

6. How God values prayer - Revelation 6:9 and the blood of His saints - Revelation 6:10-11.

Revelation 8:3-5 *And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer; and he was given much incense to mingle with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar before the throne; ⁴and the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel before God. ⁵Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth; and there were peals of thunder, voices, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.*

7. The beauty of being sealed - Revelation 7.

8. God always provides a witness and a testimony – Revelation 11:3-13.

9. The purpose of the trumpets – to warn the lost – Revelation 9:20-21.

10. Christ is the Victor! He conquers death, Hades, the dragon, the beast, the false prophet, and those who worship the beast.