

## **Revelation Review**

### **Seeing The Whole Picture**

- I. The Book Is Structured As A Chiasm
    - A. Chiasm – "...a literary device in which an author arranges words, statements, or themes in an orderly way to make the reader 'inward' through parallel phrases to the central theme, and then 'outward' in reverse order by repeating the parallel phrases." Believers Church Bible Commentary, 1 Timothy-Titus
    - B. A-B-C-C-B-A
    - C. The Structure
      - Introduction (1:1-7)
        - Jesus and His Church in Trial (1:8-3:22)
          - The Judgment Coming: Vision 1 (4:1-8:1)
            - The Rise and Fall of the City Man: Vision 2 (8:2-11:19)
              - The Presence of the Gospel: Vision 3 (12:1-14:20)
              - The Protection of the Gospel: Vision 4 (15:1-16:21)
            - The Final Fall of the City of Man: Vision 5 (17:1-19:10)
          - The Judgment Completed: Vision 6 (19:11-21:8)
        - Jesus and His Church Triumphant: Vision 7 (21:9-22:9)
      - Epilogue (22:10-21)
- II. The Revelation Understood
  - A. The central theme of the chiasm is the gospel!
  - B. Jesus and His Church are the bookends of the gospel
    - 1. He is the author
    - 2. We are the story
    - 3. God's glory is the theme
  - C. Martin Lloyd Jones quote: "And why was the book of Revelation written? It was not written primarily, let me assure you, in order that people might be able to work out the date of the end of the world. That is a very grievous misunderstanding of that book. The book of Revelation was written in order that God's people who were passing through terrible persecutions and terrible adversity might be able to go on rejoicing. It is a book that showed them the ultimate victory of the Lord over Satan and all the other forces of evil. They were to rejoice. It was written for men and women who had been in trouble and it was meant to help them, not only people who would live 2000 years later. And so it has been a help to Christian people in every age and in every generation. If your understanding of the book of Revelation does not help you rejoice, you are misunderstanding it." *True Happiness*
  - D. The final word:
    - 1. Jesus is incredible
    - 2. We must repent
    - 3. We must believe
    - 4. We must persevere
    - 5. We must overcome