

## REVELATION

### Revelation 1:1-3 (ESV)

- A. Introduction
  - “revelation” – (apokalypsis) to unveil or uncover what has been hidden
  
- B. Characteristics
  - 1. A long series of complex visions (60 +)
  - 2. Many references to the Old Testament (350 +)
  - 3. Other books were referred to as well
  - 4. The original readers were familiar with this type of writing
  - 5. Do not become too enamored with the symbolism
  
- C. Author – John (90 A. D.)
  
- D. Recipients – 7 Churches of Asian Minor
  
  
- E. The Roman Empire
  - 1. Julius Caesar (100 – 44 B.C.)
  - 2. Augustus (14 A.D.)
  - 3. Tiberius (14-37 A. D.)
  - 4. Caligula (37-41 A. D.)
  - 5. Claudius (41-54 A. D.)
  - 6. Nero (54-68 A. D.)
  - 7. Vespasian and Titus (69-81 A. D.)
  - 8. Domitian (81-96 A. D.)
  
- F. Reminders
  - 1. Revelation was written to the church members of 7 churches in Asia Minor **first**
  - 2. Revelation is not a crystal ball for date setting and private information
  - 3. Do not spiritualize the passages, interpret them
  - 4. Exegesis not Eisegesis
  
- G. Revelation 1:1-3
  - 1. “soon” – (en tachei) quickly or suddenly
  - 2. “one who reads” (singular) and “those who hear” (plural)