THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST REV. 1:1-3

Introduction:

- A. The last book of the Bible is about Jesus Christ.
 - 1. "The revelation of Jesus Christ."
 - 2. apokalupsis = unveiling, disclosure.
 - 3. Isaiah revealed Jesus Christ's sufferino.
- B. It was written by John about 96 A.D.
 - 1. Churches have already developed problems.
 - "and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John."
 - a. sent = apostello to send forth upon a mission.
 - b. signified = semaino give a sign or signal, to make known.
 - c. servant = doulos a slave, one bound to serve.
- C. It was from God to Jesus and angels shewed it to John to shew to the churches.
 - 1. "Which God gave unto Him." Jesus.
 - 2. "to shew unto his servants."
- D. "things which must shortly come to pass."
 - shortly = tachos quickly, suddenly, soon.
 - 2. God will do his work quickly.

[This took years]

- 3. Ezekiel 7:8, "Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee."
- I. THE FAITHFULNESS OF JOHN. V2
 - A. "Who bare record of the Word of God."
 - record = martureo to be a witness, to attest to anything, to make known what one knows.
 - B. "'and of the testimony of Jesus Christ."

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- testimony = martureo to be ready to attest to anything that one Knows, to confirm or prove.
- 2. John bare record, and that record was true.
- C. "and of all things that he saw."
 - 1. John saw a panorama of events.
 - 2. He did not interpret, he did not add to, he did not take from, he wrote, "all things."

II. THE BLESSEDNESS OF UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE.

- A. "Blessed is he that readeth."
 - blessed = makarios = happy.
 - readeth = anaginosko = to know accurately, to distinguish; to know by reading, learn by reading.
- B. "and they that hear the words of this prophecy."
 - hear = akouo to learn by hearing, be informed.
 - 2. words = logos = the spoken word.
 - 3. prophecy = propheteia = a speaking forth, exhortations, warnings, uttered by the prophets while under divine influence, and referring either to the past, present or future.
- C. "and keep those things which are written therein."
 - keep = tereo to observe attentively.
 - written = grapho an authoritative legal document.
- D. We should be reminded constantly of the worth of the Bible.
 - 1. II Tim. 3:16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

III. THE URGENCY OF HEARING AND DOING.

A. "for the time is at hand."

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- time = kairos the right measure and relation, as regards time and place, the opportune point of time when a thing should be done.
- 2. hand = eggus near, nigh at hand.
- B. How much closer are these things now?
 - 1900 years closer. (Prophetically)
 - 2. The warnings must be heeded!
 - 3. The work must be done.
 - 4. The corrections must be made.

IV. THERE ARE LESSONS AND PLEAS FROM GOD TO ALL PEOPLE.

- A. To the saved.
 - 1. Be faithful to God.
 - 2. No time to cut-back on anything.
- B. To the unsaved.
 - 1. The Bible is truth.
 - 2. It's truths can help you.