

Union Chapel M.B. Church

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“TAKING THE COVER OFF”

Genesis 17-19, Revelation 1-3

(A View Point to Adopt)

INTRODUCTION

- *Glory To God!*

God is in control! Things might be rough or difficult; however, He knows what He is doing, and is leading us to the “*New Jerusalem*.” We must keep in mind this fact—“the human mind is only able to relate to those things that it can see and understand.” ***It does not seek the wisdom of God to yield to it.*** Therefore, God gives Scripture guidelines, profound spiritual truths, and the Holy Spirit to call, lead, and guide the believer. *God begins, Genesis-Revelation.*

Revelation: (def.) The unveiling (“uncovering”) of the glory of Jesus Christ, and the Message of God’s heart.

- **God’s Goal:** *Genesis 18:19*—To teach Abraham to do what is right (*righteousness*) and to act justly (*justice*). He purposes that His creatures glorify Him (*live*), acknowledge His lordship, and totally depend on His mercy to provide. To Trust His sense of justice.
- **Abraham’s Goal:** To understand justice as being an “essential characteristic of God.” To desire *Covenant* relationship with God (*Hebrews 11:8-10*). To know that *God had chosen* him to teach certain truths, that might possibly change the behavior of others. He exhibited ***prompt obedience*** to God’s call. (*Genesis 17:19*).
- **Lot’s Goal:** The city’s one “semi righteous” resident, appears not to be a protective father. Lot did not exhibit ***prompt obedience*** to the call of God. Instead, hesitated, delayed, “fooling around,” trying to “put off” the *Angels* (*the Angels were there to search out the righteous*). *Lot’s family had to be*

“aggressively handled”! (Genesis 19: 15-16). Note: There is **no** justification (acceptable reason) for Lot’s actions! **NOTE: A “picture of the Church”-O. T.**

“UNLOCKING THE REVELATION”

Revelation 1-3

(The true title of the Book (original manuscript):

The Revelation of Jesus Christ to John the Apostle

NOTE: A “picture of the Church” in the N. T.

AUTHOR: John, the Apostle

TO WHOM WRITTEN: “To the seven churches which are in Asia” (*Revelation 1:4; 2:1-3:22*).

The seven churches were: Ephesus, Pergamos, Smyrna, Sardis, Thyatira, Laodicea, Philadelphia. These were local churches in Asia Minor. They are “representative” of churches throughout all generations.

Purpose: To unveil, reveal the focus, to show hope to the Church and the world, the person and glory (and future events) of Jesus Christ as the central figure of History. He is “the Lamb” of God, who alone is worthy... (*Revelation 1:1-2*). To reveal the nature of John’s reception of Christ’s 4 visions, **“I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as a trumpet...”** (*Revelation 1:10-11*).

- **POINT OF THIS LESSON, LOOK! “HERE I AM”** (*Revelation 3:20 NIV*)!
- **Relationally, (it’s about covenant).** The Lord Jesus stands humbly and patiently at the door of your “heart,” knocking gently (asking permission...). If anyone hears...**THERE WILL BE NO AGGRESSIVE HANDLING!**
- **The state of the Churches** in the day of the *REVELATION*, that had been in existence for decades.

For further prayerful study on the **“POINT,”** see ***THE POWER OF GOD’S NAMES*** (Part 1, Chapter 3) Dr. Tony Evans, and the **“STUDY NOTES”** of, Dr./Min. Sylvesta Lee, ***The Bible Seminar Class Course-BS 301*** (February 25/April 29,2023).

REVELATION 1:3...BLESSED...!!!