

REVELATION REVISITED

Assignment #2 - Wise Counsel

Read Revelation 1 - 3. As you do, recreate the scene in your imagination. John is very old - probably 90 years old - and has been exiled to quiet his witness. He is the last remaining Apostle. He is old, he is lonely, and he is perhaps still hoping for Jesus to come in his lifetime.... Then he gets a visit.

1. What is the stated purpose of this book? _____

2. To whom does John address it? _____
3. To what OT scripture does he refer in verse 6? _____
4. What assurance will this book give us? (v.7) _____
5. How did Jesus describe himself? _____
6. In verse 19 of chapter 1, Jesus said that the things that John saw would cover two phases. First, the things that _____, next the things that _____

7. To whom are the letters addressed? What does it mean?
8. Was the application of these letters immediate and literal?
9. The letters to the churches have a very consistent format.
 - A. To _____
 - B. From _____
 - C. "I know _____"
 - D. Good points
 - E. Weak points
 - F. Wise counsel
 - G. Reward to the "overcomers"

As you read through the letters, look for these elements. Note the exceptions.

10. Use whatever reference you wish to learn whom the "Nicolaitans" were.
11. Each church seemed to be having a different spiritual experience. Which one resonates with you?
12. Using the format that is shown above, compose a letter from Jesus to you. What issues would he address to you personally? How would he counsel you? (These letters can remain private.)

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7 Churches - Summary Chart

To:	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamum	Thyatira	Sardis	Philadelphia	Laodicea
From:							
"I know"							
Good Point							
Weak Point							
Wise Counsel							
Reward for Over-comers							