Today's Theme

"The Letter From Jesus"

Series Title

"The Future - From Jesus"

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1. What it's all about?

Rev 1:1 The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place.

- (1) Revelation = revealing something *unseen*.
- (2) The central theme is Jesus.
- (3) Jesus wants us to know what's coming.

2. How'd we get the content for this book?

Rev 1:1 He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

- (1) Jesus used an angel to communicate to John.
- (2) John fills us in on everything he saw.
- (3) This book starts with Jesus & ends w/Him.

Rev 22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

3. What is the value of studying it?

Rev 1:3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

- (1) A blessing is *promised* to those:
 - 1. Who read it.
 - 2. Those who hear it.
 - 3. Those who embrace it & trust it.

- (2) Blessing comes in different forms:
 - 1. We can know what's coming.
 - 2. We can get prepared & be prepared.
 - 3. We can understand the *central* message.
- (3) The time is *near* = *Impending* or at *hand*.
- 2 Peter 3:8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

4. Who are the recipients & providers?

Rev 1:4 John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

- (1) John, the 7 churches in Asia & us.
- (2) Who the message is received from:
 - 1. The *Eternal* one.
 - 2. The Holy Spirit.
 - 3. Jesus Himself.
- (3) What we're told about Jesus:
 - 1. We're told He loves us.
 - 2. We're told He released us from sin.
 - 3. We're told He made us a kingdom.
 - 4. We become priests for God.