Journey Through the Bible: Revelation
Session 2: The Risen Christ

Remember: Acts 17:11

The Apocalypse (Unveiling-*SINGULAR*)
- The Vision of the Risen Christ (Have Seen)
- The Letters to the Seven Churches (Which Are)
- The Conquest of the King of Kings (Which Will Be…)

Revelation: Book of Answers
- The Bible as ONE Unified Message System
  - Authored From Outside of Time
  - 66 Books, 40 Authors, 2,000+ Years in Construction
- Revelation Answers Riddles from the Rest of the Bible
  - 400+ Verses (800+ References to the OT)

- Prophetic Meaning
  - Revelation of God's Truth (NOT Fortunetelling)
    - Forth-Telling and Foretelling
    - Future is Evidence of God's Involvement (Deut. 18:19-22)
    - Implications for the Present and Future (Hosea 11:1)
  - Types (Examples that Foreshadow)
  - Numbers (Have Thematic Significance)
  - Materials (Have Symbolic Meaning)
  - Figures of Speech:
    Descriptive Language That Teaches a Spiritual Truth
    - Puns
    - Similes and Metaphors
    - Allegorical Word Pictures

- Numerology in the Bible
  - Points to Patterns of Theme
    1 = Union
    2 = Testimony (Collaboration)
    3 = Perfect Fellowship
    6 = Incomplete (Fallen)
    7 = Whole/ Complete (Holy)
    12 = Learning or Serving Together
    13 = (12 + 1) Fellowship with the Divine
    40 = Judgment or Trial
    1,000 = Stands in Opposition to Evil

- Material Symbols in the Bible
  Stone: Stability (Christ)
  Iron: Strength
  Bronze: Judgement
  Gold: Royalty
  Silver: Sacrifice (Blood)
  Water: Provision, Life, Holy Spirit
  Wind: Holy Spirit (Breath)
  Fire: Testing, Judgement, (Holy Spirit)

-Visual and Color Symbols
  Light: Truth, Word of God
  Dark: Sin, Hiding, Weakness or Fear, Ignorance
  White: Purity, Righteousness, Holiness, Completeness
  Red: Sacrifice
  Green: Life, Supply (Harvest), Providence
  Black: Sin, Stain, Evil, Fallen

Ref: Mat. 24:36

Outline of Ch. 1
  Introduction (1-3)
  Salutation and Purpose (4-11)
  Vision of the Risen Christ (12-18)
  Outline of the Book (19)
  Setup for Chapters 2 & 3 (20)

Vocabulary (v.1-2)
ἐν τάχει – Takos = "in haste," "speedily," "soon"
"In quick succession"

Σημαίνω – Semaino = Lit: "To make a mark"
"To give a sign"
"To signify, indicate"
"To render into signs"
ἀγγέλου – Angelon = Lit: "Messenger," "One who is sent,"
"Pastor" (Strong's Def.)
Created Being
(v.3) Seven Spirits
C.F. Isaiah 11:1-2; 1 Cor. 12:7-11

(v.6) Kings and Priests
- Offices are Hereditary and Separate
  - Order of Aaron / House of David
  - Order of Melchizedek (Psalm 110:4; Heb. 7:17)

(v. 7) Every Eye Shall See Him
- Personal/Physical Appearance
  (Dan. 7:13; Mt. 24:30; 26:64)
- Pierced Him (Zech. 12:10)
  Those who were against him and have passed

(v. 10) Lord's Day
κυριακῇ - Kuriakay "Belonging to the Lord"
"Related to the Lord"

(v. 11) The Seven Churches (Why These Seven?)
- Roman Province of Asia
  (Anatolia: Asia Minor)
  - Other Prominent Churches in the Province
    - Antioch, Colossae, Galatia, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, Heliopolis

(v. 12) Lampstands:
Λυχνίας – Lychanias = "Lamp Stand," "Candelabra"
Root: "Light Bearer"
- Gold: Royalty (God's Sovereignty)
- Light: Truth (Gospel)
- Ref. Menorah (Tended by the High Priest)
  - Dispose of Faulty/Used Up Wicks
- Function of a Church (c.f. Mat. 28:18-20):
  - Put on Display the Light (Truth) of God

(v. 12) Jesus as High Priest
- Intercedes for the People of God (Heb. 7:25)
- Offers Absolution/Cleansing (1 Jn. 1:9)
- Advocates for Us (1 Jn. 2:1)
- Inspection and Correction (Heb. 12:6-11)

(v. 14-16) Description of the Risen Christ
- Priestly Garments (Sash)
- Hair: white as wool/snow (Dan. 7:9, 13, 22)
- Eyes: flame

(v. 14-16) Description of the Risen Christ
- All things revealed (Heb. 4:13)
- All works tried by fire (1 Cor. 3:13)
- Feet: Brass (Num. 21:6-9; Jn. 3:14-16)
- "Two-Edged Sword" (Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12)
- "countenance as the sun…" (Mat. 16:28-17:2)

(v. 14-16) Description of the Risen Christ
- Functioning in His Role as High Priest (Present)
- Righteous and Holy
- All is Reveled to Him/Nothing Hidden
- Empowered as Judge/Bringer of Judgement
- Judgement Through the Word of God
- Glorified By God before His Servants

(v. 19) Christ's Instruction and Outline for the Book:
- "Have Seen" Risen Christ (Ch. 1)
- "Is" The Seven Churches (Ch. 2-3)
- "Hereafter" The Conquest (Ch. 4-22)

(v. 20) Letters to the Seven Churches:
"Let he who has an ear…"
- Open Letters to Local Churches
- Levels of Application Both Past and Present
- Local (Issues Facing Congregations)
- Congregational (Teaching and Correction)
- Personal (How Do We Fit in?)
- Prophetic (Gap in Daniel 9:26; Rev. 12:5-6)

Structure of the Letters:
- Name of the Church
- Title Chosen by Christ of Himself
- Commendation (All But 2)
- Concern (All But 2)
- Exhortation
- Promise to the Overcomer

For Session 3:
- Background: Read Acts 20:16-38; Ephesians (6 Chapters)
- Read Revelation 2:1-7
- Journal Issues Paul Discusses with the Ephesian Church
- Journal Issues Christ Also Explores and Questions
- Meet with Your Groups