

STUDY NOTES FROM KAREN HOERDEL'S "REVELATION" TEACHING SERIES

Revelation Study Notes Chapter 1:9-2:7

- v. 9 - Patmos - treeless, rocky island in the Aegean Sea; ten miles long, six miles wide
- v. 10 - The Lord's Day - a term used by Christians of the first day of the week; the day of the Lord's resurrection; Sunday
The day Christians met for worship (Acts 20:7, I Corinthians 16:2)
- v. 12 - Candlestick = Lampstand = Menorah = God's Spirit and Light (Exodus 25:31-40)
Messiah = the oiled or Anointed One; "Christos" in Greek; Christ (fullness of Spirit)
- v. 13 - Son of Man = Old Testament name for Messiah (and prophets)
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 10:5-6 - Jesus
- v. 18 - Matthew 16:18-19 and Isaiah 22:22 } keys = symbol of power and authority
- v. 19 - KEY TO THE INTERPRETATION:
Chapter 1 - Things John has seen: Vision of Christ in the midst of the candlesticks
Chapters 2 & 3 - Things which are: 7 churches
Chapters 4-22 - Things hereafter - after the Churches
- v. 20 - Mystery ("Musterion" in Greek) something previously hidden, but now fully revealed
Angels ("angelos" in Greek) = messenger
Either a human messenger (pastor) or a divinely appointed spirit (an angel)

CHAPTERS 2 & 3 - The Things Which Are

Letters to the 7 Churches
4 Levels of Application
Churches of John's day - 96 A.D.
Church Ages on church history
Churches today and in all ages
Applications to our individual lives

7 letters follow the same pattern:
Beginning: "These things saith He..."
And "I know thy works..."
Closing: "He that overcometh..."
And "He that hath an ear let him hear..."

- v. 1-7 - Ephesus - The Backslidden Church
Acts 19:1,8,18-35 - worship of Diana
Historical period = 70 A.D. - 170 A.D.
Proud, rich, busy port; tourism, commercial center; temple of Artemis one of 7 wonders;

cult center, magical arts

Paul spent 3 years there (Timothy and John)

Ephesians 1:15-16; 2:17-21 - strong church

“Ephesus” in Greek - to let go; relax

v. 1 - Show Christ’s power

v. 2 - Praises for works, labor, patience, testing false teachers, hating evil

v. 4 - Their offense - indifferent, half-hearted

v. 6 - Followers of Nicolaus or separation of the clergy from people (niko = conquer, “loose” people)

v. 7 - Tree of Life - Genesis 3:22-24; Revelation 22:2