The Book of Revelation

One of the most misunderstood books of the Bible is the book of Revelation. Many (most?) will read through this book and think that it teaches about the end times, the second coming of Jesus and such. The fact is, though it talks about these, it is not *just* about the end times.

Revelation actually covers the entire period of church history, from Jesus' first coming until his Second coming. We live in that period, of course!

Some don't read Revelation because *it is impossible to understand*. Others have the book all figured out down to the last detail. Both extremes should be avoided by us. It is a very difficult book to understand. There **are** some general truths to remember.

First, there are two separate places mentioned in Revelation. Chapters 1-3 describe events happening on this earth. We call this the *visible* universe, realm. But from chapter 4 through the end of Revelation the scene is the throne room of God. This is what John (the author) sees from the heavenly vision. These events will happen throughout the Christian Era.

Second, two kinds of approaches need to be remembered when reading revelation. Some of the events are happening in real time, but other events are prophetic visions shown to John but not actually occurring on the level of reality Meaning, these events are *symbolic* images of what will take place in history. John is given a heavenly vision of the history of Christianity. John is in the divine throne room of God. John is described by some as being in an amphitheater where he is the only one seated and he is viewing human history being played out.

TBC.

--In Him, Gary.

Medical & Prayer Needs

Notes

America

Frank Abbey – Hospice. Per Margaret.

Gwen Botson – Cancer. Per Laura. Serious condition.

Linda Caldwell – Surgery 1/24.

Matt Davis – Surgery 1/12.

Roger Davis – Eye procedure.

Becky Kois – Cataract surgery.

Randy Kuhn – Respiratory tests.

Bill & Rosa Morrison – Recovery.

Gail Spriestersbach – Hip surgery recovery.

Austin Taylor – Pneumonia. Kielee Taylor – Back injury. Maverick Toppings – RSV.

Ladies Meeting

January 14th at 4:30pm.

<u>Planning Meeting</u>: Ladies, "Monday Night for the Master." January 15 at 4 PM. All ladies welcome, light meal will be served. See Margaret or Jayme Jo.

Church Fellowship

January 21st.
After morning worship.

Ladies Bible Study:

Jan. 23, 9:30 AM.

Extended Prayer List:

Bertha Adair (Gail's aunt), Linda Caldwell, Mitch Davis, Adele & Leroy Gall, Debbie Harris, Jessi Hruss, Barb King, Gail Spriestersbach, Dave Van Wingerden (cancer), Ruth Watson.

Trivia Answers & Scriptures are given to Gary on paper with your name OR by texting him. C'mon, join in!

<u>Trivia</u>: In John 4, how did Jesus say we are to worship God? **Answer**: in spirit and in truth **Answerers**: Margaret Jordan,

Eileen Kerns, Anita Mattingly,

Sharon Woodrum, Beth Miller,

Linda Ropog, Roger & Mary

Davis, Lillian Brewer, Griffin

Brewer, Kendall Taylor.

New Trivia: In Matthew 6, what did Jesus say God would do for the believers He sees secretly giving to the needy?

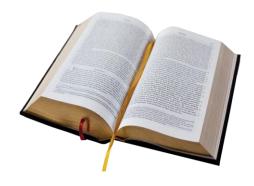
January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Justin Rinaldi	1
Jayme Jo Baker	2
Sue Brehm Buck	5
Joyce Brewer	10
Austin Brown	12
Laura Kuhn	18
Alex Scarborough	19
Beckey Scarborough	20
Bob Jordan	29
Gail Spriestersbach	30
Glenn & Mary Ann Priddy	25
Greg & Charlotte Brown	28

Widows & Widowers

Lola Anderson, Joyce Brewer, Frances Brown, Kathy Carter, Linda Caldwell, Joyce Fetzer, Elaine Leonhardt, Kathy Lindsey, Jerry Mullins, Shirley Sarver, Dora Talbert, Ruth Watson, Diana Wirth, Sharon Woodrum.

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Assembly Times

Sun. Bible Class	10:00 am
Sun. Worship	11:00 am
Sun. PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 pm

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Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross.

Philippians 3:17-18. ESV.

All the churches of Christ greet you. Romans 16:16. ESV.

WELCOME

We welcome our visitors to the worship services today as our honored guests. Please fill out a Visitors Card and put it in the offering plate. We hope & pray you will return soon.