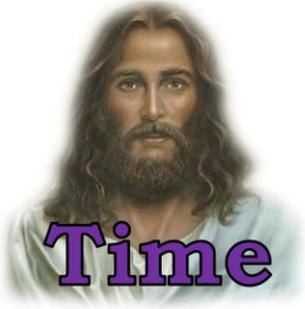


Revelation 1:1-3 NIV



† The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. 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. 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- The Revelation or “Apocalypse” within the original Greek has become a word with a sense of foreboding destruction. However, the truth is Revelation simply means the revealing of Jesus as Christ Messiah being GOD Incarnate unto the masses. In particular the unbelieving.

Jesus’s cousin the last surviving and youngest of the 12 original Apostles John who Jesus called a son of thunder is self identifying as the human author of Revelation.

Sons of thunder John and likewise his brother James were each cousins and Apostles of Jesus.

Question? Were they loud or was one of their parents loud whom Jesus knew.

2- Notice John is mentioning something that he fully explains in chapter 1 of his/the Gospel of John. Jesus was and is GOD born fully human that Jesus is the Living Word portion of His Father Jehovah. As in Genesis When? GOD spoke then His Living Word Jesus made creation to be.

Of course this is in reference to What? or rather Who? we call the Trinity. Father ~ Son ~ Holy Spirit

The “Trinity” is the best understanding we have of GOD that exists outside of time and is all in All.

In very simple terms the Trinity can be explained as a construction company. It goes like this:

Father Jehovah GOD is the Great Architect. (GOD Perfectly Plans)

Jesus His Son is the Master Carpenter. (Eternally Divine working Word now born human)

The Holy Spirit. (Is the 3rd person in charge of hiring and training the labor- us. As in HR)

3- This is the only Scripture in Holy Writ that contains a double Blessing.

First: for those who read it and also for those who teach it.

This in a time & place that not only ridicule but outright persecution was for all who accepted Christ.

Second: because everyone knows including the author that Revelation is written in a bizarre manor.

We shall see John was incarcerated by the Romans and was a very mature and experienced teacher at approximately 90 years of age who was then given Revelation by Jesus Himself and as John composed, he used Christian code not only to get by the Roman censors but to also set a mandate that in order to understand Revelation you have to first read and understand the entire Bible.

There are over 800 references to other scriptures, prophecies, and Biblical narratives within Revelation. Just as in the ancient world all roads lead to Rome- all the Bible including prophecy leads to Revelation. Making Revelation an outline of timeline's plural with the details found within the Old Testament Prophets and our Lord’s Olivet Discourse even the Psalms & Epistles of the Apostles.

Now with John’s including of metaphorical representations that once understood are for literal interpretation and application of Ages, people, nations, and future events it is impossible to understand Revelation without reading the entirety of GOD’ Holy Bible.

Meaning the Bible is its own key at understanding Prophecy.

So, a person is double blessed if they read & understand because John knew they had to Pray & study.