***BACK TO THE FUTURE***

**Lesson 1**

**A VERY SPECIAL BOOK** part 1

Revelation 1:1-3

Two promised blessings:

a. For \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it. Revelation 1:3

b. For \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it. Revelation 22:7

Rules to follow to help us understand it.

 a. It’s not a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ book.

 b. It’s not necessary to understand all the symbols and details to gain a full meaning of the book.

 c. Observe the rule of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ interpretation.

 d. Approach it with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mind.

 e. Read it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis - we see the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Heaven & earth as we know it 1:1.

Revelation - we see the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Heaven & earth as we know it — 21:1.

Genesis - the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sin & the curse — 3:1 19.

Revelation — the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sin and the curse — 21 :27; 22:3.

Genesis — the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Satan & his activities — 3:1-7.

Revelation - the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Satan & his activities — 20:10.

Genesis — the tree of life is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - 2:17

Revelation - the tree of life is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ — 22:2.

Genesis — death makes its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - 2:17; 5:5.

Revelation - death makes its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ — 21:4.

Genesis— sorrow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3:16.

Revelation — sorrow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 21:4.

Revelation shows the unity of the Bible.

There are four basic approaches to interpreting Revelation.

a. Its teachings lies in the past — **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

b. It’s built around the history of the church — **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

c. The whole book is symbolic - **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

d. It relates to those in Johns day, but emphasizes future events - **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**I. THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** — vs. 1

 A. It is an unveiling.

**II. THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** — vs. 1-2, 4,9, 22:8.

A. John, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

B. Conveying the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - vs. 1-2.

 1. The Father gave it to the Son, & the Son gave to the apostle.

2. Summed up, it came from God to John by inspiration of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

C. There is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. “*signified*” — vs. 1, means to “show by a sign”.

2. In Revelation will be symbolism & much of it related to the OT.

D. Why \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

1. As a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” to be understood only by those who know Christ personally.

2. Not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by time.

3. Symbols \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, teach values, and arouse emotions.

**III. THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

A. A special \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. “read” - to read out loud.

2. This is the first of seven “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” in Revelation.

3. Seven is an important number.

4. The promise is to those who read, hear, & keep this prophecy.

5. This book was not written to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our curiosity about the future.

 B. A special \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 1. “the time is at hand”

 2. Jesus could come at any time.