

Bereans Bible Institute

Module IX – Revelation

Lesson 2 – Jesus Christ Revealed as the Messenger of YHVH

I. Revelation 1:1-3

A. The “Revelation” is both ABOUT and FROM Jesus Christ.

1. God delivered the contents of Revelation to His Son, seated at the Father’s side (Ps. 110:1)
2. God provided the contents to Jesus Christ to deliver personally to John.
3. God sent it by “His Messenger” to John.
 - a. “Angelos” (usually translated angel) is the common word for “messenger” in Greek.
 - b. Jesus is called the “Messenger” of God in this passage
 - c. The “Messenger of God” appeared in the OT many times
 1. He confirmed the Abrahamic Covenant to Abraham (Gen. 22:11-12,15-18)
 2. He appointing Moses to deliver Israel (Ex. 3:2-6)
 3. He delivered the Mosaic Covenant to Israel through Moses at Sinai (Acts 7:30-39).
 4. He spoke in YHVH’s name, as His authorized agent, and He brought Israel out of Egypt, through the wilderness, into the promised Land (Ex. 23:20-23 LXX)
 5. He is the child born, the Son given (Isaiah 9:6-7 LXX)
 6. He is “The Messenger of the Covenant” for whom John the Baptist prepared the way, and who suddenly came to HIS Temple (Mal. 3:1).
4. “My Messenger” in vs. 1 must be Jesus because:
 - a. God sent Him TO John, and John saw and heard Jesus (vs. 12,17)
 - b. John calls this the “testimony of Jesus Christ.”
5. The message was unfiltered by John “*John, who reported ... as much as he perceived.*” This implies that John reported everything as he saw and heard, whether or not he understood it at the time.