

Introduction:  
Unlocking The Revelation

To the reader of these study notes on probably the most misconstrued book of the Bible, if not of any book in the history of all written articles, these are the findings that this author has accumulated over a period of about three decades. Not that these are to be considered the final commentary since these studies have often been enhanced or changed (*this being a 'second' edition*) and since many other commentaries have been and will continue to be written, especially by those more capable and educated (*thus the sources employed*). Other than auditing a class on Koine Greek One\* this writer's only other educational achievement was to graduate from high school in 1975. That said, it shows what the common (*uninspired*) individual is able to achieve with heart and soul engaged. The Revelation being such a difficult study that has been avoided by many or most congregational Bible instructors, the task to present it in an easy to understand, teachable, yet comprehensive format is the result of the enclosed study notes.

Personally, the intense study of The Revelation has increased this writer's faith tremendously since during those hours upon hours spent in examination I have gained a deeper understanding of the scheme of redemption and the concept of eternity. My hope is that you also will benefit from what is written here.

In Him,  
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\*Koine Greek- a "dead language" (*...evolved from the spread of Greek following the conquests of Alexander the Great in the 4th century BC. -Koine Greek- Wikipedia*)

"Normally the transition from a spoken to an extinct language occurs when a language undergoes language death by being directly replaced by a different one."

“This happens when a language in the course of its normal development gradually morphs into something that is then recognized as a separate, different language, leaving the old form with no native speakers.”

“Koine is also the language of the Christian New Testament, of the Septuagint (the 3rd-century BC Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible), and of most early Christian theological writing by the Church Fathers.” *Language Death-Wikipedia*

As a dead language it is no longer able to ‘evolve’, meaning it cannot be altered and the meaning of each word is not changed to meet the current vernacular of the modern age. Example: Baptize is from the word *bap-tid’-zo* which means to *make whelmed* (that is, *fully wet*), i.e., to *immerse*. Having been transliterated into the English word ‘baptize’ it took on different glosses (*to pour, sprinkle, etc.*) that have nothing to do with the original, which is why any serious Bible student will refer to the original usage and not be satisfied with the uninspired translations or versions of it.

One of the reasons, among many, that Jesus came when He did (*Gal 4:4*) was during the time when such a language was common. Thus once it ‘morphed’ into the Modern Greek, the koine would no longer be used and unable to change with the times, according to its meaning.

This volume relies heavily on the Koine Greek for clarity of translation.