

CHAPTER I

Is it possible to get a right understanding of the book of Revelation? We see by the following that it is, for the wise, Dan. 12:4, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book even to the time of the end. 9. And he said, go thy way Daniel for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. 10. And none of the wicked shall understand but the wise shall understand. Rev. 5:4, And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. 5. Weep not, behold the ~~book~~ the tribe of Juda, the root of David hath prevailed to open the book, and to lose the seven seals thereof."

John was exceedingly anxious to know what was in the book, when he wept much, and no doubt he knew well those words in the book of Daniel, "that the wise shall understand."

This should teach us how much we need to understand this book. It is not likely our Lord will open the sealed book to any person unless they have a great desire to know the meaning; but He does make it plain by his word and spirit, to those of his redeemed who are anxious. I have had it in my mind for many years to write a little book on the Revelation. Not that I have any thought that I can open the book. Rev. 5:5, "Behold, the lion of the tribe of Juda, the root of David; hath prevailed to open the book and to loose the seven seals thereof." He alone can open the book by his word and spirit. Rev. 10:7, "As he hath declared to his servants and prophets. Rev. 5:6, "Seven eyes which are the seven spirits of God, sent forth into all the earth." The first thing then that we need in order to qualify us to understand this book is great spiritual light.

Luke 11:13, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the holy spirit to them that ask him."

A great part of the Revelation is written in figurative language, and in order to understand those words we must find where they occur all