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Supplemental Commentary

Dr Bruce Hurt

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DANIEL AKIN

Conservative. Adheres to a literal 1000 year kingdom on earth inhabitants of which include born again Jews. God is not finished with Israel.

- Exalting Jesus in Revelation BORROW
- See his complete sermon series on the Revelation
- The Great Unveiling Part 08. Autopsy Of A Dead Church Revelation 3:1-6
- The Great Unveiling Part 09. The Church That Honors Jesus Revelation 3:7-13
- The Great Unveiling Part 10. The Church That Makes God Sick Revelation 3:14-22

REVELATION An Alliterated Exposition of the Last Book in the Bible

MICHAEL ANDRUS LETTERS FROM JESUS

Note - the links below include two resources - (1) Audio and (2) Notes which are usually in range of 10 pages and are excellent.

- 1. To Sardis: The Church of the Living Dead
- 2. To Philadelphia: The Church of the Faithful Witness
- 3. To Laodicea: The Lukewarm Church
- 4. The Eighth Letter: To First Evangelical Free Church of Wichita

WILLIAM BARCLAY

- **D Edmond Hiebert** Prints author's own translation. Volume 1, covering the first five chapters, deals extensively with the seven letters. The author's strong points are his handling of historical data and his Greek word studies.
- Revelation 3 Barclay has some interesting comments on the first 3 chapters, but after that is not very helpful.

WILLIAM BARRICK - the power points on the 7 churches are lengthy and have many pictures

- Revelation Studies in Outline Form includes text, powerpoint, audio
- Rev 3:1-6 The church at Sardis (PPT, Audio)
- Rev 3:7-13 The church at Philadephia (PPT, Audio)
- Rev 3:7-13 The church at Philadephia part 2 (PPT, Audio)
- Rev 3:14-22 The church at Laodicea (PPT, Audio)

BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR - multiple resources

Resources on Revelation 2

JOHN BILLINGHAM - Rosedale Baptist Church

Revelation 3:1-6 Sardis: Autopsy of a Dead Church

BRIAN BELL SERMON NOTES

- Revelation 3 Sermons
- Revelation 3:7-13 Faithful Fellowship

CHRIS BENFIELD SERMONS

- Revelation 3:1-6 The Dead Church
- Revelation 3:7-13 The Faithful Church
- Revelation 3:14-22 The Luke-warm Church

JIM BOMKAMP

- Revelation 3:1-6 Letter To Church Of Sardis
- Revelation 3:7-13 Letter To Church Of Philadelphia
- Revelation 3:14-22 Letter To Church Of Laodicea

ALAN CARR SERMONS

- An Autopsy Of A Dead Church Revelation 3:1-6
- The Church With The Reputation Revelation 3:1-6

- Doctor, Is It Time To Pull The Plug? Revelation 3:1-6
- I Know The Doorkeeper Revelation 3:7-8
- The Church Hell Cannot Handle Revelation 3:7-13
- The Kind Of Church God Blesses Revelation 3:7-13
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- The Church Of The Open Door Revelation 3:7-13
- The Church That Thought It Had It All- Revelation 3:14-22
- Laodicea: You Make Me Sick Revelation 3:14-22
- The Laodicean Legacy Revelation 3:14-22

RICH CATHERS - Study Notes on Revelation

- Revelation 3:1-6
- Revelation 3:7-13
- Revelation 3:14-22

DAVID COHEN

 Understanding Revelation: An Investigation of the Key Interpretational and Chronological Questions Which Surround the Book of Revelation - BORROW

THOMAS CONSTABLE Expository Commentary

Revelation 3

DAVID COOPER

Exposition of the Revelation - literal

W A CRISWELL

- Revelation 2-3: The Symbolic Meaning of the Seven Churches
- Revelation 2-3: Death of the Seven Churches
- Revelation 1-2 The Seven Angels of the Seven Churches
- Revelation 1-3 The Seven Churches of Asia
- Revelation 3:7-8 The State of the Church
- Revelation 3:20 Christ in the Home
- Revelation 3:18 The True Riches
- Revelation 3:14-22 The Laodicean Church
- Revelation 3:8 The Church of the Open Door
- Revelation 3:20 Knocking at the Door -1956
- Revelation 3:20 Knocking at the Door -1978
- Revelation 3:1-6 Immortal Names In Sardis
- Revelation 3:20 Christ At The Door
- Revelation 3:7-13 The Open Door of Philadelphia
- Revelation 3:8 The Open Door to Life

A C GAEBELEIN Annotated Bible Commentary on Revelation

- Introduction
- Revelation 3

TONY GARLAND

While this work is not well known and is seldom mentioned in lists of commentaries on the Revelation, in my opinion it is one of the best verse by verse modern works available. It is premillennial. Highly Recommended!

Revelation 3 Commentary

GENE GETZ PRINCIPLES IN REVELATION

- Revelation 3:1-6; The True Gospel: To inherit salvation, we must receive the gift of eternal life through faith and not rely on our works. <u>Video</u>
- Revelation 3:7-13; Our Eternal Salvation: Because of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, verified by our good works, we should be confident that we have eternal life now and forever. Video
- Revelation 3:14-22; Receiving Christ: To become authentic communities of faith, we must receive the Lord Jesus Christ and allow Him to take control of our hearts and lives. <u>Video</u>

OLIVER GREENE Commentary on Revelation

- INTRODUCTION TO REVELATION
- **THE PATMOS VISION**

STEVE GREGG

Revelation, four views : a parallel commentary - Borrow

DAVE GUZIK Commentary on Revelation

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VANCE HAVNER

Repent or Else! - Borrow book

COLIN HEMER - 1989

The Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia in Their Local Setting - Borrow

FLOYD HITCHCOCK Lectures on The Revelation - 1940

Floyd Hitchcock = Returned Missionary from Japan and Korea, Radio Pastor, KWTO, Springfield, Mo., Editor of The Gospel Messenger, Pastor of Radio Gospel Center. The Flying Preacher: Pilot of "The Good Ship Emmanuel"

- Revelation 3:1-6
- Revelation 3:7-13
- Revelation 3:14-22

HOLMAN CSB Study Bible: Holman Christian Standard Bible - BORROW

General Editor Jeremy Royal Howard (2010) 2360 pages. Conservative. Good notes. Include Holmans excellent maps.

H. A. IRONSIDE Notes on Revelation

- Introduction
- Revelation 3

JAMIESON, FAUSSETT, BROWN - A Commentary, Critical and Explanatory, on the Old and New Testaments

This is one of the more literal older commentaries.

Revelation 3

DAVID JEREMIAH

■ The David Jeremiah study bible - (2013) - BORROW

Escape the Coming Night - 273 page study (2002 edition)- BORROW

ALAN JOHNSON - Author of the commentary on The Revelation in the Expositor's Bible Commentary

■ The Expositor's Bible Commentary - 1994 edition - Abridged - BORROW

S LEWIS JOHNSON Sermons on Revelation

- Revelation 3:1,2,3,4,5,6 Sardis, the Model of Past Glory
- Revelation 3:7-13 Kept from the Hour of Trial I
- Revelation 3:7-13 Kept from the Hour of Trial II
- Revelation 3:14-22 The Curse of the Happy Medium

J HAMPTON KEATHLEY III Commentary on the Revelation

- The Message to Sardis (Rev 3:1-6)
- The Message to Philadelphia (Rev 3:7-13)
- The Message to Laodicea (Rev 3:14-22)

WILLIAM KELLY LECTURES ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION 1868

D Edmond Hiebert - Expository lectures by a noted Plymouth Brethren scholar of the past century. The author uses Scripture to try to explain the symbols of the book. The viewpoint is premillennial and pretribulational.

Revelation 3 Commentary

KJV BIBLE COMMENTARY - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael.

Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT - no restriction on length of time one can use it. No copy and paste. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective (pre-millennial) Has nice, readable maps.

WOODROW KROLL

■ Revelation : the Glorified Christ - Brief comments - 124 pages - BORROW

TIM LAHAYE

Revelation illustrated and made plain (340 pages) - BORROW

R C H LENSKI - Lutheran commentator

• The Interpretation of St. John's Revelation - BORROW

LIFE APPLICATION STUDY BIBLE - BORROW

STEVEN LAWSON

Cyril Barber - The Minister's Library (Volume 3) - An exposition of Revelation 1--3. "This book is intended to be a wake-up call to the sleeping church of America."--John F. MacArthur, Jr. It comes highly recommended.

• Final call - BORROW

WILLIAM MACDONALD

■ Believer's Bible Commentary - BORROW

JOHN MACARTHUR SERMON SERIES

- The MacArthur Study Bible BORROW
- Because the time is near: John MacArthur explains the book of Revelation- BORROW
- A Jet Tour Through Revelation
- Sardis: The Dead Church (66-11) (Revelation 3:1-6)
- Revelation 3:7-11 Divine Blessing for a Faithful Church, Part 1
- Revelation 3:7 Philadelphia: The Faithful Church, Part 1
- Revelation 3:7-13 Philadelphia: The Faithful Church, Part 2
- Revelation 3:14-18 Laodicea: The Lukewarm Church, Part 1
- Revelation 3:19-22 Laodicea: The Lukewarm Church, Pt. 2

ROD MATTOON REVELATION COMMENTARY Literal interpretation

Treasures from Revelation - 472 pages - list of illustrations on page 459

JAMES MCCONKEY

This is a 94 page book with brief pithy comments from a literal perspective. Interesting. Online but cannot copy and paste.

The Book of Revelation: A Series of Outline Studies in the Apocalypse

J VERNON MCGEE REVELATION COMMENTARY THRU THE BIBLE

- Introduction
- Revelation 3
- Thru the Bible with J. Vernon McGee Revelation BORROW
- Thru the Bible Commentary Vol. 58: The Prophecy (Revelation 1-5) BORROW
- The Prophecy Revelation, Chapters 6-13 BORROW

HENRY MORRIS - Defender's Study Bible Notes

- The Revelation Record BORROW his full commentary on the Revelation
- The Defender's Study Bible BORROW
- Revelation 3:1 Sardis name that thou livest
- Revelation 3:3 as a thief
- Revelation 3:5 book of life
- Revelation 3:7 Philadelphia no man openeth
- Revelation 3:8 little strength
- Revelation 3:9 are not worship before thy feet
- Revelation 3:10 hour of temptation
- Revelation 3:11 come quickly
- Revelation 3:14 <u>Laodiceans</u> <u>beginning of the creation</u>
- Revelation 3:16 out of my mouth
- Revelation 3:17 have need of nothing
- Revelation 3:20 at the door come in to him
- Revelation 3:21 in my throne
- Revelation 3:22 unto the churches

ROBERT MOUNCE

■ The Book of Revelation - New International Commentary New Testament - BORROW

LEON MORRIS

Borrow Revelation of St John

NET BIBLE NOTES on Revelation

Revelation 3

WILLIAM NEWELL Commentary on the Revelation

Rosscup - This is a premillennial, dispensational study which takes a thorough-going literal approach to the book. It is good on the English text and will have its main usefulness in some points for lay people. Read Ironside and Ryrie to maintain a balance in a lighter dispensational work. (Commentaries For Biblical Expositors- Dr. Jim Rosscup)

- Introduction
- Revelation 3

NKJV STUDY BIBLE - BORROW

Formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV" by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House.

NIV STUDY BIBLE (2011) - BORROW

GRANT OSBORNE

 Revelation (Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament) - This is available as a Pdf. Osborne does seem to favor the 1000 millennium. There are a few points I would disagree with him -- e.g., when the devil is released at the end of the 1000 years, he deceives and gathers an army - these are people who have been alive while Jesus Himself is reigning on earth and they still refuse to believe in Him! To be sure this is somewhat mind boggling and could reflect either the hardness of hearts of those who are born to the believers who enter the 1000 year kingdom. Alternatively Osborne posits that these are men and women who were not destroyed when Christ returned to conquer in Revelation 19.

OUR DAILY BREAD Devotionals on Revelation

- Revelation 3:1-6 Wake Up And Live
- Revelation 3:1–6 Wake-Up Call!
- Revelation 3:1-6 Wake-Up Call -2
- Revelation 3:5 No Mistakes
- Revelation 3:7-13 He Holds The Keys
- Revelation 3:7-13 Hold On!
- Revelation 3:14-19 Apatheists
- Revelation 3:14-22 Love that Won't Quit
- Revelation 3:14-22 Either Cold Or Hot
- Revelation 3:14-22 Poor Little Rich Church
- Revelation 3:14–22 Light of the World
- Revelation 3:14-22 Through His Eyes
- Revelation 3:14-22 Finding Jesus
- Revelation 3:14-22 Dashboard Dining
- Revelation 3:14-22 Don't Bother Me
- Revelation 3:14-22 God's Heart Revealed
- Revelation 3:14-22 Problem With Self-Sufficiency
- Revelation 3:14-22 Crooked House
- Revelation 3:14-22 Love That Won't Quit
- Revelation 3:14-22 Go For The Gold!
- Revelation 3:14-22 Our Heart—His Home
- Revelation 3:20 Religion And Reality

PENINSULA BIBLE CHURCH

Heart

11 Nov 2018 Laodicea: No Need For Christ 04 Nov 2018 Open Door 28 Oct 2018 Wake Up To The Gospel 04 Aug 1996 Laodicea: Love Jesus With All Your

Revelation 3:14-22 Louie, Jeff Wake Up Revelation 3:7-13 Grant, Scott Wake Up Revelation 3:1-6 Taylor, Paul Wake Up

Jesus, Lord of His Revelation 3:14-22 Ritchie, Ron

Church

28 Jul 1996 Philadelphia: Doors Of Opportunity	Revelation 3:7-13	Ritchie, Ron	Jesus, Lord of His Church
21 Jul 1996 Sardis: Wake Up!	Revelation 3:1-6	Ritchie, Ron	Jesus, Lord of His Church
21 Jul 1985 The Investment Counselor	Revelation 3:14-22	Zeisler, Steve	e Revelation 1-3
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31 Dec 1984 Golden Opportunity	Revelation 3:7-13	Zeisler, Steve	e Revelation 1-3

DWIGHT PENTECOST

Things to come: a study in Biblical eschatology - BORROW

JOHN PHILLIPS - Exploring Revelation. Chicago: Moody Press. 1974

Rosscup - Here is a very light dispensational work, often alliterative, picturesque, with frequent illustrations (some quite good), but scant in supporting interpretation. Often Phillips shows no real attempt to grapple with meaning, as on leaving the first love (2:4), being blotted out (3:5), identifying the seven stars, giving more than opinion on being kept in 3:10, who the overcomer is in 2:7, what 4:1 means, etc. He does take the 24 elders as angels (86) and the 144,000 as Israelites, both with shallow support. The work as a whole offers minimal light to help any but elemental readers grasp some points, and for others is pretty much a waste of time unless certain illustrations help. (Commentaries For Biblical Expositors- Dr. Jim Rosscup)

Cyril Barber - The Minister's Library - A careful commentary that those who preach through this portion of God's Word will want to consult. Premillennial.

• Exploring Revelation - BORROW

PREACHER'S OUTLINE AND SERMON BIBLE (POSB) - BORROW

RAY PRITCHARD - Sermons

- Revelation 3:1-6 Church of the Living Dead
- Here is a separate study a video entitled "Church of the Living Dead"
- Revelation 3:7-13 The Church Christ Prefers
- Revelation 3:14-22 The Curse of Moderate Christianity

WILLIAM M RAMSAY - [1851-1939]

- The Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia and Their Place in the Plan of the Apocalypse- Here is the table of contents
- Here is the link to download the entire PDF.

RICK RENNER

Thou Hast Left Thy First Love

JOHN R RICE - Biography

A Baptist pastor. Millennial. Comments less technical but very insightful. A sleeper in my opinion.

Behold, He Cometh!": A Verse-by-Verse Commentary on the Book of Revelation - BORROW

GRANT RICHISON Revelation Commentary Notes

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- Revelation 3:1
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A. T. ROBERTSON Word Pictures on Revelation

Notes on original Greek text. Interpretative approach difficult to state with certainty but not definitively futuristic

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CHARLES RYRIE - Dispensational

Hiebert - A concise, well-outlined study of Revelation, following the premillennial, pretribulational view. Ideal for a beginner's study of Revelation.

Cyril Barber - The Minister's Library (Volume 3) - A refreshing, concise exposition highlighted with helpful charts and graphs, and explaining in lay terms the scope of John's vision. Recommended.

- The Final Countdown BORROW Short summary of end times events. Literal, millennial perspective.
- Revelation BORROW
- Ryrie Study Bible BORROW

ROB SALVATO Sermon Notes on Revelation

Text and Audio Available. Literal, futuristic.

- Revelation 3:1-6 Sardis, The Church That Was Dead
- Revelation 3:7-13 Opportunity And Strength
- Revelation 3:14-22 Laodicea, The Lukewarm Church

RAYMOND SAXE Sermons on Revelation Fellowship Bible Church

WALTER SCOTT Revelation Commentary

Short Biography of Walter Scott

Rosscup - A helpful older premillennial work that is at some points lucid in expounding the meaning. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors) (Commentaries For Biblical Expositors- Dr. Jim Rosscup)

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GRAHAM SCROGGIE

■ The Great Unveiling (1979) - BORROW

J A SEISS Revelation Commentary

Joseph Augustus Seiss' (picture) Lectures on the Apocalypse was initially published in 3 volumes in the mid-1800's and has become widely accepted by modern evangelical scholars as one of the first popular works based upon the futurist interpretation of the Revelation.

Rosscup writes that Seiss' work is "An expository older premillennial work of great detail on units of the book." (Commentaries For Biblical Expositors- Dr. Jim Rosscup)

- Entire book in Pdf allows copy and paste
- Entire book in HTML allows copy and page has index to each chapter
- Preface to Volume 1 (1865)
- Table of Contents 1
- General Index
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KEITH SIMONS REVELATION VERSE BY VERSE Literal Interpretation.

• Entire commentary on Revelation in one Pdf - 168 pages

CHUCK SMITH Revelation Commentary

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C H SPURGEON

- Revelation 3:4 A Solemn Warning for All Churches (2/68)
- Revelation 3:8, 10 Commendation for the Steadfast (30/1814)
- Revelation 3:14 The Amen (12/679)
- Revelation 3:14-21 Earnest Warning About Lukewarmness (20/1185)
- Revelation 3:15-16 <u>Lukewarmness (48/2802)</u>
- Revelation 3:17-18 A Great Mistake and the Way to Rectify It (28/1677)
- Revelation 3:19 The Loved Ones Chastened (3/164)

RAY STEDMAN Revelation Expository Messages

- Revelation 3:1-6: The Church Of The Zombies
- Revelation 3:7-13: The Little Church That Tried
- Revelation 3:14-21: The Rich-Poor Church
- God's final word : understanding Revelation (372 pages) BOOK BORROW

JOHN STOTT - Both Books can be Borrowed

- What Christ thinks of the church: Revelation 1-3 expounded
- What Christ thinks of the church: insights from Revelation 2-3- not same book as above

LEHMAN STRAUSS

• The Book of the Revelation: Outlined Studies - BORROW

HENRY BARCLAY SWETE 1835-1917

• The Apocalypse of St John: the Greek text with introduction notes and indices

CHARLES SWINDOLL

Revelation - Unveiling the End - Act 1 - The Heavenly Stage (Revelation 1-5) (162 pages) - BORROW

MERRILL TENNEY

- Interpreting Revelation (234 pages) BORROW
- The Book of Revelation (128 pages) BORROW

DAVID THOMPSON Sermons on Revelation Texas Corners Church

- Introduction to Revelation
- Introduction to Revelation 2-3
- Revelation 3:1-13
- Revelation 3:14-22
- Revelation 3:14-4:11

VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH Revelation Expository Messages

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MARK WELLS - GRACE HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH

- Revelation 3:1-6 (5 pages)
- Revelation 3:7-13 (20 pages)
- Revelation 3:14-22 (21 pages)

MARVIN VINCENT - Word Studies

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JOHN WALVOORD Revelation Exposition

See Dr Walvoord's excellent summary on interpretation of prophecy

Rosscup - Written by one of the foremost modern-day articulators of premillennial dispensationalism, this book is a lucid exposition of the Revelation which combines textual exposition with theological orientation. Walvoord shows awareness of wide reading, gives various views, is fair, and deals with problems as they arise. It is the best broad dispensational work to appear in recent years, and Robert Thomas has the best detailed technical work so far. (Commentaries For Biblical Expositors- Dr. Jim Rosscup)

- Every prophecy of the Bible BORROW
- Revelation 2: The Letters To Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, And Thyatira
- Revelation 3: The Letters To Sardis, Philadelphia, And Laodicea
- Walvoord's Articles on the Revelation

WARREN WIERSBE - BORROW THE FOLLOWING

- Be Victorious In Christ You Are an Overcomer Book of Revelation
- With the Word Comments on each chapter
- Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament very insightful thoughts. Useful in preaching and teaching.

WYCLIFFE BIBLE COMMENTARY

Everett F Harrison - Editor of New Testament. Uses the KJV. Strictly speaking not a study Bible, but short notes are similar. KJV text in left column, commentary notes in right column. The comments are generally verse by verse, short, conservative and to the point. Pre-millennial.

EDWIN M YAMAUCHI - "Light from Archaeology on Cities of Paul and the Seven Churches of Revelation"

■ BORROW New Testament Cities in Western Asia Minor

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