



PARTICIPANT GUIDE
CHAPTERS 1-5



REVELATION OVERVIEW



THE BOOK OF REVELATION HAS A DIVINE BLESSING

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near” (Revelation 1:3 ESV).

The book of Revelation is the only book in the Bible that exclusively has a blessing attached to it. By studying this book, you have God’s guarantee that reading and hearing the words of this prophecy will make you blessed.

So many believers avoid this apocalyptic writing, but I do not think that the book of Revelation should not be avoided by Christian people; rather, I believe that it should be embraced. Perhaps, if you have avoided reading this book it is because you are afraid it’s too hard to understand. The word revelation in the Greek is *apokalypsis*, which means to reveal, unveil, or make known. The idea is that of taking the lid off of a pot to see what is cooking inside.

The book of Revelation is not in our Bibles to hide things from us, but to reveal them. The devil would love nothing more than to keep you from the book of Revelation because He knows that it

THE BOOK OF REVELATION HAS A DIVINE OUTLINE

Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this” (Revelation 1:19 ESV).

First, John was told, *Write therefore the things you have seen...* This deals with the Lord’s person. John has a “revelation of the Lord that is described in detail in chapter 1, where he sees the resurrected Jesus in a vivid and profound way.

Second, John was told to write about, *...those that are...* This deals with the Lord’s people. Specifically, this is a letter from Jesus, “written to seven churches found in Asia Minor in chapters 2-3.

Lastly, John was told to write about, *...those that are to take place after this.* This deals with the Lord’s program. In chapters 4-22 John speaks of his experience in heaven and his vision of what will occur on the earth in a time that the Bible calls “The Tribulation”. During this time God’s wrath will be poured out a Christ-rejecting sinful earth to primarily wake up the nation of Israel to receive Jesus as their true Messiah.

The final chapters of the book speak of Christ’s reign on earth for one thousand years, known as “The Millennial Kingdom”. During this time the earth will be returned to its Garden of Eden-like state of being. At the end of this period, Satan will be forever cast into the Lake of Fire, and God will create a new heaven and a new earth. This new heaven and earth will be completely and totally right and we shall live happily ever after; however, this is just the beginning of the goodness that God desires for you and me.



REVELATION



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THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE SEEN

CHAPTER 1: THE VISION

THOSE THAT ARE

CHAPTERS 2-3: THE CHURCHES

AND THOSE THAT ARE TO TAKE PLACE AFTER THIS

CHAPTERS 4-5: THE THRONE ROOM

CHAPTERS 6-8A: THE SEVEN SEALS

CHAPTERS 8B-11: THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

CHAPTERS 12-14: THE SIGNS

CHAPTERS 15-16: THE SEVEN BOWLS

CHAPTERS 17-19: THE DEFEAT

CHAPTERS 20-22: THE NEW THINGS

FEBRUARY 2020

**5th Teaching
Session (Rev 1-5)**

12th Small Groups
(Revelation 1)

19th Small Groups
(Revelation 2-3)

26th Small Groups
(Revelation 4-5)

MARCH 2020

**4th Teaching
Session (Rev 6-11)**

11th Small Groups
(Revelation 6-7)

**18th Spring Break
(No Services)**

25th Small Groups
(Revelation 8-9)

APRIL 2020

1st Small Groups
(Revelation 10-11)

**8th Teaching
Session (Rev 12-17)**

15th Small Groups
(Revelation 12-13)

22nd Small Groups
(Revelation 14-15)

29th Small Groups

MAY 2020

**6th Teaching
Session (Rev 18-22)**

13th Small Groups
(Revelation 18-22)

20th Close Out
Session

Meets in Worship Center
Meets in Classrooms



PART 1: BIG WEDNESDAY

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SUMMARY

John speaks of receiving a vivid revelation of Jesus Christ while on the Island of Patmos on the Lord's Day (Sunday). John is instructed to write down all that he sees and pass it along to seven churches in Asia Minor. These churches are given positive affirmations, corrective exhortations, and eternal motivation to encourage them for a soon-coming time of persecution. After writing to the seven churches, John is invited to stand in the very throne room of God where he sees a seven-

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Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this (Revelation 1:19 ESV).

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this" (Revelation 4:1 ESV) “



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John delivers the message of Jesus to the churches of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, and Thyatira. Each church received affirmation, correction, and motivation to encourage them for a soon-coming time of persecution.

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John delivers the message of Jesus to the churches of Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. Each church received affirmation, correction, and motivation to encourage them for a soon-coming time of persecution.

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John is invited to enter a heavenly doorway that leads to the very throne room of God where John sees God sitting upon His throne, twenty-four beings described as elders, and four other living creatures who all give continual worship to God.

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God produces as seven-sealed scroll whom no one was worthy to open; however, John is told the Lion of the tribe of Judah is worthy open the scroll. Upon hearing this news, all of heaven rejoiced.

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