



PARTICIPANT GUIDE
CHAPTERS 6-11



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 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 specifically has God’s blessing attached to 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 “révelation 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 on 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)

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

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PART 2: BIG WEDNESDAY



REVELATION CHAPTERS 6 - 11

SUMMARY

Jesus, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, begins to open the seven seals upon the scroll, unveiling a series of judgments that are to come upon the earth. The seventh seal begins another series of seven judgments, brought about by trumpets. Each set of seven judgments are saturated in imagery from the books Zechariah and Exodus.

Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, “Come!”⁽²⁾ And I looked and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow and a crown was given to him to conquer (Revelation 6:1-2 ESV).

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?”⁽¹⁴⁾ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.” They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:13-14 ESV).

Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them (Revelation 8:6 ESV).



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The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, ⁽²¹⁾ nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts (Revelation 9:20-21 ESV).

Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, ⁽²⁾ but do not [“]measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months (Revelation 11:1-2 ESV).

And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth (Revelation 11:3 ESV).
