



UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF REVELATION – INTRO
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The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. (Revelation 1:1-5 NIV)

THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS:

1. A LETTER.

(v. 4) *John - To the seven churches in the province of Asia.*

- It was written 96 AD - where the Christians experienced three decades of persecution.

2. A PROPHECY.

(v. 3) *Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy.*

- Revelation is a series of **WINDOWS** that we get to peer into.

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. (Revelation 12:1-4 NIV)

3. An APOCALYPSE.

(v. 1) *The revelation from Jesus Christ...*

(v. 5) *To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood.*