

# THE BOOK OF REVELATION



THIS GUIDE IS DESIGNED TO HELP YOU LISTEN ACTIVELY, REFLECT HONESTLY, AND PARTICIPATE MEANINGFULLY DURING OUR STUDY. THERE ARE NO TRICK QUESTIONS. THERE ARE ONLY INVITATIONS TO THINK, PRAY, AND ENGAGE.

## AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO QUOTE

"WHOEVER, THEN, THINKS THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, OR ANY PART OF THEM, BUT PUTS SUCH AN INTERPRETATION UPON THEM AS DOES NOT TEND TO BUILD UP THIS TWO FOLD LOVE OF GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOR, DOES NOT YET UNDERSTAND THEM AS HE OUGHT"

### CHAPTER 1:9-11

JOHN, YOUR BROTHER AND FELLOW PARTICIPANT...



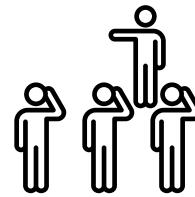
JOHN IS OUR BROTHER AND ALSO OUR \_\_\_\_\_.

JOHN IS BOTH COMMISSIONED BY GOD TO \_\_\_\_\_ THIS REVELATION AS WELL AS PARTICIPATE AS A \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE TRIBULATION, PERSEVERANCE AND KINGDOM.

THE WORD "PARTICIPANT" ALSO INDICATES SOMETHING \_\_\_\_\_.

#### ...THE TRIBULATION AND KINGDOM AND PERSEVERANCE...

IN GREEK, ONLY ONE ARTICLE IS PLACED BEFORE THESE SIGNIFYING THAT THEY ARE ALL POINTING TOWARD THE SAME " \_\_\_\_\_".



YOU CANNOT PRACTICE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE KINGDOM OUTSIDE OF \_\_\_\_\_ IN TRIBULATION.

#### ...IN JESUS...



THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SAINTS WITH JESUS IS THE EXACT REASON WHY WE ARE \_\_\_\_\_ TRIBULATION.

CONNECTION TO JESUS IS BOTH THE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE TRIALS IN LIFE AS WELL AS THE \_\_\_\_\_ TO ENDURE THEM.

#### ...BECAUSE OF THE WORD OF GOD AND THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS.

JOHN IS TELLING US THAT HE IS ACTIVELY UNDERGOING THE \_\_\_\_\_ THAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT.

WHY IS JOHN EXILED ON PATMOS ACCORDING TO THE TEXT? \_\_\_\_\_

THE TESTIMONY ABOUT JESUS WHEN IN THE COURT OF THE  
WOULD BE FOUNDATIONAL FOR THE JUDGEMENT RECEIVED IN THE  
COURT.

## PATMOS

PATMOS IS A SMALL \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE AEGEAN SEA.

IT IS \_\_\_\_\_ MILES LONG AND \_\_\_\_\_ MILES WIDE.

IT IS THE SITE OF A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONASTERIES AND NUNNERIES.



### I WAS IN THE SPIRIT...



ALLUDES TO \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_

JOHN IS PLACING HIMSELF EQUAL WITH THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE OT.

...A LOUD VOICE LIKE THE SOUND OF A TRUMPET...

ALLUDES TO \_\_\_\_\_

THIS IS WHERE ISRAEL GOES FROM A NATION \_\_\_\_\_ PRIESTS TO A NATION  
\_\_\_\_\_ PRIESTS.

### WRITE ON A SCROLL WHAT YOU SEE...

ALLUDES TO \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

GOD IS HAVING THESE OT PROPHETS WRITE DOWN TESTAMENTS  
OF \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST ISRAEL.



...AND SEND IT TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES: TO EPHESUS, SMYRNA, PERGAMUM,  
THYATIRA, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA, AND LAODICEA."

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THESE WERE THE \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCHES  
IN THE REGION AT THIS POINT IN CHURCH HISTORY.

THE FACT THAT \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCHES ARE CHOSEN POINTS TO THE AUDIENCE  
BEING THE \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH.

## PROPHECY IMPORTANT PATTERNS TO NOTE

WHAT IS THE PATTERN FOR OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

# CHAPTER 1:12

## ...SEVEN GOLDEN LAMPSTANDS...

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ALLUDES TO \_\_\_\_\_

EACH LAMPSTAND SERVES AS \_\_\_\_\_, BUT THE 7 OF THEM ARE THE CHURCH AS A \_\_\_\_\_.

THE LAMPSTAND IS VERY SIGNIFICANT THEOLOGICALLY.



### QUICK NOTE

#### WHERE HAVE WE SEEN THIS BEFORE?

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WHAT TWO OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES IS JOHN'S ENTIRE VISION REFRAMING?



## CHAPTER 1:13-16

### ...IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAMPSTANDS...

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WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR TENDING TO THE LAMPSTANDS? \_\_\_\_\_

JESUS IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TENDING TO THE LAMPSTANDS THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_.

...HIS EYES LIKE FLAMING TORCHES...

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PART OF JESUS' ROLE AS A PRIEST IS THAT OF \_\_\_\_\_.

HE IS A PRIEST WHO IS IN CONSTANT \_\_\_\_\_ WITH THE CHURCHES, SO HE KNOWS THEIR \_\_\_\_\_ CONDITION.

**HIS HEAD AND HIS HAIR WERE WHITE LIKE WHITE WOOL, LIKE SNOW...**

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ALLUDES TO \_\_\_\_\_

IT'S PERFECTLY \_\_\_\_\_ TO SEE CHRIST AND GOD IN THE SAME TERMS.

**HIS FEET WERE LIKE BURNISHED BRONZE WHEN IT HAS BEEN HEATED TO A GLOW IN A FURNACE...**

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THIS SPEAKS TO JESUS' \_\_\_\_\_ PURITY.

**...AND HIS VOICE WAS LIKE THE SOUND OF MANY WATERS.**

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ALLUDES TO \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

EZEKIEL 1:24 - WHEN THEY MOVED, I HEARD THE SOUND OF THEIR WINGS LIKE THE ROAR OF A HUGE TORRENT, LIKE THE VOICE OF THE ALMIGHTY, AND A SOUND OF TUMULT LIKE THE NOISE OF AN ARMY. WHEN THEY STOPPED, THEY LOWERED THEIR WINGS.



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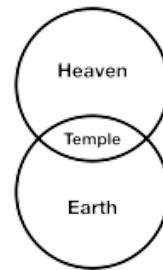
## ...SEVEN STARS...

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IN VERSE 20, THESE ARE "\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CHURCHES".

THIS REVEALS THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF JESUS IS BEYOND THE EARTH. IT EXTENDS INTO THE \_\_\_\_\_ REALM.

MEANING THAT THE CHURCH IS NOT MERELY \_\_\_\_\_, BUT THAT THERE IS AN OVERLAPPING OF \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ WITHIN THE BODY OF CHRIST.



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## ...A SHARP TWO-EDGED SWORD...

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ALLUDES TO \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_



THIS QUITE CLEARLY SPEAKS AGAIN TO JESUS AS \_\_\_\_\_.

## CHAPTER 1:17-18 I AM THE FIRST AND THE LAST...

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ALLUDES TO \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

JESUS IS \_\_\_\_\_.

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## DO NOT BE AFRAID...

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THE LAST PHRASE IS THE REASON FOR THIS ONE.

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AFRAID IF YOU KNOW THAT GOD IS IN CONTROL OF ALL OF HUMAN HISTORY.

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## ...LIVING ONE...

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JESUS BEAT \_\_\_\_\_.

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## ...LIVING...DEAD...ALIVE...

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THIS IS A PARALLEL TO THE WAY IN WHICH GOD WAS DESCRIBED EARLIER IN A THREEFOLD DYNAMIC.

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## ...I AM ALIVE FOREVERMORE...

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ALLUDES TO \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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## ...KEYS OF DEATH AND OF HADES

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ALLUDES TO \_\_\_\_\_

JESUS DIDN'T JUST \_\_\_\_\_ DEATH, BUT HE NOW HAS AUTHORITY \_\_\_\_\_ IT.

THIS SHOULD INSTILL CONFIDENCE IN BELIEVERS.



# CHAPTER 1:19

THEREFORE...

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AS A RESULT OF THE THINGS YOU JUST SAW...\_\_\_\_\_.

**...THINGS WHICH YOU HAVE SEEN...THINGS WHICH ARE...THINGS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE...**

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THIS IS ANOTHER \_\_\_\_\_ CLAUSE.

THINGS WHICH = ALL OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ THAT JOHN IS GOING TO RECEIVE. → "THINGS WHICH ARE AND WILL TAKE PLACE"

# CHAPTER 1:20

...MYSTERY...

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ALLUDES TO \_\_\_\_\_

PLACES WHERE THE NEW TESTAMENT REFERS TO THE "MYSTERY":

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_



...ANGELS...

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ALLUDES TO \_\_\_\_\_

Ἄγγελοι - ANGEOI - \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_

## REFLECTION/APPLICATION

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WHAT PARTS OF JOHN'S VISION OF JESUS FEEL COMFORTING TO YOU AND WHICH PARTS FEEL UNSETTLING?

HOW HAS YOUR OWN PICTURE OF JESUS BEEN SHAPED MORE BY CULTURE THAN BY SCRIPTURE?

IF JESUS WERE TO "WALK AMONG" OUR CHURCH WITH EYES OF FIRE, WHAT DO YOU THINK HE WOULD AFFIRM AND WHAT MIGHT HE LOVINGLY CONFRONT?

IF REVELATION IS MEANT TO SHAPE HOW WE LIVE NOW, NOT JUST WHAT WE EXPECT LATER, WHAT IS ONE CONCRETE CHANGE THIS PASSAGE INVITES YOU TO MAKE THIS WEEK?