

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 _____.

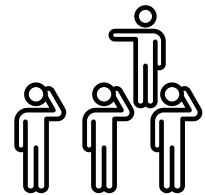
JOHN IS BOTH COMMISSIONED BY GOD TO _____ THIS REVELATION AS WELL AS PARTICIPATE AS A _____ IN THE TRIBULATION, PERSEVERANCE AND KINGDOM.

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...

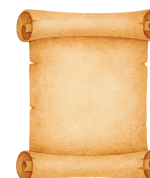
ALLUDES TO _____

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...

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?



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



CHAPTER 1:13-16

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

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...

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...

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...

THIS SPEAKS TO JESUS' _____ PURITY.



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

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.

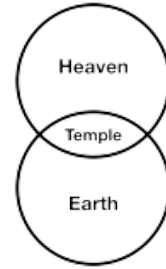


...SEVEN STARS...

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.



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



ALLUDES TO _____, _____

THIS QUITE CLEARLY SPEAKS AGAIN TO JESUS AS _____.



CHAPTER 1:17-18

I AM THE FIRST AND THE LAST...

ALLUDES TO _____, _____, _____

JESUS IS _____.

DO NOT BE AFRAID...

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.

...LIVING ONE...

JESUS BEAT _____.

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

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

...I AM ALIVE FOREVERMORE...

ALLUDES TO _____, _____

...KEYS OF DEATH AND OF HADES

ALLUDES TO _____

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

THIS SHOULD INSTILL CONFIDENCE IN BELIEVERS.



CHAPTER 1:19

THEREFORE...

AS A RESULT OF THE THINGS YOU JUST SAW..._____.

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

THIS IS ANOTHER _____ CLAUSE.

THINGS WHICH YOU HAVE SEEN = ALL OF THE _____ THAT → "THINGS WHICH ARE AND WILL TAKE PLACE"

CHAPTER 1:20

...MYSTERY...

ALLUDES TO _____

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

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____



...ANGELS...

ALLUDES TO _____

"Ἄγγελοι - ANGELOI - _____ OR _____

REFLECTION/APPLICATION

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?