

# 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.

## INTRO THE LETTER FORMULA



### REMINDER: THE LETTER FORMULA

- 1) HERE'S WHAT YOU'RE DOING RIGHT...
- 2) HERE'S WHAT YOU'RE DOING WRONG...
- 3) HERE'S A PROMISE...

## CHAPTER 2:12-17

### ...THE ONE WHO HAS THE SHARP TWO-EDGED SWORD...

REMEMBER: THIS ID IS ONE THAT RESONATES SPECIFICALLY TO EACH CHURCH THAT IS BEING WRITTEN TO.

WHAT DID THE DOUBLE EDGED SWORD REPRESENT?

### ...YOU HOLD FIRMLY TO MY NAME...

THIS IS THE ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ REMARK GIVEN IN THIS LETTER.

THEY ARE OPENLY \_\_\_\_\_ CHRIST EVEN WHEN THEY FACED SEVERE \_\_\_\_\_.

### **...WHERE SATAN'S THRONE IS...**

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PERGAMUM IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ CITY IN ASIA MINOR WHERE A \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE ROMAN EMPEROR WAS BUILT.

PERGAMUM WAS ALSO THE CENTER FOR THE CULT OF A GREEK GOD KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_.

### **SIDE NOTE**

THE IMPERIAL CULT WAS WOVEN IN AND THROUGH EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE IN THE CITY AS WELL AS THE VILLAGES SURROUNDING IT.

FOR CHRISTIANS TO REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP AND SACRIFICE TO THE EMPEROR WOULD AFFECT THE WAY THEY BUY AND SELL.

### **...THE TEACHING OF BALAAM...**

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

THE NAME OF \_\_\_\_\_ IS ASSOCIATED WITH ANY SORT OF FALSE TEACHER THAT RECEIVES \_\_\_\_\_ GAIN IN ORDER TO INFLUENCE GOD'S PEOPLE TO DO \_\_\_\_\_ STUFF.

### **...TO EAT THINGS SACRIFICED TO IDOLS...**

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THIS PRACTICE IS SIMPLY EATING FOOD THAT HAS BEEN \_\_\_\_\_ IN PAGAN TEMPLES.

TO REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE SORTS OF THINGS WOULD POTENTIALLY \_\_\_\_\_ YOU BOTH SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY.

### **...SEXUAL IMMORALITY...**

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THE ORIGINAL WORD HERE IS ACTUALLY ONE WORD: \_\_\_\_\_

THE ROOT OF WHICH IS: \_\_\_\_\_

"PORNEIA" OR "SEXUAL IMMORALITY" MEANS \_\_\_\_\_ SEXUAL ACTIVITY THAT DOES NOT TAKE PLACE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN WHO ARE BOUND TOGETHER WITHIN A \_\_\_\_\_ MARRIAGE.

### **...HIDDEN MANNA...**

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IT IS HIDDEN BECAUSE IT WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_ AT THE END OF TIME.

IT IS ALSO A STRONG \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE FOOD THEY HAVE PROBABLY BEEN CONSUMING IN THESE PAGAN TEMPLES.

### **...A WHITE STONE...**

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THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH \_\_\_\_\_.

WHITE IS A SYMBOL OF \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_

IN A LEGAL SETTING, A BLACK STONE WAS USED TO MEAN \_\_\_\_\_ AND A WHITE STONE WOULD REPRESENT \_\_\_\_\_.

**...A NEW NAME...**

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

JESUS IS THE FIRST TO RECEIVE A " \_\_\_\_\_ " ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 3.

**...NO ONE KNOWS EXCEPT THE ONE WHO RECEIVES IT...**

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KASIN THINKS THIS IS A CONTRAST WITH:

## THE FORMULA FOR PERGAMUM

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HERE'S WHAT YOU'RE DOING RIGHT:

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HERE'S WHAT YOU'RE DOING WRONG:

\_\_\_\_\_

HERE'S A PROMISE:

\_\_\_\_\_

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO OBSERVE THE ORDER THAT CHRIST USES WHEN WE NEED TO BRING A SHORTCOMING TO SOMEONE'S ATTENTION?

ARE WE AWARE OF THE DEMONIC STRONGHOLDS THAT EXIST IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY AND HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO THEM?

WHAT ARE THE KINDS OF COMPROMISES OUR CHURCH FACES TODAY THAT MIGHT BRING US UNDER GOD'S JUDGEMENT?

## CHAPTER 2:18-29

**...THE SON OF GOD...**

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THYATIRA HAD TWO GODS THAT WERE \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE CITY AND BOTH WERE CONSIDERED TO BE SONS OF \_\_\_\_\_.

THOSE GODS ARE \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_.

**...A FLAME OF FIRE, AND FEET LIKE BURNISHED BRONZE...**

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THESE ARE THE SYMBOL OF GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST PAGAN NATIONS.

**...YOUR DEEDS OF LATE ARE GREATER THAN AT FIRST.**

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THIS STANDS IN PRETTY STRONG CONTRAST TO \_\_\_\_\_.  
THYATIRA LOVES EVEN MORE THAN AT FIRST AND THEIR WORKS ARE \_\_\_\_\_.

**...JEZEBEL...**

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

<u>BALAAM</u>	<u>JEZEBEL</u>
REFRAMING _____	DIRECT _____
TEACHING HOW TO LIVE IN _____ WORLDS	TEACHING _____
CREATING _____	_____ PEOPLE TO DISOBEY

**...SHE DOES NOT WANT TO REPENT...**

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THERE HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN \_\_\_\_\_ TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION, BUT  
THEY HAVE COME UP \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION BREAK**

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THIS WOMAN TEACHER LEADING OTHERS ASTRAY IS WHY PAUL WARNED  
TIMOTHY NOT TO ALLOW WOMEN TO TEACH WITH AUTHORITY OVER THE CHURCH?

**...THOSE WHO COMMIT ADULTERY WITH HER...**

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NOT ONLY IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER HERSELF GOING TO RECEIVE JUDGEMENT  
FROM GOD, BUT THOSE WHO ARE \_\_\_\_\_ BY HER TEACHINGS.

**...HE WHO SEARCHES THE MINDS AND HEARTS...**

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CHRIST'S \_\_\_\_\_ IS ABLE TO PENETRATE TO THE VERY INNERMOST PARTS OF  
WHO WE ARE AND THAT KNOWLEDGE IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE \_\_\_\_\_  
OR \_\_\_\_\_ THAT HE WILL ADMINISTER.

**...I WILL GIVE TO EACH ONE OF YOU ACCORDING TO YOUR DEEDS...**

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

AT THE END OF ALL OF THIS, SOME PEOPLE WILL BE FOUND TO BE \_\_\_\_\_  
FOLLOWERS AND SOME WILL BE FOUND TO BE \_\_\_\_\_.

**...THE DEEP THINGS OF SATAN...**

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IT'S LIKELY THAT THEY ARE ACTUALLY REFERRING TO THESE \_\_\_\_\_  
PRACTICES AS "DEEP THINGS OF \_\_\_\_\_".

THEY ARE PRETENDING TO HAVE FOUND SOME " \_\_\_\_\_ " THAT REVEALS THAT THERE IS MORE TO BE HAD SPIRITUALLY IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN THESE \_\_\_\_\_ OR SATANIC PRACTICES.

**...I PLACE NO OTHER BURDEN ON YOU.**

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

**...KEEPS MY DEEDS...**

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JESUS EQUATES " \_\_\_\_\_ " WITH " \_\_\_\_\_ ".

CHRISTIANS OVERCOME BY THEIR \_\_\_\_\_ LIVING, NOT JUST BY \_\_\_\_\_.

**...AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE SHATTERED.**

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

CHRIST HAS RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_ AND THAT AUTHORITY IS BEING SHARED WITH YOU IF YOU ARE WILLING TO \_\_\_\_\_.

**...MORNING STAR.**

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

CHRIST CALLS HIMSELF THAT BRIGHT MORNING STAR IN \_\_\_\_\_.

THIS STAR IS A SYMBOL ASSOCIATED WITH THE \_\_\_\_\_ REIGN.

ROMAN EMPERORS ALSO CLAIMED TO DESCEND FROM \_\_\_\_\_ WHICH WAS CONSIDERED TO BE THE MORNING STAR.

## THE FORMULA FOR THYATIRA

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HERE'S WHAT YOU'RE DOING WRONG:

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HERE'S A PROMISE:

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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WHAT CAN CHURCHES DO TO ENSURE THAT THEIR FLOCKS ARE GUARDED AGAINST ATTACKS FROM PEOPLE LIKE JEZEBEL?

ARE THERE FALSE TEACHERS TODAY WHO LEAD CHURCHES ASTRAY UNDER THE GUISE OF A NEED TO MAKE THE GOSPEL MORE PALATABLE TO THE WORLD OR HELP CHRISTIANS GET ALONG BETTER WHEN DEALING WITH THE WORLD IN THEIR PERSONAL SITUATIONS?

DO WE FOCUS ON GOD'S MERCY BECAUSE WE ARE INVOLVED IN COMPROMISE AND WOULD PREFER TO BELIEVE HE WILL TOLERATE OUR BEHAVIOR?

HOW ARE THOSE WHO DO NOT LIVE UNDER THREAT OF PERSECUTION TO APPLY THESE TRUTHS TO THEIR OWN LIVES?

IF JESUS WROTE A LETTER TO OUR CHURCH, WHAT DO YOU THINK HE WOULD PRAISE? OR WHAT MIGHT HE CHALLENGE?