

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 QUOTE

“THE REAL ISSUE IN THE HEBREW BIBLE IS NOT THE ISSUE OF MORTALITY AND IMMORTALITY. IT’S THE ISSUE OF KNOWLEDGE. THE ONLY THING THAT WE PERFECTLY LEARN IS THE BOUNDEDNESS OF OUR OWN KNOWLEDGE, AND GOD IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT BARRIER.”

- MEIR STERNBERG

THIS IS THE SAME LETTER THAT WE WERE IN LAST WEEK. IT IS A CONTINUATION OF THE EXACT SAME VISION.

WHAT STANDS OUT TO YOU

AFTER THESE THINGS...

THIS WORD MIGHT SEEM TO MAKE THESE EVENTS _____, BUT THAT IS NOT A GOOD INTERPRETATION.

THESE EVENTS ARE _____, BUT THAT DOES NOT MAKE THEM “_____”.

THE ENTIRETY OF REVELATION WAS AND IS A _____ LETTER.

JOHN RECEIVES THE _____ FROM JESUS TO ANSWER THE DOOR IN CHAPTER 3. THEN “AFTER THESE THINGS”, HE SEES A DOOR.

...I WAS IN THE SPIRIT...

THIS IS THE _____ PHRASE FOR THE ENTIRE VISION.

JOHN ISN’T “IN THE _____”. HE’S “IN THE _____”.

SIDE NOTE

THESE ARE SOME POINTS OF COMPARISON WITH THE VISION DANIEL HAS IN DANIEL 7:9-14.

The prophet "looks"	Daniel 7:9	Revelation 4:1
He sees a throne in heaven with God sitting on it	Daniel 7:9	Revelation 4:2
God's appearance is described	Daniel 7:9	Revelation 4:3
There is a fire before the throne	Daniel 7:9-10	Revelation 4:5
"Myriads and myriads" of heavenly beings surround the throne	Daniel 7:10	Revelation 5:11
Book(s) are opened	Daniel 7:10	Revelation 5:1-5
A divine figure approaches the throne and receives a kingdom which will last forever	Daniel 7:13-14	Revelation 5:5-13
The kingdom consists of all peoples, nations, and tongues	Daniel 7:14	Revelation 5:9
The prophet experiences distress on account of the vision	Daniel 7:15	Revelation 5:4
The prophet receives wisdom concerning the vision from one of the heavenly beings	Daniel 7:16	Revelation 5:5
The saints are given authority to reign over a kingdom	Daniel 7:18, 22, 27	Revelation 5:10
The vision concludes with mention of God's eternal reign	Daniel 7:27	Revelation 5:13-14

...JASPER...SARDIUS...EMERALD...

ALLUDES TO _____

THESE STONES REPRESENT GOD'S _____ AND _____.

THEY ARE ALSO PART OF THE TWELVE FOUNDATION STONES MENTIONED IN _____.

...RAINBOW...

POSSIBLY AN ALLUSION TO _____

THE RAINBOW IS A SYMBOL OF GOD'S _____.

...TWENTY-FOUR THRONES...TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS...

POSSIBLE ALLUSION TO _____

IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THESE ARE A COMBINATION OF THE 12 _____ OF THE TRIBES AND THE 12 _____.

IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS IS A GROUP _____ FROM THE MULTITUDE OF SAINTS.

...CAME FLASHES OF LIGHTNING AND SOUNDS AND PEALS OF THUNDER...

ALLUDES TO _____

EVERY TIME THIS PHRASE OCCURS IT HAS TO DO WITH GOD'S _____.

...CAME FLASHES OF LIGHTNING AND SOUNDS AND PEALS OF THUNDER...

ALLUDES TO _____

POSSIBLE ALLUSION TO 2 KINGS 25:13 AND JEREMIAH 52:17 AND 20

THIS IS THE HEAVENLY EQUIVALENT OF THE _____.

...FOUR LIVING CREATURES FULL OF EYES IN FRONT AND BEHIND...

EZEKIEL 1:1-28 - _____

ISAIAH 6:1-7 - _____

IT'S LIKELY THAT THEY REPRESENT ALL OF _____.

**"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS
AND WHO IS TO COME."**

ALLUDES TO _____

GOD IS TO BE GLORIFIED BECAUSE OF HIS _____ AND _____.

...TO HIM WHO SITS ON THE THRONE...

THIS PHRASE SHOULD BRING _____ TO YOU AS A BELIEVER.

GOD IS SEATED IN _____.

SIDE NOTE

WHAT IS GOD'S PERSPECTIVE OF TIME?

...THEY WILL WORSHIP HIM...

WORSHIP IS NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU _____ TO DO OR NOT DO.

WE ALL WORSHIP _____, THE QUESTION IS _____ AND/OR
WHOM.

MY _____ IS AN EXERTION OF ENERGY AND EFFORT. WHAT IS THAT BEING DIRECTED TOWARD?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WHERE DOES A STRONG THEOLOGY OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY LEAD US WHEN MINISTERING TO THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING?

WHERE WILL A WEAK VIEW LEAD US?

DO WE TAKE THE EXISTENCE OF THESE HEAVENLY BEINGS SERIOUSLY OR DO WE JUST WRITE THEM OFF TO ALLEGORY?

HOW DOES THE FOCUS OF HEAVENLY WORSHIP IN THIS PASSAGE SET A STANDARD FOR OUR WORSHIP?

...YOU ARE WRETCHED, MISERABLE, POOR, BLIND, AND NAKED...

...SO THAT YOU MAY CLOTHE YOURSELF...

...SO THAT YOU MAY SEE.

**...BECAUSE YOU ARE LUKEWARM, AND NEITHER HOT NOR COLD, I WILL VOMIT YOU
OUT OF MY MOUTH.**

THE FORMULA FOR LAODICEA

HERE'S WHAT YOU'RE DOING RIGHT:

HERE'S WHAT YOU'RE DOING WRONG:

HERE'S A PROMISE:

DISCUSSION BREAK

IS IT POSSIBLE TO FALL INTO LUKEWARMNESS WITHOUT EVEN NOTICING?

HOW DO WE GUARD THE LOCAL CHURCH AGAINST FALLING INTO THIS STUPOR OR POSSIBLY
EVEN DEATH?

DOES AN EXCESSIVE CONCERN FOR THESE THINGS PUSH GOD OUT OF OUR LIVES?

HOW DOES LIVING IN A WEALTHY SOCIETY AFFECT THE WAY WE INTERACT WITH GOD?