

Revelation
Book and Series introduction
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Book introduction

Revelation = _____ Apocalypse = _____

Purpose:

The church in the first century was a _____ church

The original intent of this letter is to _____ those Christians

Themes of the book

The book reveals significant aspects of the _____ of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

The _____ and _____ of God.

The 4 interpretation philosophies

1. P _____ Problem _____

2. I _____ Problem _____

3. H _____ Problems _____

4. F _____ Problems _____

Christ in the midst of his church

Written in the form of an _____

God promises a blessing to those who read or hear and then _____ what is written.

John claims that this book is a _____ (the word of God) and that he is an eye-witness to everything that he is going to write about.

The book is addressed to 7 churches in _____.

The book was intended to be a _____ letter. This then is a letter that is to be passed around, or copied and passed around.

HOMework

1. In verses 1-3 is a series of links of how we got God's Word that we call Revelation. List the 6 links (Hint: you the reader are the last one).
2. Why do you think that Revelation begins with this chain of revelation?
3. During Jesus' time with his disciples John is described as 'the one whom Jesus loved (i.e. best friend. How does John describe himself in relation to Jesus in verse 1? What does it show about John?
4. Verse 1 says that these things "must soon take place." Why do you think John says they *must* take place? What does this suggest about his view of God?
5. Verse 1 says that Jesus "made it known" to John. The Greek word indicates figurative representation, something that is made known by a sign. In verse 2, John is to bear witness to all that he "saw." How does this prepare us to read the rest of Revelation and what does it lead us to expect about this book?

Read Revelation chapter 1 at least 3 times this week