



SUMMER BIBLE JAM 2017

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

APOCALYPSE

SEEING

READING IN A GENRE

FEATURES OF APOCALYPTIC WRITING:

- Cosmic scope (activity of God that affects the entire world)
- Figurative language (signs, symbols, & visions)
- Making use of language & descriptions of the author's times in order to describe heavenly realities
- Both present & future orientation

CONSIDER IN ORDER TO SEE:

- Among all the details, what is the main idea of the text?
- How are the symbols and descriptions being used to communicate something about God, His character, and the nature of His purposes?
- What is this showing me about the Lord Jesus Christ (His Person & Work)?
- What kind of response from God's people does this passage call for?

THIS WEEK'S READING

REVELATION 2-3; 12-13; 19

SUGGESTED DAILY READING & MEDITATION PLAN:

- Mon: Rev. 2-3
- Tues: Rev. 2-3
- Wed: Rev. 12-13
- Thurs: Rev. 12-13
- Fri: Rev. 19

SAVORING

LETTING A PASSAGE READ YOU

- USE PAGES 12-13 OF YOUR FIELD MANUAL AS A GUIDE & WRITE DOWN THOUGHTS

WHAT IS THE BOOK OF REVELATION DESIGNED TO DO FOR US?

"Revelation unveils the unseen spiritual war in which the church is engaged: the cosmic conflict between God and his Christ on the one hand, and Satan and his evil allies (both demonic and human) on the other. In this conflict, Jesus the Lamb has already won the decisive victory through his sacrificial death, but his church continues to be assaulted by the dragon, in its death-throes, through persecution, false teaching, and the allure of material affluence and cultural approval. By revealing the spiritual realities lying behind the church's trials and temptations during the time between Christ's first and second comings, and by dramatically affirming the certainty of Christ's triumph in the new heaven and earth, the visions granted to John both warn the church and fortify it to endure suffering and to stay pure from the defiling enticements of the present world order." (ESV Study Bible)

ENCOUNTERING

EXPERIENTIALLY DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

- USE PAGES 16-17 OF YOUR FIELD MANUAL AS A GUIDE
- WHAT KIND OF AWARENESS OF GOD OR RESPONSE IS THE SPIRIT AWAKENING?

DISCUSSING

DIRECTION FOR DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

- DISCUSS YOUR ENCOUNTER WITH GOD THIS WEEK IN REVELATION