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Understanding the Book of Revelation

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Use enrichment magazine pp. 2–3, 30–32.

Revelation 1:1–8

Resources for Worship

Use these resources for your daily study at home and at the week's assembly.

Hymn

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"
Cry out, dominions, pryncedoms, pow'rs,
Archangels, virtues, angel choirs:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Respond, O souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Eternal anthems echoing:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945

Prayer

Lord Jesus, our victorious Savior, we recognize that we must endure many hardships to enter the kingdom of God. Send Your Holy Spirit through the means of grace to keep us steadfast in triumphant faith as we travel through this world of sin and sorrow, until we are safe forever with You in heaven, for Your mercy's sake. Amen.

Digging Deep

My Personal Study for Week 1

Day 1 • Read Revelation 1:1–2

1. What do the opening verses of Revelation tell us about the message of the book and its transmission?

2. The word *apocalyptic* comes from a Greek word that means "to disclose." Revelation is the only apocalyptic book in the New Testament. *Apocalyptic* refers to writings that are rich in references to "the last days" and in symbols of angels and animals and numbers. List apocalyptic features in the texts below. *Do not attempt to interpret the verses at this time.*

a. Revelation 4:7–11

b. Revelation 8:2–6

c. Revelation 13:18

d. Revelation 19:17–21

b. Who is the leader of the evil angels (Revelation 12:9)?

e. Revelation 20:2–3

c. What assignment has God given to the good angels concerning you (Hebrews 1:14)?

3. What does 2 Timothy 3:15–17 tell us about the origin and purpose of the apocalyptic writings we find in the Bible?

d. Why should angels not be worshiped (Revelation 19:10)?

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Day 2 • Read Revelation 1:3

4. a. In apocalyptic writing, as here in Revelation, two kinds of angels are pictured, good and evil. In verse 1 a good angel brings a message that results in blessing for those who read, hear, and keep the message brought to John. What blessing is brought by an angel in Revelation 14:6?

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Day 3 • Read Revelation 1:4–5a

5. The Book of Revelation is written in the form of a letter with John, the apostle whom Jesus loved, as the writer (1:1) and the seven churches of Asia Minor (Turkey today) as the addressees (1:4, 11). Name the cities in which these seven churches were located.

6. List the verse or verses in Revelation 1:1–8 tell us these facts:

a. Jesus Christ is both the receiver and the giver of revelation.

The Triumphant Christ Speaks to His Church

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Use enrichment magazine pp. 4–7.

Revelation 1:9–3:22

Resources for Worship

Use these resources for your daily study at home and at the week’s assembly.

Hymn

Jesus lives! The vict’ry’s won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! To Him the throne
There above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! For me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.

Christian F. Gellert, 1715–69; tr. Frances E. Cox,
1812–97, alt.

Reflection

Perhaps you have heard or read this statement: “Whenever God erects a house of prayer, the devil builds a chapel right next door.” The truth of that becomes very real to us, as God’s people, when we look at the seven churches to whom the triumphant Christ writes a letter in the Book of Revelation. “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22).

Prayer

O Christ Jesus, our triumphant ever-present Lord of the church, You told Your disciples and all of us, “Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them” (Matthew 18:20). Keep us conscious of this in all our Christian fellowship in prayer

and Bible study and ministry. We delight in Your presence and rely on Your support in all our activity. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

Digging Deep

My Personal Study for Week 2

Day 1 • Read Revelation 1:9–20

1. a. How does John describe himself and his circumstances in verses 9–10?

b. What does John imply about the circumstances of his readers in these same verses?

2. a. Read the following verses in Revelation and Daniel. What do these passages tell us about Jesus?

Daniel 7:13–14

Revelation 1:7–8

Revelation 1:12–18

b. Which feature of Christ in verses 12–16 do you find most impressive?

b. Encouraged to be faithful

c. Left its first love

3. a. Within this description of Jesus’ glorious majesty (vv. 12–20), we find a reference to the Gospel—the Good News of our salvation through Christ. Find and record this Gospel statement.

d. A temptress in its midst

b. What does this Gospel statement mean to you personally?

6. Paul had ministered in Ephesus perhaps 40 years previously (Acts 19), and this church became one of the most prominent congregations in the first centuries of Christian history.

a. For what does Jesus commend this church (Revelation 2:1–3)?

4. Notice that John sees Jesus standing *among* the seven golden lampstands (v. 13). In verse 20 John identifies the seven lampstands as the seven churches mentioned in verse 11. The seven stars are identified as the angels, or messengers, of the seven churches (most likely referring to the pastors). In chapters 2–3 Jesus addresses a message to each of the angels of the churches. What encouragement to churches do you find in these references to the lampstands and the stars (vv. 12–13, 16, 20)? (See also Matthew 18:20.)

b. For what does Jesus fault this church (vv. 4–6)?

7. Compare the messages to the churches in Pergamum (vv. 12–17) and in Thyatira (vv. 18–29).

a. What two problems faced both of these churches?

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Day 2 • Read Revelation 2

5. Which one of the churches in the second chapter can be identified as follows?

a. Tempted to compromise

b. In what way do you think it might be said that churches today are called upon to deal with these same problems?