

## Introduction to Revelation

Part One

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### Why Revelation?

1. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus
2. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all biblical themes
3. It is the grand \_\_\_\_\_ of the final \_\_\_\_\_
4. It \_\_\_\_\_ the worldly \_\_\_\_\_
5. Images communicate \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ power

### Overview of classes:

#### General introduction:

1. When it was written?
2. Who wrote it?
3. Who was it written to?
4. Central theme?

#### Genre: What type of literature is Revelation?

1. Biblical genres (sample):
2. Revelation is a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ genres

<sup>1</sup> The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup> who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. <sup>3</sup> Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. <sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

3. Genre summary: An \_\_\_\_\_ in the form of a \_\_\_\_\_
4. Point for interpreting it? You can't interpret it in a \_\_\_\_\_ fashion

### Symbolism of images:

1. Images are intended to convey \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Interconnection of Images are often \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Origen of images/symbols
  - a. Images are not drawn from the \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Most images find their roots in the \_\_\_\_\_  
Examples –
  
4. Other images were understood in the context of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Examples –
  
5. Imagery should be interpreted \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the book unless there are \_\_\_\_\_ reason not to  
Example –

### Symbolism of numbers:

- With rare exceptions numbers are also \_\_\_\_\_ and not to be read \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Many of the images have a \_\_\_\_\_  
Examples –

### Text Example of Interpretation:

<sup>1</sup> And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. <sup>2</sup> He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. <sup>3</sup> Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth. <sup>4</sup> They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone. <sup>6</sup> And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.