

## The Revelation of JESUS CHRIST ( main theme of the book is as it's named)

*Welcome to the study of the book of Revelation , you are not here by accident ! We were born for a time such as this !*

**Author :** John the Apostle – same guy that wrote the very important Gospel of John plus the 3 x epistles/letters of John. Good idea to read those

also while we're going through Revelation

He was the only Apostle that lived to an old age, the others all died martyrs.

**When written :** approx. AD95

**Where written :** While John was exiled/ banished/imprisoned by the Romans under the intense persecution of the Emperor Domitian

to the island of Patmos, off the coast of Asia Minor opposite the city of Ephesus.

The apostle may have even used symbolism in the book to hide the meaning to the Romans but knowing that the Christians would understand

the terminology from the rest of the Bible.

The church of Ephesus was where John ministered in his later years. The people are called Ephesians, like the book/letter of Paul

to the Ephesians in the Bible.

**For whom was it written?** For the 7 churches in Asia Minor (see below list on map).

**Format :** it was written in the format of a letter to be circulated among the churches (see below list on map).


**Meaning of Revelation :** From the Greek word 'apokalypsis' meaning: The unveiling of something previously hidden. It's where we get our

English word apocalypse from meaning the complete final destruction of the world.

**Cool fact :** Jesus Himself is recorded saying in John 16:13 that the Holy Spirit

will guide us in all truth and **show us the things to come.**



**Why was Revelation written:** Because he LOVES  us and doesn't want us to fear the unknown but also because He wants us to warn others because we in turn love them!

The book of Revelation was written to *reveal, to unveil, to bless* and above all to be *understood*! It is Christ's final Revelation to man before He returns to fulfil what is written in this book!

### **Short timeline of Revelation :**

**Chapter 1 : 1-7** Introduction


**Verse 8-20** Jesus reveals Himself – **THE THINGS WHICH ARE / THAT WHICH IS**

**Chapters 2-4** Messages from Jesus to the 7 churches of Asia Minor. We must ask ourselves how these messages are relevant today still? – **THE THINGS THAT WERE/WAS**


Chapters 5 to 22 **THE THINGS WHICH ARE TO COME ( REV 1:8 )**

**Short summary :** A prophecy of the end times and God's triumph over the forces of evil .

### **Revelation notes:**

- Revelation is the final book of the Bible and probably the most exciting of all! Whoop whoop!
- It is the only book that actually says that it offers a *blessing* to those that hear the words of the prophecy contained in it and keep them for the time is at hand (1:3). However, all books that we read in the Bible offer us a blessing when we read it, perhaps this is just a SPECIAL one !
- At the end a very sober warning  is given that adding or subtracting from this book or any other book in the Bible for that matter will have serious consequences – meaning that the plagues described in them will come upon such a person so that means that they will experience the Tribulation period and/or hell !  
Therefore we must be careful when people say they have received 'prophetic revelations' today (nothing further is needed, it is *complete* in the Bible)  
or when people call themselves an Apostle. John was the final Apostle of the Bible and when he died there were none left.

- It ends with the restoration of all things to God's created perfection, yeah! A happy ending.
- It completes the full cycle of the story of the world and creation including mankind.
- Many Christians sadly ignore this book because they say it's difficult to understand, open to interpretation and full of metaphors and symbols. However, we will discover that it

is incredibly EASY to understand once we diligently unlock  the clues in the rest of the Bible in order to do so 😊

- It is the only book of Apocalyptic literature in the new testament , the next most important one in the old testament is Daniel(7-12), then Ezekiel (37-41) and Zechariah ( 9-12).
- The number 7 occurs more in Revelation than in all the other NT books together! 7 churches, seals, lampstands, trumpets, scrolls, thunders etc. It is the number of fulness and completion because Creation was completed on the 7<sup>th</sup> day. Ever since Creation, man has been keeping time in 7-day weeks.



Patmos : a rocky and barren island in that time, today it is populated.



**Seven Churches of Revelation**  
— Chapters 2-3 —

- 1 Ephesus
- 2 Smyrna
- 3 Pergamos
- 4 Thyatira
- 5 Sardis
- 6 Philadelphia
- 7 Laodicea

Island of Patmos: where John received the vision

The map displays the Aegean Sea region, with the seven churches of Revelation marked by numbered red pins (1-7) along a dotted path. The map includes a scale bar (20 mi / 50 km) and an inset map showing the location of the Aegean Sea between Greece and Turkey, with Athens marked in Greece.