

# Study Series: Revelations

*Questions about Revelation 1.1—3.22*

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1. Who was John, and why was he on Patmos Island (1.4, 9)?
  2. Who spoke to John (1.9-11)?
  3. John was told to write to seven churches in Asia (1.9 – 3.22). What particular problems did each church face? What was the basic message John was instructed to give to each church?
  4. Why was the Roman Empire of the late first century and early second century A.D. a difficult place for Christians to live? What kind of messages do you think people who are facing persecution and suffering need to hear? Why?
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## *Questions about Revelation 4.1-13.18*

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1. In John's vision, what was happening at the "throne" (4.1-11)? Who are the twenty-four elders (4.4, 10)?
  2. Who is the Lamb (5.6-13)? What is the scroll (book) with the seven seals (5.1-5; 6.1 – 8.1)?  
What animals are connected with the opening of the first four seals? What does each represent?
  3. Who does John see when the fifth seal is opened (6.9-11)? What happens when the sixth seal is opened (6.12 – 7.17)?  
Who are the 144,000 who are marked on their foreheads (7.4-8)?
  4. What happens when each of the first six angels blows their trumpets (8.2 – 9.21)?  
What is revealed when the seventh and last trumpet is sounded (10.1-11)?
  5. Describe the two witnesses (11.1-7). What is their task? What happens to them (11.7-13)?
  6. What happens when the seventh trumpet is sounded (11.15-19)? Who are the woman and the dragon (12.1-6)?  
After fighting in heaven with the angel Michael, who does the dragon make trouble for (12.13-18)? What do you think this battle represents?
  7. Who is the beast that comes up from the sea (13.1-4)? From where did it get its power? How long was the beast allowed to rule (13.5)? What is significant about this amount of time? What was the second beast able to do (13.11-18)?
  8. Chapters 4 – 13 are filled with many images and symbols. How do you think the original readers interpreted their meaning? What, if anything, do these passages have to say to us today?
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## *Questions about Revelation 14.1-22.21*

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1. What messages were given by the three angels (14.6-12)? What effect might these messages have had on early Christians living in a society that was often hostile to the Christian faith?
  2. What or who are the “grapes” mentioned in 14.14-20 (CEV)? What happened to the grapes?
  3. What was in the seven bowls of anger (16.1-21, CEV)?
  4. Who or what is the “prostitute” (17.1-18)? What is the prostitute’s connection to the beast?
  5. What does Babylon stand for (18.1-24)? Why do kings and merchants mourn when Babylon falls (18.9-18)?
  6. What is the wedding day of the Lamb (19.7-9, CEV)? Who is the Lamb’s bride? Who is invited to the Lamb’s wedding feast?
  7. In the end, what happens to the beast and the dragon (19.19 –20.3, 7-15)?
  8. Describe the new heaven and the new earth (21.1-8). What is the New Jerusalem (21.9–22.5)? How is the New Jerusalem like the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2.4b-25)?
  9. How would you summarize the basic message of Revelation? What did you find most meaningful about the book? What new questions does it raise?
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