

The Bible - Week 50 (December 26th)

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Revelations

Author: John

Date: mid 90's

Audience: The 7 churches... Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea

Reason: To show the completion of God's plan

Theme: The current and future church

Key Verse:

Revelation 1:19 CEB

So write down what you have seen, both the scene now before you and the things that are about to unfold after this.

Sections: Past (Ch 1), Present (Ch 2-3), Future (4-22)

Key Words: Church, Jesus, Judgement, Satan, Nations

Basic Intro: This is Apocalyptic writing, it looks into the future with a spiritual perspective. It is full of illustrations that are hard to understand for reasons we cannot understand today. It is meant to be an unfolding of knowledge for us as God readies humanity for his ever evolving plan of salvation.

Questions for Discussion:

• **In chapter 1 there are 24 titles for Jesus (200+ in all scripture). What titles of Jesus can you think of and how are they helpful?**

- **Revelation speaks of Judgement and that seems harsh for many. Yet we believe that we worship a just God and that his judgment is a period when we will be given a final chance to reprint and be forgiven. Why are we so hard hearted/headed that it must be such extremes to understand our need for forgiveness?**
- **People debate if Revelations is about real events/ places/etc or metaphorical events/places/etc. How do you handle the lack of consensus in faithful people about this book of the Bible? Where do you land and why?**
- **What do you think the New Heaven, New Earth will be like?**
- **If Revelation is the last book of the Bible, how is it helpful to you in the journey of faith?**