



The message of the book of Revelation is as relevant today as it was when it was first penned. It proclaims a message of hope and a message of warning – both of which are vitally important in the day in which we live. It guarantees a blessing on all who (1) read (2) hear and (3) keep what is written in the book (Revelation 1:3).

Outline

- **Motivation** *Why study Revelation?*
- **Genre** *What type of literature?*
- **Author** *Who wrote the book?*
- **Audience** *Who was the book written to?*
- **Purpose** *Why was the book written?*
- **Setting** *What was going on?*
- **Overture** *What lies ahead?*

Truths & Principles

- ✓ Twenty-eight percent of the Bible, at the time it was written, was prophetic in nature.
- ✓ All the prophecies that have been fulfilled so far have been fulfilled with 100% accuracy.
- ✓ God wants us to understand His plans for the future - for us and for all of His creation.
- ✓ The message of hope and warning, found in the book of Revelation, provides comfort for all persecuted believers, through all the ages.

Preview

This initial lesson focuses on the metadata regarding the book of Revelation. It provides answers to the most basic questions related to the book, including,

- ❖ Why study the book?
- ❖ Who wrote the book?
- ❖ Who was the book written to?

In addition, this lesson provides a quick survey of what lies ahead in our studies.

Applications

- ✓ We can trust God's inspired Word to provide hope, warning and instruction.
- ✓ We must take the study of God's Word seriously, if we want to equip ourselves for every good work.
- ✓ We should be motivated to live righteously and to share the Gospel, given that we are in the last days, and that Jesus could come back at any moment – our "blessed hope".



Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

1. Who wrote the book of Revelation? _____
2. Who was the book written to? _____
3. When was the book written? _____
4. Where was the book written? _____
5. What type of book is it? _____
6. What does “apocalypse” mean? _____
7. Revelation is the revealing of whom? _____

Study Questions

1. Of all the reasons provided for studying the book of Revelation, which one motivates you the most and why?
2. In preparation for this study, please reflect on the following questions:
 - Do you really believe the world is headed for mass destruction?
 - Do you believe Satan and his minions will lead people astray as the end draws near?
 - Do you believe that Jesus Christ will physically and triumphantly return to the earth?
 - Do you believe that God will ultimately judge evil – angelic and human?
 - What do you believe the New Heavens and New Earth will be like?
3. Does emperor worship of ancient Rome have any counterparts in our culture?
4. Why might people be so hostile to Jesus Christ and His followers?
5. As a Christian living in a country that currently allows for free worship, what can you do to help our persecuted Christian brothers/sisters in other parts of the world?