

# the REVELATION

# PART 1: TO THE ONE WHO OVERCOMES

The Revelation is an unveiling of the spiritual reality and conflict that followers of Jesus have always been involved. It is a call to those who are feeling overwhelmed by this spiritual conflict and battle to overcome by staying faithful to the Lamb, Jesus, even during true suffering and persecution. It's a call to long for the return of Christ and the establishment of His kingdom called the New Jerusalem. Believers are given the great heart cry, Maranatha. Which means even so, Come Lord Jesus Come!

#### WEEK ONE: WHAT IS THE APOCALYPSE?

# DAILY READINGS

SUN 1/09 Revelation 1:1-9

MON 1/10 Isaiah 2:1-5

TUE 1/11 Jeremiah 31:31-34, 8:6-12

WED 1/12 Philippians 1:1-11

THU 1/13 Thessalonians 5:1-17

FRI 1/14 John 14:1-14

**SAT** 1/15 John 14:15-31

**BOTTOM LINE** Apocalypse is an unveiling of spiritual reality all Christians face while living this life.

- 1. Why do you think the book of Revelation is so often Ignored? Feared? Misunderstood? Confusing?
- 2. What questions / concerns do you have as we prepare to go through the book of Revelation?
- 3. What assumptions do you have about the book of Revelation?
- 4. In chapter 1 verse 3 of Revelation, it says that this book should be a <u>blessing</u>. Why do you think a book that is supposed to be a blessing is often so feared and misunderstood? What do you think makes it a blessing?
- 5. According to chapter 1:1-10, who is the author of this book and who was the initial audience?
- 6. How does it fall on you to hear that the main purpose of the Book of Revelation is to make Jesus clearer to us? Does this surprise you? Why or why not?
- 7. One assumption of Revelation is that it is a chronological roadmap of the future. Is that how you view it? Why or why not?
- 8. What are you hoping to learn from this study of Revelation?

This week take time to read through the book completely and write down questions you have. Take time to meditate on how Jesus is being revealed in this book. Journal what you are learning and the questions you have and then as questions get answered, go back and write the answers you discovered next to your questions.

#### WEEK TWO: GLORIFIED JESUS

**BOTTOM LINE** Jesus is revealed as God almighty, Victor and Judge.

Read the description of Jesus in verse 12-16 of chapter one.

- 1. How does this description of Jesus make you feel? What do you think your response would have been?
- 2. Why do you think Jesus reveals himself this way at that time to John?
- 3. Do you ever think we don't take Jesus seriously enough? Does the Glorified Jesus revealed in this passage inspire you? What assumptions about Jesus does this picture of Jesus challenge in your heart?

- 4. Again, this book's first purpose is to make who Jesus is clearer to us, how does this passage make him clearer to you?
- 5. As you think about the other scripture, we read this week, what jumps out to you about the glorified Jesus?

Below is a list of the names of Jesus found in the book of Revelation. Take a moment to highlight your favorites!

- 6. What are some that surprise you?
- 7. How does this list challenge you or your assumptions about Jesus?
- 8. Are any of these names sticking out to you as names you need to be more aware of and attuned to for our Savior?

# DAILY READINGS

**SUN 1/16** Revelation 1:8-20

MON 1/17 Colossians 1:3-14

TUE 1/18 John 1:1-7

WED 1/19 John 15:1-17

THU 1/20 Matthew 25:31-46

FRI 1/21 Revelation 19:11-16

**SAT 1/22** Revelation 22:6-21

## NAMES OF JESUS IN REVELATION

| 1. Jesus Christ                                  | Rev 1:1         | 19. He that shuts and no man opens Rev 3:7        |
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| 2. Faithful Witness                              | Rev 1:5         | 20. The Amen Rev 3:14                             |
| 3. First Begotten of the Dead                    | Rev 1:5         | 21. The faithful and true witness Rev 3:14        |
| 4. Prince of the Kings of the Earth              | Rev 1:5         | 22. The beginning of the creation of God Rev 3:14 |
| 5. Alpha and Omega                               | Rev 1:8-13      | 23. Lord Rev 4:11                                 |
| 6. First and Last                                | Rev 1:8, 11, 13 | 24. Lion of the tribe of Judah Rev 5:5,9          |
| 7. Son of Man                                    | Rev 1;13        | 25. The root of David Rev 5:5,9                   |
| 8. He that is Alive and was dead                 | Rev 1:13, 18    | 26. A lamb as it had been slain Rev 5:6,7         |
| 9. He that holds the seven stars                 | Rev 2:1         | 27. The Lamb Rev 5:8,9                            |
| 10. He who walketh midst the golden candlesticks | Rev 2:1         | 28. Lord of Lords Rev 17:14                       |
| 11. He who hath the sharp sword with two edges   | Rev 2:12        | 29. King of Kings Rev                             |
| 12. Son of God                                   | Rev 2:18        | 30. Faithful and true 17:14                       |
| 13. He which searches the minds and hearts       | Rev 2:23        | 31. Rider of the white horse Rev 19:11            |
| 14. He that hath the seven Spirits of God        | Rev 3: 1        | 32. The Word of God Rev 19:11                     |
| 15. He that hath the seven stars                 | Rev 3:1         | 33. Christ Rev 19:13-16                           |
| 16. He that is holy and true                     | Rev 3:7         | 34. The Lord God of the Holy Prophets Rev 20:4    |
| 17. He that hath the key of David                | Rev 3:7         | 35. Beginning and the end Rev 22:6                |
| 18. He that opens and no man can shut            | Rev 3:7         | 36. The bright and morning star Rev 22:13         |

Take some time each day this week to worship Jesus by at least 5 of these names. Give Him praise for that name and ask Him to reveal Himself in that manner to you. Write down questions/concerns that come to you as you study these names.

### WEEK THREE: WALKING AMONG THE LAMPSTANDS

## DAILY READINGS

**SUN 1/23** Revelation 2:1-7

MON 1/24 Revelation 2:8-11

**TUE 1/25** Revelation 2:12-17

WED 1/26 Revelation 2:18-29

THU 1/27 Revelation 3:1-6

**FRI** 1/28 Revelation 3:7-13

**SAT 1/29** Revelation:3:14-22

**BOTTOM LINE** Jesus walks among His church affirming, correcting, and calling them to overcome.

This week we are studying the 7 churches that are the original audience for this book. Each day this week follow the reading plan to read about one church and answer the following questions

- 1. What was that church doing well?
- 2. What were they struggling with and how did Jesus challenge them?
- 3. How do you think this applies to the American church today? to Jacob's Well?
- 4. What personal application can you take from this church and Christ's challenge to them?

#### WEEK FOUR: THE THRONE

**BOTTOM LINE** Worship is joining the eternal celebration of The God who is creator, holy and worthy.

- 1. As you read the passage about the Throne Room what images capture your imagination? What images do you find confusing? What does this scene teach us about God?
- 2. It has been said and understood from scripture that the chief purpose of man is to worship the Lord. How does that sit with you?
- 3. We will worship Jesus for all of eternity, how does that make you feel? What do you think that looks like?
- 4. When you read the description of the Throne Room in chapter 4, how does it make you feel?
- 5. Do you feel it is difficult to worship?
- 6. How committed are you to giving God worship? How important is it that we gather weekly to worship as a church?
- 7. Other than singing and prayer, in what other ways do you think someone can worship God?
- 8. If worship is simply giving God praise for and in all things, how might you make worship a continuous posture of your life?

The throne room in the book of Revelation represents the eternal worship that has always gone on in the heavenly realities. When we worship on earth, we do not begin a worship service, we join the everlasting worship in heaven.

- 9. How does that change your perception of our worship service?
- 10. If the worship of heaven includes men and woman from every tribe and tongue, rich and poor, what does that say about our attitude towards people from other cultures?

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**SUN 1/30** Revelation 4:1-11

MON 1/31 Ezekiel 1:1-28

**TUE 2/01** Isaiah 6:1-7

WED 2/02 John 1:29-42

THU 2/03 John 17:1-26

FRI 2/04 John 20:11-18

**SAT 2/05** Hebrews 4:1-16