

REVEAL-ATION
The Prologue

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(Revelation 1:1-8 ESV) The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ² who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. ³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. ⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

ἀποκάλυψις - apokalypsis = reveal, disclose, or unveil

✓ The revelation comes from _____ to _____
through an _____ unto _____ for the
_____.

• Prophecy is a _____, not a
_____.

• Revelation isn't a _____ to be
figured out, but _____ principles to
be understood.

Discussion Questions

Starter Questions

What is one word you almost always mispronounce?

Group Discussion

After hearing the message what was new to you? What prompted you to re-examine an issue, attitude, or behavior? What inspired you to dig deeper into God's Word?

When you heard that we were studying the book of Revelation what was your initial reaction? Fear? Excitement? Indifference? Why?

How does John's "chain of custody" help inform the authenticity of his letter?

Pastor Landon said, "This text cannot mean to us what it did not mean to them." Agree or disagree? What Scripture would you use to back up your position?

Why is Revelation not so much about when Jesus returns as it is about how to live while we wait? What was happening in the 1st Century that would corroborate this?

Did your view of prophecy change as a result of anything you've heard? How so?

Digging Deeper

Verse 3 calls those who read and hear this book “blessed.” What do you think it means to be blessed? What is a definition of blessing in your own words?

What three titles or names are given to Jesus Christ in verse 5?

What does it look like to live as a “priest” or a representative of God in our world today, as you go about your daily activities and interactions with people?

Prayer Requests

Additional Resources

answer key: God, Jesus, angel, John, Church; declaration, prediction; timeline, timeless

Discipleship on the Edge by Darrell Johnson
Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of Revelation by Nancy Guthrie
Revelation: Four Views by Steve Greg and Robert Clouse
When the Man Comes Around by Douglas Wilson

Announcements

If you'd like to donate any nonperishable food items for the **Blessing Box** outside, you can put them directly inside or drop them off on a Sunday morning.

21 Days of Prayer and Fasting started January 1, 2025. Check our FB page for more info, or email us for a copy of the booklet.

Small groups are in session! Email info@newanthemchurch.com to join