

Final Countdown: The Book Of Revelation
“Introduction To The Book Of Revelation”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Sermon Teaching

Revelation: The Greek word “Apocalypse” means to unveil, to reveal.

Big Idea: God extends His mercy with a final countdown before He judges the World.

To Study The Book Of Revelation We Need To:

1. Understand The _____ Of The Book.

- Recorded by John the Apostle
- Written from a Roman Prison on The Island of Patmos
- Written about 95 AD during the reign of Domitian
- Written to the seven churches of Asia Minor [Modern Turkey]
- Prophetic message telling us what God is going to do.
- Rooted in Old Testament passages [Daniel, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Joel]
- Denounces evil and exhorts people to high Christian Standards.
- Offers hope rather than gloom to the churches being persecuted

Why symbols?

- They have a timeless nature.
- They have emotional power.

“The revelation of **Jesus Christ**, which God gave him to show his servants what must **soon take place**. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw--that is, the **word of God** and the **testimony of Jesus Christ**. **Blessed** is the one who **reads** the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who **hear** it and **take to heart** what is written in it, because the time is near.” **Revelation 1:1-3 (NIV) Remember Verse**

Notes: _____

2. Be Guided By The Main Theme Of _____.

“John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: **Grace** and **peace** to you from **Him who is**, and **who was**, and **who is to come**, and from the **seven spirits** before His throne, and from **Jesus Christ**, who is the **faithful witness**, the **firstborn from the dead**, and the **ruler of the kings** of the earth.”

Revelation 1:4-5a (NIV)

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.”

Colossians 1:15 (NIV)

“To Him who **loves us** and has **freed us** from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a **kingdom** and **priests** to serve his God and Father--to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. **Revelation 1:5b-6 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

3. Recognize The Purpose Of This Book Is _____.

1. It promises us joy even in the midst of affliction.
2. It encourages us to honor God in our daily living.
3. It gives us facts about life after death that result in hope in our lives.
4. It gives us proof of the reliability of Scripture.
5. It draws our hearts in worship towards God.

“Look, **He is coming** with the clouds, and **every eye will see him**, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. **"I am the Alpha and the Omega,"** says the Lord God, **"who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."**

Revelation 1:7-8 (NIV)

“Then I will pour out a **spirit of grace and prayer** on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died. **Zechariah 12:10 (NLT2)**

I, John, your **brother** and **companion** in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the **word of God** and the **testimony of Jesus.**” **Revelation 1:9 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

➤ **What should our response be to the book of Revelation?**

“Worship only God. For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus.” **Revelation 19:10 (NLT2)**

My next right step, I will:

- [] Invite someone to join me in this study of the book of Revelation
- [] Accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior
- [] Participate in The Return: Global Day of Prayer & Repentance – Sept. 26

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

Small Groups: [Choose as many questions that honor your group’s time commitment]

Open in Prayer:

- What thoughts from this week’s message encourage you to live like Jesus?

Icebreaker: What kind of book are you? Mystery? Sports? Technical? Adventure? Poetry? Unreadable? Open? Explain.

When have you had a revelation that you were eager to share with someone?

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Revelation 1:3 (NIV) Remember Verse

To Study The Book Of Revelation We Need To:

1. Understand The Background Of The Book.

What did I find informative from the background given in the sermon?

Why is Rome portrayed negatively?

Who wrote the book of Revelation?

Where was he and when did he write it?

Read Revelation 1:1-3

What is this book about?

What promise is given?

2. Be Guided By The Main Theme Of Who Jesus Is.

Revelation 1:4-6

What is the meaning of the titles given to Jesus? [5-6]

What three things does Jesus do for us?

To whom was the book of Revelation addressed?

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Which of these do I need to take to heart?

Read Revelation 1:7-9

What pressure makes me feel like giving up on Jesus?

What truths about God keep me going?

What can I learn from John's relationship to the church? [vs.9]