**Revelation**

*(a capsule study)*

The Book of Revelation (not Revelations), or The Revelation of Jesus the Christ to John, is perhaps one of the most complex and possibly misunderstood writings of the Bible. Written by John during his exile on the island of Patmos, the book is meant to bring enlightenment and inspiration to the church during the time of its persecution. The Revelation comes directly from Jesus and is full of imagery and symbolism. Overall, the message communicates the complete power that Jesus has over our world, despite turmoil and evil, and that in the end, a new Kingdom will prevail.

Because Revelation is complex and challenging to grasp, for a brief engagement of the writings, examining key terminology related to its contents and structure may be helpful.

We will look at 5 of those terms:

1. John (understanding the author and his message, status, etc.)
2. Audience (identifying to whom John is writing and their background)
3. Prophecy (what role does prophecy play in the Book of Revelation?)
4. Apocalyptic (what is the apocalyptic nature of Revelation?)
5. Imagery (what is the role of imagery in Revelation?)

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*Reading on your own and examining scholarly material, may be a way to enhance this study. One recommended resource is below:*

[7 Tips for Understanding Revelation | Zondervan Academic](https://zondervanacademic.com/blog/how-read-revelation)