

Key Verses:

Revelation 1:3

*God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near.*

Revelation 21:1

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared.*



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## 365

## Bible Reading Challenge

**OCTOBER AGAIN! - THE FINAL FEW DAYS!**

### **REVELATION**

It is thought that Revelation was written by the apostle John, the brother of James in AD 95. He wrote it to seven churches in Asia, Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea

There are three main themes to its message:

1. Evil forces are at work in the world and Christians may have to suffer and die.
2. Jesus is Lord and he will conquer all the people and powers that oppose God
3. God has wonderful rewards for those who remain faithful to him, especially for those who lose their lives while serving him.

This was a powerful message of hope for those early Christians who had to suffer or die for their faith.

Although Jesus gave this revelation of himself to John nearly 2,000 years ago, it still stands as a comfort and challenge to God's people today. We can take heart as we understand John's vision of hope: Christ will return to rescue his people and settle accounts with all who defy him.

The book is different from other books of the New Testament. It is also different from any kind of writing that is familiar to most people today. Unfortunately this has caused some people to shy away from it; or on the

other hand to misuse it in propagating wild and fanciful theories. Most people conclude it is just too mysterious to understand. But it was actually written to make things clearer. The word 'revelation' in Greek is apokalypsis which means 'an uncovering' or 'unveiling'. It is therefore a book designed to uncover or unveil, not conceal.

John begins his book by explaining how he received this revelation from God (1 1-20). He then records specific messages from Jesus to the seven churches in Asia (2 v 1 – 3:22) suddenly the scene shifts as a mosaic of dramatic and majestic images bursts into view before John's eyes. This series of visions portrays the future rise of evil, culminating in the Antichrist (4:1 – 18:24). Then follows John's recounting of the triumph of the King over all kings, the wedding of the Lamb, the final judgement, and the coming of the new Jerusalem (19:1 – 22:5). Revelation concludes with the promise of Christ's soon return (22:6 – 21), and John breathes a prayer that has been echoed by Christians through the centuries "Amen, Come, Lord Jesus, (22:20).

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HERE'S THE WAY REVELATION WILL WORK JOHN  
... I'LL WIPE OUT THE BAD GUYS AND SAVE  
ALL THE GOOD GUYS, SIMPLE, EH? ... JOHN?