



## Revelation Challenge

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### Revelation 1:1-8

#### Observation Question

How is Jesus described?

#### Interpretation Question

How would these descriptions encourage John's readers to take this prophecy to heart?

#### Application Question

Based on this introduction, how might you and your community benefit from reading Revelation?

### Revelation 1:9-20

#### Observation Question

Imagine what John was experiencing. What stands out to you?

#### Interpretation Question

What might these images reveal about Jesus and his relationship to the seven churches?

#### Application Question

How does this picture of Jesus affect the way we—as his church—relate to him?

### Revelation 2:1-7

#### Observation Question

What does Jesus affirm in this church, and where does he find fault?

#### Interpretation Question

How might a church come to have this combination of positive and negative traits?

#### Application Question

What would it look like to challenge false teaching without forsaking love? Take time to pray that God's people would grow in holding truth and love together.



## Revelation 2:8-17

### Observation Question

What affirmations and charges do the churches in Smyrna and Pergamum receive?

### Interpretation Question

How do these affirmations and charges relate to how Jesus describes himself to each church?

### Application Question

What situations in your life challenge your faithfulness to Jesus? How is he calling you to be faithful to Him today?

## Revelation 2:18-29

### Observation Question

Describe the different groups in the church in Thyatira.

### Interpretation Question

How does Jesus motivate faithfulness?

### Application Question

How are you and your community tempted to follow false teaching? Pray for strength to cling to what is true and right.

## Revelation 3:1-13

### Observation Question

Identify all Jesus' commands to these two churches.

### Interpretation Question

Given the situations in Sardis and Philadelphia, why are each of these commands important?

### Application Question

What would it look like today for you to "remember . . . what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent" (v.3)?



## Revelation 3:14-22

### Observation Question

What is Jesus' charge against the church in Laodicea?

### Interpretation Question

How is his rebuke an expression of his love (v.19)?

### Application Question

How have you experienced Jesus' loving rebuke and discipline lately? How did you respond?

## Revelation 4

### Observation Question

Take a few minutes to sketch out this throne room scene.

### Interpretation Question

What does this scene reveal about God?

### Application Question

If you found yourself in the throne room, how do you think you would react?

## Revelation 5

### Observation Question

Identify the Lamb's responsibilities and accomplishments.

### Interpretation Question

What makes the Lamb worthy of praise from all creation?

### Application Question

Write your own song lyrics praising the Lamb.



## Revelation 6

### Observation Question

Identify what happens each time the Lamb opens a seal.

### Interpretation Question

What do you learn about the Lamb's authority and his role in the great day of wrath?

### Application Question

How could your understanding of the Lamb's role and authority impact how you respond to current events and tragedies?

## Revelation 7

### Observation Question

Describe the multitude.

### Interpretation Question

What does this passage say about salvation?

### Application Question

Reflect on verses 14-17. What do you and your community long for the most? Bring that longing before the Lord.

## Revelation 8-9

### Observation Question

How is the world affected as the trumpets are blown?

### Interpretation Question

Read this passage again and note your reactions, thoughts, and feelings.

### Application Question

Reflect on the ways your sins have affected the people and environment around you. When you're ready, take this to God.



## Revelation 10

### Observation Question

Look at Daniel 12:4-10 and Ezekiel 3:1-11. What connections do you see to this passage?

### Interpretation Question

Why does God call prophets and speak through them?

### Application Question

Ask God if he has a word of instruction for you today. Take time to listen and then respond to whatever comes to you that is in line with Scripture and wisdom.

## Revelation 11

### Observation Question

Identify each of the characters and their actions.

### Interpretation Question

In this passage, the witnesses' testimony is protected, they are rescued from death, and the time comes for "those who destroy the earth" (v.18) to be destroyed. How are these indicators of the Messiah's reigning kingdom?

### Application Question

Write down your testimony and share it with a friend who doesn't know Jesus. Remember that God is the one protecting you.

## Revelation 12

### Observation Question

Identify the ways the woman is both attacked and protected.

### Interpretation Question

What motivates the dragon's attacks?

### Application Question

Satan still attacks "those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus" (v.17). Take time today to intercede for persecuted Christians around the world.



## Revelation 13

### Observation Question

The dragon, Satan, gives power and authority to two beasts. How do they use their authority?

### Interpretation Question

How do these evil authorities impact the inhabitants of the earth? How do they affect God's holy people?

### Application Question

How do you see your community experiencing pressure from manifestations of these beasts in your society? How can you resist that pressure?

## Revelation 14

### Observation Question

Contrast those marked by the beast with those marked by the Lamb and the Father.

### Interpretation Question

How does this passage motivate us to be faithful to God?

### Application Question

In what areas of your life do you most struggle to remain faithful to Jesus? Talk to him honestly about those struggles.

## Revelation 15-16

### Observation Question

Compare the responses in heaven and on earth at this last outpouring of God's wrath.

### Interpretation Question

Why does God's judgment provoke such a wide range of reactions?

### Application Question

Pray now that God would lead your nation to repent and seek him.



## Revelation 17

### Observation Question

Identify all the images of power, authority, and rule (for example, horns or heads).

### Interpretation Question

In what ways do we see that the power and authority of the Lamb are greater than the power and authority of the prostitute and the beast?

### Application Question

As "called, chosen and faithful followers," how can we live in light of the Lamb's certain triumph (v.14)?

## Revelation 18:1-20

### Observation Question

Describe how Babylon's fall affects different groups of people (kings, merchants, God's people, etc.).

### Interpretation Question

How do you think each of these groups interpret what happened to Babylon?

### Application Question

Is there a worldly power that appears to be more able to provide for your happiness and security than God? What will it take to trust God despite these appearances?

## Revelation 18:21-19:10

### Observation Question

Describe God's judgment on Babylon.

### Interpretation Question

Why is there such joy in the midst of such devastating judgment? How do the judgment and the rejoicing work together?

### Application Question

In what ways are you and your community longing for justice? How can this passage encourage you in the time before "Babylon" falls?



## Revelation 19:11-20:10

### Observation Question

Describe the opposing sides in this war.

### Interpretation Question

How is victory won? What does this reveal about God's character and power?

### Application Question

Reflect on your understanding of good and evil and how they play out in our world. How does this passage challenge your understanding?

## Revelation 20:11-21:8

### Observation Question

Identify all the contrasts in this passage.

### Interpretation Question

Given these contrasts, describe the old order (v. 21:4). How does God make everything new (v. 21:5)?

### Application Question

How has having hope in a different future helped you and your community live faithfully through difficult times? Which promise in chapter 21 can you and your community hold onto in your current struggles?

## Revelation 21:9-22:5

### Observation Question

Sketch the city John describes.

### Interpretation Question

What is conspicuously absent in this city? How are those absences significant?

### Application Question

Read through the description of the city again. What characteristics resonate with you most? Take time to worship God in light of this passage.





## Revelation 22:6-21

### Observation Question

Identify all the promises and commands in this passage.

### Interpretation Question

How are Jesus' followers challenged to respond to his words?

### Application Question

Jesus says, "I am coming soon" (v.7). How are you living in light of this promise?