

The book of Revelation is probably one of the most overlooked and misrepresented books in the Bible, mainly due to the confusing, and at times frightening, imagery contained within it.

The genre (that is the class of writing) of the book of Revelation is what is called apocalyptic. The word Revelation, in the original language of the Bible, is where we get the word apocalypse from. This word has come to be associated with the disastrous end of the world, but this is not the primary focus of the letter. Revelation is about 'revealing'. What is being revealed is the self-sacrificing Christ who triumphs over the forces of evil as God establishes his Kingdom people on the earth as passionate, sold out, counter-cultural followers of Jesus who live in the present moment, working for and looking forward to His Kingdom rule and reign being established here on the earth.

This is done through the use of complex and at times obscure imagery and motifs, that when looking from the 21st Century we may have to work hard to understand. The first century recipients, living with the constant threat of persecution and under the harsh rule of the Romans, would have been more familiar with the imagery and language, and would have taken great courage and strength from what they read.

# The Lamb Wins!



### A few helpful tips to keep in mind as you read....

- Remember that apocalyptic literature is poetic and symbolic rather than literal.
- Try not to look at this from the perspective of what is happening today, but rather think about how the first recipients would have understood and received this letter – then ask what could this mean for me today?
- Remember, first and foremost, this is a letter about Christ, and the call to all Christians to live sacrificially for Him.

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| Monday    | Revelation 1  | Jesus Revealed and Coming!                |
| Tuesday   | Revelation 2  | Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum and Thyatira    |
| Wednesday | Revelation 3  | Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea         |
| Thursday  | Revelation 4  | Praise in the Throne Room                 |
| Friday    | Revelation 5  | The Lion and the Lamb                     |
| Saturday  | Revelation 6  | The Day is Coming                         |
| Sunday    | Revelation 7  | The Great Rescue                          |
| Monday    | Revelation 8  | Incense, Angels and Trumpets              |
| Tuesday   | Revelation 9  | Locust and Fiery Riders                   |
| Wednesday | Revelation 10 | A Little Scroll                           |
| Thursday  | Revelation 11 | Witnesses and Winners                     |
| Friday    | Revelation 12 | Dragons!                                  |
| Saturday  | Revelation 13 | Monsters!                                 |
| Sunday    | Revelation 14 | Warriors and Endurance                    |
| Monday    | Revelation 15 | Plagues                                   |
| Tuesday   | Revelation 16 | More Plagues                              |
| Wednesday | Revelation 17 | More Monsters                             |
| Friday    | Revelation 18 | Babylon's Plagues and Judgements          |
| Saturday  | Revelation 19 | God's Victory ... the Monster is Defeated |
| Sunday    | Revelation 20 | Reigning and Judging                      |
| Monday    | Revelation 21 | New Heaven, Earth, Jerusalem              |
| Tuesday   | Revelation 22 | I am Coming Soon                          |

Here are some resources that you may find helpful as you read:

- **Rescuing Revelation** by Greg Boyd
- **Revelation for Everyone** by Tom Wright
- **The Bible with Megan** Megan Mackay has done some helpful talks on Revelation  
<https://linktr.ee/biblewithmegan>