Not Just SUNDAYS

EXPLORING *REVELATION*

AUGUST

August 16: Rev. 1:1–8
August 23: Rev. 2:1–7
August 30: Rev. 2:8–11

SEPTEMBER

September 6: Rev. 2:12–17
September 13: Rev. 2:18–29
September 20: Rev. 3:1–6
September 27: TBD

OCTOBER

October 4: Communion
October 11: Rev. 3:7–13
October 18: Rev. 3:14–22

The New Testament book of Revelation can be an intimidating read, filled with unfamiliar imagery, vivid visions, and strange symbolism. The Apostle John's apocalyptic writing is often interpreted through the lens of current world events or ignored because it seems too difficult to understand.

As we explore Revelation, we will be asking what it says about growing in your faith daily, not just Sundays.

Author and Background

Writer: John the Apostle, author of the Gospel of John and the epistles of John

Location: Written from the small Greek island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea, where John was exiled under the Roman emperor Domitian

Audience: Seven churches in the Roman province of Asia

Date and Historical Setting

Date: Circa A.D. 95

Climate: A time of increasing local and state-sponsored persecution against Christians who refused to participate in imperial emperor worship

Literary Style and Purpose

Genre: A combination of apocalyptic, prophetic, and epistolary literature utilizing symbolism, numbers, and visions to unveil spiritual realities behind earthly conflicts

Theme: The sovereignty of God and the victory of Christ

Practical Goal: To comfort those who suffer, warn against spiritual compromise and apathy, and call them to patient endurance and faithful living

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