

Want to learn more? Here are few suggested resources:

***Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation*, by Nancy Guthrie (2022).**

This is a popular level book exploring the main themes of the book of Revelation and taking special care to explore how these themes encourage our life.

***Revelation: A Shorter Commentary*, by G.K. (Greg) Beale (2015).**

This “shorter” commentary is still 500+ pages but he writes in a way that is accessible to serious Bible students. If you are looking for a verse-by-verse approach, this is what you want. It is a bit pricey but worth it! If you are super ambitious, you could get his longer commentary which clocks in at 1309 pages! Anything from Greg Beale is worthwhile.

***The Triumph of the Lamb*, by Dennis Johnson (2001).**

This is less verse-by-verse and more section-by-section. It is scholarly, but very readable. Johnson is a scholar/pastor and writes with the churchgoer in mind.

**Videos:** scan QR code with your smartphone camera

Bible Project Video #1



Bible Project Video #2



# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST



***REVELATION 1:1-8***  
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Revelation is the last book of the Bible and is often treated as “mysterious” and “futuristic.” However, we contend that it only *seems* mysterious because it is full of images rooted in the Old Testament and first century Roman culture—from which we are far removed. A patient and careful reading yields an understanding that is neither bizarre nor exclusively future. Rather, we find the book of Revelation to be presently encouraging and empowering for the people of God. This is because it reveals heaven’s view of events that transpire on earth throughout history—including our history and the history of its original audience.

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

November 13, 2022 | Revelation 1:1-8 | Pastor Roger Williams

## Revelation ignites our imagination to live with Jesus in a broken world.

<sup>1</sup>The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup>who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. <sup>3</sup>Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

*A way to see our world and life now*

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

*...through the lens of the gospel*

<sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

*...in light of God's authority.*

## Daniel 7

<sup>9</sup>“As I looked,

thrones were placed,  
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames;  
its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued  
and came out from before him;  
a thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;  
the court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened...

<sup>13</sup>“I saw in the night visions,

and behold, with the clouds of heaven  
there came one like a son of man,  
and he came to the Ancient of Days  
and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup>And to him was given dominion  
and glory and a kingdom,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him;  
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
which shall not pass away,  
and his kingdom one  
that shall not be destroyed.