

# Precept study on Revelation Part 1, Review

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## 1 The author: John

Jesus crucified AD 29 or 30. John a disciple, exiled to the Island of Patmos. Received the Revelation about 95 AD, during the reign of Domitian, who persecuted the church. Historical references to the book in the 2nd century. Some claim it was written 65 AD, before the Temple was destroyed.

- One of the “sons of thunder” Mark 3:17
- One of 3 who saw Jairus’ daughter raised from the dead, Mark 5:36-38
- One of 3 who saw the transfiguration. Matthew 17:1-3
- Wanted to call fire from heaven on the **Samaritans**, Luke 9:53-56
- Asked to sit at his right/left hand, Mark 10:35-41
- Asked what the sign will be for prophecy to be fulfilled. Mark 13:3-6
- Sent to **Samaria**, Acts 8:14
- Brother James put to death with the sword, Acts 12:2
- Colleague of Paul, pillar of the church, sent to the circumcised. Galatians 2:9
- Wrote the Gospel of John, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John, and Revelation. Referred to as “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” Not mentioned by name in the Gospel of John.

## 2 Overview

- Who: From God to Jesus to His angel to John to His bond-servants (Rev 1:1)
- Why: to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place
- What: all that John saw. Promise of blessing
- Where and When: in exile Patmos; time of Domitian persecution
- How: write in a book and send to the 7 churches (Rev 1:11)
- Therefore write
  - the things which you have seen,
  - and the things which are,
  - and the things which will take place after these things.

## 3 The Seven Churches

### 3.1 Ephesus

- **Jesus:** holds 7 stars, walks among 7 lampstands
- **pro:** know your deeds, perseverance, can't tolerate false apostles, hate Nicolaitians
- **con:** left 1st love
- **warning/instruction:** repent, do deeds at first, or lampstand taken away
- **promise to overcomers:** tree of life in Paradise

### 3.2 Smyrna

- **Jesus:** first and last, was dead, has come to life
- **pro:** know your tribulation. poverty, but you are rich
- **con:** none
- **warning/instruction:** do not fear. be faithful to death
- **promise to overcomers:** not hurt by 2nd death

### 3.3 Pergamum

- **Jesus:** has sharp 2-edged sword
- **pro:** know where you dwell. hold fast. did not deny My faith even during severe persecution
- **con:** some hold to teaching of Balaam. idolatry and immorality
- **warning/instruction:** repent, or I am coming quickly and will make war with My sword
- **promise to overcomers:** hidden manna, white stone with a new name

### 3.4 Thyatira

- **Jesus:** Son of God. Eyes: flame. Feet: burnished bronze
- **pro:** know your deeds, love, faith, service, perseverance. More than at first
- **con:** tolerate Jezebel. idolatry and immorality
- **warning/instruction:** kill her children, punish with tribulation
- **promise to overcomers:** authority over nations, rule with iron rod. morning star.

### 3.5 Sardis

- **Jesus:** has 7 Spirits of God and the 7 stars
- **pro:** few who have not soiled their garments
- **con:** name being alive, but you are dead. deeds not completed. about to die.
- **warning/instruction:** wake up. remember. repent. If not, I will come like a thief
- **promise to overcomers:** clothed in white, name not erased from Book of Life, confess your name before My Father

### 3.6 Philadelphia

- **Jesus:** holy, true, holds key of David, opens/closes and none can close/open
- **pro:** know your deeds, kept My word, not denied My name
- **con:** none
- **warning/instruction:** hold fast, none take your crown
- **promise to overcomers:** pillar in temple of God, write the name of God / Jerusalem / My new name on them.

### 3.7 Laodicea

- **Jesus:** Amen, faithful and true witness. Beginning of the creation of God
- **pro:** none
- **con:** lukewarm, wretched, miserable, poor, blind, naked
- **warning/instruction:** spit you out. buy gold, white garments, eye salve from Me. Repent
- **promise to overcomers:** sit down with Him on His throne

## 4 Overcomers

- see above, plus ...
- overcome: nikao (conquer). related to nike (victory), nikos (utter victory), hypernikao (to overwhelmingly conquer)
- Romans 8:31-39:

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? 33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

37 But in all these things we **overwhelmingly conquer** through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- 1 Cor 15:50-58

50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and

we will be changed. 53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in **victory**. 55 O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR **VICTORY**? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the **victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

**But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.** and what do we gain when we overwhelmingly conquer? Jesus!

City	promise to overcomer	Jesus
Ephesus	tree of life	Jesus is the way, truth and life
Smyrna	eternal life, no 2nd death	Jesus was dead and has come to life
Pergamum	hidden manna, new name	Jesus is the bread of life. We will have Jesus' name written on us
Thyatira	authority	Jesus holds the ultimate authority
Sardis	clothed in white,	put on Christ (Romans 13:14)
Philadelphia	pillar in temple	Jesus never leaves us, God Himself and the Lamb will be our temple
Laodicea	sit with Him on His throne	<i>with Him</i>