

## "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

## Revelation 1

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Revelation chapter one is the opening of the greatest book of Prophecy in both the Old and New Testaments. The Revelation is also called the apocalypse, from the Greek words *apo* and *kalupto*. *Apo* is a preposition that means away, or away from. *Kalupto* is the word to veil or cover as in conceal. When the two are put together they form the word apocalypse in English which means to uncover, to unveil, to reveal, hence the word Revelation. It is in reality the "pulling back of the curtain, or the uncovering of the future." The Book of Revelation is not a book designed to hide but to reveal the future. It is written in apocalyptic or with the language of signs and symbols, but if one has read the entire Bible then the signs and symbols, in the vast majority of passages, are not in doubt.

The Book of Revelation is the Book of Prophecy that ties all the other prophecies together and answers many questions that down through ages had been asked, but God had not chosen to answer until He did through the last living apostle, the Apostle John.

Prophecy is nothing more and nothing less than historical events written down that have not yet happened. Tim LaHaye who wrote the "Left Behind" series, says that "Prophecy is nothing more than history written in advance."

The Book of Revelation is not the "Revelation of Saint John" rather it is the "**Revelation of Jesus**

**Christ."** It is not the "Book of Revelation(s)" It is the unveiling of Jesus Christ in His glorified state, not as a suffering servant dying for the sins of man, but rather as a conquering King, who will reign on earth and throughout the universe that He created. He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!

The Book of Revelation begins with the description of Jesus glorified and directions given to John as to how to write the book and what its content will include. "**Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.**"

(Revelation 1:19) This verse gives the outline for the entire book. John was instructed first to write the things he had just witnessed, that he had just seen. Next, he was to write the things that were going on at present, this would include seven letters to seven churches which were the leading churches at the end of the first century. All of these churches were in close proximity to each other in the area of the world today known as the Country of Turkey, in the western region of that country. Finally, John was instructed to write the things that would happen after the current era of the church will end, and a new era, epoch, or time period will begin. This period will be explained in the material covered in Revelation 4.

### Prayer and Action Steps

**Lord, thank you for giving us the Book of Revelation, so we can know you better in your glory. Thank you that we can have knowledge and direction for the future. Please help us to understand this precious book and bring about change in our lives where needed to better serve you until you come again.**

**Amen**