



## I. REVELATION IS A BOOK OF VICTORY AND HOPE

I am the Living One. I was dead. But look! I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys to Death and Hell.

Revelation 1:18 (NIRV)

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!”...

Revelation 21:4-5a (NLT)

## II. INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF REVELATION—1:1-8

1. **Origin:** God the Father, God the Son – Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit (1:1-2,4-8,12-18)
2. **Time:** To reveal things that were going to happen in the near future (1:1; 22:6,10; See 2 Timothy 4:9-13,19-21)
3. **Purpose:** To encourage Christians living during the last part of the first century and of any era to remain hopeful and faithful despite facing persecution, difficulties and suffering (1:3; 2:7,10,11,26; 3:5,12,21)

“Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near.

Revelation 22:10 (NIV)

### **Major methods of interpretation:**

- Futurist
- Continuous-Historical
- Preterist
- Historical Background/Spiritual

**4. Writer:** John, the Apostle (1:1,4,9)

**5. Recipients:** Specifically to the seven churches of Asia and then generally to Christians of any era (22:18-19)

**6. Style:** Apocalyptic literature “unveils” or “reveals” some hidden truth using symbolic and hyperbolic language

**7. Date:** Most likely during the reign of the Roman Emperor, Domitian (About A.D. 81 to 96).

**8. Location:** Isle of Patmos—where John had been exiled as a prisoner of Rome (1:10)

“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne.

Revelation 3:20-21 (NLT)