

# A LOOK AT THE BOOK REVELATION

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## BACKGROUND

What has happened that leads up to this Revelation?

Captivity  
Restoration of remnant  
Messianic expectancy: Restoration–Messiah–Blessing  
Messiah's coming  
Messiah's rejection  
Destruction of Jerusalem –A.D. 70

What would happen next?

Formation of new people (Luke)  
Future restoration of Israel promised (Rom. 11:26)

Jerusalem had been destroyed.

All of God's people, both Israel and the church, were suffering persecution under Roman oppression. The church suffered under Israel also.

The book was written to God's people in the midst of suffering to encourage us by helping us understand God's perspective on what is happening.

## PURPOSE

Although John's immediate audience was the church in the midst of persecution, the book is directed toward God's people in general, whenever we suffer for His sake. It is especially appropriate to His people in the tribulation.

John has written for three reasons:

1. To encourage God's people when we suffer on account of our faith in Him.
2. To inform us of the outcome of the conflict in which we are participating.
3. To motivate us to remain faithful in spite of our affliction.

## THEME

To accomplish his purposes, John presents God's perspective on the events affecting them.

Christ, as Judge over the Universe, is seated upon His throne, judging His creation.

God is in control of history.

Although His people may suffer because of Him, God even controls people in rebellion.

In the end, He will be victorious.

Those who are faithful will participate in His great victory.

John expects his message to produce results in the lives of his readers.

The revelation of the Judge should produce confidence in Him.

Awareness of God's program ought to cause us to recognize our place in His plan.

This knowledge should produce obedience, faithfulness and joy in the midst of suffering.

# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

## Christ the Judge and His Judgments

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<b>The Things You Have Seen: Christ the Judge</b>  1	<b>The Things which Are Now: The Judge judging the churches</b>  2-3	<b>The Things which Shall Be Later: The Judge judging the nations</b>  4-22:5	<b>Conclusion of the Book</b>  22:6-21
<b>Introduction</b>  1:1-8  <b>Vision of the Judge</b>  1:9-20	<b>Ephesus</b>  2:1-7  <b>Smyrna</b>  2:8-11  <b>Pergamum</b>  2:12-17  <b>Thyatira</b>  2:18-29  <b>Sardis</b>  3:1-6  <b>Philadelphia</b>  3:7-13  <b>Laodicea</b>  3:14-22	<b>Preparation for the judgment</b>  4-5  <b>Judgment of the seven seals</b>  6:1-8:2  <b>Judgment of the seven trumpets</b>  8-11  <b>Cause of judgment: Satan's program</b>  12-18  <b>Results of judgment</b>  19-22:5	<b>Revelation by angel</b>  22:6  <b>Blessing for the obedient</b>  22:7  <b>Reaction of the writer</b>  22:8-9  <b>Purpose of the revelation</b>  22:10-11  <b>Promise of God</b>  22:12-15  <b>Source of the Revelation</b>  22:16  <b>Invitation to the reader</b>  22:17  <b>Warning to the reader</b>  22:18-19  <b>Promise to the reader</b>  22:20a  <b>Final prayer of the writer</b>  22:20b-21