

THE REVELATION





CHAPTERS 1-3

Review:

- In chapter one the scene for the entire book is set. There are seven guideposts (road signs) given to understand this book.
- Date: late first century (94-96 A.D) – during the time of the Roman Emperor Domitian
- Style: apocalyptic language
- Purpose: to comfort these Christians living during this terrible time of persecution

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- Audience: the seven churches of Asia (Revelation 1:11)
- In chapters 2-3 you find a pattern that repeats itself. Any interpretation of the book that makes the message meaningless to these Christians is wrong. Chapters 2-3 sends a short, personal message to each church. He seems to follow the same outline as He speaks to each church. (He identifies the church, Himself as the speaker, praise of the church, rebuke of the church, counsel for the church, and promises to come)

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7 GUIDEPOSTS FOR REVELATION:



- **The Name - Revelation**
- **The Content - Prophecy**
- **The Style - Signified**
- **The Audience – Seven Churches of Asia**
- **The Background – Tribulation**
- **The Theme – Christ Rules**
- **The Time Frame – “Shortly Take Place”**

QUICK OVERVIEW:

Chapters 2-3: Addressing the 7 churches

Chapter 4: A Vision of God

Chapter 5: The book with 7 seals

Chapter 6: The first 6 seals opened

Chapter 7: An Interlude

Chapters 12-13: The Enemies Introduced

Chapters 14-20: Judgment on the enemies

Chapters 21-22: The final outcome for the saints





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- Also, an understanding of God’s constant deliverance of His people will help us (Israelites in Egyptian bondage; Judges; Assyrian judgment; the Jews in the time of Esther; restoration after the Babylonian captivity, etc.)

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- God has always helped His people in times of distress, and He will certainly do that here in Revelation.

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- **John sees God on the throne in all His glory! It seems that the saved (those who have overcome) were reigning with God. This is God letting His people know they will win!**

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- Picture this in your mind. This vision shows us that we serve an awesome and holy God. We serve a God who is worthy of constant praise and worship. With this vision God is showing His people that He is still in control and everything is going to be fine!

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