

1. A promised blessing

- a) Revelation 1:3
- b) 2 Timothy 3:16–17 All Scripture brings special blessings when we come with an open heart and mind to hear God’s Word to us. What special blessing might come to those who study the Book of Revelation?

2. The title of the Book of Revelation

- a) Revelation 1:1–2
- b) Is the Revelation of Jesus Christ from Jesus or about Jesus?
- c) Why is the message of the Book of Revelation so relevant for our lives today?

3. The purpose of the Book of Revelation

- a) Revelation 1:1
- b) What is the benefit of knowing what must soon take place? John 14:29, John 16:1–4
- c) Why might people ignore a warning message given by special revelation from God?

4. The opening greeting

- a) Revelation 1:4–6
- b) 2 Corinthians 1:1–2, 13:14
- c) What impresses you about this greeting, “Grace and peace to you”? (see also Luke 10:5–6)
- d) How does the apostle John’s greeting compare to common greetings heard today?

5. The symbolic language of the Book of Revelation

- a) Revelation 1:1 “Signified”—sémainó, to show by symbolic signs
- b) Daniel 2:45 “shown the king”—sémainó in LXX
- c) Revelation 13:2 Is this a real dragon or is the dragon a symbol? (see Revelation 12:9)
- d) Conveying truth through symbols
 - i) Daniel 7:1–3
 - ii) Ezekiel 1:4–6
 - iii) Why does Jesus convey this vitally important last-day message in symbols?

6. The main focus of the Book of Revelation

- a) Revelation 1:7–8, Revelation 22:7, 12, 20
- b) Matthew 24:27, 30–31
- c) John 14:1–3 How can we have confidence that Jesus will keep His promise?
- d) Why is it important to remember the certainty of the return of Jesus in glory? (see Matthew 24:45–51)
- e) How would you respond to a friend who says, “I’ll never have peace until I understand all of the symbolism of the Book of Revelation”?
- f) Why is the message of Revelation good news in the midst of a troubled world?

