

Letters to the Seven Churches

Lesson #1, Introduction and Chapter Overviews

You are about to begin the adventure of the *Letters to the Seven Churches of Revelation* Bible Study. May God grant you grace, understanding, and a desire to apply all you will learn from His incomparable and unfailing Word!

Please don't faint when you take a look at this lesson! I know there's a lot here, but the process is so worth the effort. Try to break this lesson up into pieces so you won't feel overwhelmed. The goal is to help you gain a working knowledge of the opening chapters of Revelation before you dive into the rest of the lessons for this study. Understanding the flow of the book will help you understand what God intends for you to know, while guiding you in a proper interpretation of the book. Ask the Lord for insight into His Word as you answer the questions that follow.

Using only the text of Revelation Chapters 1-3, try to answer the following questions. Be sure to note the Scripture references that show where you found your answer. At this point in the lesson, you may not be able to answer every question using *only* your Bible. You will have an opportunity a while later in this lesson to complete your answers using other Bible study sources.

1. *Who* wrote the book?
2. *To whom* is it written?
3. *When* was the book written?
4. *Where* was it written?
5. What is the *general tone* of the author in the first three chapters?

Now go back and answer the above questions using your study Bible notes, a Bible dictionary or Bible commentary to add details to your answers above.

6. From **Chapter 1** answer these questions:
 - a. Summarize the contents of this chapter.
 - b. What is the main point the author is trying to communicate to his readers?
 - c. List what you learn about Jesus Christ from this chapter.
 - d. What do you learn about God in this chapter?

7. From **Chapter 2** answer these questions:
 - a. What are the contents of this chapter?
 - b. What's the main point John is trying to communicate to his readers?
 - c. List what you learn about Jesus Christ from this chapter.

- d. What do you learn about God in this chapter?
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8. From **Chapter 3** answer these questions:
 - a. Summarize the contents of this chapter.

 - b. What's the main point John is trying to communicate to his readers?

 - c. What do you learn about Jesus Christ from this chapter?

 - d. List what you learn about God in this chapter.

 9. Write down any observations or insights you have gained thus far in Revelation Chapters 1-3.