



Revelation Realities


Revelation 1:1-8
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1. Revelation uses unusual _____ to unveil
an unusual _____

- A _____
- Prophecy
- L _____

2. Revelation requires we always _____ to
the _____

- _____ Context
- _____ Context



3. Revelation _____ the way we _____ the Bible

- Approaches to interpretation
 - P _____ ◦ I _____
 - H _____ ◦ E _____
 - F _____
- Views of the millennium
 - _____millennialism
 - _____millennialism
 - _____millennialism

4. Revelation _____ God and His _____

- It reveals God's _____
- It _____ Jesus' return
- It brings _____

See our small-group discussion questions on next page.

What is the most significant thing you've witnessed?

READ: REVELATION 1:1-8

- In the past, how have you felt about the book of Revelation?
- If you've studied it before, what themes or lessons stood out?
- This book is the revelation of whom? (verse 1)
- How does this opening statement help us understand who and what this book is about?
- What gives the author of this letter the credentials to pass on the information?
- What does it mean to be a witness?
- How does the giving and receiving of this revelation described by John occur? Who is involved?
- How is blessing received in the passing on of this revelation? (verse 3)
- Why would "hearing" this revelation be so important?
- How well do you do at being a "hearing" person?
- Based on Revelation 1:4-5, describe how you hear John's understanding of the divine. What is different about his description than what you have heard before or seen in other places of the Bible?
- What things do you hear about the Father, Son and Spirit in verses 4-6?
- In verse 7 we read about the One who comes. What are the implications of every eye seeing the One who comes?
- Why does it matter that the One who comes is the "pierced one?"
- What do you make of the phrase, "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him?"
- How do we understand "all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him?" What is the reason for the wailing? What happens to those who mourn?
- Focusing in on verse 8, what names does God use for Himself? What do they say about Him? What do they say about His relationship with us?