

# THE BOOK OF REVELATION

John's visions reveal that Jesus has overcome evil by His death and Resurrection, and will return one day as the true King of the world.

OT/NT: New Testament

SECTION: Prophecy

TRADITIONAL AUTHOR: John

**SUMMARY:** Canonically, the Book of Revelation is the sixty-sixth (and final) book of the [Holy Bible](#) (1), the only Book of Prophecy and the twenty-seventh (and final) book of the [New Testament](#) (2). The Disciple/Apostle [John](#) (3), who followed [Jesus Christ](#) (4) and witnessed His [Crucifixion](#) (5), authored it (a).

The book of Revelation was written to [seven churches](#) (6) as both [encouragement](#) (7) and challenge. An apocalyptic letter, it relies on visions, symbols, and [Old Testament](#) (8) references to reveal the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise given to Abraham in [Genesis](#) (9).

The book is not a secret code that allows believers to decipher the timeline of Jesus's return. Instead, it shows that every human kingdom eventually becomes Babylon and must be resisted. Jesus, the slain Lamb who died for the sins of the world, will return one day as King with His followers to prompt repentance. He will remove evil permanently and make all things anew.

That promise motivates every generation of God's people to remain faithful in the midst of [persecution](#) (10) until their King returns.

## FOOTNOTES:

- (1) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/the-word-of-god>
- (2) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/new-testament>
- (3) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/john>
- (4) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/jesus-christ>
- (5) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/obituary-of-jesus>
- (6) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/seven-churches>
- (7) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/encouragement>
- (8) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/old-testament>
- (9) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/genesis>
- (10) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/trials-tribulations>

## PAGE SOURCES:

- (a) <http://biblehub.com/summary/revelation/1.htm>
- (b) <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/revelation/>