

**Redemption Church of Bristol**  
**Revelation Worksheets, *Intro to Revelation***

**Revelation Fast Facts:**

- Who wrote it?
  - John. By tradition, written by the Apostle John who was exiled to the island of Patmos for the gospel
- Who was it written to?
  - 7 churches in Asia Minor (modern day Turkey).
- When was the book written?
  - 95 AD, under the reign of Domitian, who persecuted the early church.
  - Heavy references are made to the persecution of Nero in 64 AD.
- Why was it written?
  - Two generations after the resurrection, people were struggling to understand how Christ could be Lord and Christians could still get killed. Revelation is written primarily to show that even in persecution, Christ is Lord and justice will come.

**What is the Book of Revelation?**

- Revealing the present, not predicting the future
  - Revelation is the Latin translation of the Greek word “Apocalypse.” Apocalypse means “unveiling.” An apocalypse is meant to show you the true nature of things, a pulling back of the veil to reveal the realities of God.
- Poetry, not code
  - The symbols in Revelation are not math. They are designed to excite the imagination, stir the heart, and draw us into the larger Biblical story.
- Re-telling an old story, not writing a new one
  - There are over 600 biblical allusions in Revelation. Revelation is not telling us anything new, it is retelling the Biblical story in a new way.

**Where else in the Bible do we find apocalyptic literature?**

- Daniel, Ezekiel, Zechariah, Matthew 24

**Questions to Consider:**

- What advantages would there be to writing in an apocalyptic style?
- How have you been taught to read Revelation in the past?
  - Was it helpful to understanding it? Was it helpful to meeting Christ in the book?
- What are your obstacles to reading it now?
  - What would it take to overcome these obstacles?

*Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.***