

# THE REVELATION

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Welcome

Worship Team..... Your Love Awakens Me  
Who You Say I Am  
Battle Belongs

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*The Revelation* (Week 4)

Offering/Dismissal

## All Dressed Up And Ready To Go

John on Patmos

Paul to Thessalonica

*“But about that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.” Matthew 24:36 (NASB)*

*“Therefore, write the things which you have **seen**, and the things which **are**, and the things which will **take place** after these things.” Revelation 1:19 (NASB)*

**Times will become much worse before they get better.**

*...that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit, or a message, or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come 2 Thess. 2:2 (NASB)*

**Three experiences in the Tribulation:**

*Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction... 2 Thessalonians 2:3 (NASB)*

**Religious and commercial Babylon:**

*Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters...”*

**Revelation 17:1 (NASB)**

*The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls, holding in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her sexual immorality.*

**Revelation 17:4 (NASB)**

**The Anti-Christ will use his charisma and power to capture the affections of the world.**

**His character:**

*He ...opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. 2 Thessalonians 2:4-5 (NASB)*

**His fall:**

*And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the prostitute and will make her desolate and naked and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire. Revelation 17:16 (NASB)*

**In the end, Jesus will come to claim His bride.**

**The Anti-Christ on a leash:**

*And you know what restrains him now, so that he will be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is removed. Then that lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will eliminate with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming. 2 Thess. 2:6-8 (NASB)*

**Jesus shows up:**

*“Let’s rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has prepared herself.” It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.’” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.” Rev. 19:7-9 (NASB)*

**Going deeper on your own:** Much of our culture views such graphic language of the Bible to be no more than myth or legend and not a prophecy of things to come, but the apostle John begs to disagree. He tells us that the Spirit carried him away into the wilderness and told him what to write, and he gave us a general timeframe as to when certain events will occur. Practice describing what is up ahead for believers and non-believers as if you were sharing your faith with someone. What does it mean to be *sober and alert*? What should I do to prepare? Am I a true follower of Jesus, dressed and ready?