

DIFFICULT NEW TESTAMENT PASSAGES

LESSON 3: The Book of Revelation

ANCHOR STATEMENT: The Book of Revelation reminds all believers of God's promise to dwell with His people eternally and offers comfort to all believers. From the beginning to the end and beyond, God is with His people.

MAIN PASSAGE: Revelation 1:1-8

1 The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near. 4 John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. 7 “Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen. 8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW: That the Book of Revelation was written to encourage all believers that even though they will face trials and tribulations, God is with them to the end of time and beyond.

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED: Read the Book of Revelation with a newfound understanding of why it was written and what it is trying to communicate.