A Study Of The Book Of Revelation

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Purpose Of The Book

To impart comfort to persecuted believers. (First Century or Present)
Assurances:
- God sees their tears. 7:17; 21:4
- Their prayers rule the world. 8:3-4
- Their death is recognized as precious. 14:13; 20:4
- Their final victory is assured. 15:2
- Their blood will be avenged (vindication). 6:9; 8:3

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The victory of Christ and His church. (1:18; 6:2; 11:15; 14:1; 19:16)
- Does it seem as if they are filthy; their robes are washed with the blood of the lamb. 7:14
- Does it seem as if the saints are killed; they stand upon their feet. 11:11
- Does it seem as if the prayers of the saints are not heard. 6:10; Their prayers are answered. 8:3-5
- Does it seem that the saints are defeated; They shall reign and be victorious. 5:10; 20:4

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Warnings:
- ➢ To the church.
  - To keep itself pure and from worldly entanglements.
- ➢ To the enemies of the church.
  - Through Christ the church will triumph.

Theme Of The Book

- Will the kingdoms of men in fact be able to abolish the kingdom of God?
- Will the kingdom of God stand forever? cf. Daniel 2:44

- The answer was clearly revealed: Jesus Christ is *"Lord of lords and King of kings,"* and he will ultimately prevail.

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- **Revelation 17:14**, "*These shall war against the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they (also shall overcome) that are with him, called and chosen and faithful.*"

To Whom Was It Written?

- Seven churches of Asia. (1:4, 10-11)
- Not restricted to those seven.
  - Others in Asia: Troas (Acts 20:7); Colossae (Colossians 1:2), and Hierapolis (Colossians 4:13)
  - Perhaps seven is symbolic of all the churches.
  - Why these seven?
- Christians in all ages can benefit. Universal in application.
  - Revelation 1:3 – *"he that reads …"*
  - Revelation 22:17-18 – *"everyone who hears …"*