

VBF Study in Revelation

Lesson 1

As you read through Revelation and begin this study, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law" (Psalm 119:18).

Assignment: In the next week prayerfully **read** through Revelation. While reading, write down questions and observations. Then, attempt to answer the following discussion questions from the text first; after that you may use a commentary, or your study Bible's introduction to Revelation, to help with context.

NOTE: Questions 1-7 are general questions for studying the historical context of any book in the Bible. Some of these questions may be unanswerable. Don't worry if you can't answer them, we will go over them.

Questions:

1. **Who wrote the book or the letter?** How do you know? List your evidence from the text first then other sources.

2. **When did he write the book?** How do you know? List your evidence from the text and then other sources.

3. **To whom was the author writing?** Did he know them personally? Were they Jews or Gentiles? How did he meet and how well did he know them? What had they experienced together...?

4. **What was the occasion for writing?** Why did the author write? What was happening to the author and the recipients at the time? What is the evidence that supports your conclusions?

