

The Book of Revelation

What is the meaning of Revelation?

The greek word for Revelation is "apokalypsis" which means to uncover or to reveal.

Why should we read the book of Revelation?

Rev. 1:3, *"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."*

When was Revelation written?

The most popular belief is A.D. 96

Who was the writer?

John the apostle, Revelation 1:4, 9. Some believe that writer was John the Baptist. But since the book was written around A.D. 96, this couldn't be John the Baptist because he was put to death around A.D. 4 (Matthew 14:1-12).

Where was the book of Revelation written?

Island of Patmos

Whom was the book of Revelation written to?

Rev. 1:4, 11

Why was the book of Revelation written?

Rev.1:1, 19

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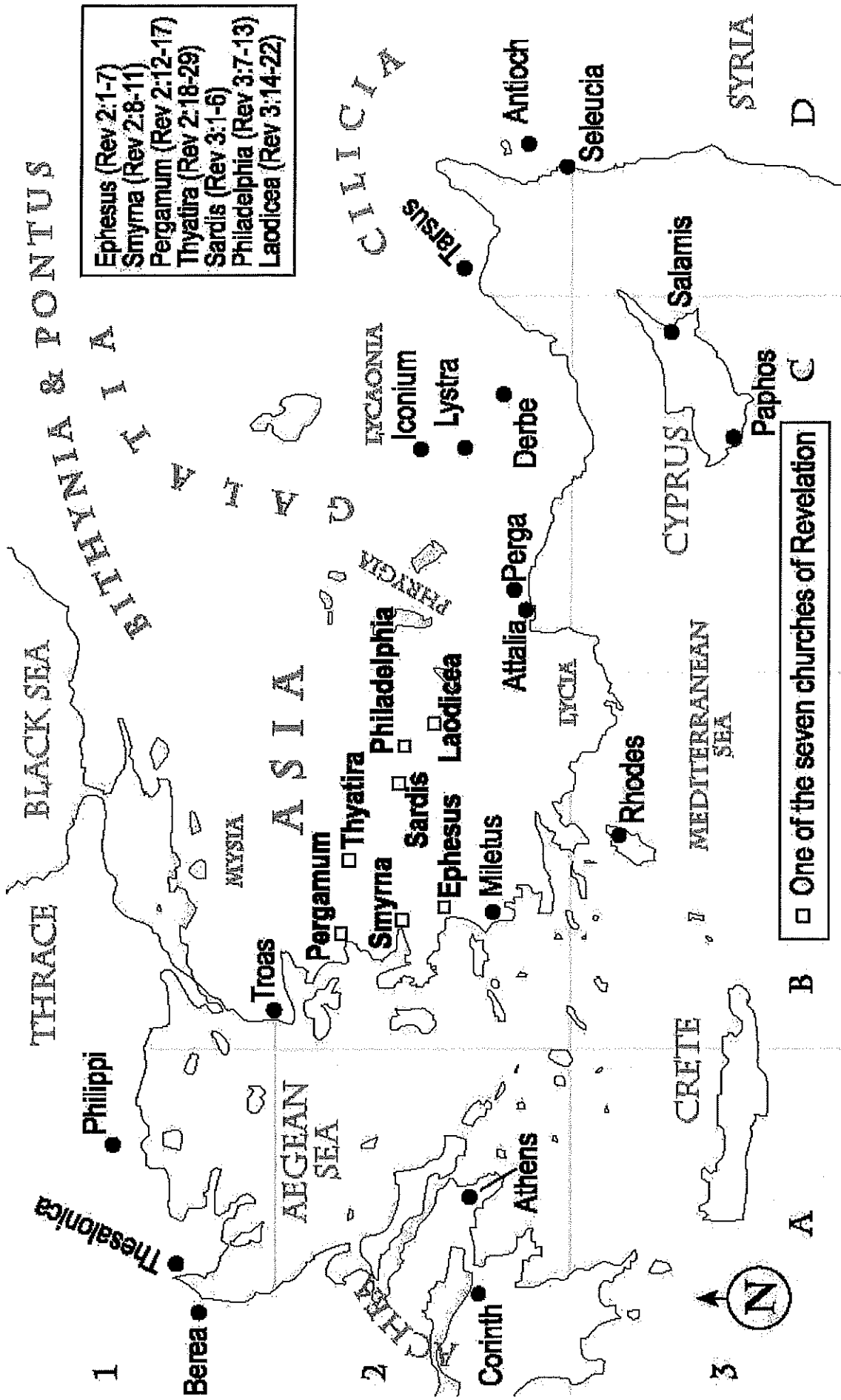
(Apokalypsis, uncover)

Why Should We Read This Book?

Revelation 1:3, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."

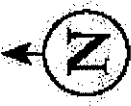
The 5 Major Ways To Interpret Revelation:

1. Praeterist/Preterist - believe most of the prophecies have been fulfilled.
2. Spiritual - believes that Revelation is mostly a conflict between good and evil.
3. Futurist - believes most of this book is about the future.
4. Continuous Historical - believes Revelation covers the history of the church, from the time of John to the end of the world. They believe the book was written the same way the events will unfold. For instance, the events of chapter 4 will occur before the events in chapter 5.
5. Historical Cycle - believes John was writing in a series of cycles. He wrote about the past, then the present, then the future, and then the past, and so on.



Ephesus (Rev 2:1-7)
 Smyrna (Rev 2:8-11)
 Pergamum (Rev 2:12-17)
 Thyatira (Rev 2:18-29)
 Sardis (Rev 3:1-6)
 Philadelphia (Rev 3:7-13)
 Laodicea (Rev 3:14-22)

□ One of the seven churches of Revelation



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CRETE

Philippi

Thessalonica

Berea

Troas

Pergamum

Smyrna

Sardis

Ephesus Laodicea

Miletus

Corinth

Athens

Attalia Perga

Derbe

Lystra

Iconium

Antioch

Seleucia

Rhodes

Salamis

Paphos

THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

	EPHESUS The Apostolic Church Rev. 2:1-7	SMYRNA The Persecuted Church Rev. 2:8-11	PERGAMUM The Indulged Church Rev. 2:12-17	THYATIRA The Pagan Church Rev. 2:18-29	SARDIS The Dead Church Rev. 3:1-6	PHILADELPHIA The Church Christ Loved Rev. 3:7-13	LAODICEA The Lukewarm Church Rev. 3:14-22	RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH
	A.D. 30-100	A.D. 100-312	A.D. 312-606	A.D. 606-Tribulation	A.D. 1520-Tribulation PROTESTANT REFORMATION	A.D. 1750-Rapture	A.D. 1900-Tribulation	
COMMENDATION I know thy . . .	Good works, labor, patience. Hated Nicolaitans.	Works, tribulation, poverty.	Works. Held fast my name. Has not denied my faith.	Good works, love, service, faith, patience.	Works. A name that thou livest.	Works. Missions. Little strength. Kept my word. Not denied my name.	Not one word!	Not one word!
CONDEMNATION	Thou hast left thy first love.	Not one word!	Thou hast false teachers of Balaam and the Nicolaitans.	Thou allowest Jezebel to teach idolatry and compromise.	Thou art dead. Works not complete.	Not one word!	Thou art lukewarm, wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.	Thou art lukewarm, wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.
COUNSEL I counsel thee. . .	Remember from where thou art fallen, and repent.	Fear not. Be faithful.	Repent.	Hold fast what you have till I come.	Watch. Strengthen the things that remain. Remember, hold fast, and repent.	Hold that fast which thou hast.	Buy gold tried by fire and white raiment. Anoint thine eyes. Be zealous and repent.	Buy gold tried by fire and white raiment. Anoint thine eyes. Be zealous and repent.
CHALLENGE To him that overcometh. . .	Will I give to eat of the tree of life.	Shall not be hurt of the second death.	Will I give hidden manna and a white stone.	Will I give millennial leadership and the Morning Star.	Will be clothed in white raiment. I will not blot his name out of the book of life.	I will make him a pillar and write upon him the name of God and My new name.	Will I grant to sit with me in my throne.	Will I grant to sit with me in my throne.