

AS YOU READ THE BOOK OF REVELATION, MARVEL WITH JOHN AT THE WONDROUS PANORAMA OF GOD'S REVEALED PLAN. BE FULL OF HOPE, KNOWING THAT GOD IS IN CONTROL, CHRIST'S VICTORY IS ASSURED, AND ALL WHO TRUST HIM WILL BE SAVED. (*LIFE APPLICATION BIBLE*)

### Chapter 1: Notes on the Text

1. Revelation 1:1-5a
  - 1:1 - "revelation" ("*apocalypsis*")
  - 1:1 - "take place soon"
  - 1:1 - "he sent *and signified*" (*semaino*)
  - 1:4 - "who is, who was, who is to come"
  
2. Read 1:5b-8 – The Alpha and Omega
  - 1:6 – Glory and power to Jesus
    - Loves us..... Freed us..... Kingdom and priests
  - 1:7 – everyone will mourn
  - 1:8 – Alpha and Omega (A and Z)
  
3. 1:9-11 – The Command to Write
  - 1:9 – word of Lord and testimony of Jesus
  - 1:10 – "in the Spirit" – sensitive to/focused on/open to the Spirit
  
4. 1:12-16 – The Vision of the Son of Man
  - 1:13 – "like a son of man" (warrior image)
  
5. Read 1:17-20 – Worthy of Worship
  - Fell at feet – awesome, worship
    - First and last..... Living One..... Keys of death and Hades
  - Again, revelation of Jesus Christ
  - Write, twofold: now/seen (present), and will take place (future)
  
6. Life Application:
  - If the purpose of this book is to encourage us in the face of difficulty and persecution, how has the message of the first chapter addressed this issue?

## Chapters 2 and 3: The Seven Churches

### SUMMARY OF THE LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Church	Scripture Reference	Description Of Christ	Commendation	Rebuke	Challenge	Promise
Ephesus	2:1-7	Lord of the Church	Perseverance	Forsaken first love	Repent, do first works	Tree of life
Smyrna	2:8-11	Risen Lord	Endurance of affliction	None	Be faithful	Not hurt by 2 <sup>nd</sup> death
Pergamum	2:12-17	Warrior Lord	True to faith	Compromise	Repent	White stone, new name
Thyatira	2:18-29	Fearsome Lord	Love, faith, service	Immorality	Repent	Authority, morning star
Sardis	3:1-6	Divine Lord	None (a few faithful)	Spiritually dead	Wake up, repent	Acknowledge name
Philadelphia	3:7-13	Holy Lord	Faithful to Word	None	Hold on	New name
Laodicea	3:14-22	Faithful Lord	None	Lukewarm	Be earnest, repent	Share Christ's throne

Notes:

#### Life Application:

- What messages for the contemporary Church do you find in these two chapters?