

1. Week 1 Review

Revelation Purpose:

A vision of God's future Kingdom coming on earth as it is in heaven, revealed to John, to form, encourage, and equip the church to be a faithful witness and light in the world.

The call is to "conquer". What does that mean?

Outline of Revelation:

1-3 - Open & letters to churches4-5 - throne room of God6-16 - 3 cycles of judgment/interludes17-20 - Fall of Babylon & final battle21-22 - New Heavens/Earth/Jerusalem

2. Revelation 4 - God on the Throne

References:

Ezekiel 1, Isaiah 6, Daniel 7

3. Revelation 5 - The Lamb on the Throne

References:

Ezekiel 2-3, Daniel 12:5, Isaiah 8:16 Genesis 49:9, Isaiah 11:1 Numbers 28, Exodus 12, Isaiah 53

"The shock of this reversal discloses the central mystery of the Apocalypse: God overcomes the world not through a show of force but through the suffering and death of Jesus, "the faithful witness [martys]" (1:5)."

Richard Hays, The Moral Vision of the New Testament

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23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

