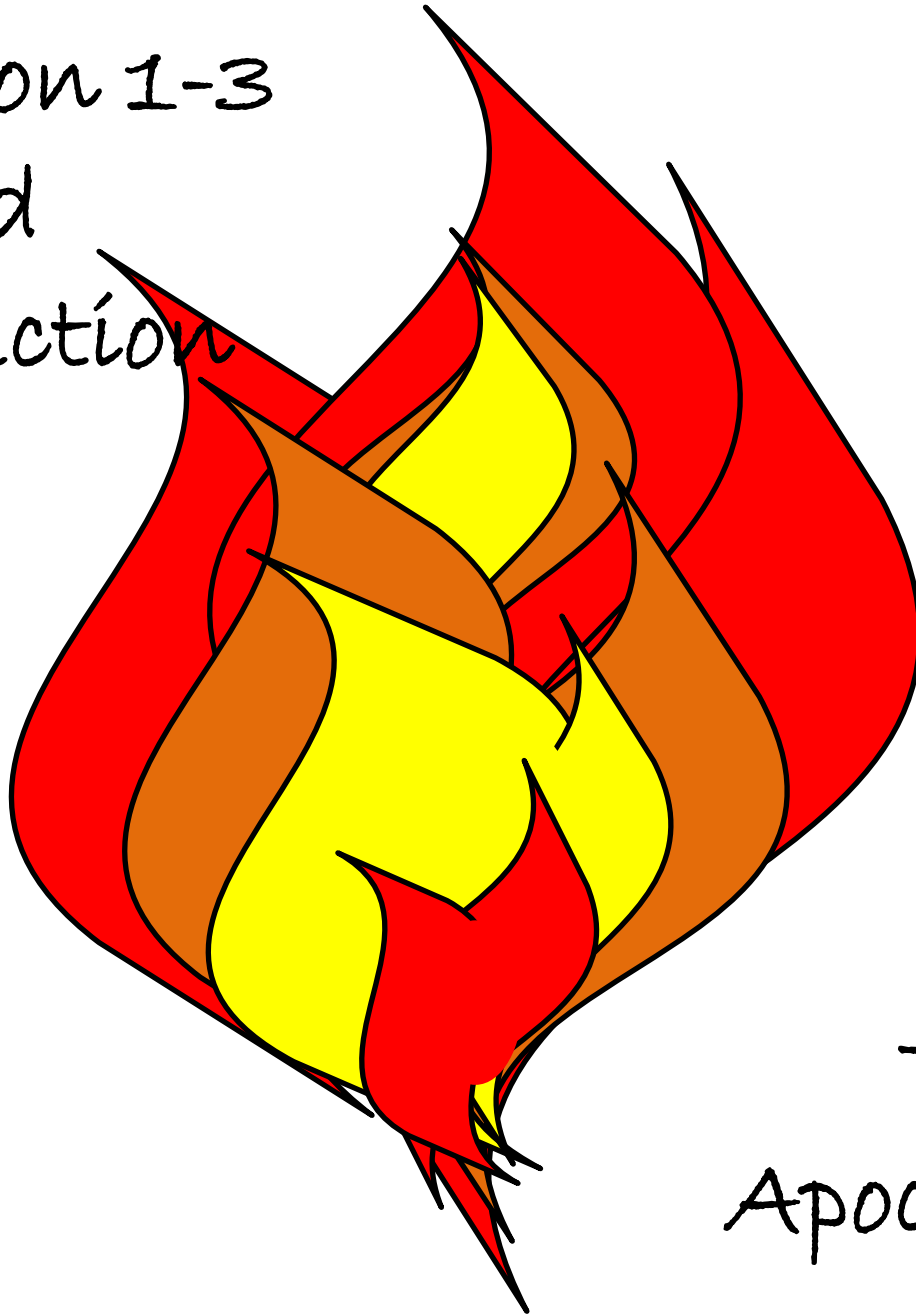


Revelation 1-3
and
introduction



The
Apocalypse



Prophecies fulfilled:

1. Christ would be born of a virgin
2. He would be born in Bethlehem
3. He would flee to Egypt with His family

Apocalypse in Greek means revelation, uncovering, or unveiling.

In Revelation John records the events Jesus Christ showed him in a vision “which must shortly come to pass”.

Purpose: to bless those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.

Prophet Joseph Smith said, “the Book of Revelation is one of the plainest books God ever caused to be written”



Revelation



John the Beloved is the ancient author of Revelation.

Revelation is a book of holy scripture. It came by revelation from the Lord.

Revelation deals with those things that interest people who have received the gift of the Holy Ghost, and those who have hope of eternal life.

Before John was born Nephi saw John in a vision and angels identified him as “One of the 12 apostles of the Lamb.” That John was appointed and foreordained to write the very visions now found in the book.

Addressed to the seven branches of the Church in Asia Minor. But is not exclusively for them

Background: Severe persecution against the Saints. Most likely administered by Rome either during the reign of Nero ad 54-68 or Domitian ad 81-96. Domitian persecuted those who did not worship gods approved by the state and many refused and were executed or exiled.

John wrote from a penal colony on the island of Patmos, where he had been exiled because of his word of God and testimony of Jesus Christ.

The early Church suffered from internal apostasy , a warning from Paul the apostle.

Message: Same as all scriptures, there will be an eventual triumph on this earth of God over the devil. A permanent victory of good over evil, of the saints over their persecutors, of the kingdom of God over the kingdoms of men and of Satan.

2 sections: a vision of John's day Chapters 1-3, and a vision of the future Chapters 4-22.

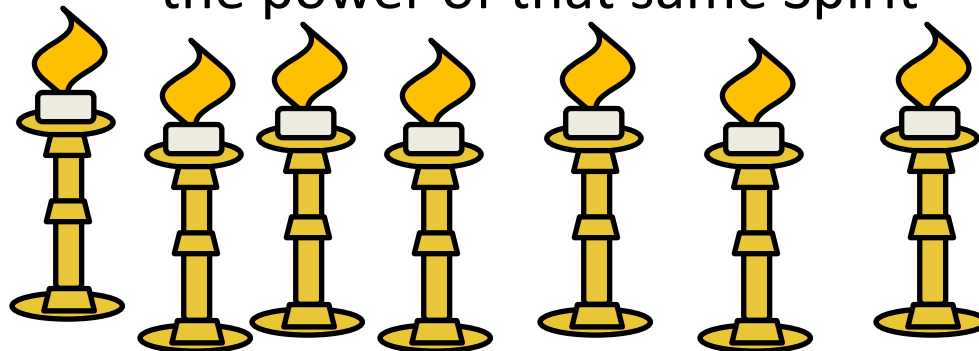
Lord reveals to the seven churches their strengths and weaknesses and invites them to prepare for the future by repenting and learning to overcome the world.



John was on the Island of Patmos. It was Sunday. The heavens opened, angelic ministrants attended, voices were heard, and visions were seen.

John was overshadowed by the power of the Holy Ghost.

Prophecy, visions, and revelations come by the power of the Holy Ghost and can only be understood in their fullness and perfection by the power of that same Spirit



The Lord expects us to seek wisdom, to ponder his revealed truths, and to gain a knowledge of them by the power of his Spirit.

He has sealed a portion of the Book of Mormon from us because it is beyond our present ability to comprehend. He has not withheld Revelation because it is not beyond our capacity to comprehend.

Beasts and plagues:

“ I make this broad declaration, that whenever God gives a vision of an image, or beast, or figure of any kind, He always holds Himself responsible to give a revelation or interpretation of the meaning thereof, otherwise we are not responsible or accountable for our belief in it. Don't be afraid of being damned for not knowing the meaning of a vision or figure, if God has not given a revelation or interpretation of the subject.”

(Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith p 291)

Understanding Revelation:

1. Book of Revelation deals with things that are to occur after New Testament times, particularly in the last days.
2. Knowledge of the plan of salvation and of the nature of God's dealing with men on earth.
3. Use various latter-day revelations which expand upon the same subjects in similar language. Example: D&C 45 Latter-day plagues and the Second Coming. D&C 76 expands upon the doctrines relative to salvation and exaltation.
4. Study the sermons of Joseph Smith relative to the book of Revelation.
5. Use the Inspired Version of the Bible.
6. Reserve judgment on those things for which no interpretation is given. Avoid being entangled in the specious speculation of an uninspired world.
7. Seek the Spirit.

Chief Message: That Jesus is Lord of all, that He descended from his Father's throne to dwell among men, that He worked out the infinite and eternal atonement and has now returned in glory to that throne from whence He came, and that He will raise all men to a kindred glory and a like dominion if they will overcome the world and walk as He walked.

Elder Bruce R. McConkie Sept. 1975 Ensign

Revelations 1-3



<p>If we heed the revelations of God, He will lead us back into His presence</p>	<p>Revelation 1:1-3 Revelation 22:7 1 Nephi 10:17-19</p>
<p>When Jesus Christ returns to the earth, accompanied by “ten thousands of his saints,” “every eye shall see him” and the wicked will mourn</p>	<p>JST Revelation 1:7 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18 Jude 1: 14-16 D&C 88:95-98 D&C 101 23-24</p>
<p>Through the power of Jesus Christ we can overcome the world and partake of the blessings of godhood</p>	<p>Revelation 2:2-3, 7, 10-11, 17, 26-28 Revelation 3:5,8,11-12,21 Revelation 5:10: Revelation 7:9-17, 21:7 D&C 101:35-38</p>
<p>Because our Heavenly Father loves His children, He chastens them so they will repent</p>	<p>Revelation 2:4-5, 14-16, 20-23 Revelation 3:2-3, 19 Helaman 15:3 D&C 95:1-3</p>

Revelations 1

- Christ chooses some as kings and priests unto God
- Christ will come again
- John sees the risen Lord

Revelations 2

- He who overcomes will gain eternal life, avoid the second death, inherit the celestial kingdom, and rule many kingdoms

Revelations 3

- He who overcomes will retain his name in the book of life, reach godhood, and be with Jesus as He is with the Father

Revelation 1-3

- ❖ Signified it Revealed or delivered it
- ❖ First begotten of the dead First to be resurrected
- ❖ Dominion Authority, rule, to rule over
- ❖ Alpha and Omega The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet; name title of the Savior
- ❖ The Lord's day The Christian Sabbath (Sunday), the day of the week the Lord was resurrected
- ❖ Girt about the paps Wrapped around the chest
- ❖ Nicolaitans A group of people who believed in certain false teaching and who allowed-even encouraged-immoral actions, but who apparently acted secretly

Revelation 1-3

- ❖ The second death To be shut out of the presence of the Lord forever
- ❖ Thou holdest fast You stay faithful
- ❖ Martyr A person who is killed for his or her beliefs
- ❖ Shivers Pieces
- ❖ The morning star Refers to Jesus Christ (Rev. 22:16)
- ❖ Key of David The power to rule
- ❖ The Amen A term, referring to Christ, that means "the true one"
- ❖ Eyesalve Eye medicine