

GABC BIBLE STUDY: REVELATION, WEEK ONE

First, read through the passage a few times.

1. Write down observations, questions, impressions, items for further study, and reactions.
2. What, exactly, does the passage say? What is its topic?
3. What words, phrases, themes, symbols, or ideas are repeated from earlier parts of Revelation? How about repeated from other places in the Old Testament?
4. How does this passage connect to, or flow or depart from, the previous passage?
5. What other passages of scripture does it remind you of, and why? What cross-references are there?

Second, consider these additional questions specific to this week's passage:

6. What does it mean to "keep" the words of this book? (v. 3). Why will those who do so be blessed?
7. There were more than seven churches in Asia. Why do you think the letter was addressed "to the seven churches that are in Asia"?
8. The number 7 is very significant in scripture and shows up in Revelation a lot. Why is it used here?
9. The book of Revelation is not only a revelation *from* Jesus but also a revelation *of* him. What is revealed about Jesus in this passage?
 - a. Which things revealed about Jesus are most meaningful to you, and why? How might this make a difference in your life right now?
10. This passage contains several allusions to, paraphrases of, or even direct quotations from the Old Testament. Which ones do you notice? What is the significance of these?

Third, take a step back and look at the bigger picture:

11. What do you learn about God from this passage?
12. What does the passage say **about** and **to** saints?
13. What warnings does the passage give, and to whom?
14. Is there anything scary about the passage? Why is it scary, and for whom?

15. Is there anything confusing about the passage? What would you need to know or understand to have clarity?
16. Is there anything encouraging in the passage? Why, and for whom?
17. What overall impression does this passage give you? What adjectives would you use to describe it?
Write a title for the passage in your own words that reflects the impression it gives you.

Finally, ask God to apply this passage to you.

18. How does this passage prepare you for what you will do today (or tomorrow)?
19. What practical step can you take today or this week to “keep” the words of this passage and to live in light of the truths revealed?

GABC BIBLE STUDY: REVELATION, WEEK TWO

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3. What words, phrases, themes, symbols, or ideas are repeated from earlier parts of Revelation? How about repeated from other places in the Old Testament?
4. How does this passage connect to, or flow or depart from, the previous passage?
5. What other passages of scripture does it remind you of, and why? What cross-references are there?

Second, consider these additional questions specific to this week's passage:

6. John uses the word "like" a lot in this passage (count them!). Why? What does this tell us about what he saw and experienced?
7. In 1:19, John is instructed to write down what he sees, both those things "that are" and those that "are to take place after this."
 - a. Which things revealed about Jesus are most meaningful to you, and why?
 - b. How might this make a difference in your life right now?
 - c. What is the difference?
 - d. Why was John shown **both** things "that are" and things that "are to take place"?
 - e. How do these two different categories help us understand the rest of the book?

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Finally, ask God to apply this passage to you.

15. How does this passage prepare you for what you will do today (or tomorrow)?
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4. How does this passage connect to, or flow or depart from, the previous passage?
5. What other passages of scripture does it remind you of, and why? What cross-references are there?

Second, consider these additional questions specific to this week's passage:

6. Jesus highlights a different aspect of himself in each letter.
 - a. Which things revealed about Jesus are most meaningful to you, and why?
 - b. How might this make a difference in your life right now?
 - c. Note how his description of himself connects to how John describes him in chapter 1
 - d. Why do you think Jesus chose to highlight what he did for each letter?
7. Each letter has similar parts. For each, notice:
 - a. What Jesus commended in the church
 - b. What he rebuked
 - c. What commands or instructions he gave
 - d. What the consequences will be if they fail to obey
 - e. What promises he made
8. How does each of these relate to the others within the individual letters?
9. What do you learn by comparing their differences among the different letters?

Third, take a step back and look at the bigger picture:

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14. Is there anything confusing about the passage? What would you need to know or understand to have clarity?
15. Is there anything encouraging in the passage? Why, and for whom?
16. What overall impression does this passage give you? What adjectives would you use to describe it? Write a title for the passage in your own words that reflects the impression it gives you.

Finally, ask God to apply this passage to you.

17. How does this passage prepare you for what you will do today (or tomorrow)?
18. What practical step can you take today or this week to “keep” the words of this passage and to live in light of the truths revealed?

GABC BIBLE STUDY: REVELATION, WEEK FOUR

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