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**INTRODUCTION
TO...**



REVELATION

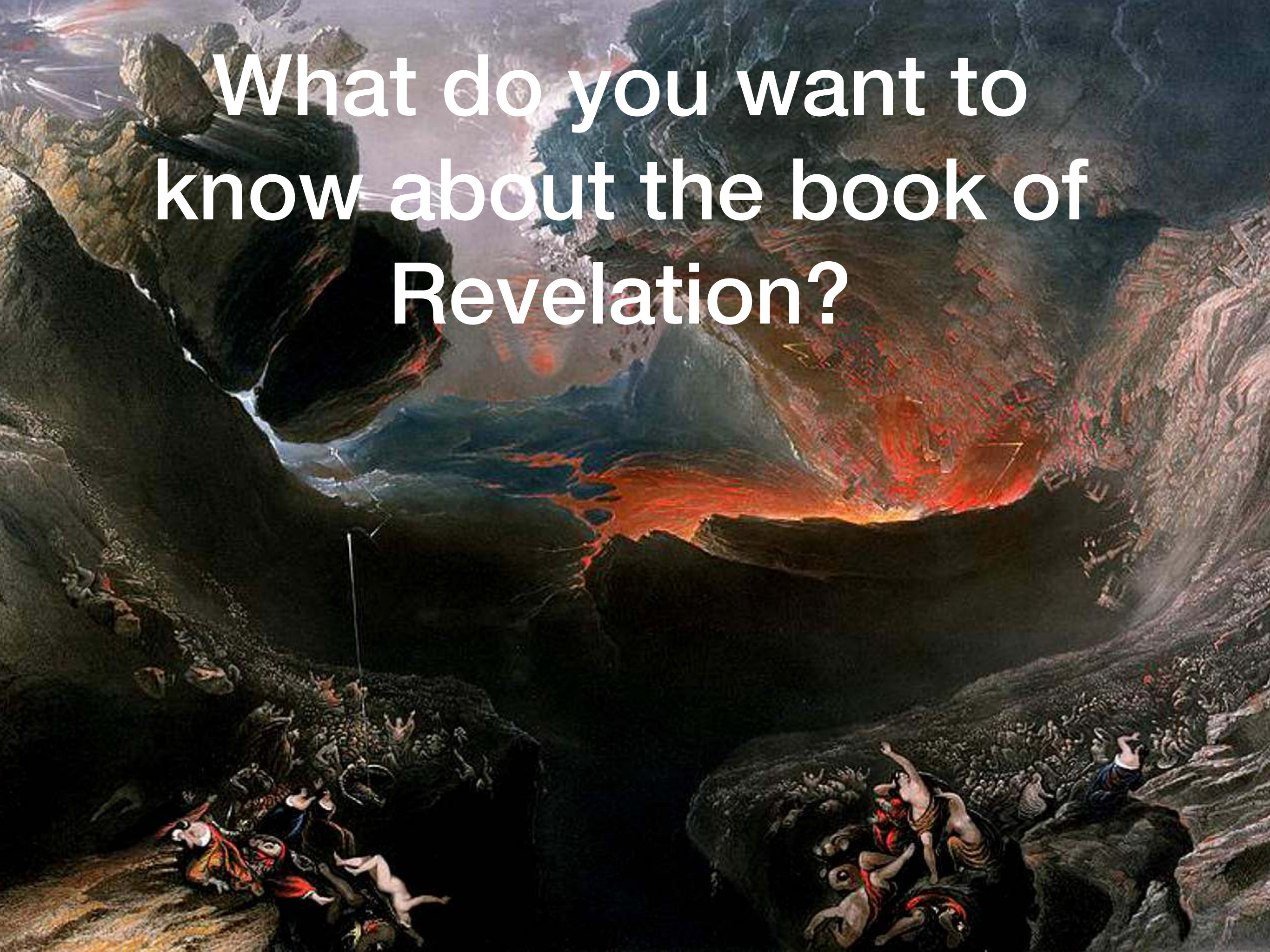
WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THIS BOOK?

THE REVELATION

of Jesus Christ

Book of beginnings. Revelation is the
program of redemption is bro
fore all creation. A
Revelation

What do you want to
know about the book of
Revelation?





Who is the
Antichrist?

When is the world going to end?



WHAT DO THE SYMBOLS MEAN?



Flaming Sword and Crown (Order Ab Chao) and the Four Horsemen

Balanced and Yoked
Androgyny
Phoenix/Mercurius

Revelation 6



The 4 horsemen The Beast from the Sea



Symbolism in Revelation 1

Verse	Symbol	Interpretation	Reference
4	Seven spirits	Servants or leaders over the seven churches in Asia	JST, Revelation 1:4
6	Kings and priests	Status of those who inherit the celestial kingdom	D&C 76:51-59
8	Alpha and Omega	First and last letters of the Greek alphabet, representing the eternal nature of Jesus Christ	Bible Dictionary, "Alpha," p. 606
12	Seven candlesticks	The seven churches, which are to hold up the light of the gospel	Revelation 1:20; 3 Nephi 18:24
16-17	Right hand	Covenant hand, hand of favor and honor, symbol of power	Acts 7:55; Hebrews 1:3, 13
16	Seven stars	Another image of the presiding officers of the seven churches	JST, Revelation 1:20
16	Sharp, two-edged sword	The word of God, rendering judgment on the wicked and freeing the innocent	Hebrews 4:12
18	Keys of hell and death	Keys that unlock the doors of spiritual and physical death	2 Nephi 9:10-13

REVELATION

controversy

- Revelation is such a controversial book that...
- Martin Luther would not preach from it.
- John Calvin did not offer any commentary on it.
- It was the last book added to the New Testament because of the intense debate about whether it should be included at all.
- Respected Bible scholars rejected it as heresy.
- Revelation is not a part of the Apochrapha as some have stated.

REVELATION

- **Interesting facts about the book of Revelation...**
- It is written for ordinary people to read and understand.
- It was written for people who were willing to die and be martyred for Christ.
- There are 56 predictions in this book.
- It is a vision of the disciple John, given from God to Jesus, and delivered to John by an angel.
- It is rich in symbols; seven lamp stands, seven seals, seven stars etc.
- Revelation is the only book in the **New Testament** that uses the word “Hallelujah” or Alleluia (4x in Chapter 19)

- Revelation is a book written to fill believers with hope, and encourage them to live in holiness.
- John also wrote the Gospel of John, and the epistles of John 1, 2 & 3.
- John was the last living Apostle of Christ.
- John is the only Apostle to die from “natural causes”.
- John wrote this book from a penal colony for political prisoners.
- The word revelation comes from the greek word for apocalypse.

**REVELATION is a book describing
a vision,
it has a repeated phrase
throughout...**

What is the repeated phrase?

a)And it came to pass...

b)I saw...

c)It appeared unto me...



1:12 13:1 19:11
1:17 13:2 19:17
4:1 13:11 19:19
5:1 14:1 20:1
5:2 14:6 20:4
5:6 14:14 20:11
5:11 15:1 20:12
6:1 15:2 21:1
6:2 15:5 21:2
6:5 16:13 21:22
6:8 17:3
6:9 17:6
6:12 18:1
7:1
7:2
7:9
8:2
8:13
9:1
9:17
10:1
10:5

**"I saw..."
(1:12)**

**This exact
verb form is
used 45 times
in Revelation!**

REVELATION IS A PROPHECY

IT IS A FORECAST OF WHAT IS TO COME.
1:3, 22:7, 22:18

**REVELATION IS NOT
SEALED.**

**IT IS AN OPEN BOOK, MEANT TO BE READ
AND UNDERSTOOD.**

22:10

REVELATION CONTAINS THE STORY OF THREE WOMEN.

THE WIFE OF JEHOVAH- **ISRAEL**
THE VIRGIN BRIDE OF CHRIST- **THE CHURCH**
THE HARLOT-**THE EVIL FALSE**
RELIGION

REVELATION CONTAINS TWO INCENTIVES STRESSED THROUGHOUT

Revelation 13

1. and he stood upon the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns, and seven heads, and on his horns ten diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy.



TO ENDURE



TO OVERCOME



You must improvise,
adapt, and overcome.

7. Chapter 1:1-3 serves as the **prologue** and quickly establishes a theme.

Revelation 1:1-3 (NASB) The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated *it* by His angel to His bond-servant John,² who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, *even* to all that he saw.³ Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.