

# The Book of Revelation

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Without question, the book of Revelation is a difficult book to read and understand. Because of this we often choose not to engage with the book, assuming it has no real relevance for today. Or, we put too much emphasis on it believing it is a coded message telling us about the end of the world. However, Revelation should not be ignored or treated like a treasure map. Rather, the book of Revelation should be understood as a word and challenge to the church from her Lord Jesus. In our current challenging world perhaps no book of the Bible is more important for us to understand and live out today. Therefore, we will be reading Revelation with an eye and ear open for what the Spirit is saying to the church today.

Wednesday	Revelation	Reversed Thunder
September 2, 2020	Introduction	Chapter 1: Famous Last Words
September 9, 2020	Hermeneutics/Theology	Chapter 2: Last Word on Scripture
September 16, 2020	Chapter 1	Chapter 3: Last Word on Christ
September 23, 2020	Chapter 2	Chapter 4: Last Word on Church
September 30, 2020	Chapter 3	Chapter 5: Last Word on Worship
October 7, 2020	Chapter 4	Chapter 6: Last Word on Evil
October 14, 2020	Chapter 5	Chapter 7: Last Word on Prayer
October 21, 2020	Chapter 6	Chapter 8: Last Word on Witness
October 28, 2020	Chapter 7	Chapter 9: Last Word on Politics
November 4, 2020	Chapter 8	Chapter 10: Last Word on Judgment
November 11, 2020	Chapter 9	Chapter 11: Last Word on Salvation
November 18, 2020	Chapter 10	Chapter 12: Last Word on Heaven
November 25, 2020	Chapter 11	Chapter 13: Last Words

In addition to the biblical text of Revelation we will be reading the book by Eugene Peterson, *Reversed Thunder: The Revelation of John & the Praying Imagination*. Participants should arrange to purchase a copy for themselves before the class beginning on September 2nd.

Due to ongoing concerns with COVID, we will be meeting online until the church leadership decides it is safe to begin meeting in person. As a result, we will be recording the weekly sessions and posting them to our website.

As has been our practice, we will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. The first hour will be a lecture format with space for questions and discussions and the last half an hour will be to discuss the chapter of the supplementary book.