

# Interesting Facts About Revelation

**AUTHOR:** John

**TIME WRITTEN:** A.D. 95 or 96

**POSITION IN THE BIBLE:** • 66th and last Book in the Bible

• 27th and last Book in the New Testament

• 1st and only Book of Prophecy in the New Testament

• None to follow it.



**CHAPTERS:** 22

**VERSES:** 404

**WORDS:** 11,995

## **OBSERVATIONS ABOUT REVELATION:**

- The author is the apostle John.
- Revelation is from a Greek word meaning “to uncover, to unveil.”
- The island of Patmos was:
  - Located in the Aegean Sea.
  - Located 24 miles west of Asia Minor.
  - 10 miles long.
  - 6 miles wide.
- It is believed that John was 90 years old when he was exiled to the island of Patmos.
- At the time of the revelation, the church was being greatly persecuted by the Romans.
  - For several decades Christianity had remained unnoticed by the Roman government because they had regarded it as a part of the Jewish religion.
  - When it was determined that Christianity was not a part of the Jewish religion, it became an illegal religion.
- The great message of the Revelation is that Satan and the world cannot win, and that Christ and His church cannot lose.

## **REVELATION**

- The key to Revelation is found in Revelation 1:1 - “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants - **things which must shortly take place...**”
- Those to whom the revelation letter was written would understand the message convey by using the largely symbolic language. Should the letter be intercepted, the Romans would not.
- The Seven Churches of Asia:
  - Letter to the church at Ephesus. 2:1-7
  - Letter to the church at Smyrna. 2:8-11
  - Letter to the church at Pergamum. 2:17-18
  - Letter to the church at Thyatira. 2:18-29
  - Letter to the church at Sardis. 3:1-6
  - Letter to the church at Philadelphia. 3:7-13
  - Letter to the church at Laodicea. 3:14-22
- Revelation contains several sets of sevens:
  - The Seven Churches of Asia. 1:9 - 3:22
  - The Seven Seals. 4:1 - 8:1
  - The Seven Trumpets. 8:6 - 11:19
  - The Seven Bows of Wrath. 15:1 - 19:6
- Strong external evidence seems to indicate the Book of revelation may have been written during the reign of Domitian, A.D. 81-96.
  - Domitian was the one who “bathed his empire in the blood of Christians.”
  - While worship of deceased emperors had been practiced for years, Domitian was the first emperor to demand that he be worshipped while he was still alive.
- Out of 404 verses in the Book of Revelation, there are some 278 allusions to the Old Testament.