

the main points again...

Do you like receiving letters?

The book of Revelation as a letter to churches in Asia

A letter to Christian believers, who were,
'...a pitifully small group surrounded by major foes'

Not a letter for complacent Christians...

A letter to offering 'grace and peace' not confusion and perplexity

A letter offering blessing but demanding a response...

God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses those who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near

A letter not to be buried in a cluttered in-tray



A letter with a very high view of inspiration

A letter from God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

A letter which is a revelation or an 'apocalypse'

A genre that speaks of present realities from a heavenly perspective using symbolic language and looking towards a final end...

'The ancient purpose of apocalyptic writing was to stimulate the people at times of national distress by the assurance that God's deliverer would be raised up'

A genre which responds the question, 'Who is Lord over the world?'

Revelation a distinctive example of apocalyptic

Future present- not future distant..

A letter filled with worship and wonder

God is with you...among the lampstands and holding the stars



so what...

Talk together before you begin looking at today's chapter about your feelings about the book of Revelation?

Is it as important as other books of the bible? Is it any more important?

How do you think its message might relate to the rest of the New Testament?

Read the first chapter

Do you agree that the whole book is a letter?

From chapter one, who is it sent to, when and why?

Christian believers at this time were '...a pitiably small group surrounded by major foes'

What are we today in Croxley?

Does this make it harder for us to receive the book of Revelation?

Do we really look for a heavenly perspective on our lives? Is this urgent?

Look at the definition of apocalyptic available today and online.- every week will not be as academic as this How does this help you understand Revelation?

Discuss together the first vision of Christ...

Is this literal?

What response do you think John expected this to elicit from his readers?

Christ is described as among the lampstands and holding the stars. (the 'spirits of the churches, the churches themselves?') Do you sense this presence now?

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it's curtains

Peeping into Revelation



New Mail Message: Revelation 1

Devoted to Christ, people, mission