



Revelation

**New
Testament**

β 66th book of the Bible (out of 66)

β 1.30% of the verses in the Bible

β Written by the Apostle John

John is given this vision whilst on the Island of Patmos. The Church was facing persecution from the Roman authorities, but we are reminded that Christ is triumphant. Plenty of bad things happen in the world and suffering and persecution does come to disciples of Jesus, but ultimately what was lost in the Garden of Eden is restored. God's plan and will comes true.

It is a very different book to the rest of the New Testament, even though like much of the NT it was originally sent to groups of believers who needed both encouragement and challenge. The apocalyptic language it often uses can be very stirring, but is sometimes difficult to understand. Some of the chapters are highly symbolic and perhaps might be considered bizarre in the 21st century. How many times is the number seven used in the book? It is certainly

Facts: John was the last of Jesus' twelve Disciples to die. He was a fisherman when he was young.

the dominant number. The Lamb is a central figure and there are numerous other echoes to Old Testament terminology. Quite a few of Jesus' 250 titles are unique to Revelation. Some of the ideas the book contains were to do with

John's lifetime or the near future; some are concerned with events in the distant future. Could you think of a better book to 'finish off' or complete the Scriptures?

Aim to read the whole book with the current Bible Reading Plan.