



# REVELATION

Clarity in the Chaos

**SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM**



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# Revelation: Clarity in the Chaos

## Week 1: A Word to the Churches

Scripture: Revelation 1:1-6; 2:1-7

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### For the Facilitator

This week introduces how Jesus speaks to His churches.

Stay close to the text.

Let people observe first, then reflect.

You don't need to resolve tension—just help people hear.

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### 1. Opening (5 min)

- When you hear the word *Revelation*, what comes to mind?
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### 2. Read the Text (10 min)

Read Revelation 1:1-6 aloud.

Then read Revelation 2:1-7.

Ask:

- What stands out in how Jesus is described in chapter 1?
- What stands out in what He says to this church?

Let responses come without comment.

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### 3. Guided Reflection (20 min)

(Choose 3-4 of these)

- In Revelation 2, what does Jesus clearly affirm about the church in Ephesus? Why might that matter?
- What exactly is missing when He says, "You have left your first love"? What do you think that loss looks like in real life?
- Why do you think a church can be doctrinally careful and still be corrected this strongly?
- Jesus tells them to "remember... repent... return." What would happen if they didn't?
- Every letter ends with: "Let anyone who has an ear listen." Why do you think hearing is emphasized so strongly?

Pause between questions. Let them sit.

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### 4. Connecting to the Week (5-8 min)

- Was there anything from the sermon, podcast, or daily reflections that you were hoping we'd talk about tonight?

Let a few people share.

If something connects to the text, follow it briefly.

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### 5. Let It Land (10-15 min)

- Is there anything in this passage that feels uncomfortably close to your own experience?
- What is easier for you to receive—affirmation or correction? Why?
- What do you sense the Spirit might be saying to you through this passage?

You might name it as:

- a truth to wrestle with
- a hope to hold onto
- or a change in direction, posture, or action

Give space. No need to explain or resolve.

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## **6. Prayer (5-10 min)**

Let's take a moment to respond to what we've heard.

Invite:

- short prayers
- or silence

Close with:

"Lord Jesus, give us ears to hear what Your Spirit is saying."

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## Week 2: The Throne and the Lamb

Scripture: Revelation 5:1-10; 4:1-11

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### For the Facilitator

This week centers on the throne of God and the Lamb.

Stay close to the text.

Help people notice what is central.

Keep the focus on what is seen and heard in these passages.

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### 1. Opening (5 min)

- When life feels uncertain or unsettled, what helps you regain perspective?
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### 2. Read the Text (10 min)

Read Revelation 5:1-10 aloud.

Then read Revelation 4:1-11.

Ask:

- What stands out to you in what John sees?
- What stands out in what is said or sung?

Let responses come without comment.

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### 3. Guided Reflection (20 min)

(Choose 3-4 of these)

- In Revelation 4, what is placed at the center of everything? Why might that matter for how we see the rest of the book?
- What do you notice about the way God is worshiped in chapter 4? What is emphasized?
- In Revelation 5, why does John weep when no one is found worthy to open the scroll?
- John hears about a Lion but sees a Lamb. What do you notice about that shift? What might it reveal about how God works?
- What makes the Lamb “worthy” in this passage? How is that different from how worth or power is usually understood?

Pause between questions. Let them sit.

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## **4. Connecting to the Week (5-8 min)**

- Was there anything from the sermon, podcast, or daily reflections that you were hoping we’d talk about tonight?

Let a few people share.

If something connects to the text, follow it briefly.

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## **5. Let It Land (10-15 min)**

- What in these passages helps correct or reframe how you see your life right now?
- Where are you most tempted to define power or success differently than what you see in the Lamb?
- What do you sense the Spirit might be saying to you through this passage?

You might name it as:

- a truth to hold onto
- a shift in how you see something
- or a call to trust or worship

Give space. No need to explain or resolve.

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## **6. Prayer (5-10 min)**

Let's take a moment to respond to what we've heard.

Invite:

- short prayers
- or silence

You may guide with:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain."

Close with:

"Lord, help us to see what is truly central and to trust Your way of victory."

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## Week 3: Who Can Stand?

Scripture: Revelation 6:1-8, 15-17; 7:9-17

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### For the Facilitator

This week names disruption and asks, "Who can stand?"

Stay close to the text.

Let the tension be felt.

Don't rush to resolve it—let the passages speak.

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### 1. Opening (5 min)

- When things feel uncertain or out of control, how do you typically respond?
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### 2. Read the Text (10 min)

Read Revelation 6:1-8, 15-17 aloud.

Then read Revelation 7:9-17.

Ask:

- What stands out to you in what is happening in chapter 6?
- What stands out in what John sees in chapter 7?

Let responses come without comment.

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### 3. Guided Reflection (20 min)

(Choose 3-4 of these)

- In Revelation 6, what kinds of realities are being described? What feels familiar about them?
- The question is asked, "Who can stand?" What do you think that question is really asking?
- In chapter 7, what do you notice about the people who are standing before the throne? How are they described?
- How does the scene in chapter 7 respond to what is happening in chapter 6?
- These people are described as those who have "come out of the great tribulation." What do you think that suggests about their experience?

Pause between questions. Let them sit.

### 4. Connecting to the Week (5-8 min)

- Was there anything from the sermon, podcast, or daily reflections that you were hoping we'd talk about tonight?

Let a few people share.

If something connects to the text, follow it briefly.

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### 5. Let It Land (10-15 min)

- Where do you feel the weight of the question, "Who can stand?" in your own life?
- What helps you remain steady when things feel unsettled?
- What do you sense the Spirit might be saying to you through this passage?

You might name it as:

- a call to remain steady
- a reminder of what is ultimately secure
- or an invitation to trust in the midst of uncertainty

Give space. No need to explain or resolve.

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## **6. Prayer (5-10 min)**

Let's take a moment to respond to what we've heard.

Invite:

- short prayers
- or silence

You may guide with:

"Lord, keep us among those who stand before You."

Close with:

"Lord, help us remain steady and trust what is most real."

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## Week 4: Those Who Destroy the Earth

Scripture: Revelation 12:1-12; 13:1-10; 14:1-5

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### For the Facilitator

This week introduces the dragon and the beasts.

Stay close to the text.

Avoid speculation about modern parallels.

Focus on what these passages reveal about power, opposition, and allegiance.

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### 1. Opening (5 min)

- When you think about power or influence in the world, what makes something seem trustworthy or worth following?
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### 2. Read the Text (10 min)

Read Revelation 12:1-12 aloud.

Then read Revelation 13:1-10.

Then read Revelation 14:1-5.

Ask:

- What stands out to you in these scenes?
- What contrasts do you notice between them?

Let responses come without comment.

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### 3. Guided Reflection (20 min)

(Choose 3-4 of these)

- In Revelation 12, what is said about the dragon's position or condition? What does it mean that he has been thrown down?
- In chapter 13, what do you notice about the kind of power the beast has? Why do people follow it?
- What language in chapter 13 sounds similar to worship? Why might that matter?
- In Revelation 14, what distinguishes those who stand with the Lamb? What marks their lives?
- Across these passages, what differences do you see between the way the Lamb operates and the way the beasts operate?

Pause between questions. Let them sit.

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### 4. Connecting to the Week (5-8 min)

- Was there anything from the sermon, podcast, or daily reflections that you were hoping we'd talk about tonight?

Let a few people share.

If something connects to the text, follow it briefly.

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### 5. Let It Land (10-15 min)

- Where do you see pressure to give your allegiance to something other than Christ?
- What makes it difficult to recognize what is worth following and what is not?
- What do you sense the Spirit might be saying to you through this passage?

You might name it as:

- a call to discern more carefully
- a reminder of who truly holds authority
- or a need to realign your allegiance

Give space. No need to explain or resolve.

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## **6. Prayer (5-10 min)**

Let's take a moment to respond to what we've heard.

Invite:

- short prayers
- or silence

You may guide with:

"Lord, keep us faithful to the Lamb."

Close with:

"Lord, give us clarity to see what is true and strength to remain aligned with You."

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## Week 5 (The Defeat of Evil)

Scripture: Revelation 18:1-8; 19:11-16; 20:11-15

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### For the Facilitator

This week focuses on the fall of Babylon and the judgment of evil.

Stay close to the text.

Let the weight of these passages be felt without exaggerating them.

Keep the focus on what lasts and what does not.

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### 1. Opening (5 min)

- What kinds of things tend to feel most secure or lasting to you?
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### 2. Read the Text (10 min)

Read Revelation 18:1-8 aloud.

Then read Revelation 19:11-16.

Then read Revelation 20:11-15.

Ask:

- What stands out to you in these scenes?
- What feels most clear? What feels harder to take in?

Let responses come without comment.

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### 3. Guided Reflection (20 min)

(Choose 3-4 of these)

- In Revelation 18, how is Babylon described? What does its fall reveal about what seemed stable?
- The call is given: "Come out of her, my people." What do you think that means in this context?
- In Revelation 19, what stands out about how Christ is described? What kind of authority does He have?
- In Revelation 20, what do you notice about the scene before the throne? What is brought into the light?
- Across these passages, what differences do you see between what appears powerful and what actually endures?

Pause between questions. Let them sit.

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### 4. Connecting to the Week (5-8 min)

- Was there anything from the sermon, podcast, or daily reflections that you were hoping we'd talk about tonight?

Let a few people share.

If something connects to the text, follow it briefly.

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### 5. Let It Land (10-15 min)

- Where are you most tempted to rely on something that may not last?
- What does it look like, in a practical sense, to "come out" from what is passing away?
- What do you sense the Spirit might be saying to you through this passage?

You might name it as:

- something to release
- something to hold more loosely
- or a call to align more fully with what is true

Give space. No need to explain or resolve.

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## **6. Prayer (5-10 min)**

Let's take a moment to respond to what we've heard.

Invite:

- short prayers
- or silence

You may guide with:

"Lord, help us hold fast to what endures."

Close with:

"Lord, give us clarity to see what lasts and courage to live accordingly."

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## Week 6: The Restoration of All Things

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-5; 22:1-5; 22:16-21

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### For the Facilitator

This week centers on new creation and the presence of God.

Stay close to the text.

Let the promises speak clearly.

Keep the focus on what God is bringing about.

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### 1. Opening (5 min)

- When you think about the future, what gives you the most hope?
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### 2. Read the Text (10 min)

Read Revelation 21:1-5 aloud.

Then read Revelation 22:1-5.

Then read Revelation 22:16-21.

Ask:

- What stands out to you in these passages?
- What is repeated or emphasized?

Let responses come without comment.

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### 3. Guided Reflection (20 min)

(Choose 3-4 of these)

- In Revelation 21, what is described as new? What has passed away?
- What do you notice about God's presence in these passages? Where is He in relation to His people?
- In Revelation 22, what images are used to describe life in this renewed creation? What do they suggest?
- The invitation is given: "Let the one who is thirsty come." What do you notice about who is invited?
- The final words include, "Come, Lord Jesus." What do you think it means to pray that?

Pause between questions. Let them sit.

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### 4. Connecting to the Week (5-8 min)

- Was there anything from the sermon, podcast, or daily reflections that you were hoping we'd talk about tonight?

Let a few people share.

If something connects to the text, follow it briefly.

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### 5. Let It Land (10-15 min)

- What part of this vision do you find most compelling or difficult to imagine?
- How might this future shape the way you live now?
- What do you sense the Spirit might be saying to you through this passage?

You might name it as:

- a hope to hold onto
  - a way of seeing your life differently
  - or a step to take in light of what is coming
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## **6. Prayer (5-10 min)**

Let's take a moment to respond to what we've heard.

Invite:

- short prayers
- or silence

You may guide with:

"Come, Lord Jesus."

Close with:

"Lord, shape our lives by the future You have promised."

# Revelation: Clarity in the Chaos

## Small Group Guide – Week 7 (Wrap-Up)

Scripture: Revelation 1:5-6; 5:9-10; 21:1-5

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### For the Facilitator

This week is about reflection and integration.

Help people name what has stayed with them.

Focus on clarity, not coverage.

You don't need to summarize the series—help people articulate what they've received.

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### 1. Opening (5 min)

- As you think back over this series, what has stayed with you the most?
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### 2. Read the Text (5-7 min)

Read slowly:

- Revelation 1:5-6
- Revelation 5:9-10
- Revelation 21:1-5

Ask:

- As you hear these again, what feels most familiar or settled compared to when we started?
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### 3. Guided Reflection (20-25 min)

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(Choose 4-5 of these)

- How has your understanding of Revelation changed over the course of this series?
- What do you see more clearly now about who Jesus is?
- What do you see more clearly about the world—its pressures, its limits, or its direction?
- What has challenged you the most over these weeks?
- What has encouraged or steadied you the most?
- Where do you feel like your thinking, priorities, or assumptions have shifted?
- If you had to summarize the message of Revelation in one or two sentences, what would you say?

Pause between questions. Let people think before answering.

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## **4. Connecting to the Series (5-8 min)**

- Was there a specific sermon, podcast moment, or journal reflection that stayed with you?
- Did anything lead you to change a habit, decision, or posture?

Let a few people share.

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## **5. Let It Land (10-15 min)**

- What is one thing you don't want to forget from this series?
- Where do you sense a need to respond—not just think differently, but live differently?
- What do you sense the Spirit might be saying to you as you move forward?

You might name it as:

- something to hold onto
- something to release
- or a step to take

Give space. No need to resolve or summarize.

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## 6. Prayer (5-10 min)

Let's take a moment to respond to what we've heard and carried through this series.

Invite:

- short prayers
- or silence

You may guide with:

"Worthy is the Lamb."

or

"Come, Lord Jesus."

Close with:

"Lord, help us remain faithful to what You have shown us and live in light of what is true."