

I. Introduction

The Book of Revelation is the story of Jesus Christ who will come again.

Therefore, the Book of Revelation can rightly be called the Fifth Gospel.

Even if one has read and heard all the other books of the Bible, without understanding Revelation, one cannot claim to fully know the Scriptures.

By hearing, reading, and studying the Book of Revelation, let us come to fully understand the gospel that began in Genesis.

II. Main Body

1. Background and Purpose of the Book of Revelation

The Book of Revelation was written by the Apostle John on the island of Patmos around AD 95-96.

God gave the Book of Revelation to comfort and encourage His people, so that they might endure to the end, persevere, and keep their faith even in the midst of persecution.

2. Things to Remember When Reading and Studying Revelation

The Book of Revelation is not a frightening or terrifying book, but a book of hope and blessing.

The Book of Revelation was not given merely to provide information about the end times, but to be obeyed and kept.

Reasons why the Book of Revelation feels difficult:

- a. Because it contains many visions and symbols.
- b. Because it is based on Old Testament apocalyptic literature.

Be cautious of false interpretations and self-serving interpretations by cults.

Focus on the core message that Revelation intends to communicate.

Carefully discern whether passages should be understood as visions and symbols or interpreted literally.

To understand visions and symbols, one must know their Old Testament background.

Do not force interpretations; go only as far as what has been revealed (cf. 2 Peter 3:16).

Do not argue or debate using the Book of Revelation; rather, receive it as it is.

3. The Book of Revelation Is the Revelation of Jesus Christ Through John (v.1)

It is a revelation about Jesus Christ and revealed by Jesus Christ - the words of Jesus Himself.

Revelation (Greek: apokalypsis) means to uncover or unveil what was hidden.

The process of revelation: God → Him (Jesus Christ) → an angel → John → the servants (believers)

While believers are being persecuted and even dying for Jesus, where is Jesus, and what is He doing?

4. John Bore Witness to the Revelation Exactly as He Received It (v.2)

John testified without adding or subtracting anything from what Jesus revealed to him.

Jesus desires that the words of this revelation be preserved purely (Revelation 22:18-19).

5. Blessed Are Those Who Read, Hear, and Keep the Book of Revelation (v.3)

Those who read, hear, and obey the words of this prophecy are promised blessing.

III. Conclusion

**Bible
Memori-
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A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.”
Revelation 1:3 (ESV)

**Bible
Reading**

	12/15(Mon)	12/16(Tue)	12/17(Wed)	12/18(Thur)	12/19(Fri)	12/20(Sat)	12/21(Sun)
	1 Thess. 4-5, 2 Thess, 1 Tim 1	1 Tim. 2-6	2 Tim. 1-4, Titus 1	Titus 2-3, Philemon, Heb 1-3	Hebrews 4-8	Hebrews 9-11	Hebrews 12-13, James 1-2

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Quiet Time Passage

	12/15(Mon)	12/16(Tue)	12/17(Wed)	12/18(Thur)	12/19(Fri)	12/20(Sat)	12/21(Sun)
	Joshua 19:1-23	Joshua 19:24-51	Joshua 20:1-9	Joshua 21:1-7	Joshua 21:8-26	Joshua 21:27-45	Joshua 22:1-9

**Sharing
Questions**

1. From today's sermon, share one new insight or grace you received.
2. Discuss God's purpose in giving us the Book of Revelation. As we continue studying Revelation, share any hope, vision, or personal commitment you have gained.
3. The pastor stated that the Book of Revelation is the Fifth Gospel. In connection with Revelation 1:1, "The revelation of Jesus Christ," explain what this means.
4. Why are those who read, hear, and keep the Book of Revelation blessed? What kind of blessing do they receive?