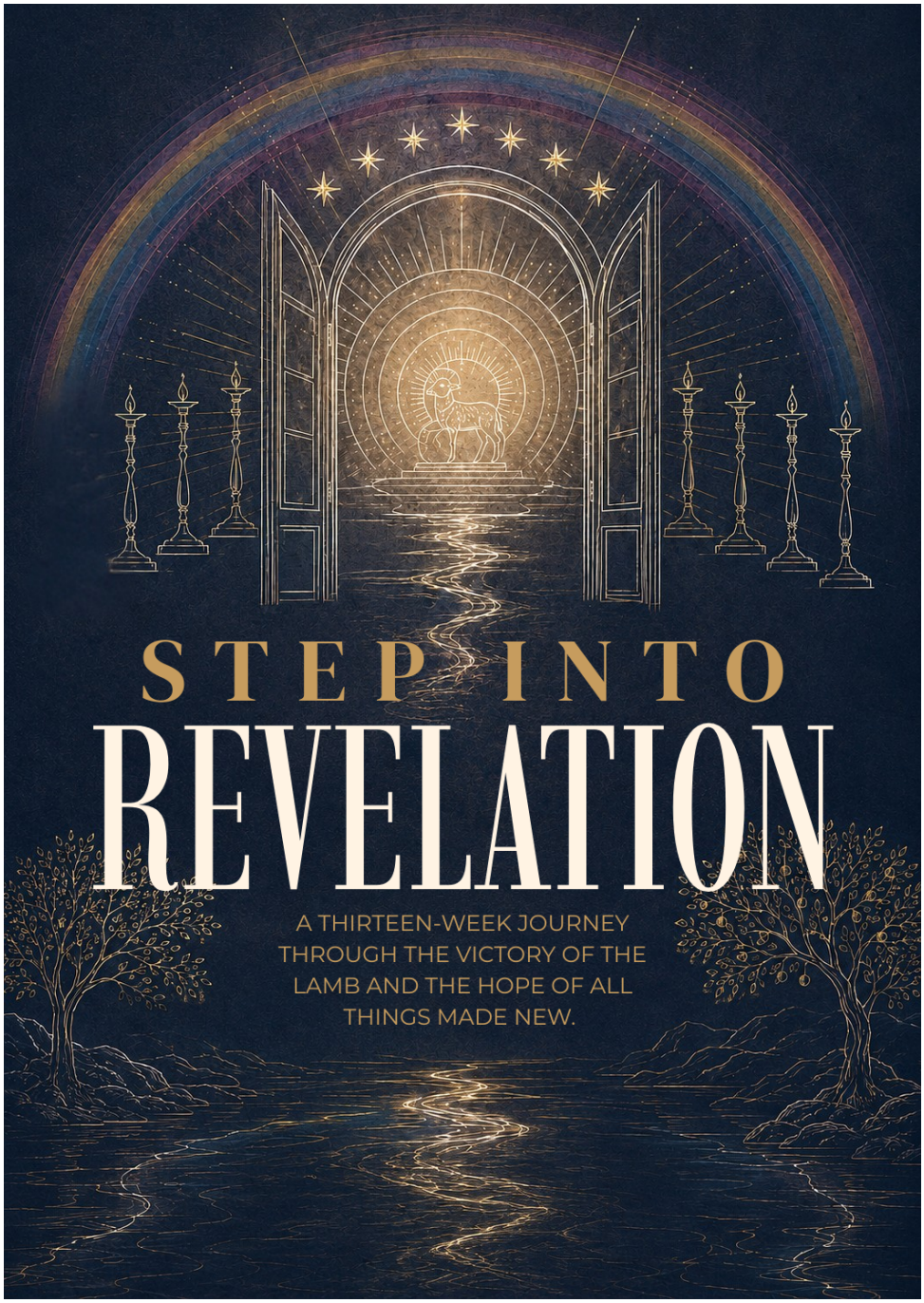
STEP INTO

REVELATION

Seeing Jesus. Enduring faithfully. Longing for home.

August 26 - November 18 | 13 Wednesdays

Ekklesia Christian Church | Step Into Scripture



Welcome to Step Into Revelation

Revelation is one of the most worship-filled, hope-filled, and misunderstood books in the Bible. Some people are fascinated by it. Some are afraid of it. Some avoid it because they have only heard it taught as a confusing timeline of future world events. But Revelation begins by telling us what it is: the revelation of Jesus Christ.

This study is an invitation to read Revelation with humility, courage, and confidence. We will not treat it as a puzzle detached from the rest of Scripture. We will read it as part of the whole story of the Bible - filled with Old Testament echoes, New Testament fulfillment, pastoral warning, and eternal hope.

Each Wednesday, men and women will gather separately for teaching, then discuss around tables with table hosts. During the week, this guide will help you read slowly, pay attention carefully, and come prepared to engage the text.

What If Revelation Is Not What You Expected?

Many of us come to Revelation with assumptions already in place. Maybe we have heard it connected to charts, headlines, a rapture timeline, the antichrist, the modern nation of Israel, a rebuilt temple, or end-times fiction. Maybe we have wondered whether Revelation is mostly about decoding current events. Maybe we have avoided it because it seemed too controversial, too confusing, or too frightening.

But what if Revelation was not written to make Christians afraid of the future, but to give courage to the church in every generation?

What if Revelation is not primarily a code to crack, but a vision meant to reveal Jesus Christ?

What if the book is less about escaping the world and more about faithfully witnessing to Jesus while the kingdoms of this world rage, deceive, seduce, and fall?

In this study, we will take Revelation seriously as Scripture. We will pay attention to its original audience, its repeated symbols, its connections to the Old Testament prophets, and its central message: Jesus is King, the Lamb has conquered, evil will not last forever, and God will dwell with His people.

Along the way, we will acknowledge that faithful Christians have interpreted parts of Revelation differently. We will talk about some of those views, including the popular end-times framework many of us have heard before. But our goal will not be to defend a tradition, chase headlines, or force Revelation into a system. Our goal will be to let Scripture interpret Scripture and to see what Revelation reveals about Jesus, His church, the world, judgment, endurance, worship, and hope.

Revelation begins with a blessing for those who read, hear, and keep what is written in it. That means this book was not given to confuse us. It was given to form us. As we step into Revelation together, we are asking God to help us see Jesus more clearly, worship more faithfully, endure more courageously, and long more deeply for the day when He makes all things new.

How We Will Read Revelation Together

Revelation is full of vivid images, repeated symbols, heavenly worship, earthly conflict, judgment, endurance, and hope. Because of that, we want to approach it with humility and care.

- We will read Revelation as a revelation of Jesus Christ, not merely a prediction chart.
- We will let Scripture interpret Scripture, looking especially for Old Testament echoes and New Testament connections.
- We will ask what the book meant to its first hearers and how it continues to speak to the church today.
- We will be humble where faithful Christians have disagreed and clear where the text is clear.
- We will resist fear, speculation, and headline-chasing.
- We will look for the call to faithful witness, patient endurance, true worship, repentance, and hope.

The Daily Rhythm

Each day, use this simple rhythm as you read:

1. Read: Read the assigned passage slowly. Revelation is meant to be seen, heard, and kept - not rushed.
2. Notice: What words, images, contrasts, repeated phrases, or symbols stand out?
3. Connect: Where does this passage connect to the rest of Scripture?
4. Respond: What does this passage call you to believe, resist, repent of, endure, worship, or hope in?
5. Pray: Turn one truth from the passage into prayer.

You do not have to understand every detail before you come to group. Bring your observations, questions, and honest responses to the table. Revelation was given to the church, and we will read it together as the church.

Wednesday Table Rhythm

- Come having read and reflected on the weekly passage.
- After teaching, your table host may read one shorter key section aloud.
- Discuss what you noticed, what connections helped you understand the passage, and what the Spirit is calling you to believe or obey.
- Be thoughtful, charitable, concise, and Scripture-grounded so that others have room to participate.

Weekly Step Into Revelation Schedule

Week	Date	Text	Theme
1	Wednesday, August 26	Revelation 1	The Revelation of Jesus Christ
2	Wednesday, September 2	Revelation 2-3	The Seven Churches
3	Wednesday, September 9	Revelation 4-5	The Throne and the Lamb
4	Wednesday, September 16	Revelation 6-7	The Seals and the Sealed People of God
5	Wednesday, September 23	Revelation 8-11	Trumpets, Warning, Witness, and the Kingdom
6	Wednesday, September 30	Revelation 12	The War Behind the War
7	Wednesday, October 7	Revelation 13	The Beasts and Competing Allegiances
8	Wednesday, October 14	Revelation 14-16	Endurance, Harvest, Bowls, and Judgment
9	Wednesday, October 21	Revelation 17-18	Babylon and the Seduction of the World
10	Wednesday, October 28	Revelation 19	The Victory of the King
11	Wednesday, November 4	Revelation 20	The Millennium, Judgment, and the Final Defeat of Evil
12	Wednesday, November 11	Revelation 21	New Creation and New Jerusalem
13	Wednesday, November 18	Revelation 22	Come, Lord Jesus

Daily Reading Plan

Use the dated readings below to prepare for each Wednesday gathering. The first gathering launches the study. After that, each week's readings prepare you for the following Wednesday.

Week 1: The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Wednesday Gathering: Wednesday, August 26 | Teaching Text: Revelation 1

Table Reading Suggestion: Revelation 1:12-18

Date	Reading	Reflection Prompt
Before Aug 26	Optional Start	Read Revelation 1 once before the first gathering, if you have the guide early. What do you notice about Jesus?
Wed, Aug 26	Gathering: Revelation 1	Begin the study together. After teaching, note one thing Revelation 1 shows you about Jesus that you do not want to forget.
Thu, Aug 27	Revelation 2:1-7	What does Jesus commend, correct, and promise to the church in Ephesus?
Fri, Aug 28	Revelation 2:8-11	What does Smyrna teach us about faithful endurance when obedience is costly?
Sat, Aug 29	Revelation 2:12-17	What pressures or compromises does Pergamum face, and where do you see similar pressures today?
Sun, Aug 30	Revelation 2:18-29	What is the difference between love that tolerates sin and love that remains faithful to Jesus?
Mon, Aug 31	Revelation 3:1-13	Compare Sardis and Philadelphia. What does Jesus value that people may overlook?
Tue, Sep 1	Revelation 3:14-22 + Review	How do the seven letters prepare the church to hear the rest of Revelation?

Week 2: The Seven Churches

Wednesday Gathering: Wednesday, September 2 | Teaching Text: Revelation 2-3

Table Reading Suggestion: Revelation 3:14-22

Date	Reading	Reflection Prompt
Wed, Sep 2	Gathering: Revelation 2-3	Which letter most challenged or encouraged you, and why?
Thu, Sep 3	Revelation 4:1-11	What does the throne room scene reveal about who is truly in control?
Fri, Sep 4	Revelation 5:1-7	Why is the Lamb worthy to open the scroll? What kind of victory does He display?
Sat, Sep 5	Revelation 5:8-14	What does heaven worship, and how should that shape the church on earth?
Sun, Sep 6	Daniel 7:9-14	What connections do you see between Daniel's vision and Revelation 4-5?
Mon, Sep 7	Isaiah 6:1-8	How do throne room visions expose human weakness and call people into worship and obedience?
Tue, Sep 8	Review Revelation 4-5	How does seeing the throne and the Lamb prepare us to face suffering, judgment, and conflict?

Week 3: The Throne and the Lamb

Wednesday Gathering: Wednesday, September 9 | Teaching Text: Revelation 4-5

Table Reading Suggestion: Revelation 5:6-14

Date	Reading	Reflection Prompt
Wed, Sep 9	Gathering: Revelation 4-5	Write one sentence of worship based on what you saw in Revelation 4-5.
Thu, Sep 10	Revelation 6:1-8	What forms of brokenness are pictured as the seals are opened?
Fri, Sep 11	Revelation 6:9-17	What questions are raised by suffering, martyrdom, and judgment?
Sat, Sep 12	Revelation 7:1-8	What does it mean for God's people to be sealed before judgment is fully revealed?
Sun, Sep 13	Revelation 7:9-17	What does the multitude before the throne show us about the reach of salvation and the hope of worship?
Mon, Sep 14	Ezekiel 9:1-6	How does this Old Testament scene help you think about sealing, judgment, and belonging to God?
Tue, Sep 15	Review Revelation 6-7	Where do you see both warning and comfort in these chapters?

Week 4: The Seals and the Sealed People of God

Wednesday Gathering: Wednesday, September 16 | Teaching Text: Revelation 6-7

Table Reading Suggestion: Revelation 7:9-17

Date	Reading	Reflection Prompt
Wed, Sep 16	Gathering: Revelation 6-7	What comfort does Revelation give suffering believers?
Thu, Sep 17	Revelation 8:1-13	What do the trumpet judgments communicate about warning, mercy, and the seriousness of sin?
Fri, Sep 18	Revelation 9:1-21	What do people refuse to repent of, even under judgment?
Sat, Sep 19	Revelation 10:1-11	What is sweet and bitter about receiving God's word?
Sun, Sep 20	Revelation 11:1-14	What does faithful witness look like when the world resists the testimony of Jesus?
Mon, Sep 21	Revelation 11:15-19	What does the seventh trumpet announce about the kingdom of the world?
Tue, Sep 22	Review Revelation 8-11	How do these chapters call the church to repentance, witness, and hope?

Week 5: Trumpets, Warning, Witness, and the Kingdom

Wednesday Gathering: Wednesday, September 23 | Teaching Text: Revelation 8-11

Table Reading Suggestion: Revelation 11:15-19

Date	Reading	Reflection Prompt
Wed, Sep 23	Gathering: Revelation 8-11	Where do you see warning and mercy working together?
Thu, Sep 24	Revelation 12:1-6	What do the woman, child, and dragon show us about the conflict behind history?
Fri, Sep 25	Revelation 12:7-12	How is the accuser defeated, and what does that mean for believers?
Sat, Sep 26	Revelation 12:13-17	Why does the dragon rage against those who keep God's commands and hold to Jesus?
Sun, Sep 27	Genesis 3:14-15	How does the first promise of victory over the serpent echo into Revelation 12?
Mon, Sep 28	Daniel 7:1-14	What does Daniel help you see about beasts, kingdoms, and the Son of Man?
Tue, Sep 29	Review Revelation 12	How does this chapter help you understand spiritual conflict without fear?

Week 6: The War Behind the War

Wednesday Gathering: Wednesday, September 30 | Teaching Text: Revelation 12

Table Reading Suggestion: Revelation 12:10-12

Date	Reading	Reflection Prompt
Wed, Sep 30	Gathering: Revelation 12	What does Revelation 12 teach us about victory, accusation, and endurance?
Thu, Oct 1	Revelation 13:1-10	What does the first beast demand, and how are the saints called to respond?
Fri, Oct 2	Revelation 13:11-18	What does the second beast reveal about deception, false worship, and counterfeit power?
Sat, Oct 3	Daniel 3:1-18	How does the pressure to worship the image in Daniel connect to Revelation 13?
Sun, Oct 4	Matthew 24:4-14	What warnings does Jesus give about deception, endurance, and witness?
Mon, Oct 5	1 John 2:15-18	How does John describe the spirit of antichrist and the love of the world?
Tue, Oct 6	Review Revelation 13	What competing allegiances are exposed in this chapter?

Week 7: The Beasts and Competing Allegiances

Wednesday Gathering: Wednesday, October 7 | Teaching Text: Revelation 13

Table Reading Suggestion: Revelation 13:8-10

Date	Reading	Reflection Prompt
Wed, Oct 7	Gathering: Revelation 13	What helps the church endure when the world demands worship?
Thu, Oct 8	Revelation 14:1-5	What marks those who belong to the Lamb?
Fri, Oct 9	Revelation 14:6-13	What messages are announced, and what does endurance look like for the saints?
Sat, Oct 10	Revelation 14:14-20	What do the harvest images communicate about judgment and final accountability?
Sun, Oct 11	Revelation 15:1-8	What does the song of Moses and the Lamb reveal about worship and victory?
Mon, Oct 12	Revelation 16:1-21	How do the bowls show the seriousness of judgment and the hardness of unrepentant hearts?
Tue, Oct 13	Review Revelation 14-16	What do these chapters teach you to resist, endure, and worship?

Week 8: Endurance, Harvest, Bowls, and Judgment

Wednesday Gathering: Wednesday, October 14 | Teaching Text: Revelation 14-16

Table Reading Suggestion: Revelation 14:6-13

Date	Reading	Reflection Prompt
Wed, Oct 14	Gathering: Revelation 14-16	What does patient endurance look like in ordinary life?
Thu, Oct 15	Revelation 17:1-6	What is seductive about Babylon, and why is she so dangerous?
Fri, Oct 16	Revelation 17:7-18	What does this vision show about worldly power and its instability?
Sat, Oct 17	Revelation 18:1-8	What does “come out of her” mean for God’s people?
Sun, Oct 18	Revelation 18:9-24	What does Babylon’s fall reveal about wealth, luxury, injustice, and idolatry?
Mon, Oct 19	Jeremiah 51:6-10	How does the Old Testament language of Babylon help you read Revelation 17-18?
Tue, Oct 20	Review Revelation 17-18	Where are you tempted to be impressed by what Revelation says will fall?

Week 9: Babylon and the Seduction of the World

Wednesday Gathering: Wednesday, October 21 | Teaching Text: Revelation 17-18

Table Reading Suggestion: Revelation 18:1-8

Date	Reading	Reflection Prompt
Wed, Oct 21	Gathering: Revelation 17-18	What does Babylon reveal about the difference between appearance and reality?
Thu, Oct 22	Revelation 19:1-10	How does heaven respond to the fall of Babylon and the marriage supper of the Lamb?
Fri, Oct 23	Revelation 19:11-16	How is Jesus pictured as the faithful and true King?
Sat, Oct 24	Revelation 19:17-21	What does this victory scene reveal about the final defeat of rebellious powers?
Sun, Oct 25	Isaiah 63:1-6	What connections do you see between Isaiah's warrior imagery and Revelation 19?
Mon, Oct 26	Psalm 2	How does this psalm help you understand the nations, rebellion, and the rule of Christ?
Tue, Oct 27	Review Revelation 19	What hope does Revelation 19 give to a church surrounded by compromise and opposition?

Week 10: The Victory of the King

Wednesday Gathering: Wednesday, October 28 | Teaching Text: Revelation 19

Table Reading Suggestion: Revelation 19:11-16

Date	Reading	Reflection Prompt
Wed, Oct 28	Gathering: Revelation 19	What part of this picture of Jesus most strengthens your faith?
Thu, Oct 29	Revelation 20:1-6	What questions does this passage raise, and what truths are clear about Christ's reign and the saints?
Fri, Oct 30	Revelation 20:7-10	What does the final defeat of Satan show about the limits of evil?
Sat, Oct 31	Revelation 20:11-15	What does the final judgment reveal about justice, accountability, and the book of life?
Sun, Nov 1	John 5:24-29	How does Jesus describe resurrection, judgment, and life?
Mon, Nov 2	1 Corinthians 15:20-28	How does Paul describe Christ's reign and the final defeat of death?
Tue, Nov 3	Review Revelation 20	What can we say with confidence, even where Christians differ on the millennium?

Week 11: The Millennium, Judgment, and the Final Defeat of Evil

Wednesday Gathering: Wednesday, November 4 | Teaching Text: Revelation 20

Table Reading Suggestion: Revelation 20:11-15

Date	Reading	Reflection Prompt
Wed, Nov 4	Gathering: Revelation 20	What does this chapter teach you about the certainty of Christ's victory?
Thu, Nov 5	Revelation 21:1-8	What is made new, and what is finally gone forever?
Fri, Nov 6	Revelation 21:9-14	What does the New Jerusalem reveal about the people of God?
Sat, Nov 7	Revelation 21:15-21	What does the city's beauty and measurement communicate about God's dwelling place?
Sun, Nov 8	Revelation 21:22-27	Why is there no temple, and what does that reveal about God's presence?
Mon, Nov 9	Isaiah 65:17-25	How does Isaiah's vision help you long for new creation?
Tue, Nov 10	Review Revelation 21	Which promise in this chapter do you most need to hold onto?

Week 12: New Creation and New Jerusalem

Wednesday Gathering: Wednesday, November 11 | Teaching Text: Revelation 21

Table Reading Suggestion: Revelation 21:1-5

Date	Reading	Reflection Prompt
Wed, Nov 11	Gathering: Revelation 21	What does “all things new” mean for your hope right now?
Thu, Nov 12	Revelation 22:1-5	What does the river, tree of life, and face of God show about restored creation?
Fri, Nov 13	Revelation 22:6-11	What does this closing remind us about the trustworthiness and urgency of Revelation?
Sat, Nov 14	Revelation 22:12-17	What invitations, promises, and warnings stand out?
Sun, Nov 15	Revelation 22:18-21	How does the book end, and what longing should it awaken in us?
Mon, Nov 16	Revelation 1:1-8 and 22:6-21	Compare the beginning and ending of Revelation. What themes frame the whole book?
Tue, Nov 17	Review the whole book	Write down three things Revelation has revealed about Jesus, the church, and hope.

Week 13: Come, Lord Jesus

Wednesday Gathering: Wednesday, November 18 | Teaching Text: Revelation 22

Table Reading Suggestion: Revelation 22:12-21

Date	Reading	Reflection Prompt
Wed, Nov 18	Gathering: Revelation 22	Come ready to share one truth from Revelation you want to keep living from after this study ends.

Personal Notes