



The book of

Revelation

Revelation 6

- ⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. ¹⁰ They called out in a loud voice, “**How long,** Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?”

THE REVELATION

OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE.

CHAPTER I.

*vision to the seven churches of Asia, signified
the twelve apostles. 7 The coming of Christ. 14
his majesty.*

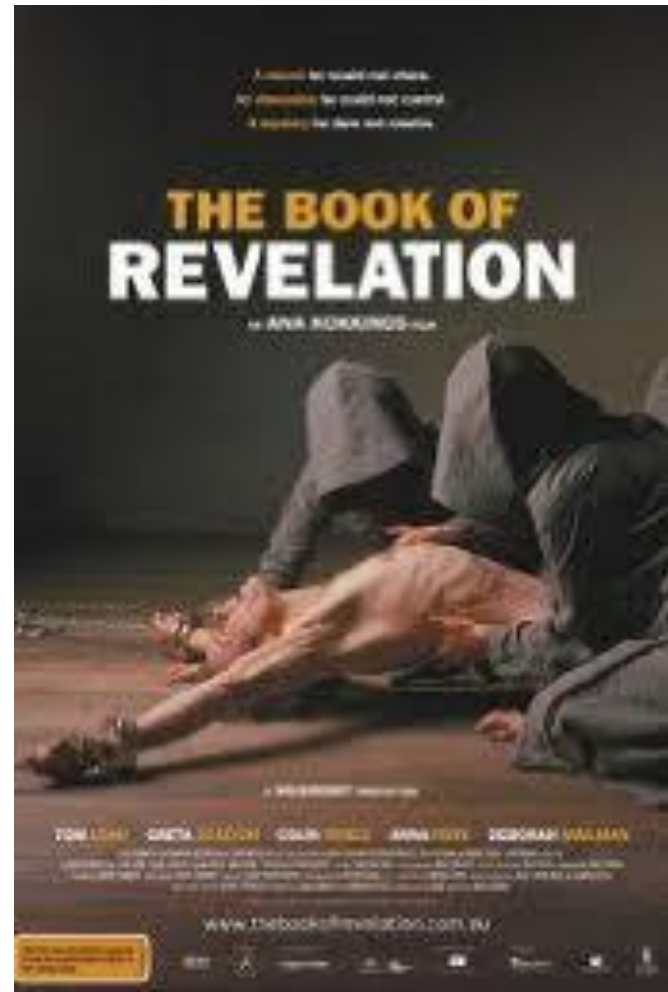
of Jesus Christ, which
him, to shew unto his
which must shortly come
at and signified it by
servant John:
of the word of God,
of Jesus Christ, and
adeth, and the
this

day, and heard behind me
as of a trumpet,
11 Saying, I am Alpha and
first and the last: and, Who
write in a book, and send
seven churches which are
Ephesus, and unto
Pergamos, and unto
Sardis, and unto
Laodicea.
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Revelation 1

- **1¹⁻² A revealing of Jesus, the Messiah.** God gave it to make plain to his servants what is about to happen. He published and delivered it by Angel to his servant John. And John told everything he saw: God's Word— the witness of Jesus Christ!
- **3** How blessed the reader! How blessed the hearers and keepers of these oracle words, all the words written in this book!

- APOCALYPTIC form
- SYMBOLIC imagery
- Events are not necessarily chronological
- To give hope in the midst of persecution



The Confusion

- Literal or symbolic?
- Contemporary or predictive?



Revelation 1

- ¹⁰ On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, ¹¹ which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and **send it to the seven churches:** to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."

Major Lessons

- Book of Hope
- Book of Warning
- Not to become casual about our faith