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Revelation

What is the book of Revelation?

- The book of Revelation is a letter. It's apocalyptic writing and includes prophecy. The writer called himself John. It's thought that this was the apostle John.
- It's thought that Revelation was written around the year AD 95. This was when Domitian was emperor of Rome.

Who was Revelation written to?

- To seven churches in the Roman territory called Asia Minor. This is the country now known as Turkey.
- They were the churches in Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.
- Followers of Jesus recognise that Revelation shares the truth about Jesus. It's for all people everywhere.

Why was Revelation written?

- To encourage believers who were being treated badly for following Jesus.
- To encourage them to refuse to believe false teaching about Jesus.
- To give believers hope about God's kingdom now and in the future.

Main ideas

- Only God is worthy of worship.
- God will stop all evil spiritual powers and the human beings who serve them.
- Jesus will return and will judge all people and all evil spiritual beings.
- Jesus will bring the new heaven and the new earth.

Outline

Greetings (1:1-8).

John's first vision. Jesus in the middle of the seven lampstands (1:9 - 3:22).

John's second vision (4 -- 16).

John's third vision (17:1 -- 21:8).

John's fourth vision. The Holy City (21:9 - 22:5).

Final words (22:6-21).