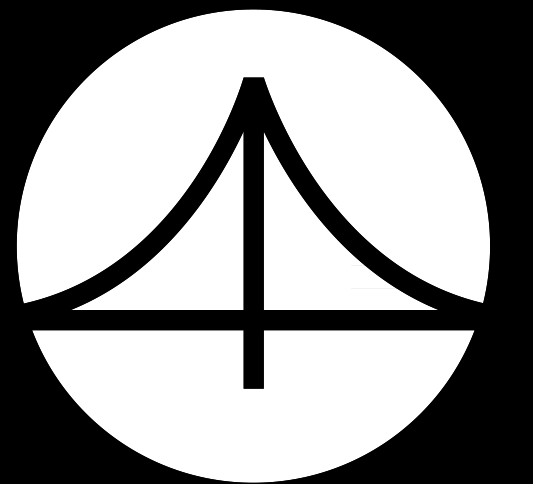


# Revelation: Overcomers

Revelation 1-3





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AN INTRODUCTION  
TO  
THE BOOK OF  
**REVELATION**

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Including Reading Guide



**Revelation is written so we  
can live for Jesus.**

- One Word**
- Three Genres**
- Seven Letters**

# One Word

- Nikao
  - To win victory, conquer an obstacle or foe, overcome what stands in your way, or prevail
  - Revelation is written to make us people who nikao
- Key question as we read: How is this helping equip me to conquer by staying faithful to Jesus?

# Three Genres

1. Epistle - a letter (Rev. 1:4)
  - Written to help us face difficulties in a way that honors God
2. Prophecy - God's perspective on world events (Rev. 1:3)
  - God gives us this perspective so we can live as overcomers

# Three Genres

3. Apocalyptic - passing on heavenly mysteries (Rev. 1:1)
  - In order to encourage us to live faithfully for God today
  - Typically involves lots of symbolism
  - Concerns life in the last days

# Are We in the Last Days?

- Yes, and we have been for 2,000 years
- Key passages:
  - Acts 2:17; Heb. 1:2; James 5:3
  - 2 Tim. 3:1-5 (Timothy can't avoid the people who are coming in the last days unless he's living in the last days)
  - 2 Pet. 3:1-7 (The scoffers who "will come" in the last days are already there as Peter writes)
  - 1 John 2:18 - It is the "last hour"

# Three Genres

- “Last days” - From the perspective of God’s work in the world, no more major events need to happen before Jesus returns
- Revelation is written to help us nikao, or overcome



# Seven Letters

Seven churches stand for all churches throughout history, so what is written TO them is meant FOR us as well

1. Every church is called to listen
2. Appearances can be deceiving
3. Every church faces temptation to turn from God
4. All churches are called to overcome and are promised rewards for overcoming

Rev. 1-3