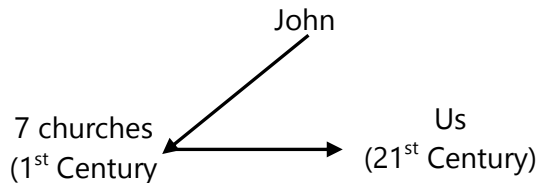


Introduction: What is holding Jesus back?

1:7 Behold he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

1. The key to unlocking Revelation



- i. John is a Jew (look for OT allusions!)
- ii. John is the author (look for clues within Revelation!)
- iii. His readers (the seven churches) are living in the 1st century (think first century!)

Quiz time!

2. The plot of Revelation

6:10 They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, **how long** before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on earth?"

3. The structure of Revelation

1:1-8 Prologue

1:9-3:22 7 Churches

4:1-5:14 Throne room and the slain lamb

6:1-8:5 7 Seals **(with a delay)**

8:6-11:19 7 Trumpets **(with a delay)**

12:1-15:4 7 visions of a holy war

15:5-16:21 7 bowls **(no delay)**

17:1-19:10 Fall of Babylon and saints vindicated

19:11-21:8 More visions and the throne room

21:9-22:9 The new Jerusalem

22:10-21 Epilogue

The great reveal of Revelation: we are in a _____

4. The purpose of Revelation

To _____ (2:7, 11, 17, 26, 3:5, 12, 21)

Discussion Questions:

1. What are you looking forward to in this series?
2. How might knowing that we are in a war change the way we make decisions?
3. Spend some time praying for each other