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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
REVELATION // Episode 1: The Scroll
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Revelation 1:1-3

1 The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. 2 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Understanding the book of Revelation

The Who of Revelation:

- Jesus, Angel, John, Mankind

The What of Revelation:

- **Prophecy:** Vs. 3 *Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy.*
 - A forth-telling of something to come
 - **Vs. 1** “show his servants what **must soon take place**”
 - Luke 21:28 *“When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”*

The Where of Revelation:

- **A Throne in Heaven** Revelation 4:11 *“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”*

The When of Revelation:

- 93-96 A.D
- The Day of the Lord

The Why of Revelation: 1:1 *The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place.*

The Sevens: 7 Churches, 7 Letters, 7 Seals, 7 Bowls, 7 Trumpets, 7 Signs, 7 Years

Revelation 5: A Scroll, A Lion and a Lamb

- **Scroll:** Scrolls were “often” used for correspondence and were transitory in nature as opposed to a book which were meant to be kept in libraries.
 - **Scroll:** Speaks of the judgements to come.
 - **Sadness:** Rev 5:3 *But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.*
 - **John’s sadness** was due to the fact that without someone worthy enough to read the scroll, sin would not be judged.
 - **Seals:** The seals speak of the sequential nature of the revelation to be revealed by the reading of the scroll.

Practical Takeaway: All sin is under the judgment of God and must be judged for true freedom and salvation to come.

- **Revelation 12:10-11** *And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ. For the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down—he who accuses them day and night before our God. 11 They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. And they did not love their lives so as to shy away from death.*

Small Group Questions:

1. Why do you think God gave the Revelation to His churches?
2. John wept because there was no one to read the scroll. Why do you think that was?
3. Why do you think God will judge the world in stages as opposed to all at once?
4. Why must God judge the world?
5. How do we avoid being judged by God?