

# BAC Podcast Notes

## Episode 12: "Revelation"

**This week's episode covers the book of Revelation, the final book in the Bible.**

### **Intro to the Book of Revelation**

- Context: likely written near the end of the first century during Emperor Domitian's reign, when Christians were being heavily persecuted
- Written by the Apostle John while he was in exile on the island of Patmos
- Addressed to seven churches in Asia Minor
- Written to encourage these churches in the midst of persecution, suffering, and false teachers
- Revelation 1:19 gives an outline of the book: "Therefore, write what you have seen, what is, and what will take place after this."
  - "What you have seen..." refers to John's vision of the risen, exalted Jesus (chapter 1)
  - "What is" refers to the letters that Jesus dictates to the seven churches" (chapters 2–3)
  - "What will take place after this" refers to John's vision of the future
- Things to keep in mind as you read
  - Revelation contains over 250 references to the Old Testament
  - The apocalyptic imagery is symbolic
- Big truths
  - Jesus is going to return to earth a second time to conquer all evil and usher in his eternal kingdom
  - Those who believe and trust in him will spend eternity with him
  - Those who don't believe in him will spend eternity separated from him
  - Creation will be restored, and Heaven and Earth will be united—we will spend eternity on the New Earth (a physical place)
- Takeaway: We can find hope and trust God's sovereign purposes, even in the midst of suffering