

# WELLSPRING

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## W O R S H I P C E N T E R

### **Book of Revelation Part 2 --- Reflection Questions 03/03/2024**

1. In Revelation 1:3, the writer John tells us we are “blessed if we keep the things written” in the book of Revelation. How can we “keep” things that are strange and difficult to understand?
2. In what way was apocalyptic literature used by oppressed people?
3. How would you answer the question, “What are the implications of your “End Times” beliefs?” Comment on any of the seven potential implications presented in the message:
  1. Financial
  2. Educational
  3. Marriage / Family
  4. Environmental
  5. Political
  6. Societal
  7. Theological
4. In Revelation 1:16, why do you think Jesus is represented as having a sword come out of His mouth?
5. Why is it important that Revelation portrays Jesus as a slain lamb instead of a devouring lion?
6. How familiar are you with the concept of Biblical numerology? Do you believe God uses numbers as symbols in the book of Revelation? What is the danger in trying to interpret a number as something symbolic?
7. What would the image of a slain lamb with seven horns and seven eyes mean to a first century Christian familiar with the Old Testament?
8. If self-sacrifice is the true power of God, then how should we act in this life? In what ways is self-sacrifice difficult in our culture?
9. Do you think the idea that Christians will be raptured out of the world before things get really bad reflects an escapist type of theology? Why is it important to focus on our Kingdom work here on Earth? Does the final scene in the book of Revelation include Christians getting called up to heaven or of heaven coming down to Earth?
10. Did you have any additional comments or questions about the sermon or the supporting Biblical texts used?