

Revelation: An Inspiring Message

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Questions to consider, discuss or journal.

1. In the past have you favored a particular approach to Revelation: historic, futurist, preterist, idealistic? Has this article intrigued you enough to revisit your views?
2. If you have generally avoided Revelation in the past, does it now help to consider reading it as a pastoral letter to those in the first century? Can you now read it as a pastoral letter written to you?
3. Do you resonate with the author's concept of 'action' symbols? Does this approach help make Revelation relevant to you today: as in this *actual* day?
4. When you read Revelation are you able to picture in your mind the imagery that is used? Does it help to look at artists' impressions?
5. Do you feel comforted to know that *"Revelation is thus, a comprehensive message – and it's a powerful one! It's a message designed to inspire and energize those who hear it - whether they live in the first century or the twenty-first. It's a message which reminds them that not only is God active in the world, but also that they are an essential part of the divine plan."*? In what ways do you now feel inspired and energized?