Saying "YES" to Jesus? Let us know by checking in on the app, double-circling "say yes" on your Check-In card, or text YES to 603-225-2550. Let us celebrate your decision with you & resource you for your new life in Christ with the booklet devotional "You Said Yes."

LIVE IT OUT

Answer these questions on your own or preferably with others to reflect upon and apply what you've heard.

1. **Which part of today's message stood out to you & why?**
2. **What is the significance that Revelation is also a letter? What was the occasion for its writing?**
3. **Where do you need to take a step in the right direction? Keep going?**

3 CORNERSTONE TOP THREE

Find the Top Three on the top of our app's opening screen (& linked from our home page). CornerstoneNH.org/app

1. **Find a Bible reading plan for 2025.** The New Year is a popular time to start or restart reading the Bible. Looking for a plan that will get you *past* January & Genesis? Find some good options at CornerstoneNH.org/follow.
2. **You can still contribute to our Christmas offering.** See our Christmas offering gift catalog (linked in the app or follow the "Give" link from our homepage) and choose a gift to give away.
3. **Giving statements will be sent by email soon.** Make sure your email is correct in your profile (CornerstoneNH.org/mycontactinfo) and watch for the giving statement as January comes to a close.

OUR MISSION & VISION

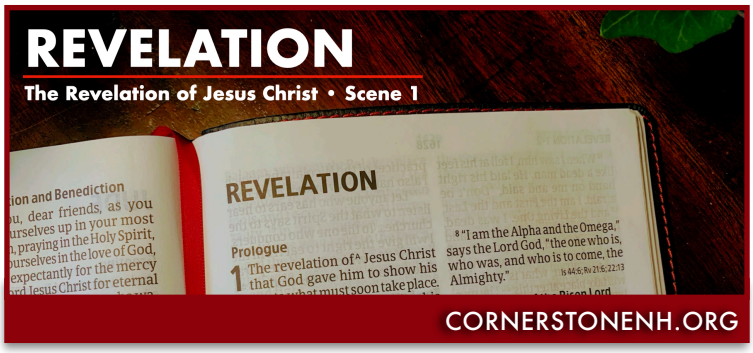
We inspire & equip people to follow Jesus wholeheartedly, because we believe that following Jesus makes life better, makes you better at life, and brings glory to God.

OUR OBJECTIVES

KNOW GOD
GROW TOGETHER
GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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"Is it always going to be like this?"

ALPHA & OMEGA

REVELATION 1:4-8 • TODAY: HOPE
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THE BOTTOM LINE

The _____ of the story hasn't been written _____.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega–the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come–the Almighty One."
– Revelation 1:8 NLT

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This is a revelation…
…the words of this prophecy…
…to show… – Revelation 1:1-3 NLT

Principles for Reading Revelation

1. **Revelation is given to _____.**

The Seven Principles for Reading Revelation are based on chapter one of Dennis E. Johnson's Triumph of the Lamb: A Commentary on Revelation *(2001).*

Prophecy is a "divine disclosure demanding an ethical response." (Beale) A prophet explains how to understand what's going on from God's perspective and shows you what God would have you do in the situation. Apocalyptic literature is a type of prophetic literature in which God uses symbols, visions, and dreams to "show someone what's really going on in the world from a divine perspective," so people will know what to do in response. (BibleProject)

Letters are occasional. *They meet the need of the moment.*

This letter is from John to the seven churches in the province of Asia. Grace and peace to you…
– Revelation 4:1a NLT

All glory to him… – Revelation 1:5b NLT

Principles for Reading Revelation

6. **Revelation is _____ timely and timeless.**

Genre: **Letter**
Recipients: **Seven Churches**
Occassion: _____
Purpose: **Encourage** _____
& _____

Principles for Reading Revelation

5. **Revelation is for a church under _____.**

He hasn't _____ you.

Grace and peace to you from the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come;
– Revelation 1:4b NLT



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. – John 1:1 CSB. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!" – Acts 1:11 NLT

From the sevenfold Spirit before his throne;
– Revelation 1:4c NLT

Principles for Reading Revelation

4. **_____ count in Revelation.**
3. **The interpretive key to Revelation is the _____ of Scripture.**

In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. – Revelation 4:5b NIV

(The seven lamps represent the eyes of the Lord that search all around the world.) – Zechariah 4:10b NLT

Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven.
And everyone will see him–
even those who pierced him.
And all the nations of the world
will mourn for him.
Yes! Amen! – Revelation 1:7 NLT

Compare also Daniel 7:13, "As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son a man coming with the clouds of heaven…" and Zechariah 12:10, "…They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son…" (NLT)

He is in _____ , even over any who would _____ you.

and from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world.
– Revelation 1:4b NLT



And I charge you before God, who gives life to all, and before Christ Jesus, who gave a good testimony before Pontius Pilate, that you obey this command without wavering. Then no one can find fault with you from now until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.– 1 Timothy 6:13-14 NLT

You are _____ to him.



All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father.
– Revelation 1:5b-6a NLT

Principles for Reading Revelation

2. **Revelation is a book of _____ in motion.**

All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.
– Revelation 1:6b NLT

"I am the Alpha and the Omega–the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come–the Almighty One." – Revelation 1:8 NLT

Principles for Reading Revelation

7. **Revelation is the story of the _____ of the Lamb and his flock.**

NEXT STEPS: FOLLOW JESUS DAILY

Take a step in the _____ direction and keep _____.