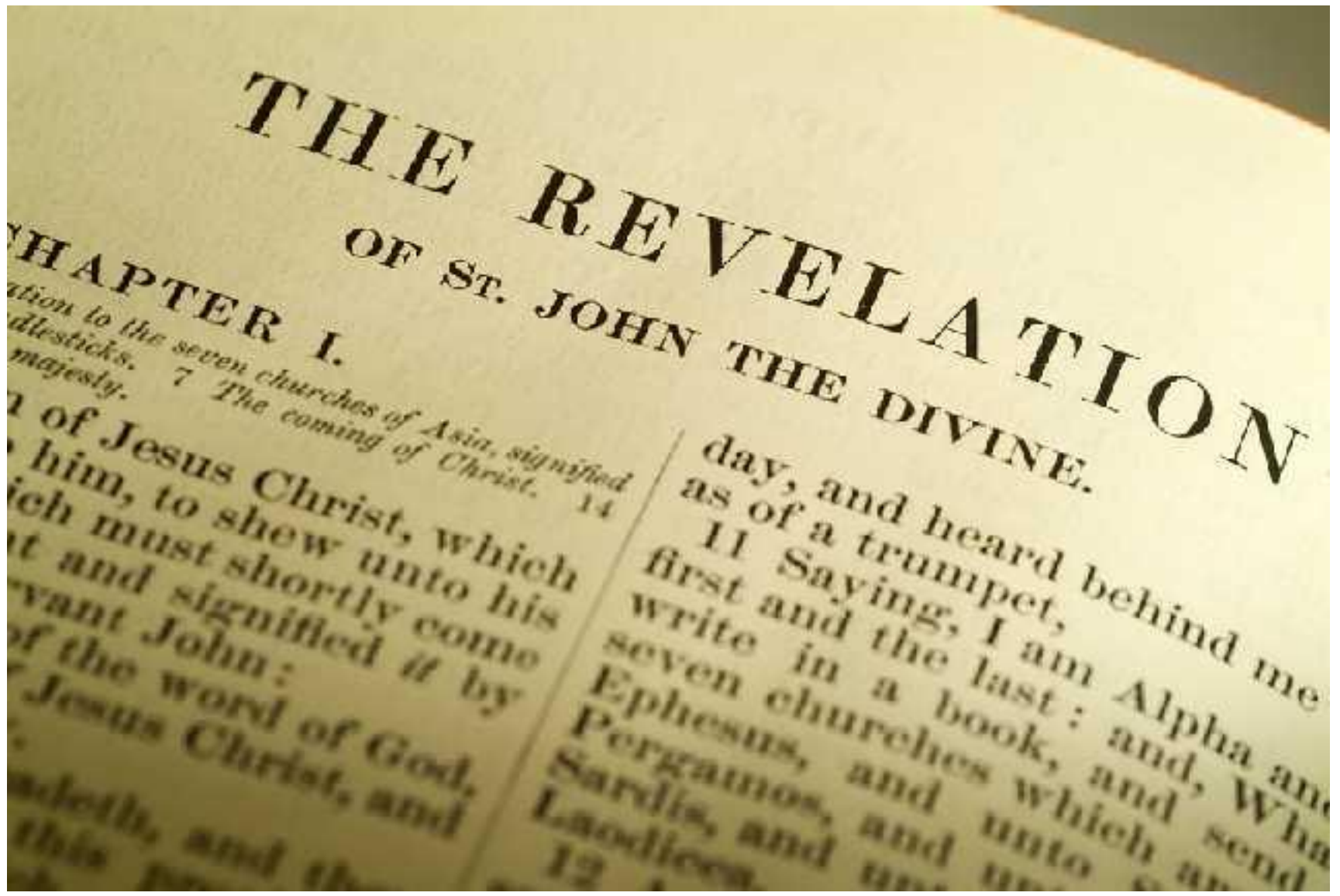


# Revelation

## The Seven Churches



# Opening Discussion

## Revelation 1

1. Read out loud Revelation 1: 10-16. Who was the “person” who spoke to John in a loud voice? What in the scripture passage indicates or tells us who this person is? Read out loud Mark 8:31. How does Jesus describe himself in that passage?
2. “Son of Man” is referred to 107 times in the Old Testament; 93 times in Ezekiel (Babylonian exile) and 14 times elsewhere. Read Daniel 7:13.
3. What is significant about the seven stars and lampstands?

# The Seven Churches

## New Testament Book of Revelation

1. Ephesus
2. Smyrna
3. Pergamum
4. Thyatira
5. Sardis
6. Philadelphia
7. Laodicea



**MACEDONIA**

**Black Sea**

**BITHYNIA**

**PONTUS**

**THRACE**

**Constantinople**

**Macedonia**

**GALATIA**

**Turkey (Asia Minor)**

**Caesarea**

**Aegean Sea**

**ASIA**

3 Pergamos

4 Thyatira

5 Sardis

2 Smyrna

1 Ephesus

6 Philadelphia

7 Laodicea

Mausoleum of Halicarnassus

**CILICIA**

**Tarsus**

**Antioch**

**Damascus**

**Syria**

**Greece**

Statue of Zeus

Sparta

Temple of Artemis

Athens

Patmos

**Rhodes**

Colossus of Rhodes

**LYCIA**

**Crete**

**Lebanon**

Hanging Gardens of Babylon

**Mediterranean Sea (the Great Sea)**

**Cyprus (Kittim)**

Sidon

Tyre

**SAMARIA**

Mt. Tabor

Acre

Caesarea

Joppa

Gaza

El Arish

**ISRAEL**

**JORDAN**

Cyrene

**Libya**

Pharos Lighthouse

Abukir Bay

Rosetta

Damietta

Joppa

Alexandria

Pyramid of Giza

El Arish

**CAIRO**

**Break up into your discussion groups (1 through 5)  
and discuss the following questions:**

Group #1: Read about and discuss the Church in Ephesus.  
(Revelation 2:1-7)

Group #2: Read about and discuss the Church in Smyrna.  
(Revelation 2:8-11)

Group #3: Read about and discuss the Church in Pergamum.  
(Revelation 2:12-17)

Group #4: Read about and discuss the Church in Thyatira.  
(Revelation 2:18-29)

Group 5: Read about and discuss the Church in Sardis.  
(Revelation 3:1-6)

**All Groups**

1. What praises, disappointments, challenges, and demands does the angel say to the church you are studying?
2. Which church (of all seven churches) does Centerville United Methodist Church have the most in common?

# Assignment for Next Week

1. Read chapters 5-8 in the New Testament book of Revelation.
  2. Make notes about what you are reading asking the questions who, what, when, where, and why. Note the most confusing passages.
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1. Pray each day for at least 5 minutes.