

## Revelation: What Do We Learn About God?

<b>Alpha &amp; Omega</b>	<b>1:8; 16:17; 21:6</b>	All is God's; He has complete sovereignty. He began all creation and will complete it.
<b>Who Is, Was, Is to Come</b>	<b>1:8; 4:8; 11:17</b>	God is eternal. God has reigned eternally; God is always reigning no matter what we experience on earth.
<b>On the Throne</b>	<b>4:2; 7:10; 19:4,6</b>	God is the King; He is in full control of everything.
<b>All Creation Looks to Him</b>	<b>4:4,6</b>	God is recognized as the center of it all in the spiritual reality and by His people. He will be recognized by all as sovereign God.
<b>Holy &amp; Worshipped Alone</b>	<b>4:8; 15:4; 19:10; 22:9</b>	God is completely separate from all His creation. No one and nothing equal Him (especially world powers or leaders).
<b>All Worship Him Forever</b>	<b>4:9-10; 7:9,11 11:13, 16; 15:3-4</b>	God is worshipped now and will be worshipped always by His people and His creation.
<b>Worthy to Receive Glory, Honor, Power, Blessing, Wisdom, Thanksgiving, Might</b>	<b>4:11; 7:12; 18:8; 19:1</b>	God's sovereignty, patience, mercy, justice, and grace must be recognized and worshipped. God deserves worship simply for being Who He is.
<b>Created &amp; Sustains All</b>	<b>4:11; 10:6; 14:7; 21:6</b>	God alone is the source of life. Anything that exists and has life is because of Him. Only God can grant eternal life, and He will do so for His people in the New Creation.
<b>Has an Eternal Plan</b>	<b>5:1; 9:15; 10:7; 15:1; 17:17</b>	God is omniscient and omnipotent. He planned from the beginning to offer grace and redeem His people, and wipe away evil. Nothing and no one can thwart God's plan.
<b>Complete Sovereignty</b>	<b>6:1, 3, 5, 7 9:1, 5; 16:9 20:11</b>	God allows, controls, and limits any wickedness or evil, and works it all to His eternal plan. God's sovereign plan even includes the self-destructiveness of sin on rebellious hearts.

<b>Will Avenge His People</b>	<b>6:10; 11:18; 16:6; 19:2</b>	God knows the offenses committed against His people, and will bring justice at the perfect time.
<b>Rewards His People</b>	<b>6:11; 11:18; 21:7</b>	God will honor those that remain faithful to Him.
<b>Patient</b>	<b>6:11</b>	“God is not slow about His promise, but patient, not willing for any to perish.” 2 Peter 3:9
<b>Will Swiftly Bring Justice</b>	<b>6:17; 11:18; 14:7-8,10,19; 15:8; 16:19; 18:8,20; 20:9</b>	No evil or unbelieving person, no wicked thing will be able to stand before God. All evil and sin will be swept away by Him.
<b>Seals His People</b>	<b>7:2-8; 9:4 13:8; 14:1</b>	God’s seal protects His people. God’s people have nothing to fear when His wrath comes against non-believers. Nor should they fear that persecution can somehow separate them from God.
<b>Will Spread His Tabernacle</b>	<b>7:15</b>	No longer is serving God as a priest limited to a select few. All God’s people are priests in His Kingdom.
<b>Will Wipe Every Tear</b>	<b>7:17</b>	Frustrations, troubles, and persecution is only temporary. Pain and sorrow will be wiped away with evil and sin in the New Creation.
<b>Commands Angels</b>	<b>8:2; 9:13-14; 16:1; 18:1</b>	God has complete authority over both good and bad angels. The good submit to His orders and obey His will. The bad are limited in what they can do, and it is used by God for His eternal plan.
<b>Hears Prayers of Saints</b>	<b>8:4</b>	God knows the hardships and trials of His people and will act to bring justice.
<b>Wants People to Repent</b>	<b>9:20-21; 16:9,11</b>	God punishes to warn rebellious people off the path that leads to death and back to the path that leads to life.
<b>In His Wisdom Keeps Back Some Revelation</b>	<b>10:4</b>	God has revealed all to us that is necessary to know to find Him “True & Faithful.” It is His prerogative to reveal things kept confidential between Himself and His prophets/apostles.
<b>His Word Protects</b>	<b>11:5</b>	God’s Word is the Christian’s weapon spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:17).

<b>Will See His People Through</b>	<b>11:6; 18:4</b>	God will see that His Church will complete its mission.
<b>Has the Power to Resurrect</b>	<b>11:11; 20:4</b>	God is the only source of life. He has the power (and has promised) to raise His people from death and give them glorified bodies fit for the New Creation (1 Corinthians 15).
<b>Welcomes His People Home</b>	<b>11:12; 18:4</b>	God will welcome those who remain faithful to Him to their rest and reward in the New Creation. It will be a place where we experience perfect belonging.
<b>His Kingdom Conquers &amp; He Reigns Forever</b>	<b>11:15,17; 12:10; 19:6</b>	God's Kingdom was inaugurated by Christ, and continues to completion with the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming and judgment. It is an eternal Kingdom, mightier than any earthly powers.
<b>Caught Up the Woman's Child to His Throne</b>	<b>12:5</b>	God's eternal plan to offer grace through His Son, Jesus, cannot and will not be thwarted.
<b>Nourishes the Woman</b>	<b>12:6,14</b>	God will enable those who trust in Him to remain steadfast even in the midst of persecution.
<b>Threw Dragon Out of Heaven</b>	<b>12:9</b>	God's sovereignty and power far exceeds Satan's attempts to usurp His throne. That same authority is given to Jesus. Therefore, those in Christ cannot be overtaken by the Evil One.
<b>Opened the Earth to Help the Woman</b>	<b>12:16</b>	Look for the ways that God's providential care provides protection for His people.
<b>Gave Limited Authority to the Beasts</b>	<b>13:5,7,14</b>	God eventually allows those who have rejected Him to be deceived by Satan's lies (2 Thessalonians 2:8-12).
<b>Has Provided the Gospel to All People</b>	<b>14:6</b>	God has not remained a secret to humanity. He has openly revealed Himself and His way of salvation.
<b>Judges Rightly</b>	<b>16:5-7; 19:2</b>	God, as Creator, is the final authority on truth and morality. His judgments are perfect and right.
<b>Blasphemed by Enemies</b>	<b>16:9,11,21</b>	Although, God's punishments are meant to awaken rebellious people to their need for repentance and salvation, they will stubbornly only hate God more.

<b>Promises are True</b>	<b>19:9; 22:6</b>	God's promises to enact His judgments and justice against the rebellious, and to protect and reward His people are 100% reliable.
<b>Binds the Work of Satan</b>	<b>20:1-2</b>	The ministry, death, and resurrection of Christ inaugurated God's Kingdom on earth. The spread of the gospel bound Satan's deception of the world through pagan religion.
<b>Brings the New Creation</b>	<b>21:2,10</b>	God, the only Creator, will bless His people with a new glorified cosmos.
<b>Dwells Eternally with His People</b>	<b>21:3,22-23; 22:5</b>	God and His people will enjoy perfect fellowship no longer threatened by sin.
<b>Will Make All Things New</b>	<b>21:5</b>	God, with the power to create and sustain life, will give His people glorified bodies (nevermore to be wearied by sin, pain, or death) as well as make a new cosmos in which to dwell.
<b>Source of Life</b>	<b>22:1</b>	God is the only source for eternal life.
<b>Will Be Served</b>	<b>22:3</b>	God the Father and Jesus will be worshiped and served joyfully by those that have been saved.
<b>Inspired the Prophets</b>	<b>22:6</b>	God has revealed Who He Is through the inspired words of both the OT & NT prophets.
<b>Punishes False Teachers</b>	<b>22:18-19</b>	God will punish those who manipulate His inspired word and lead others into believing false doctrine.