



## *The End: A Message for Everyone*

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### **Warm up**

1. What is your favorite movie and why?
2. What stood out to you in this week's message?

### **Dig in**

3. Why do people often see tragic or scary events around the world as signs of the End? How do you feel when you hear those predictions?
4. What do you think of when you hear the words Revelation and Apocalypse? When it comes to the Book of Revelation, what do these terms actually convey?
5. Read Revelation 1:1-3. How do these verses show that prophesy isn't always and only about the future?
6. Read Revelation 1:12-13. What does it mean to show Jesus standing among the Lampstands? How would this reminder be experienced by a church that is being persecuted? How about a church that has become lazy and disconnected from God?

### **Digging deeper (extra credit!)**

7. In Revelation 1:16, Jesus is shown holding seven stars. How did the seven stars make a strong statement against Roman Emperor?
8. Read Revelation 1:17-18. Have you ever experienced this kind of fear and awe in the presence of God? Would you like to? Is that kind of experience necessary to experience God's comfort, as John does here?



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The End?

Revelation (what we think of):

Is Revelation about \_\_\_\_\_ future predictions? Or is it for \_\_\_\_\_?

Apocalypse:

Revelation 1:1-18

Prophecy: Future vs. Present

Revelation was written by \_\_\_\_\_ to seven specific \_\_\_\_\_ in western Turkey.

The seven stars: Likely a declaration against Roman Emperor \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus is standing among the seven lampstands, or the seven \_\_\_\_\_.

It’s hard to \_\_\_\_\_ in a dark world, but He’s the same \_\_\_\_\_.

He \_\_\_\_\_ with us. Here. Now.