take time **3 December** **Revelation 1:1-11** read

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A letter from exile

study

The apostle John is in exile on the island of Patmos. There the Lord Jesus shows him the content of the Revelation. This book of the Revelation he is to send to the seven churches in Asia Minor (vv9-11).

The Revelation is a "glimpse into the future". God wants to "show things which must shortly take place". Already at the beginning of this book the Lord Jesus is introduced in all His greatness by various names and titles: the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth (v5). This passage contains in verses 5b-6 an especially beautiful song of praise for the person and work of the Lord Jesus.

ans-wer

1. To whom had God "given" the Revelation and why?
2. For what does God promise special blessing (joy) (vv1-3)?
3. Which important future event is already mentioned in these early verses?

in-form

The symbolic language of the Revelation – part 1

- „Seven" = the highest one digit prime number, number of fulness, number of something complete in itself.
- „seven spirits" = the fulness and diversity of the Holy Spirit

think

Have you thanked the Lord Jesus today – for His love and for what He has done for you?

note down

1. God gave the Revelation to the Lord Jesus to show His servants things which must shortly take place (v1)
2. If anyone reads or hears the words of this book and keeps them in their heart, they are called "blessed".
3. The Lord Jesus is coming again. (v7).