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Background Notes on Revelation

Historical Context:
- Author: Revelation was written by John, traditionally identified as John the Apostle.
- Time of Writing: It is believed to have been written around 95-96 A.D.
- Setting: John wrote this book while on the island of Patmos. He was likely exiled there because of his Christian beliefs.
- Audience: Revelation was originally meant for the seven churches in Asia (modern-day Turkey).

Cultural Insights:
- The Roman Empire: During this time, Christians faced persecution from the Roman authorities who wanted everyone to worship the Emperor.
- Symbolic Language: Revelation uses a lot of symbolic and imagery-filled language. This was a common style in Jewish literature, helping people understand deep truths in imaginative ways.

Theological Themes:
- God’s Sovereignty: Revelation emphasizes that God is in control even when things seem chaotic or frightening.
- Hope and Encouragement: It assures Christians that despite current struggles, God will triumph, and His kingdom will come.
- Jesus’ Return: The book promises that Jesus Christ will return to make everything right and new.
- Faithfulness: It encourages believers to stay faithful, trusting that God’s justice will prevail.

For Teachers:
- Teaching Approach: Help students understand the symbolic nature of the book and its ultimate message of hope and perseverance.
- Engagement: Use visuals or creative projects to illustrate its vivid imagery.
- Objective: Ensure students grasp the key idea that Revelation is a message of hope and encouragement for believers during tough times.