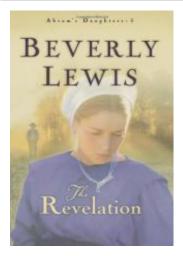
# ReadingGroupGuides

# The Revelation: Abram's Daughters #5

by Beverly Lewis



## About the Book

The powerful conclusion to the blockbuster ABRAM'S DAUGHTERS series! Bittersweet and inspiring, The Revelation is a suspenseful story of long-awaited forgiveness, undying love, and elusive second chances in Pennsylvania's Amish country.

Jonas Mast's return from Apple Creek, Ohio has given Leah Ebersol reason to hope again. Yet she endures an unexplained silence that makes her fear Peter Mast and stern Bishop Bontrager are conspiring to once again keep her and Jonas apart.

Impulsive Jake Mast pines for his first love. But if he follows his brother Jonas back home to Gobbler's Knob, Leah and Sadie will be forced to reveal their closely guarded secret--a secret with the power to split the Mast and Ebersol families even further apart, maybe forever ...

# **Discussion Guide**

1. Were Leah and Sadie responsible for bringing most of their problems upon themselves?

2. Does God call us to Leah's kind of ultra-patient lifestyle, or was her meek and tenacious approach to life overdone? Was she a doormat? How does such an attitude mesh with our modern-day empowered-woman mentality?

3. Were Leah and Sadie wrong or appropriate in keeping the secret of Jake from the People? Considering the circumstances, and their puritanical lifestyle, what would you have done?

4. What can we incorporate into our own lives from the Amish culture?

5. Are there any negative aspects to the Plain lifestyle that we should be wary of?

**6.** Does the Old Order belief system represent mind control or does it provide a necessary protective environment from the wiles of the world?

7. Should Dr. Schwartz have been prosecuted?

**8.** Does God reward faithfulness (in the daily and sometimes mundane responsibilities of life) with "true love," such as Leah's surprise return of Jonas Mast?

**9.** The book ends with Leah not confronting Henry Schwartz concerning his parentage. Is it fair for her to keep yet another secret, this time from her biological father? Is there a time when keeping secrets is appropriate? Why or why not?

**10.** Western Christians speak little of suffering. Some churches teach of the happy, contented, prosperous, you-can-haveit-if-you-want-it life. Is suffering an outmoded concept in our modern high-tech society?

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### **Critical Praise**

"...winsome and full of fascinating cultural detail."

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