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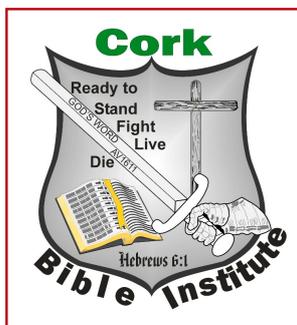


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# The Book of the Revelation

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### COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS CLASS

1. Read through the book of the Revelation TWICE by the end of the Semester
2. Write a running verse by verse commentary of a chapter of your choice of the Book of Revelation (should be at least 3 pages)

3. Physically attend at least 80% of all classes (unless given special permission by the teacher for an absence)
4. Fill in the blanks in the Student Worksheets
5. Have an average of at least 70% score on all quizzes, and Final Exam

# The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Study Introduction

### I. Some Preliminary Information

#### A. The Title of the Book - The Revelation of Jesus Christ

1. This Book is all about \_\_\_\_\_, NOT *hiding* things.
2. This is Jesus Christ's revelation. He is about to do some revealing - Jesus Christ was revealed to man in the Gospels, but here in the Book of the Revelation, Jesus is going to reveal the future.
3. The word Revelation even in Greek ("Apocalypse") means *Unveiling* as in "Revealing". Yet, why does everyone approach the Book like it is a "mysterious" book? People actually fear this Book!

NOTE: The *entire Bible* is the Book of *Revelation* - the revealing of God through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ!

#### B. The Author: \_\_\_\_\_ (1:4) the son of Zebedee

The writer of this Book is the apostle John (Matt 4:21; 10:2) under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (2 Pet 1:19-21; 2 Tim 3:16). John not only wrote this Book, but four others: St. John, First John, Second John, and Third John.

#### C. The Date of writing: \_\_\_\_\_ A.D.

A very contested issue. Why? Because, if John write the Revelation before Titus had Jerusalem destroyed in 70 AD, then all the "prophecies" in the Book would seem to have all taken place in 70 AD and they would have no relevance after. Yet, if the Book was written after 70 AD, then the prophecies must apply to still future events!

#### D. John's audience - to the \_\_\_\_\_ as listed in chapters 2 and 3, comprising both Christians and agnostics! As we will see, these 7 churches will have many problems, and will directly apply in one way or another to churches throughout history.

This is a very interesting concept - The Lord Jesus Christ will dictate letters to seven literal local churches as listed in chapters 2 and 3, and yet, the letters will apply to a total of four sets of churches:

1. Seven literal, local churches in Asia minor that really existed at the time of the writing.
2. Seven \_\_\_\_\_ of churches that will exist over the next two thousand years from the cross to the rapture.
3. Seven \_\_\_\_\_ of church history that span the two thousand years since Christ came.
4. And finally, this Book is directed doctrinally right at literal, local churches in Asia-minor in the future, in the time of the Great Tribulation. These concepts will be demonstrated throughout our study.

#### E. Its Importance and Significance

1. This Book represents one of the most "mysterious" Books in the Bible due to people's predisposition to the Book - people from the start determine that it cannot be understood, so they don't even try. Yet, note 1:3 - Nothing is said about completely "understanding" this Book, just \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it. See Deut 29:29.
2. This Book is primarily *prophetic* - both of \_\_\_\_\_ (it generates a real fear of God. See 2 Cor 5:10,11) and of \_\_\_\_\_. The purpose of prophecy is not just for \_\_\_\_\_ (see 1 Cor 8:1), but to \_\_\_\_\_ (see 1 John 3:1-3), and to \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 15:4)!
3. This is the only Book other than the "\_\_\_\_\_" as mentioned in Joshua 1:8 and Psalm 1:1-3 that provides for a special blessing upon those that read it (1:3)!
4. How you approach this Book will determine how you approach the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (2 Tim 4:8)!

#### F. Its Theme - "\_\_\_\_\_"

Genesis starts out with "the beginning" of everything, and Revelation ends up with the completion of all of God's plans. Nothing is left "undone". Everything is restored. Watch how things match between Genesis and Revelation in the following table:

| In Genesis   | In Revelation  |
|--|--|
| The first Adam and his wife reigning over the earth (Gen 1:27,28)          | The last Adam (Christ) and His wife (the Church) reigning over the universe (Rev 21:9) |
| The creation of the sun, moon (1:5,16)                                     | There is no further need for the sun or moon (21:23)                                   |
| The tree of life is denied to man (3:22)                                   | The tree of life made available to man (22:2)  |
| The ground becomes cursed, woman becomes cursed, man becomes cursed (3:17) | "And there shall be no more curse" (22:3)  |
| Satan appears (3:1)  | Satan is banished forever (20:10)  |

**Table 1 - Comparison of Genesis Themes with Revelation's<sup>1</sup>**

Prophetic subjects that will be dealt with in this study will include:

- The Tribulation
- The Rapture
- The literal reign of Jesus Christ on this earth in the near future
- The Judgment Seat of Christ
- The Great White Throne Judgment
- The Antichrist
- The Two Witnesses
- The 144,000 witnesses

**G. Canonicity** - Whether it should be considered as part of the Bible.

Why would this Book be questioned?

1. It clearly shows the end of: Satan, the end of the Church, the Jew, the Gentile, the Roman Catholic Church, the United Nations, Time, and the Universe.
2. It is primarily NEGATIVE about the future (I Kings 22:13-28; Zech 3:8). Contrary to Darwin. Every politician is trying to work out history contrary to Rev 19-22!

Higher Criticism: it means the demonstration of the superiority of a man's education instead of the authority of the word of God! People have always had problems with the Bible and have questioned significant portions, like:

- Daniel: saying that it is "Too prophetic and accurate to be prophecy"
- Genesis: saying that it is "Too scientific to be literal"
- Esther: saying that "There is no mention of God"

**H. Its Interpretation**

There are basically three "scholarly" approaches to this Book:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ (Latin word meaning *past*)- Believes that the details are unimportant. This view is primarily allegorical. Makes-up some 95% of all theologians. An A-millennial position on the Second Coming.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ - Believes that everything happened already in the past. Only half-literal. These people have nothing to look forward to - they are like the Sadducees that did not believe in a future life (Matt 22:23).
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ - Believes that most everything in the Book is YET to happen. This view is literal and is termed "The Pre-Millennial approach." There are those that are "Post-Millennial" in their interpretation that are Futurist as well, but they are not Literal in their acceptance of prophetic Scripture, especially in two specific areas:
  - The Millennium - Does Christ return before, or after the millennium?
  - The Rapture - Does Christ come for His bride before, during, or after the Tribulation?
4. Then there are the Atheists which say that the Book is *Fictional*.

<sup>1</sup>Wilmington, H.L., Wilmington's Guide To The Bible, Pg 537

## I. Its Placement in the Bible

*Dispensationally*, right at the end of both the New Testament as well as the Bible making it the LAST Book. Being the LAST Book of the Bible, you should expect it to deal with primarily LAST things on God's calendar. *Dispensations* are distinct ways that God dealt with man for a particular time (i.e., God deals with man differently after Adam's fall, than He did before the fall. See Heb 1:1,2).

Understanding dispensations will help the student correctly place the Rapture and the Second Coming of Christ - Is it *Post-Tribulation, Pre-, Mid-* or *A-*? As well as the Millennium - i.e., is it real or figurative?

The Book of the Revelation is a part of the set of "\_\_\_\_\_ " Books grouped together just as several other Books are grouped:

- The Pentateuch (Genesis., Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy) called, "The Books of Moses" (Luke 16:29), or "The Law"
- The Poetical Books (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon)
- The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)
- The Pastoral Epistles (1 & 2 Timothy, Titus)
- The Major and Minor Prophets - called, "The Prophets" (Luke 24:27)
- The End Time Books (Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John, Jude, and Revelation) which are primarily directed at people living during the end times.

NOTE: The Bible is not laid out *chronologically* (like the Jews had their Scriptures), but rather *Dispensationally*. All attempts to make events flow from one into another run into so many problems that literal interpretation is usually abandoned! Literalism is not the problem, but rather its application!

## II. Our Approach:

- A. We will approach this Book of the Bible as well do all other: as Literal, as opposed to symbolic. We may not understand everything, but we BELIEVE it, and take it SERIOUSLY!
- B. We will approach this Book according to the English of the 1611 King James Bible. We may refer to other translations, or other languages, but our reference point will be the infallible, preserved word of God, the King James Bible!
- C. Our approach will be based upon a \_\_\_\_\_ view of events - which shows God dealing with man \_\_\_\_\_ at different times (2 Tim 2:15; Acts 17:24-30; Heb 1:1,2).
- D. Finally, we will approach this Book trembling, and with tears of joy, that God would give us such a Book! Just as evolutionists make no apology for believing their evidence, we Bible-believers make no apologies for believing this Book of books, from cover to cover! What man needs, and is looking for is a completed revelation that is NOT founded upon unverifiable opinions and traditions, but rather on tested words that can be read, understood, tested and proved to be true!
- E. This Study is written in Outline format with much comment associated with the outline as opposed to being associated with the words in the Bible. The reason being that this Study primarily is to be used as a Guide, not a commentary. I have listed at the end of this Introduction several good commentaries for your reference when you do further study.
- F. At the end of each chapter, a set of Study Questions are provided for the student to fill in.

## III. Some Practical Information

### A. A Simple Outline Of The Book (1:19) The "Three-Fold Division"

1. "\_\_\_\_\_..." **The Past** - Chapter 1
2. "\_\_\_\_\_..." **The Present** - Chapters 2 and 3
3. "\_\_\_\_\_..." **The Future** - Chapters 4 - 22
  - a. The soon rapture of the church (Rev 4 and 5)
  - b. The tribulation of seven years (Rev 6-19)
  - c. The millennial reign of Jesus Christ for 1000 years (Rev 20)
  - d. The new heavens and new earth (Rev 21)

**B. An Expanded Outline of Future Events**

1. The soon rapture of the Church which will take place without warning (1 Thes 4:13-18).
2. The “mystery of iniquity” which will set in on this earth and will increase rapidly as described in 2 Thes 2. The antichrist will appear during this time as a conqueror of all the world’s problems.
3. Israel will be safe in its own land. The antichrist will make a peace pact with Israel protecting it from kings both to the north and south that desire to destroy it. Daniel’s’ 70th week will be in motion as described in Daniel 9.
4. Judgment from God falls on this planet throughout the next seven years. God begins to punish the Gentiles and purge the Jews. The judgments are brought about by the commands of the two witnesses that appear for the first 3 1/2 years.
5. In the middle of the seven year time called the Tribulation, the Beast (antichrist) will break his covenant with Israel and conquer it, setting himself up as God on the throne of the Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies of the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem (2 Thes 2:4). The false prophet will appear on the earth, directing all worship toward the Beast. Once enthroned, the Beast will slay the two witnesses out in the middle of a street with the whole world watching!
6. The Beast will assume a world-wide dictatorship. During the last 3 1/2 years the worst of the judgments will fall on this world and its inhabitants, with the Jews being protected and fed out in the wilderness like it had been in Exodus through Deuteronomy.
7. The Beast will prepare a massive army to wipe out the Jews in one final battle.
8. Jesus Christ will appear in the heavens with millions of battle-ready soldiers riding behind Him. These soldiers will do no fighting though. The Sword that will proceed out of Jesus Christ’s mouth will devour the enemy completely.
9. The beast and the False Prophet will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev 19:20).
10. Satan shall be bound in the bottomless pit for 1000 years, allowing Jesus Christ to reign on the earth as King of kings during the millennium.
11. After the millennium, Satan will be loosed “for a season” and many will be deceived into following him in a rebellion against God at the final last war to end all wars - the battle of Gog and Magog (Ezek 38 and 39). At the completion of this battle, Satan will be cast into the lake of fire, forever banished from this earth (Rev 20:10).
12. All the unsaved of all time will then stand before God and be judged. They will then be cast into the lake of fire, to join the devil and his angels, in torment (Rev 20:11-15).
13. This present earth and heaven will then be burned with fervent heat, and a new heaven and earth will replace it (Rev 21; 2 Pet 3:10).
14. For the rest of eternity (if you can comprehend that), God, and His people will enjoy this universe as it was intended to be, yet without sin, and its curse!!!

**C. The SEVEN SEVENS in the Book of Revelation**

1. The Seven \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapters 2, 3)
2. The Seven \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapters 6, 7, 8)
3. The Seven \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapters 8, 9, 10, 11)
4. The Seven \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapters 12, 13) - The Beast, False Prophet, the Dragon, the Woman, the Man Child, the Lamb, the Archangel.
5. The Seven \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapters 15, 16)
6. The Seven \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapters 17, 18, 19, 20) - Armageddon, the destruction of Babylon, the destruction of Mystery Babylon, The Beast and False Prophet cast into the Lake of Fire, the battle of Gog and Magog, the Great White Throne Judgment, the casting of Satan himself into the Lake of Fire!
7. The Seven \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapters 21, 22) - New Heaven, New Earth, New Jerusalem, New Nations, New River, New Tree, New Throne

# A GUIDE TO THE TRIBULATION

*What's Happening in Heaven*

**Judgement Seat of Christ**  
 Rev 4 & 5; Rom 14:10-13; 2 Cor 5:10,11; 3:11-15

**Marriage Supper of the Lamb**  
 Rev 19:8-9; Matt 22:1-14

## What's Happening on Earth

| SEVEN CHURCHES                         | Trib Event                          | Judgements                               |                   |                       |                              |   |  |   |  |                                 |  |                                       |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
|  |                                     | 1 <sup>st</sup>                          | 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 3 <sup>rd</sup>       | 4 <sup>th</sup>              | 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 7 <sup>th</sup> (Last)                              |  |                                 |  |                                       |
| <b>Ephesus</b><br><i>No Love</i>       | 7 Seals (6:1-8:1)<br>7 Years        | White Horse<br>Antichrist<br>False Peace | Red Horse<br>Wars | Black Horse<br>Famine | Pale Horse<br>Death & Hell   | Great Persecution<br>Genocide                               | Earthquake<br>Sun Darkened<br>Moon to blood                  | 144,000<br>Witnesses                                | Silence<br>Just before<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming |                                 |  |                                       |
| <b>Smyrna</b><br><i>Persecuted</i>     | 7 Trumpets (8:2-11:19)<br>Last Half |  |                   |                       | Fire, Hail<br>and Blood      | Mountain<br>Exploding<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> of Sea<br>to blood | Comet<br>"Wormwood"<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> of Rivers<br>poisoned | Sun & Moon<br>Darkened<br>8 hours lost<br>each day! | Plague of<br>Locusts<br>5 months of<br>torture   | <i>The Little Book</i>          | Army of<br>200,000,000<br>approach<br>Palestine! | "The Last"<br>Trumpet                 |
| <b>Pergamos</b><br><i>Worldly</i>      | 7 Persons (12:1-14:20)<br>Last Half |  |                   |                       | A Woman<br>(Israel)<br>Flees | A Red<br>Dragon<br>(Satan)                                  | A Man Child<br>(Jesus)<br>appears                            | Michael<br>(Battle in<br>Heaven)                    | The Beast<br>(The<br>Antichrist)                 | <i>The Lamb and the 144,000</i> | Another<br>Beast<br>(The False<br>Propheet)      | The "Living<br>Image of<br>the Beast" |
| <b>Thyatira</b><br><i>Lax Church</i>   | 7 Vials (15:1-18:24)<br>Last Half   |  |                   |                       | Grievous<br>Sores            | Sea<br>becomes<br>Blood                                     | Rivers<br>become<br>Blood                                    | The Sun<br>Novas                                    | Darkness   | <i>Babylon</i>                  | Euphrates<br>Dries Up                            | "It is<br>DONE"                       |
| <b>Sardis</b><br><i>Dead</i>           |                                     |  |                   |                       |                              |   |  |   |  |                                 |  |                                       |
| <b>Philadelphia</b><br><i>Faithful</i> |                                     |  |                   |                       |                              |   |  |   |  |                                 |  |                                       |
| <b>Laodicea</b><br><i>Lukewarm</i>     |                                     |  |                   |                       |                              |   |  |   |  |                                 |  |                                       |

**The Tribulation** (Matt 24:29)

**The GREAT Tribulation** (Matt 24:21)

### The Rapture

(Catching Away)  
 Rev 4:1-3  
 1 Thes 4:13-18

### Abomination of Desolation

(By the Antichrist in the Temple)  
 2 Thes 2:3-8; Mt 25:15;  
 Dan 9:27; 11:31; 12:11

### The Return

(Coming Again)  
 Rev 19:11-16  
 2 Thes 1:6-10

### BRIEF OUTLINE OF REVELATION

- A. Jesus Christ Our High Priest in Heaven (1)
- B. Church History (2-3) - Past, Present, and Future
- C. The Rapture of the Church, and Description of Heaven (4-5)
- D. The Judgment of the Seven Seals (6)
- E. The 144,000 Witnesses (7)
- F. The Judgments of the Seven Trumpets (8-9)
- G. The Little Book (10)
- H. The Rebuilt Jewish Temple, and the Two Witnesses (11)
- I. Israel in the Tribulation (12)

- J. The Beast and False Prophet (13)
- K. The Wrath of God - Winepress of His Wrath (14)
- L. Preparation for the Seven Last Plagues (15)
- M. The Seven Vial Judgments (16)
- N. Mystery Babylon - The Religion (17)
- O. Destruction of Physical Babylon (18)
- P. The Second Coming (19)
- Q. The Great White Throne Judgment by God (20)
- R. The New heaven, New Earth, and New Jerusalem (21)
- S. The Final Exhortation (22)

Figure 1 A Guide to the Events of the Tribulation

**D. Concerning The Dispensations:**

There are basically Seven *dispensations* in man's history (preceded and followed by eternity):

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <i>Eternity past...</i>   |   |
| 1.  | _____ (Gen. 1:28 - 3:6; ends at the fall)                                       |
| 2.  | _____ (Gen. 3:7 - 7:16; ends with the flood)                                    |
| 3.  | _____ (Gen. 8:15 - 11:7; ends with the confusion of Babel)                      |
| 4.  | _____ (Gen. 12:1 - Exod 20:1; ends at Mt. Sinai when the Law began to be given) |
| 5.  | _____ (Exod 20:2 - Matt 27:50; ends at the Cross)                               |
| 6.  | _____ (Matt 27:51 - Rev 3:22; ends at the beginning of the Tribulation)         |
| <i>Return to the Law in the Tribulation (Rev 4:1 - 19:21)</i>                         |   |
| 7.  | _____ (Rev 20:1 - 20:6; ends at the final battle)                               |
| <i>Eternity future... The day of God begins and never ends (2 Pet 3:12; Eph 1:10)</i> |   |

**Table 2 - List of Dispensations.**

Specifically, these *dispensations* are periods of time where God dealt with man in a different way in order to bring about their salvation (Heb 1:1,2; Acts 17:24-30). Suffice it to say that for now, this list is just provided for your reference. The entire scheme will be more fully explained as we go through the study.

**IV. Conclusion****A. Answer the following questions from memory:**

- Who is the author of the Book of the Revelation? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the Book written? \_\_\_\_\_
- Revelation "clearly" shows the end of many things. Name two things: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Give the THEME to this Book: The \_\_\_\_\_ of ALL things
- Our approach to this Book involves the LITERAL, or ALLEGORICAL (circle one) method of interpretation?
- Define *dispensation*: \_\_\_\_\_
- How many dispensations are there in man's history? \_\_\_\_\_
- Revelation is divided into how many basic divisions? \_\_\_\_\_
- There are how many SEVENS in the Book of Revelations? \_\_\_\_\_

**B. A Short List of Associated Study Materials**

- The Books of Daniel and Ezekiel in your King James Bible. They parallel much of what Revelation reveals.
- Dispensational Truth*, by Clarence Larkin
- The Book of the Revelation*, by Clarence Larkin
- The Bible Believer's Commentary on the Revelation*, by Dr. Peter S. Ruckman, Bible Believer's Press, 1980
- Wilmington's Guide To The Bible*, by Dr H.L. Wilmington, Tyndale House, 1984

# The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter One

### *Behold He Cometh*

Focus Verse: **Revelation 1:7**

**“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.”**

#### I. Chapter One - “Behold He Cometh!”

##### A. The Mission (1:1-11)

1. The Introduction (1:1-3) There are several things to note here at the beginning:

- This Book is \_\_\_\_\_ revelation (1:1) - **He** is going to be doing the revealing (not man or a church)!
- God is interested in teaching \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1), not proud “educated” theologians. Come to the Lord with a right heart attitude and God will open-up th entire Bible to you! Come to it in pride and God will be silent!
- Some things must \_\_\_\_\_ come to pass (1:1,3; Cf Rom 16:20). We are not dealing with millions of years, but with only a couple of thousand - and for that matter, as far as John is concerned, he expected all these things to have come to pass in his lifetime (22:21), as did ALL of the apostles in the first seven chapters of Acts!
- Note the emphasis on the *written* “word of God” (1:2,9; Cf John 1:1 & 1 John 1:1) - not oral tradition
- There are promised blessings upon **readers** (1:3; Cf Josh 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3) - In other words, **Do** the words, don’t just hear them. Be **Bible practitioners**, not just Bible “believers.” There are seven blessings in the Book of Revelation: 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7; 22:14.

**PRINCIPLE:** Believe God here, and expect some blessings for reading and studying this Book, but don’t expect them unless you “keep” the things that are written here!

2. The Dedication (1:4-8)

- a. Notice that this Book is written to the following **7 local churches**: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. **MEMORISE THIS LIST!**

**NOTE:** These seven were not the only churches in that area, so there must be something special about those churches to warrant them to be used in the writing of the ETERNAL word of God.

- b. Notice also that this Book is **from the** \_\_\_\_\_: (1:4,5) Grace to you churches, from Him, from the Seven Spirits, and from Jesus Christ:

- 1) From Him which is, which was, and which is to come - \_\_\_\_\_, the Almighty (Ps 90:1,2)
- 2) From the seven Spirits - a phrase pointing to God the \_\_\_\_\_ (Cf Isa 11:2). The Holy Spirit has seven different manifestations of Himself as listed in Isaiah. See also 3:1; 4:5; 5:6.
- 3) And foremost, from \_\_\_\_\_ (1:5-8): He is the \_\_\_\_\_ - Jesus is NOT a liar! The **FIRST** begotten of the dead (I Cor 15:20; Col 1:18). Note the preposition of again as in verse 1! The **PRINCE** of the kings of the earth (Col 1:18,19)



**NOTE:** John begins to worship the Lord at the very mention of His name (1:5,6).

**PRINCIPLE:** We have SO LITTLE reverence and fear for our Lord and Saviour. We need to develop our desire for this!

- c. John interjects, “*Unto Him...*” (1:5). Have you given anything back to Jesus since He gave you His life?

NOTE: Notice all the emphasis on Jesus Christ! This is a characteristic of a Bible believing church. The cults put all the emphasis on “prophets”, or some “pope”, or someone that is TRYING to be “**LIKE**” the most high (Isa 14:12-14).

- d. Notice the emphasis upon the love of Jesus Christ: “*Unto Him that loved us...*” (1:5), and how that our salvation is based upon \_\_\_\_\_, not just the DEATH of Christ.
- e. Now, here comes a tough statement: “*He hath made us kings and priests...*” (1:6; Cf 1 Pet 2:9)

QUESTION: Is Jesus “reigning” NOW? If He is not, then by all means we cannot be either, so DON’T BE TRYING TO!!!

MEANING: Positionally we are these classifications, but not “practically”. Just like our salvation: We are positionally “in Christ” (Eph 2:6), but not practically, meaning, not YET physically! Another example involves justification: as born-again Christians, we are “justified” in God’s eyes, but as far as you and I are concerned, we are still sinners!

- f. John next determines the whole direction of this Book with the phrase, “*Behold HE cometh...*” (1:7), implying that what we are dealing with is yet future!
- g. Jesus puts His own signature on the Book from the very beginning with the statement, “I am...” (1:8).

Notice how that Jesus Christ claims the title “\_\_\_\_\_” which makes Him co-equal with God, or a LIAR!!! In other words, ask your Jehovah Witness friend how God could have “created” another ALMIGHTY god, and then still remain the only one, Almighty God? Go ahead, ask them!

### 3. The Commission (1:9-11)

- a. John is in exile on an island called *Patmos* which is located off the coast of Asia Minor, and is only 25 square miles in area.
- b. John finds himself “\_\_\_\_\_” on the Lord’s day (1:10; 4:2) - this statement is either charismatic, or something very special (Cf I Cor 12:13; Acts 8:39,40). Here, you are going to have to know something about *dispensations*, or you will get all messed up:
  - 1) Note: The “Lord’s day” here is NOT Sunday (Cf Rev 4:2) because of the phrase “in the Spirit” (1:10; Ezek 37:1), as opposed to being “in the body” (2 Cor 12:2).
  - 2) It is contextually, “the Day of the Lord” that we are dealing with.
    - a) The “day of the Lord” is 1,000 years long (see 2 Peter 3:8)
    - b) John is projected (transported) into the beginning of the Tribulation (the beginning of the Lord’s day). We will explain more about this when we get to Chapter 4.
- c. John hears a *voice* like a “trumpet” (a-hah! This trumpet will help us later) coming from heaven.
- d. John is told to write “what he sees in a BOOK,” and send it to seven churches (1:11), not just to pass on verbal traditions (Cf 2 Pet 1:20, 21; 2 Tim 3:15,16)

### B. The Vision (1:12-20) - John sees three things here:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (1:12-18; Cf Matt 17:1-8)
  - a. First saw the light of seven candlesticks. We will discern what these are in a moment.
  - b. Then saw “one like unto the Son of man” (Cf Dan 3:25; Heb 7:3). John knows that there is something familiar about this One person!

DOCTRINALLY: Jesus before His incarnation (before His birth) was likened unto *the Son of God* (with form, but not a physical body). After His birth, He has a body and was referred to as the Son of Man. After His death, and resurrection, He now has a glorified body and is still referred to as *the Son of “man”*. All of this never diminishes His deity, just establishes God’s presence WITH US (Emmanuel, Isa 7:14), as one of us!

- 1) Clothed in a white robe, and a golden girdle His head and hairs were white as snow (as our High Priest, Heb 2:17; 4:15; Dan 7:9; Isa 11:5; 2 Cor 5:18,19)
- 2) His eyes were as a flame of fire (See Dan 10:6). Piercing anger! The Lord sees all!
- 3) His feet as fine brass (See Dan 10:6). Judgment!
- 4) His voice as thundering water - He is not a WIMP! A very masculine voice
- 5) His hands have control of the stars
- 6) Out of His mouth went a sword (Heb 4:12; Rev 19:15)

His overall countenance was “as the sun shining”, therefore, no more is he meek and gentle, but the Lion of the tribe of Judah! (Cf Dt 4:24; 9:3; Heb 12:29). John sees Christ as our High Priest here, as he did on the mount of Transfiguration (Cf Matt 17).

- c. John then falls down to worship (1:17)

John remembers that “mountain top” experience in Matt 17.

QUESTION: If Jesus walked right into this room right now, would you fall down and “worship him”? If you wouldn’t, you need to get right with God, if you would, do you have to wait for Him to appear before you do (see Jude vs. 25)?

- d. Jesus holds up some “keys” (1:18) - of literal “**HELL**” and death

NOTE: I sure wouldn’t mess around with anybody who had THOSE keys, and I sure wouldn’t trust anyone who DIDN’T have those keys!!! Notice that Jesus Christ not only has the keys, HE IS THE DOOR!!! (John 10:9)

- e. Jesus next tells John to specifically *divide-up* what he is writing into three sections (1:19):

- 1) What thou hast seen - dealing with the past
- 2) The things which are - present
- 3) The things which shall be hereafter - future. This is the “**key**” to understanding the Book of the Revelation!

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (1:12,20) are defined as Churches. Get the picture: an oil-powered lamp is used to represent New Testament churches that are filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Each church has *its own light* that it is responsible for, but the power behind that light is the Holy Spirit. Each time a light goes out, the world gets a little bit darker!

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (1:16,20) are defined as Angels, not balls of hydrogen fission as Carl Sagan would take it to mean. Angels, by definition are messengers, footmen with a message. Either they are from heaven to man, or on earth, but still to man. Here, these angels are the messengers of God in churches that are authorities in those churches - pastors!!! The Lord is not speaking or writing to denominational headquarters, or to parachurch organizations. God deals with local churches through their pastors!!! God holds the pastors responsible for what He tells them also!!!

PRINCIPLE: The Bible is its own interpreter (2 Pet 1:20)! Angels (1:20) are defined as Pastors, or something up in heaven that is a representative of each of the seven local churches. We will discover more about angels as we go along (Rev 9:1).

## II. Conclusion - Some Questions

- A. Give a clear cross reference for the words in 1:3 (There were two listed) \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Is the word “trinity” found in the Bible? Yes No (Circle one)
- C. John is in exile where? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Why is John in exile? (Give the verse reference as well) \_\_\_\_\_
- E. What is the “Lord’s day” in 1:10? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. What are those “keys” for in 1:18? \_\_\_\_\_
- G. List the “three-fold division” of Revelation: 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) and the \_\_\_\_\_
- H. What are the seven candlesticks defined as? \_\_\_\_\_
- I. What are the seven stars defined as? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapters Two and Three

### *The Trouble With Churches*

Focus Verse: **Revelation 1:11**

**“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.”**

#### I. Introduction To The Seven Churches

##### A. Keep in mind the following things:

Christ established and loved these churches (Matt 16:18; Eph 5:25). And like a farmer who wants his crops to produce, God desires that His churches would also be fruitful and prosperous for Him. The Lord will do whatever is necessary (prune, dig up, etc.) for growth to occur.

We will be studying all the seven churches in three ways: \_\_\_\_\_ (studying each church while looking back at it from our vantage point, and of what happened to it), \_\_\_\_\_ (what the practical lesson for us today is), and \_\_\_\_\_ (what God’s real focus is as He deals with each of these churches).

1. **Historically**, Revelation 1, 2, and 3 are written to real local churches in Asia Minor (western Turkey) around 95 A.D. Asia Minor makes up the area of what is now eastern Turkey. The conditions that existed in these churches are conditions that always existed since the Lord started the church. They serve as examples and warnings to churches everywhere that they should be exemplary in their conduct and doctrine lest God should remove their influence, power, and His own presence from them (and He will do this)!
2. **Spiritually**, (or **Practically**) these chapters apply to present day churches in two ways:
  - a. As seven \_\_\_\_\_ of churches that exist today throughout the world. Every place that calls itself a “church” will fit in one of these seven church types. This is the most practical aspect of this study because you will be able to test yourself and your church according to God’s standard of how He expects a church to be!
  - b. As the seven \_\_\_\_\_ of church history. This is the most fascinating aspect of these two chapters because it details church history before it comes to pass, allowing the Bible student to look back on the last 2000 years and see how God saw it!!!
3. **Doctrinally**, these chapters deal specifically with local churches that will exist during the Tribulation in the future. Now this is the roughest part of the study because it is not self-evident unless you are a *literalist* when it comes to Bible interpretation. Many, many verses will be beyond our grasp as far as New Testament doctrine teaches in Romans through Philemon. These verses that seem to contradict the plain teaching of New Testament doctrine really are directed at saints living in the Tribulation time period, and in the millennium, and not at you and me! This can seem confusing, but is very important to integrate in your overall perception of events and commands made by the Lord (as you will soon see). Remember; the Bible student is commanded to study, and RIGHTLY DIVIDE it (2 Tim 2:15).
  - a. **This does NOT mean that churches will go \_\_\_\_\_ the Tribulation**, but that people will get saved during the Tribulation and will form churches of their own. Born again Christians, saved in this age WILL NOT go through ANY PART of the Tribulation!!! This will be later demonstrated.
  - b. All Scripture is not directed at just one period of time (like today). All is inspired, but not all are doctrinally affecting you today!

NOTE: This is why people get off in to “spiritualizing” passages: *because they don’t know how to handle them.*

- c. Watch for some of these hard concepts as they show up in these two chapters:
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_! Think of this concept! What do you think it means? Wait and see.
  - 2) The *types* of rewards given. Not like any rewards we currently obtain.
  - 3) The “methods” that Jesus says He will use to bring churches back in-line with His will!

**B. Note the following pattern for each church letter:**

1. The **Salutation** - which informs us of who is talking, and by what authority
2. The **Complaint** (or **Commendation**) concerning the church being addressed
3. The **Counsel** - what the church is to do to get right
4. The **Warning** (or **Praise**) - what will happen if it DOES NOT get right
5. The **Promise** - what will happen if it DOES comply

**II. The Seven Letters (2:1 - 3:22)****A. Unto The Angel of The Church of Ephesus (2:1-7)**

NOTE: The name 'Ephesus' means '\_\_\_\_\_'

1. Let's first study this church Doctrinally, just looking at what is being said:
  - a. **Salutation:** Notice whose talking, and where He is. The Lord Jesus Christ is in the midst of His churches, and writes to the authority in those local churches. If you pay close attention to the way verse 1 is written, you can pick up the fact that the Lord addresses a problem in the church right off - a problem with the fact that the Lord is in the midst of His churches, and as will be seen, is the One who wants to run them, not the churches run themselves.
  - b. **Commendation:** Jesus says, "*I know you...*" - what a statement! You had better believe that He knows you! The Lord starts off each address to each church with the words, "I know thy works..." (2:2,9,13,19; 3:1,8,15). Here the Lord is pleased with the church because of some things that they do and believe!
    - 1) The Ephesian Christians had an intolerance for people professing to be something that they were NOT - *Apostles* (See Mk 16:15-18)! These Ephesians "tested out the spirits" and believed not everything that someone said (1 John 4:1).
    - 2) Ephesus was a hard working, purposed church, but also a church of believers that had put the *church* ahead of their relationship with Jesus Christ - their first love!

NOTE: Note the principle of their "patience" during their labour. The principle involves Christians labouring for the future "patiently" and not for present gratification. Christians need to get back to labouring for the next generation, NOT FOR THE NEXT WEEKEND!

- c. **Complaint:** "*Thou hast left thy first love.*" Truly this is the hardest thing to maintain in any relationship isn't it! Here, Jesus states that the Christians as a whole in the Ephesian church had left their first love, and were loving something else. They had not "lost" that love, but rather "chose" another love over what they had at first, when they were first saved.

Examples:

- 1) For husbands - you leave the "fascination, infatuation & adoration" stage of your marriage
- 2) For wives - you stop having admiration and respect for your husband
- 3) For Christians - you leave off that love for Jesus that you first had when you got saved! See for contrast, Psalm 40:8!

This "leaving of your first love" occurs over and over in Israel (see Ezek 14:5), and is referred to as "going a whoring after 'other' gods" (Ex 34:15; Dt 31:16; Judg 2:16; 1 Chron 5:25).

Principle: The Lord is more interested in what we do "WITH HIM," than what we do supposedly "FOR HIM." To the public eye, this church was successful and vibrant, but to the Lord, it had failed!

- d. **Warning:** "\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, or I will \_\_\_\_\_"
  - 1) Remember the love that you had at first - the broken and contrite heart of a little child (Ps 34:18)
  - 2) Realize that you are wrong and repent - turn away from that attitude and surrender to Christ!
  - 3) Or Christ will remove His power & influence - now that's strong language!
- e. **Praise:** "You hate the deeds of the \_\_\_\_\_"
  - 1) Here is another Greek word that is really two words put together:

- a) *Nico* - to conquer
  - b) And *Laitan* - the common people, as in Laity.
  - c) “To conquer the Laity”
- 2) Those with the design to conquer the common people by setting themselves up as a religious class above them!
  - 3) The Ephesian Christians were ‘brethren’ (Matt 23:8) and hated the ecclesiastical division (hierarchies) that cults were setting up even in that day.
- f. **Promise:** “Overcome this problem and you will get to eat of the TREE OF LIFE” (Gen 3:22; Rev 22:2,14). We will not deal with this issue until chapter 22 due to its complexity.
2. Spiritually: This is a “Martha” type of church (Luke 10:40-42) - One that is “Out of Balance.”
- These were Christians who were hard working, and devoted to the truth, yet having to fight from becoming ritualistic, and empty on the inside!
3. Historically:
- This church represents clearly the first church period from 33 AD to 95 AD, which includes the Apostles. This church period emphasized Doctrine, and laboring for Christ.

## B. Unto The Angel of The Church In Smyrna (2:8-11)

NOTE: The name ‘Smyrna’ means ‘Myrrh’, or ‘\_\_\_\_\_’. Myrrh was a perfume used in anointing the dead for embalming, and had a bitter taste when tasted.

1. Doctrinally:
- a. **Salutation:** The eternal One speaks (not the “created one” like the Jehovah’s Witnesses say), the One who was “once dead and yet alive!” This church had two problems:
    - 1) The deity of Christ (being the first and the last),
    - 2) And a problem with the resurrection.
    - 3) Jesus also points out the false teachers that had the audacity to say that they were Jews, when they were not (a problem with people saying that they are something that they are not permeates church history)!
  - b. **Commendation:** You may be in poverty, but you are NOT poor. You don’t serve Jesus for the money, or blessings (think about it!) like other Christians sometimes do.
  - c. **Counsel:** Fear not the future, as bleak as it is. See also Matt 10:28 - Fear not death for my sake! Be faithful unto the Lord, even unto your death (torture and murder). Paul wrote in 2 Tim 3:12, “*Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*”
  - d. **Promise:** “be faithful unto death” and you will get a “crown” (James 1:12), \_\_\_\_\_, but rather **rewards** for service (5 crowns to be exact). If you overcome, you will miss the “Second Death” (see 1 John 4:4) For the Christian, death is not the ultimate failure, but rather PROMOTION! Christians who survive trials of their faith, or become martyrs for their faith become great testimonies to the rest of the world.

PRINCIPLE: He who is born once, dies twice, yet he who is born twice, only dies once. See for example the book, *Foxes’ Book Of Martyrs*.

2. Spiritually: This is a \_\_\_\_\_ church. All true churches are persecuted. The important thing is our *attitude* in the midst of the trial!
- a. This Church in type is *bitter* and needs encouragement because of trouble that constantly plagues them. It turns out to be the Lord who comes and encourages them!
  - b. This letter is a rebuke against those that claim the promises that are for the Jews as if *they* were Jews.
3. Historically:
- a. The Smyrna period last from 95 to 325 AD and experiences the brunt of the TEN official Roman persecutions against the Christian Church. This is the MARTYRS’ Church.

- 1) Under Nero (64 AD)
  - 2) Domitian (90-96 AD)
  - 3) Trajan (98-117 AD)
  - 4) Hadrian (117-138 AD)
  - 5) Marcus Aurelius (161-181 AD)
  - 6) Septimus Severus (202-211 AD)
  - 7) Maximus the Thracian (235-251 AD)
  - 8) Decius (249-251 AD)
  - 9) Valerian (257-260 AD)
  - 10) Diocletian / Galerius (303-311 AD) – extreme suffering
- b. This is the church that is soul-winning, yet getting persecuted, killed, tortured - doing what God intended it to be doing, and it was paying the price.
  - c. Following this intense period of persecution, a “new era” was brought in by a man named \_\_\_\_\_ (*Flavius Valerius Aurelius Constantinus Augustus, 272-327 AD*).
  - d. This church was filled with the writings of the early “Church Fathers”.

### C. Unto The Angel of The Church In Pergamos (2:12-17)

NOTE: The name ‘Pergamos’ means ‘fortified’

#### 1. Doctrinally:

- a. **Salutation:** Note the sharp Sword (2:12; Heb 4:12). Definitely not time for sweet fellowship! For some reason, the church at Pergamos had a problem with a Saviour that judged. A lot of people think of a loving and merciful Jesus up in heaven, and yet that is not an accurate and balanced view. The Lord truly is merciful and loving, but also is righteous in judgment!
- b. **Commendation:** Note where these Christians dwell (“*where Satan’s seat is...*”, and the price of their commitment - **martyrdom!** Antipas probably was a powerful leader that had helped the church there stay faithful to God, and yet, when he was murdered (martyred for the Lord), the church remained faithful.
- c. **Complaint:** the problem had to deal with WHAT A CHURCH BELIEVED! This church was teaching the doctrines of *Balaam* (Num 22-25), and of the *Nicolaitanes* (we have seen this before in 2:6):
  - 1) You allow a “*Balaam*” to teach in your church! Balaam was a false teacher (“*he taught*”).
    - a) He was a prophet, with the ability to ‘see’ things in the future – revelations – so people listened to him.
    - b) He had power to curse and to bless people
    - c) He taught God’s people \_\_\_\_\_ (worship)
    - d) He taught God’s people \_\_\_\_\_ (in their worship, not just the sin)
  - 2) Here come the *Nicolaitanes* again: the clergy over the laity (2:15). This was a false system!

NOTE: First, Christians in the Ephesus church put the Church before Jesus; Here, they put the “clergy” above the common people.

- d. **Counsel:** “\_\_\_\_\_, or I will fight against THEM”. Here the Lord shows up with His sword, ready to fight!

NOTE: Here we have the distinction between two church lines that have developed: one true, and the other definitely false (notice the ‘THEM’ in the verse), and in trouble with Christ!

- e. **Promise:** Overcome and you will get three things:
  - 1) *Hidden Manna* - Probably hidden in the wilderness during the last half of the Tribulation when the Jews will be hiding from the armies of the antichrist!
  - 2) *A white stone* - Possibly, it has to do with the high priest’s breastplate, which contained twelve stones. Each of these stones had the name of one of the twelve tribes of Israel engraved on it (Exodus 28:21). As he ministered in the temple, the high priest bore the names of God’s people into God’s presence. In the same way, the “white stone” with the believer’s name

written on it could be a reference to our standing in God's presence, since Jesus is our High Priest.

3) *A new name* written on the stone – an honour bestowed on knights, nobles, and kings.

2. Spiritually: This is the Worldly church!

In type, this church is “fortified” by the world, and settles down comfortably with the world (like in a marriage with the world). These began to think that the “Kingdom” had come (heaven on earth)!

- a. They quit winning souls
- b. They begin to build big elaborate buildings
- c. They begin to “dissertate” and sermonize instead of preach!
- d. They preach only “love”, and neglect church planting
- e. They become “the only one true church” (Catholic)

3. Historically:

- a. The Pergamos period lasts from 325 to 500 AD and marks the creation of the Roman Catholic Church. The marriage of “Church” and “State” occurs at the counsel of Nicea in 325 AD under Constantine.
- b. The church at Smyrna had so affected the world at that time that Constantine had to get along with it in order to keep his empire from splitting, which prepared the way for the church of Pergamos.

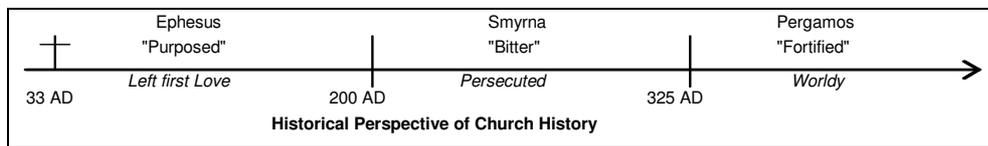


Figure 2 Historical Perspective of Church History (Ephesus Thru Pergamos)

D. Unto The Angel of The Church In Thyatira (2:18-29)

NOTE: The name ‘Thyatira’ means ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ ’,

1. Doctrinally:

- a. **Salutation:** The Son of God, with eyes of flame, and feet as brass – all pointing to the fact that Judgment was coming! The church at Thyatira had a problem with the Lord’s ability to see and know all things (Luke 8:17).
- b. **Commendation:** You have “good works” (Eph 2:10). You are working harder now than when you first started! This is a very commendable list of traits:
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Works
  - 2) Charity
  - 3) Service
  - 4) Faith
  - 5) Patience
  - 6) \_\_\_\_\_ Works (which were greater than at the beginning, which would tell you that they had grown in their efforts to live for God)
- c. **Complaint:** But, you allow a \_\_\_\_\_ to teach her doctrine! (I Kings 16 - II Kings 9) - Teaching the word of God is very important to the Lord, and He doesn’t just want ANYBODY doing it (2 Cor 2:17; Rom 1:18).
  - 1) She is a \_\_\_\_\_ (really a WHORE - 17:1-f), a teacher, a seducer!
  - 2) Notice the idolatry and fornication showing up again (she was leading her followers into the “depths of Satan” (2:24).
  - 3) God now is going to intervene and judge her. God had given opportunity for repentance, but now is going to “USE” her to draw out of His church all those that are tares to judgment.
- d. **Counsel:** Hold fast till the Second Coming! Not until the Rapture, but second advent - so, doctrinally we are dealing with a \_\_\_\_\_ passage.

NOTE: The phrase “unto the end” (2:26). See Matt 24:13,14!

- e. **Promise:** If you overcome Jezebel, you will get power over nations (authority in the millennium, Luke 19:17), and the “morning star” (Cf 22:16)
- 2. Spiritually and Historically: This is the Lax church!
  - a. In type, this Church represents two groups: 1) those Churches that stand out as bright lights in a dark world under persecution, and 2) “churches” that don’t care WHAT is taught, nor WHO is teaching. They just don’t care - but you had better believe that the Lord does!!!
  - b. The Thyatira period lasts from 500 to 1000 AD which leads into the heart of the “\_\_\_\_\_” ages, and represents the bright lights that existed during that time of oppression. St. Patrick of Ireland, the Paulicians, and the Huguenots of France are some examples.

**E. Unto The Angel of The Church In Sardis (3:1-6)**

NOTE: The name ‘Sardis’ means ‘\_\_\_\_\_’, as in “Earthly”, or “Natural Men” (Definitely not SPIRITUAL men)

- 1. Doctrinally:
  - a. **Salutation:** The Seven Spirits come up now, and the seven stars (3:1). This church has a problem with the Holy Spirit, and with other pastors (the seven stars in His hand).
  - b. **Complaint:** You have a NAME (to the world), but are really \_\_\_\_\_ (toward God)!
  - c. **Counsel:** Strengthen what’s left - “Be watchful”, means be mindful of the things that are just barely alive, and ready to die! Notice how *remember* and *repentance* keep showing up?

| “Remember”  | “Repent”              |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| 2:5 Ephesus | 2:5 Ephesus           |
| 3:3 Sardis  | 2:16 Pergamos         |
|             | 2:21 Thyatira/Jezebel |
|             | 3:3 Sardis            |
|             | 3:19 Laodicea         |

**Table 3 - Remember and Repent Churches.**

- d. **Warning:** Jesus will come “on thee” as a thief (not “for thee” as in the rapture, see Matt 24:43), and will judge the church.
- e. **Commendation:** You have some good people there, even in Sardis of all places! For example, in the Congregationalists: Billy Sunday; in the Methodists: Charles Wesley; in the Anglicans: Hudson Taylor; and even in the Baptists there are those that are faithful to God!
- f. **Promise:** Overcome your weaknesses, and you will get to wear white, and not have your name blotted out of the book of life. Does this mean: *loosing your salvation?*
- 2. Spiritually and Historically: This is a \_\_\_\_\_! The group was NOT saved at all!

This church represents all the churches that have buildings, and people, and programs, and money, and literature, and gold altars, and vestments, and everything that makes it look, smell, walk, and sound like a church, but as far as God is concerned, it is DEAD!

- a. The Sardis period lasts from 1000 to 1500 AD and consists of the last half of the dark ages, where the entire world basically spiritually “falls apart!”
  - 1) The eight “Crusades” of the Catholic Church - the most notorious was the “children’s crusade” of 1212 AD, which was led by Pope Nicholas, and ended with most of the children drowning, or being sold into slavery, or slaughtered!
  - 2) Monastic orders popping up everywhere - especially in France and Ireland.
  - 3) Two popes calling each other the Antichrist (in 1378)
  - 4) Three popes “reigning” at one time (from 1406-1415) - Avignon, Rome, etc.
  - 5) The selling of Indulgences, “Peter’s Pence”, and Simony (the purchasing of offices and positions in the Roman Catholic church)
- b. It is at the end of this period historically, that Martin Luther gets fed up with Rome and splits Germany, and that **John Huss** (1369), **William Tyndale** (1494), **Savonarola** (1452) have a heyday at turning millions to Christ as they get burned at the stake and tortured for preaching the true Gospel of the Grace of God!!!

**F. Unto The Angel Of The Church In Philadelphia (3:7-13)**

NOTE: The name 'Philadelphia' means 'Brotherly Love' - This is one special church!!!

## 1. Doctrinally:

- a. **Salutation:** From the One who holds the Keys. The church at Philadelphia evidently cannot see that even though a door may be shut to them, the Lord has the keys to every door, and can open and shut any door He needs to. What an encouraging principle! Your prayer life can unlock any door that you may encounter!
- b. **Complaint:** \_\_\_\_\_ (as with Smyrna)! Can you imagine the Lord not finding ANYTHING wrong in a church full of Christians - here He did!
- c. **Counsel:** Go through the "open door" (opportunity). Up until this moment, it has been locked.
- d. **Warning:** Against all churches who don't follow your lead! This was not a warning against this church!
- e. **Commendation:** You have *kept my word* (the Bible). What a commendation! Cf 2 Chron 34:21; Ps 199:67; 119:158; John 17:6
- f. **Promise:** Overcome those that will take away your "crown" of reward, and you will become unbeatable (Jer 1:18). You also will get three names:
  - 1) The name of Jesus' God
  - 2) The name of the New Jerusalem
  - 3) Jesus' new name (Cf Rev 19:12)

## 2. Spiritually and Historically: This is the CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR!

- a. The Philadelphia period matches history from 1500 to 1900 AD and is the last wide-spread revival period on this earth.
- b. It represents a period of time where the word of God is restored and "kept", where an "open door" of opportunity to reach the world with the Gospel is given, and NOT missed, and where things start getting so good that people begin to think that the millennium was about to begin! Hudson Taylor (China), Adoniram Judson (Burma), William Carey (India), David Brainerd all were part of this time period!
- c. This is the period in church history that starts with Christopher Columbus discovering America, the Reformation gets in full swing with most of the world breaking AWAY from the Roman Catholic church, the renaissance (Brahms, Bach, Beethoven, Handel) is climaxing, and Revivals with Jonathan Edwards, Wesley, Whitfield, DL Moody, Spurgeon, Meuller, Fannie Crosby, Billy Sunday are springing-up everywhere!

Mix this church with Ephesus and you have got God's pattern for a church today!!!

**G. Unto The Angel Of The Church In Laodiceans (3:14-22)**

NOTE: 'Laodicea' means '\_\_\_\_\_'. If this is not "up-to-date" I don't know what is!

## 1. Doctrinally:

- a. **Salutation:** The beginning of the creation of God speaks (See Col 1:15-18 because as here, we are dealing with the SUBJECT, not the OBJECT of the action, because Jesus is the FIRST of whatever God does, as in, God spake, and then Jesus did the actual work, not that Jesus was the first thing to be created by God - He is *the Creating Power* of God!). The Laodicean church had three problems: 1) with Creationism and Evolutionism in their church, 2) whether God was a faithful and true witness, and 3) whether God was the final authority (*the Amen*) in their actions or not!
- b. **Complaint:** \_\_\_\_\_! Neither cold nor hot, luke-warm, thinking that they were rich (materialistic - big empires, lots of money, yet no God) and had "need of nothing" (including Christ)!!! What a bad testimony! The church at Smyrna thought they were poor, but were rich in God's eyes. Here, this church was just the opposite!
- c. **Warning:** I am going to throw you UP and OUT! This church was disgusting to Christ, and made Him sick!

- d. **Counsel:** Repent, *see yourself as you really are*, see Jesus as he is (your need supplier), and ask Him to come back into the church and be a part of it again! You have literally kicked Him out (3:20)!
- e. **Commendation:** \_\_\_\_\_! Now isn't that something. There was nothing worth commending them about!
- f. **Promise:** Overcome your pride and you will reign with Jesus in the Millennium. Those who go back to the door and let Christ back in as their Lord will have sweet fellowship once again with Him (they will have real revival)!

2. Spiritually and Historically: This is a CHAMELEON CHURCH!

- a. This is a church that calls itself a church yet, looks like the world, smells like the world, tastes like the world, and it makes God SICK!
- b. The Laodicean period lasts from 1900 to today and marks the most wishy-washy period of time in history with a church that professes the "fundamentals", but would never "offend" anyone!
- c. This is the church of the "people's rights" but with no rights for Jesus Christ!!! (1 Cor 6:19,20) Note *animal rights* of all things are the big issue today!
- d. This is a constantly \_\_\_\_\_ church, changing to keep up with the world, and attracting the world, never getting FANATICAL about ANYTHING except sports!
- e. This church has kicked its Saviour out, and locked the door behind Him (3:20)!

Did you notice some of the things that kept getting repeated?

- **He that hath an ear...**
- **These things saith he...** (not some preacher, but "thus saith the Lord!")
- **I know thy works** (2:2; 2:9; 2:13; 2:19; 3:1; 3:8; 3:15)
- **Remember, and Repent** (2:5,16,21; 3:3,19)

After each of the seven churches were addressed by the Lord, He concluded with the statement, "*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*" Only those who pay attention to the exhortations will benefit from what was said by the Lord. There is no osmosis is God's kingdom (meaning that you won't be blessed just because you go to church, or are around those who want to live for God). And on top of that, don't be hearers only, but doers of the word (James 1:22)

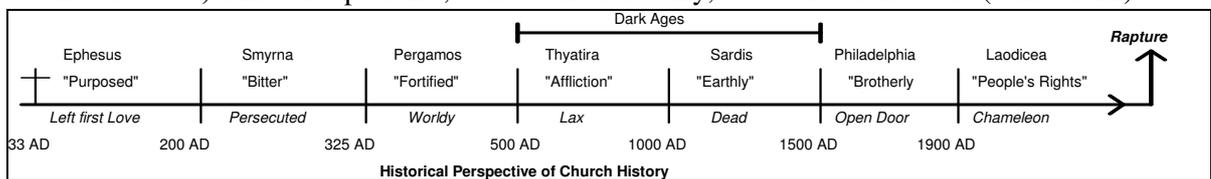


Figure 3 - Historical Perspective of Church History

**III. Conclusion - What we have Seen So Far:**

- A peek at seven local churches in existence at 95 A.D.
- A panorama of 2,000 years of church history
- A catalogue of the seven conditions that churches are in today
- A look at the seven local churches that will be in existence during the Tribulation!

Wild, isn't it?! Truly we have a supernatural Book in our hands don't we? We had better take heed to what it says, believe it, and obey!

|                               | <b>Ephesus</b>   | <b>Smyrna</b>  | <b>Pergamos</b>   | <b>Thyatira</b>   | <b>Sardis</b>  | <b>Philadelphia</b>   | <b>Laodicea</b>   |
|-------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|---|---|
|                               | 33-95 AD   | 95-325 AD  | 325-500 AD  | 500-1000 AD   | 1000-1500 AD   | 1500-1900 AD  | 1900-Present  |
| <b>Description of Christ</b>  | He holds 7 stars, walks among 7 golden candlesticks                    | He is the first and last, Was dead and now alive         | He has sharp two edge sword                                     | He is the Son of God, eyes like flame of fire, feet like brass    | He has 7 Spirits of God, 7 stars   | He is holy, True, has key of David, opens and shuts   | He is the Amen, faithful and true witness, beginning of creation      |
| <b>What Christ Notices</b>    | Your labour and patience   | Your Tribulation, poverty                                | That you are where Satan's seat of power is                     | Your works, charity, service, faith, patience, and works          | Your hypocrisy   | NOTHING   | Your false claims about themselves, exposes true condition            |
| <b>Praise</b>                 | You cannot bear evil, you test preachers and leaders, hate Nicolaitans | You really are rich                                      | You hold fast Christ's name, and have not denied Christ's faith | The recent works to be better than the first works                | A few of you have not defiled their garments and are worthy              | You have kept my word, not denied my name   | NONE. Nothing good was found!   |
| <b>Rebuke</b>                 | You have left your first love  | NONE   | Some of you hold the doctrines of Balaam and Nicolaitans        | You have allowed Jezebel to seduce servants, and you repented not | Your works are not perfect, seem alive but are dead                      | NONE  | You are Lukewarm (apathetic), wretched, miserable, poor, blind, naked |
| <b>Counsel</b>                | Remember where you have fallen from, repent, do the first works        | Don't fear, be faithful unto death                       | Repent  | Repent, hold fast till I come                                     | Be watchful, strengthen what remains, repent, and remember               | Hold fast   | Buy of Christ gold, and white raiment, anoint eyes, repent            |
| <b>Warning</b>                | I will come quickly and remove your candlestick                        | NONE   | I will fight against you  | Death, Tribulation, rewarded according to works                   | I will come as a thief   | NONE  | I will spue you out of my mouth                                       |
| <b>Promises to Overcomers</b> | Eat from the tree of life  | Crown of life, and you won't be hurt by the second death | Hidden manna, and a white stone with a new name for you         | The power to rule nations, the morning star                       | Walk with me in white raiment, confess your name, not blot out your name | Kept from the hour of temptation, made a pillar in the temple of God, wear the name of God and of the city of God | Sup with me, and sit with me on the throne                            |

**Table 4 – Summary of the Seven Churches.**

## Section 1 Review Questions

1. The word "Revelation" means: \_\_\_\_\_
2. The theme of the Book is "the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things"
3. The Book is basically divided into how many parts? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where is the Apostle John when he is told to write this Book? \_\_\_\_\_
5. The seven candlesticks are said to represent \_\_\_\_\_
6. The seven stars are said to represent \_\_\_\_\_
7. When studying Revelation, the student must keep in mind the three ways to understand a passage. The first discussed was *Historically*. Name the other two: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. When the term "Spiritually, this means..." is used, we mean what? \_\_\_\_\_
9. The word "Ephesus" means: \_\_\_\_\_
10. What was wrong with the church at Ephesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. What does "*Nicolaitanes*" mean: \_\_\_\_\_
12. The word "Smyrna" means: \_\_\_\_\_
13. What was wrong with the church at Smyrna? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. The word "Pergamos" means: \_\_\_\_\_
15. What was wrong with the church at Pergamos? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. What was the "*doctrine of Balaam*" referred to in the Letter to Pergamos? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. In type, Pergamos represents a church that is \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_
18. The word "Thyatira" means: \_\_\_\_\_
19. What was wrong with the church at Thyatira? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
20. What is a "Jezebel" represent in the church? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
21. The word "Sardis" means: \_\_\_\_\_
22. What was wrong with the church at Sardis? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
23. The word "Philadelphia" means: \_\_\_\_\_
24. What was wrong with the church at Philadelphia? \_\_\_\_\_
25. The word "Laodicea" means: \_\_\_\_\_
26. What was wrong with the church at Laodicea? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# The Book Of The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter Four

### Welcome To Heaven

Focus Verse: **Revelation 4:11**

**“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”**

#### I. Introduction to Chapter Four

**What we are dealing with here in this supernatural Book are clear revelations about several things:**

- A. Jesus Christ as He is NOW - i.e., He is NOT on any cross, but rather in heaven, and about to come back on earth!
- B. The next thing revealed concerns churches:
  - 1. Historical rebukes concerning churches in existence when the Apostle John was still alive in 95 A.D.
  - 2. Typical representations of seven types of churches that can be found throughout New testament History.
  - 3. Actual Church history being laid-out for us before Church history even takes place.
  - 4. Doctrinally applies to churches that will be in existence during the great tribulation.
- C. When the Lord finishes revealing things about the church, He then in **Chapter 4** turns to the *Rapture*, and the *Tribulation* that follows the age of the Christian Churches.

#### II. Chapter Four - The Rapture, and the Heavenly Temple (Rev 4:1-11)

##### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of The Church (4:1,2)

1. Word meaning of *rapture*: \_\_\_\_\_
2. A door opens... (opens twice in Revelation)
3. A voice sounds (I Thess 4:13-18)
4. There is the sound of a trumpet (as in “a trump”, Rev 1:10). There will be two soundings - once here, and then another at the end of the tribulation.
5. The words, “\_\_\_\_\_” (Rev 4:1; 11:2; Prov 25:7) - A “calling away” of the Christians
6. John IMMEDIATELY was in the spirit in heaven (Rev 4:2; 1 Cor 15:52; “in the twinkling of an eye”). Let’s look at the primary Scriptures:
 

|    |                |   |
|----|----------------|---|
| a. | 1 Thes 4:13-18 | Referred to as being “_____”  |
| b. | Phil 3:20,21   | Called a “changing” of _____  |
| c. | John 14:1-3    | Called a “_____” of the church to Jesus   |
| d. | Acts 1:11      | Only “_____ shall see him...” not everybody   |
| e. | Titus 2:13     | Referred to as “the blessed _____” of the Christian (not something terrifying like the Second Coming will be) |
7. The “rapture’s” placement Dispensationally:
  - a. What occurs before it? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What happens right after the rapture? \_\_\_\_\_  
(as we shall see)



**Figure 4 - Rapture/Return of Christ**

8. Some other things to note about this event:

- a. Rev 1:10 John was “**in the spirit**” already once before - a spiritual event
- b. 1 Cor 15:51-52 Called a “changing” of bodies (referring primarily to the resurrection since this includes part of “the” resurrection)
- c. 2 Cor 12:1-4 This place is the **THIRD** heaven that believers will go to at the rapture, as well as at normal death.
- d. 1 Tim 6:14 We are to be pure until the appearing of our Lord Jesus to take us away, like a bride should stay pure for her marriage!

9. This is the fourth of \_\_\_\_\_ raptures in Scripture:

- a. Gen 5:21-24; Heb 11:5 Enoch
- b. 2 Kings 2:11 Elijah
- c. Matt 27:50-53; Acts 1:9,10 Jesus’ ascension
- d. 1 Thess 4:16,17 The Christian Church
- e. Rev 11:12; Matt 24:36-41 The Two Witnesses
- f. Rev 14:1 The 144,000
- g. Rev 14:17-20 The Damned to Armageddon

10. Types or pictures of the Rapture in Scripture:

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Gen 5:21-24 | Enoch is the BEST type in the O.T. in how it will occur |
| Gen 19:22   | _____ being pulled out of Sodom before Judgment fell    |
| Gen 7-9     | _____ being protected from the judgment of the flood    |

11. The Rapture involves the following components (as compared to the *Second Coming*):

- a. Listening for a shout/trumpet sound
- b. Looking for Jesus Christ to break through the clouds visible only to Christians
- c. An urgency in soul-winning will be felt by Christians
- d. Personal holiness will be impressed upon Christians (1 John 3:3)

B. **The Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_** (4:1-11; Heb 8:1-3; Heb 9:1-5)

Note the similarities of this temple to the earthly tabernacle as described in Exodus 34.

- 1. The Door to the Tabernacle (Rev 4:1; Cf Ex 26:36,37)
- 2. The Throne (4:2,3) - And on it sits God the Father!

- a. He who sits upon it has an appearance like unto Jasper and Sardine stone - a semi-transparent crystal. Jasper and Sardine are **the last and first stones** listed in the high priests Breastplate in Exod 28:17,20; 39:10-13. In Ezek 28:13 the devil is described as having these two precious stones worn on his breast as well!

|                |          |               |
|----------------|----------|---------------|
| <b>Sardius</b> | Topaz    | Carbuncle     |
| Emerald        | Sapphire | Diamond       |
| Ligure         | Agate    | Amethyst      |
| Beryl          | Onyx     | <b>Jasper</b> |

- b. An eternal rainbow surrounds it (Ezek 1:28)
- c. This is the Mercy Seat in the Temple in heaven (Ex 25:17-20)

3. The Twenty Four Elders (4:4) - Present around the Throne

- a. They wore white raiment (Cf 4:4; Isa 61:10), and had crowns
- b. These are not angels. They were redeemed by the **blood** of the Lamb (5:8-10). And not just ANY blood (Cf Heb 9:12), and for that matter, not just the **DEATH** of the Lamb, but the BLOOD of God (Acts 20:28)!!!
- c. They were not pictured in Moses’ earthly Temple, so they had been added since Mt Sinai.

- d. They were not present, or at least visible when Isaiah saw heaven in Isaiah 6.
  - e. These are probably the elders of the Old and New Testament saints in heaven
4. The Seven Lamps (4:5) - The \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Called the seven Spirits of God (Cf 1:4; Isa 11:2)
  - b. This is the golden candlestick (Ex 25:31-38)
5. The Sea of Glass (4:6; Cf Rev 21:2)
- a. A very important KEY to understanding Heaven:
    - 1) It is like unto “*crystal*”
    - 2) Cf Job 38:28-33; Gen 1:2
    - 3) So, eternity begins where time and motion stops!
  - b. This is the brazen laver filled with clear water, of the Temple (Ex 30:18-21; 1 Kings 7:23-27)
6. The Four Living Creatures (4:6-9)
- a. There are \_\_\_\_\_ sets of 4 living creatures:
    - 1) Isa 6:1-4 (\_\_\_\_\_, the highest order of angels) - 4 wings
    - 2) Ezek 1:4-28;10:1-22; Gen 3:24 (\_\_\_\_\_, second under the Seraphs) - 6 wings
  - b. Characteristics of these four cherubims:
    - 1) Each had four faces: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (Cf Gen 9:9,10)
    - 2) Each had six wings
    - 3) Full of eyes - eight to be exact - two on each face
    - 4) Primary purpose for existence is to give glory and honor to Him that sat upon the throne!
  - c. There once were \_\_\_\_\_ cherubims (Ezek 28:11-17; Isa 14:10-13). The fifth cherub was knocked out of heaven (the number five always refers to death). Who was he? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. **The Worship Around the Throne** (4:9-11)
- 1. When you close to the Almighty, there is nothing else to do but **worship**!
  - 2. These elders, that have been saved, and are in the very presence of God, fall down prostrate before God and cast back their crowns to Him saying that it is only God that is worthy of any praise.
  - 3. The elders had obtained crowns as rewards for lives lived for God, but they realised that it was more than they deserved - only the Lord is worthy!
  - 4. This is just how all Christians will feel - we will no longer deceive ourselves about how “worthy” we are, and how much we hope to “get” in heaven - even in heaven, it will be more blessed to give than to get!

### III. Conclusion

Notice how that everything being described is all centered around ONE object in the universe - God the Father on His throne!!! The Mastermind of all creation, the

QUESTION: What One of the trinity have we not dealt with yet here in the Temple in heaven? That One will be dealt with explicitly in our next lesson!

### IV. Some Questions

- A. The word “rapture” means: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. What words are we Christians to be listening for just prior to the Rapture? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Write out the verse and its address that most closely describes the events of the Rapture: \_\_\_\_\_
- D. How many sets of four living creatures are there? \_\_\_\_\_, and what are they called: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Who was the fifth cherub according to Ezek 28? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. How many elders are there around the throne? \_\_\_\_\_
- G. What are the Seven Lamps representing in heaven? \_\_\_\_\_

# The Book of The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter Five

### *The Lamb*

Focus Verse: **Revelation 5:12**

**“Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.”**

#### I. Introduction to Chapter Five - The Lamb

What we are dealing with here in this supernatural Book are clear revelations by Jesus Christ about several things:

- The first revelation is about Jesus Christ as he is NOW (Ch 1)
- The next thing that is revealed concerns churches (Ch 2,3)
- He then in Chapter 4 turns to the Rapture, and what’s going on in Heaven!
- Here in Chapter 5, the Lord reveals His plan to recapture this world and its kingdoms from Satan!

#### II. Lesson - Chapter Five - The Lamb (Rev 5:1-14)

A. **The Book** (5:1-5) - This is the \_\_\_\_\_ to the earth!

1. Note the “seven” seals (6:1). The removal of each of these seals brings about a judgment upon the earth. Once opened, the reading of this book will end this world’s occupation by Satan and his forces!
2. Check on the “sealing” of the Book in Daniel 12:4. See also Eph 1:13,14; 4:30. This is the end time, so the seals are coming off!
3. Why did John weep? (See Rom 8:19-23) Because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon
4. So, Who is NOT “worthy”? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who then WAS worthy? \_\_\_\_\_

B. **The Lamb** (5:6-7) - Worthy to Fight, and Prevail for Possession of the Earth! A war will be fought!

1. Whoever this is, He is called a \_\_\_\_\_ (5:5)
2. Whoever this is, He is of the “Root of David” (His family tree). See the following: 2 Kgs 19:30; Rom 11:16

QUESTION: I wonder who He prevailed against?

See Col 2:14,15 \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

3. He turns out to be “*the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world*” (John 1:29).
4. This Lamb...
  - a. Has been slain - Jesus still retains visible scars from the crucifixion!
  - b. Has seven horns, and seven eyes (again, the seven Spirits of God as in 1:4; Isa 11:2)
  - c. Comes out of nowhere and steps right up to God the Father and takes the book out of His hand (5:7) - What authority!!!

C. **The Song** (5:8-10) - This is a Song of *Redemption* - Notice all the emphasis on Redemption!

1. The four beasts, and the 24 elders begin to worship the Lamb (5:8,9). They had been worshipping God the Father that sat upon the throne.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** All of heaven begins to worship the Lamb, while the Bible dictates that only GOD is to be worshipped (Ex 20:3; 24:14). Funny thing... Jesus MUST be God!!! (Matt 2:11; 8:2; 14:33, etc.)

2. Bedlam breaks out throughout heaven!
  - a. Harps (See 1 Sam 10:5; Ps 43:4) - *Music* in heaven... I wonder what kind? Rock? Rap? Punk? Country and Western?
  - b. Golden vials of incense - Prayers of the saints.

## c. Singing!

NOTE: The vials of odours are clearly interpreted as the prayers of the saints (5:8), explaining the purpose of the use of incense in the O.T. Temple - *it pictures prayer*.

PRINCIPLE: Prayer then is like incense. *How does your prayer-time smell to God?* (Eph 5:2). Is it stale, sweet, or sour!?

3. This is a NEW song (Ps 40:3) - about the Lamb, and Changed Lives!
  - a. What was music created for then? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What has our world's music degenerated to? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. What is our music to be about? \_\_\_\_\_
4. This song is sung by redeemed people - redeemed by **BLOOD!** (Col 1:14) Here's that Blood again (see 1:5)! The Lamb turns out to be the **ONLY** Person worthy to \_\_\_\_\_ ANYBODY or ANYTHING!

MEANING: Redemption means to pay the ransom price required for a captive to go free again. But it does not stop there. Redemption carries the implication that if somebody paid for your freedom, they own you, instead of your previous owner (I Cor 6:19,20).

Questions: Didn't God possess the human race to start out with? How did man get in bondage to Satan and sin (Rom 7:14)? The human race is compared to *what* in Hosea that had to be "bought back?"

5. This song is sung about Someone who is about to redeem something: \_\_\_\_\_, which is worth singing about!
  6. This song is sung by people who were redeemed out of **EVERY** kindred, tongue, people, and nation! **Now that's Missions!** (Cf 7:9)
    - a. Now we know our Lord's burden - it wasn't just that WE would get saved (I Tim 2:4)!
    - b. Now we Christians know our job, our MISSION!
    - c. Is there someone who will accept the CHALLENGE today (Luke 10:2)?!
  7. These people "shall" reign on the earth - yet future. At this point, called 'elders', not Kings and Priests. Explains Rev 1:6
- D. **The Glory** (5:11-14) - This is the MOST neglected part of our attitudes as Christians!
1. Who gets the glory? \_\_\_\_\_ See Jude vs. 25; I Tim 1:17
  2. What are they giving? Let's define each of the gifts being given to God:
    - a. Power (Mt 28:18) \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. Riches (Phil 4:19) \_\_\_\_\_
    - c. Wisdom (Eccl 2:26) \_\_\_\_\_
    - d. Strength (Rev 19:15) \_\_\_\_\_
    - e. Honor (Rom 13:7; Phil 2:9-11) \_\_\_\_\_
    - f. Glory (Mt 24:30) \_\_\_\_\_
    - g. Blessing (Ps 103:1,2) \_\_\_\_\_
    - h. God gave these things to us (Matt 25:14-30), and requires us to give them back with interest!!!
  3. Who gives the glory and worship? \_\_\_\_\_ Shouldn't we now?
  4. These saints number 10,000 X 10,000 = 100,000,000 ± a couple of million!!!

PRINCIPLE: We are miserable Christians because our \_\_\_\_\_ are based upon the love of and dependence upon things on this earth instead of things in heaven (Col 3:1,2), and so we glorify the creature and the creation more than the Creator! God promises that this world CANNOT satisfy (Matt 16:25,26).

**E. The Judgment Seat**

1. Now that all the *Welcome Home* festivities have taken place, two things occur for the Christian in heaven now:
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_,
  - b. And the \_\_\_\_\_. The Marriage of the Lamb is discussed in Chapter 19.
2. The Judgment Seat of Christ is a time when the Christians who were raptured, as well as those who have been waiting since Christ's resurrection and Ascension stand before Jesus Christ to receive rewards and crowns for serving Him (2 Cor 5:10). This is both a joyous time and a terrifying time (2 Cor 5:11) since the life of the Christian will be "replayed" before the multitudes and every part examined to see the motive behind each person's life! Once Jesus Christ saved a person, their life became owned by the Redeemer (1 Cor 6:19,20), and He expects the life to be lived for the Master. If the life was wasted, then rewards will be withheld. If the life was yielded to serving Him always (1 Cor 15:18; Gal 6:9), then rewards will be abundant (1 Cor 3:10-4:5)!

**III. Conclusion - Next Chapter: The Beginning of the Tribulation**

- A. In preparation for studying Chapter 6:
  1. Read Daniel 9, and Study the "seventieth week" (especially vs 27)
  2. Study the end-time events that Christ taught about in Matthew 24
  3. Try to identify the rider of the first horse in Revelation 6
  4. Discern the purpose of the Tribulation, and for whom it is intended.

**IV. Some Questions**

- A. What probably is the *Book* that God holds in His hands? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Who alone was worthy to take and open that Book? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Jesus Christ is referred to as the Lamb as well as the what? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. The Lord Jesus still retains in heaven what evidence of His life here on earth? \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Prayers are pictured how in heaven? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Redemption is conditioned on what substance being shed? \_\_\_\_\_
- G. The Judgment Seat of Christ is both a joyous and \_\_\_\_\_ time for the Christian.

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## Chapter Six

### *The Seven Seals*

Focus Verse: **Revelation 6:17**

**“For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?”**

#### I. Introduction - The Beginning of the Tribulation

- A. We are about to begin studying Chapters 6-19 which match what is called “\_\_\_\_\_” (Dan 9:20-27), and “\_\_\_\_\_” (Jer 30:7), and “\_\_\_\_\_” (1 Thes 1:10).
- B. There no longer is any mention of ANY **church** until chapter 20. The emphasis is on the **Jews** from here on out.
- C. The judgment that is about to begin is loosed upon this world in conjunction with the release of seven “seals.” These “seals” are binding the book that Jesus took out of the Father’s hand in 5:7. Remember, John is watching all this unfold from the vantage point of heaven, outside of time.
- D. **What the Tribulation is** (Matt 24:21; Daniel 9:20-27; Jeremiah 30:7).
1. The time of the Tribulation is the “seventieth week” of Daniel’s prophecy (Dan 9:20-27). Where one year figures for each day of the first 69 weeks listed made for 483 years from the time that the decree to rebuild the city of Jerusalem to the Jew’s final rejection of Christ when He was crucified. Each Jewish year consists NOT of 365 ¼ days, but rather only 360 days. When Jesus was crucified, the timing stopped, leaving the remaining week (7 years) yet in the future. This last week of the seventy weeks will be the worst seven years in history (Matt 24:21): The antichrist will be enthroned, Christians will be gone, and before it all ends, over half of the population of this world will be destroyed
  2. *The Six Purposes of the Seventieth Week* (Daniel 9:24)
    - a. To finish the transgression (Rom 11:26,27), referring to the rejection of God as King in Israel.
    - b. To make an end of sins (Rev 20:1-3). This will be the time of most gross sins, just before it is rendered powerless!
    - c. To make reconciliation for iniquity (Zech 12:10). God and His people will once again be reconciled ( will be born again in a day, Isa 66:8).
    - d. To bring in everlasting righteousness (Hab 2:14). The result of destroying sin will be that everlasting righteousness will cover the earth.
    - e. To seal up the vision and prophecy. Once Jesus returns to this earth at the end of the Tribulation, there will be no further need for visions and prophecies.
    - f. To anoint the Most Holy. To make Jesus Christ literally and physically King of this planet, reigning in Jerusalem!
  3. *The Events of the Tribulation*
    - a. The regathering of Israel (Jer 23:7,8).
    - b. The revealing of the antichrist (2 Thes 2:3,8). He is referred to as, “that man of sin,” “son of perdition,” and “that wicked.”
    - c. The rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem (2 Thes 2:4).
    - d. The world-wide requirement of idol worship (2 Thes 2:4; Rev 13:14,15).
    - e. The recruitment of a satanic army for the antichrist for Armageddon (Rev 9:16)
    - f. The regeneration of the remnant (the Jews will be saved, Rev 7).
    - g. The return of the Saviour (Rev 19), occurring right at the end of the Tribulation!

## II. Lesson - The Seven Seals (6:1-17)

### A. The Four Horsemen (6:1-8)



1. First Seal Released (6:1,2; Matt 24:4,5) - A \_\_\_\_\_ horse, and a male rider
  - a. We first encounter “thunder” (a storm is brewing), then springs forth a man riding furiously on a white horse! Thunder is usually associated with a voice, as in Acts 9 where the only one to whom the voice is directed can understand it. The white horse looks like it is someone good coming, and not bad (or so it seems).
  - b. This rider is given a bow (no arrows), a crown, and goes forth to \_\_\_\_\_ the world.
  - c. Can we identify this man?
    - 1) Evidently he is a KING (note the crown)
    - 2) Evidently he CONQUERS with an unloaded weapon - He conquers with diplomacy instead of strength. This is exactly what the world desires, peaceful resolutions to all conflicts!
    - 3) Evidently he rides a WHITE horse as if to be one of the “good guys”
    - 4) Looks a lot like Christ doesn't it? But wait a minute, see 2 Cor 11:14. Compare with Rev 19:11-16 and note what follows this mysterious conqueror – \_\_\_\_\_!
2. Second Seal Released (6:3,4; Matt 24:6,7) - A \_\_\_\_\_ horse, and a male rider
  - a. This rider is given power to “take away peace from the earth”, and to cause people to “KILL ONE ANOTHER”
  - b. He is given a *great* \_\_\_\_\_. Notice how that what seems to start out for peace in this world will always end up in war, war, and more war (1 Thes 5:3)! This war here is World War III.
  - c. This horseman brings BLOODSHED (note the “red” horse)
3. Third Seal Released (6:5,6; Matt 24:7) - A \_\_\_\_\_ horse, and a male rider
  - a. This rider is given a pair of balances to measure out “food” for the people of the earth
  - b. What follows is food-rationing due to a FAMINE.
  - c. A penny was a day's wage (Matt 20:1,2). These people will have to work an entire day just to be able to buy a loaf of bread. In this famine, there will be no bread, yet lots of oil and wine!
4. Forth Seal Released (6:7,8; Matt 24:7,8) - A \_\_\_\_\_ horse, and a male rider
  - a. This rider has a definite name: **DEATH** (Heb 2:14)
  - b. What immediately follows this rider: **HELL**, NOT Heaven!!! Death comes to claim the bodies of men, and Hell follows to claim their souls (Isa 5:14)!
  - c. This rider is given power to kill off 1/4 of the earth using swords (war), hunger (famine), death, and the beasts of the field (they will turn on humans). This is the same as in Ezek 14:21.

SUMMARY: The Jews made a covenant with this rider in Isa 28:15. Now... the question is: was the first rider Jesus Christ? Of course NOT! Note how “all hell breaks loose” as soon as this rider appears on this planet. Yet, the majority of all seminaries and even Southern Baptists teach that the first rider is Jesus Christ!!! If he is, then who needs Jesus if all He does is bring Death, and ultimately HELL!?! Some commentators say that this is the Gospel. Well, if it is, look at the fruit! So, evidently there is one man who is so much like Jesus Christ, that even educated Christians will not be able to tell him, and the real Saviour apart. We are dealing with the coming of the Anti-Christ!

Remember,

- Jesus has a bride (Rev 21) the New Jerusalem, and Satan has a bride (Rev 17) Babylon
- Jesus says “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12), and Satan is called “an angel of light” (2 Cor 11:14)
- Jesus is King of kings (Rev 19:16), Satan is also a king (Job 41:34), of the “children of pride”
- Jesus is the “Prince of Peace” (Isa 9:6), Satan is called the “prince of this world” (John 14:30)
- Jesus is called “God” (John 20:28), Satan is the “god of this world” (2 Cor 4:4)
- Jesus is called a “Lion” (Rev 5:5), Satan is also called a “lion” (1 Pet 5:8)

Introducing... his majesty... the Antichrist!

**Therefore, we have *clearly* just entered the time of the Tribulation.**

**PRINCIPLE: All those riding on white horses, proclaiming PEACE, are not good guys!**

5. Some Notes on this antichrist:

- a. The moment of his appearance (2 Thes 2:6-8). Right after the rapture of the church.
- b. The manner of his appearance (2 Thes 2:9-11). Satanic signs and lying wonders will back up the antichrist’s claim to authority in this world.
- c. The message of his appearance (2 Thes 2:4). The antichrist comes to set himself up as God (Cf Isa 14:12-15)! Those who do not like the message of the Bible will readily accept the message of the antichrist!

**B. The Souls of \_\_\_\_\_ - The Wrath of This World Against the Tribulation Saints (6:9-11)**

1. This is the Fifth Seal (See also Matt 24:9-13).
2. Notice the Altar - Again, part of the “true tabernacle” in heaven as we discussed in chapters 4 and 5. The altar was used for sacrifice in the Old Testament. Here, the picture is of a multitude of people who have been slaughtered in the rebuilt Jewish Temple in Jerusalem during the Tribulation, and are around the Altar in Heaven waiting for revenge!!!
3. We now come across multitudes of “souls” (no bodies)
  - a. Souls therefore have voices, memories, and a shape that can wear a white robe.
    - 1) These souls are without their “bodies” which are back on the earth (Cf Luke 16 for the rich man in hell). Hence, if you threw a sheet over them, they would look like “ghosts” (very interesting). A “soul” is the emotions, and eternal part of a human.
  - b. How did these people die? Rev 20:4 They were \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Why were they killed? Same reason why John was in exile (see 1:9)
    - 1) For the \_\_\_\_\_ of God!
    - 2) For the \_\_\_\_\_ which they held!
  - d. This was the wrath of this world against God’s people!
  - e. QUESTION: Do you have a testimony like them that would be worth dying for?
4. These souls requested one thing: Revenge! And boy was it about to take place! God said “Vengeance is mine, I will repay...” (Rom 12:19), and He will!

**C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Sorrows - The Wrath of the Lamb (6:12-17)**

1. Up to this point, the devil has had control, but now, the Lamb is mad, and His wrath is turned loose on this old world! (Cf Matt 24:29; Luke 21:25; Mark 13:24-26; Joel 2)
2. This is the Sixth Seal Revealed (See also Matt 24:29,30).
3. A great earthquake - like never before!
4. Every mountain and island is moved out of place (6:14)
5. The sun became black - darkness upon the face of the earth - maybe due to volcanic ash?
6. The moon became blood
7. Stars fall from heaven - producing great craters

- a. The heaven (universe) is split from side to side. Very interesting statement since this takes place in chapter 19 with Jesus Christ coming back, implying that we were just escorted through the Tribulation.
  - b. The idea is this: that the Book of the Revelation is not a chronology of events, but rather will contain several accounts of the Tribulation (the second advent) in series just as we have several accounts of the first advent of Jesus Christ in the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John).
8. Every man, woman, and child runs and attempts to hide knowing Who is behind these events, but they have no desire to repent and turn to the Lamb for mercy, but instead, turn to the “rocks”.

### III. Conclusion - Next Chapter: Chapter 7 & The 144,000 Jews

- A. Satan moves in and brings about a false peace in preparation for some REAL war! Be careful, because there are at least THREE more world wars ahead!
- B. The Lamb will however direct His wrath against this world as well! You see, this world has turned against its only Saviour, and to a false Saviour not really realizing what it was getting into!
- C. Some Questions:
  1. What introduces the beginning of the Tribulation (what sound)? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. List the colours of the four horses in sequence: \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Whom do all the major commentators think the rider of the white horse is? \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Define “soul” \_\_\_\_\_
  5. List the four basic things in 6:12-17 that take place in the Tribulation:
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_
  6. The Book of Revelation is going to take the reader through the Tribulation how many times? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Note how that THIS PART of the Tribulation is called the “great day of His wrath,” and that it “is come” (Rev 6:16,17), not that it is at the END of the Tribulation! Compare this with 1 Thes 1:10.

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## Chapter Seven

### *The 144,000 Witnesses*

Focus Verse: **Revelation 7:13,14**

**“And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”**

#### I. Introduction To The Lesson

We are now well into the period of time called the Tribulation, called “Daniel’s Seventieth Week” (Dan 9), and “Jacob’s Trouble” (Jer 30:7). Right after the judgment of the sixth seal, there is a diversion to another subject other than the seven seals. This is called a “parenthesis” in the chronology of the Revelation.

#### II. Lesson - The Sealing of the 144,000 (7:1-17)

In preparation for the releasing of the 7th seal, four angels get ready to “hold back the wind.”

##### A. The Seal of the living God (7:1,2)

1. Explained as the seal of a \_\_\_\_\_ on their foreheads (Rev 14:1) - Just as the seal of the antichrist is the “number of his NAME” on his followers head or hand (Rev 13:16-18) called a “mark”.
2. All the O.T. priests had this seal on their headgear (see Ex 28:36-38).
3. The purpose of this sealing: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Cf Rev 14:1-3). This sealing process “preserves” the bearer!

##### B. The Servants of our God (7:3-8)

1. Consists of all the “tribes of Israel”
    - a. 12,000 from each of the literal, actual tribes of Juda, Reuben, Gad, Aser, Nephthalim, Manasses, Simeon, Levi, Issachar, Zabulon, Joseph, and Benjamin.
    - b. A tribe is missing from this list: \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_
- PRINCIPLE: This tribe therefore is *not* protected from the judgments that fall during the Tribulation because of its idolatry, but it will show up again during the millennium (Ezek 48:1,32)
- c. What happened to the rest of the children of Israel? They possibly were killed off: See Rev 6:8; Zech 13:8,9. These Jews were saved, but they had to give their lives for their testimony!
2. These are the “\_\_\_\_\_” of Rom 11:1-4
    - a. God always has a “remnant” (Cf I Kings 19:18)
    - b. These represent God’s witness during the Tribulation to all the world, who will have no fear for all the judgments falling all around them.

##### C. The Scene in Heaven (7:9-17) - Tribulation Saints

1. The Blood-Washed Multitude (7:9-15; Cf 6:9-11)
  - a. Again, a multitude of people from all nations
  - b. They are wearing white robes
  - c. They came out of the Great Tribulation (7:14) - Can’t be THE church (1 Thes 1:10)
  - d. They now serve God continually (Cf Rev 4:11)
2. The Blessings of Heaven (7:16,17; Cf 21:4)
  - a. No more hunger - The Lord feeds them
  - b. No more thirst - The Lord provides Living Water
  - c. No more cancer causing sun-rays
  - d. No more sweltering heat

e. No more tears - God personally shall wipe away ALL tears!

PRINCIPLE: There will be tears in Heaven (See 2 Cor 5:10,11; Rom 14:10-12), but it is up to you whether they will be tears of joy, or of sorrow!

But the greatest of these blessings is found in vs 15 where *“he that sitteth upon the throne shall DWELL AMONG THEM!”*

### III. Conclusion - Some Questions

- A. The Tribulation is referred to as \_\_\_\_\_ in Daniel 9, and \_\_\_\_\_ in Jer 30:7
- B. What will be the seal of God on the foreheads of the 144,000 Jews? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. How many tribes of Israel are there? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. What tribe is missing from the list in 7:3-8? \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Why is the tribe missing from the list? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Define “the elect” \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Define the “Great Tribulation” as opposed to “the Tribulation” \_\_\_\_\_
- H. List some of the blessings of heaven \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter Eight

### *The Seven Trumpets*

Focus Verse: **Revelation 8:13**

**“And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!”**

#### I. Introduction - Where Are We?

Here we are going to attempt to place some of the events that we have read about, and are about to read about in the Book of the Revelation on a prophetic “time-line.” Some things to note about Scriptural prophecy:

- A. Prophecy really is simple to work with
- B. Scripture most often is chronological, but does not always have to be
- C. If a scripture doesn’t make sense, it is because of any of the following reasons:
  1. Nothing like what is being talked about may never have happened before (ie, the flood in Noah’s day)
  2. You have not found a cross-reference verse that would explain the passage from a different light
  3. Or, you have not learned yet that FACT (the Bible) is always wilder than FICTION (as portrayed on TV, radio, and in magazines)!

#### II. Introduction To The Lesson

As far as I can tell, the Book of the Revelation from chapters 6-19 is divided up into 4 sections. Three deal with the specific judgments of seals (5-7), trumpets (8-11), and vials (15-19), and the fourth deals with the seven specific works of the Antichrist (12-14). Probably, each of these sections runs the reader through the entire seven years of the Tribulation each time. Whatever these divisions may be, we know that the ending of each definitely starts the whole judgment process over again just as you would read the four Gospels (Matthew, then Mark, Luke, then John).

|  | Judgments                                |                         |                           |                                   |                                  |                                     |   |  |
|--|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Trib Event                             | 1st                                      | 2nd                     | 3rd                       | 4th                               | 5th                              | 6th                                 | (Gap)                                       | 7th  |
| <b>7 Seals<br/>(6:1-8:1)</b>           | White Horse<br>Antichrist<br>False Peace | Red Horse<br><br>Wars   | Black Horse<br><br>Famine | Pale Horse<br><br>Death &<br>Hell | Great<br>Persecution<br>Genocide | Earthquake<br><br>Sun<br>Darkened   | <b>144,000<br/>Witnesses</b>                | Silence  |
| <b>7<br/>Trumpets<br/>(8:2-11:19)</b>  | Fire & Hail                              | Meteor                  | Comet<br>“Wormwood”       | Sun & Moon<br>Darkened            | Plague of<br>Locusts             | Army of<br>200,000,000              | <b>The Little<br/>Book</b>                  | The<br>“Last”<br>Trumpet                       |
| <b>7 Persons<br/>(12:1-<br/>14:20)</b> | A Woman                                  | A Red<br>Dragon         | A Man Child               | Michael                           | The False<br>Prophet             | The Living<br>Image of the<br>Beast | <b>The<br/>Lamb<br/>and the<br/>144,000</b> | The Son<br>of Man<br>and the<br>Death<br>Angel |
| <b>7 Vials<br/>(15:1-<br/>18:24)</b>   | Grievous<br>Sore                         | Sea<br>becomes<br>Blood | Rivers<br>become<br>Blood | The Sun<br>Novas                  | Darkness                         | Euphrates<br>Dries Up               | <b>BABYLON</b>                              | “It is<br>DONE”                                |

**Table 5 - List of Tribulation Judgments**

#### III. Lesson - The First of the Seven Trumpets, or The Worst is Yet To Come (8:1-13)

##### A. The Seventh Seal - \_\_\_\_\_ (8:1)

Can you imagine this? Implies here, as well as when the seventh judgment occurs with any of the four divisions, that the end of the Tribulation is in view (see the 7th Trumpet 11:15; the 7th Vial 16:17; and the 7th personage 14:18).

**B. First Trumpet (8:2-7) - 33% of All \_\_\_\_\_ Are Burned Up!**

1. The land and its ecological systems are affected.
2. The altar of incense is related to the prayers of the saints (8:3,4)
3. The answer to their prayers is the judgment of this world by *fire*
4. The judgment starts off with 1/3 of all the trees burning up - what an ECOLOGICAL thought! This is the same as the 7th Egyptian plague (Ex 9:22-26)

**C. Second Trumpet (8:8,9) - 33% of the Sea Became \_\_\_\_\_**

The sea and its ecological systems are affected. See Ex 7:19-21 for the sea being turned to blood before in the first Egyptian plague. This is probably either a large land mass sinking into an ocean (like California), or a meteor falling into an ocean. Note the words, "and as it were a great mountain." This judgment matches the first Vial in 16:2,3.

**D. Third Trumpet (8:10,11) - 33% of the Rivers Become \_\_\_\_\_**

1. The rivers and their ecological systems are affected.
2. A comet named "Wormwood" falls to the earth and disintegrates over a large portion of land. Cf Jer 9:15; 51:25 - A VERY intoxicating herb!

**E. Fourth Trumpet (8:12,13) - 33% of the Sun and Moon \_\_\_\_\_**

1. The atmosphere and its ecological systems is affected.
2. Seems to match the sixth seal of 6:12, and the fifth Vial in 16:10.
3. Yet, the worst is YET TO COME (8:13)!

**IV. Conclusion - Some Questions**

1. Provide one of the three reasons given why Scripture sometimes may not make sense to you: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How many sections is the Book of the Revelation divided up into? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the name of the star that falls to the earth and affects the rivers? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Describe how each series of "seven judgments" ends as we looked at it in the Table: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter Nine

### *The Depravity of the Human Race*

Focus Verse: **Revelation 9:20,21**

**“And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.”**

#### I. Introduction - The “Progress” and “Evolution” of Man

- A. Throughout history, man has attempted to convince himself that things will only get better! People never look back and objectively see even from history that we just keep going around in circles, and are on a basic downward spiral. The Bible portrays man as messing up everything that God created, and that man would destroy himself if God did not intervene from time to time and hold him back!
- B. In this chapter of Revelation, God clearly demonstrates that man by nature does not learn from his mistakes, and that he, as a general rule, would rather see everything destroyed around him before he would repent of his sins and yield to an almighty God! This is because they are of their father, the devil (John 8:44), and until they obtain the new birth (John 3:3,7), they will do *his* will, and not God’s!

#### II. Lesson - “The Three Woes,” or, “The Depravity of the Human Race”

##### A. The Fifth Trumpet - Another “star” falls from heaven (9:1-12)

###### 1. Refining our definition of Angels (9:1)

- a. Here, this “star” is a person (Cf Rev 1:20; Job 38:7)
- b. According to Rev 20:1, this “star” is an **angel**. Therefore, all stars are not gaseous balls of hydrogen fusion, but, some live in Los “Angeles”, and live in the lime “light,” and seek their own “worship”! Therefore, angels are definitely NOT like the feminine winged creatures dreamed up by Greek mythologists.
- c. Angels are “**messengers**” (Matt 1:20,21), “ministering spirits” (Heb 1:7,14), “representatives” (Rev 1:20), always male (never are they female), and here they are “stars” as in celestial beings that “shine” (Dan 10:5,6) and come down from the “heavens.”
- d. Above all, angels are **NEVER** to be worshipped (Col 2:18; Rev 19:10; 22:9)!

###### 2. Identifying the “**bottomless** pit” (9:2)

- a. Note the “**sides** of the pit” in Isa 14:15
- b. Hell is located in the center of the earth (Prov 15:24; Ezek 31:16; Mt 12:40; Luke 16:19-26). Therefore, can you imagine what Hell is like? How about a giant ever-turning clothes drier, with the heat turned up on HIGH, and all the inhabitants being constantly thrown up and down the sides “as the world turns!”
- c. There are various “departments” of Hell. Note that there is a place called the “lowest hell” (Dt 32:22). Just for fun, let’s list the different sections to the lower parts of the earth (remember, this is more advanced than science by about 400 years!):
  - 1) The **grave**
  - 2) **Paradise** (no longer exists, just like Eden doesn’t)
  - 3) A Great **Gulf** (as in the Gulf of Mexico?)
  - 4) **Hell** itself
  - 5) The **bottomless** pit - the lowest Hell

There is a sixth place called, “**the lake of fire**” which seems to be located in a separate place (Cf Rev 20:14).

###### 3. The first Woe (9:3-12)

- a. Get ready, because everything that man has dreamed up for the Twilight Zone, and Hitchcock is about to become real!

- b. Involves humanoid/demoniac **locusts** being let loose out of the bottomless pit (9:3-12)
  - 1) These are not “normal” locusts
  - 2) These locusts:
    - a) Have the power of scorpions - they sting
    - b) Don’t eat grass and leaves (which is their normal diet)
    - c) Attack and “torment” humans for 5 months
    - d) Shaped like horses, with human faces
    - e) Have a king over them (vs 11; Prov 30:27). Could be the “death angel” of Exodus 12.
- c. Creates a “Hell on earth” situation (9:5). These tormentors of hell are allowed out onto the surface of the earth. There not only are locust-type creatures in hell, but also never-dying worms (Isa 66:24; Mark 9:44-46).
- d. Brings about the “hope” of modern medicine (9:6)... **No more death**, only slow dying. Death sometimes is a real blessing, but at this time, God even holds back the Law of mortality for a while in order to bring about this time of Tribulation.

**B. The Sixth Trumpet - 200,000,000 Armed Horsemen (9:13-21)**

- 1. The second of the three Woes.
- 2. There are/will be four angels bound in the Euphrates river (9:13-15)
  - a. Emerge out of the area around Babylon
  - b. Definitely not “good” angels - they were “bound”, imprisoned there
  - c. They lead an army larger than any seen yet!
- 3. The 200,000,000 demoniac horsemen (9:16-19)
  - a. Again, as with the locusts, these creatures and their riders are definitely not your run-of-the-mill horse and rider, but something very supernatural (2 Kings 6:13-17)!
  - b. The horses have the heads of “lions”! (9:17)
  - c. The horses breath fire! (9:17)
  - d. These horsemen are directed to kill off 1/3 of the remaining population (9:18)
  - e. These horses have tails like snakes (9:19)
  - f. The animals of the Tribulation seem to be hybrid animals, genetically engineered, mutants!
- 4. The depraved human race (9:20-21)
  - a. Didn’t see the connection of their punishment with their sins (9:20)
  - b. Didn’t repent of two things:
    - 1) Their goodness - their religion (false as it is)
    - 2) And, their wickedness: Murders, sorceries, fornication, and thefts.
  - c. Evidently, man’s religion has a lot to do with these four sins! Thank God for **SALVATION!**

**PRINCIPLE:** God’s primary intention throughout history has been to get man (a sinner) to repent (a definitely New Testament doctrine; Acts 20:21), NOT to become religious, or do good works, or go to church, or anything other than realize the he is a sinner in need of the blood of Jesus Christ!!!

**III. Conclusion - Some Questions**

- 1. Define the Bottomless Pit: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Where is Hell located? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. According to the Bible, is man getting better and better? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. What two things didn’t the human race repent of after all the judgments? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. What comes out of the bottomless pit in the first woe? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. How many armed horsemen come to attack Israel? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. What is God’s primary intention throughout history? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter Ten

### *The "Little" Book*

Focus Verse: **Revelation 10:10,11**

**"And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings."**

#### I. Introduction - What People Are Most Afraid Of

Have you ever noticed what people are most fearful of today? Including so-called "Christians?" I'll tell you. It is that "little" Book that you hold in your hand this morning. Just try to take that little Book into a Shopping Mall and open it and start reading it aloud. Watch the people scatter like a nuclear bomb had just exploded! See what happens at your job when you open your Bible and read from it while you are eating your lunch. You know what this country needs today? It needs some Christians who will once again be willing to take the most powerful "force" in this universe (Heb 3:1-3) and USE IT EVERYWHERE!!!

#### II. Lesson - The "Little" Book (10:1-11)

We now enter the second "parenthesis" in the chronology which includes both chapters 10 and 11. If you remember, just before the judgment of the seventh Seal, there was a similar "break" in the chronology where the 144,000 witnesses were sealed.

##### A. The Appearance Of The "Mighty" Angel (10:1-4)

1. A mighty angel (Cf 5:2) comes DOWN from heaven (10:1)
2. Looks much like Christ looked in 1:7,14,15 (10:1-3)
3. He has the voice of a lion (Cf 5:5)
4. He stands upon both land and sea (ie, takes possession)
5. He is associated with 7 thunders, and secret sayings (10:4)

You can throw out Judge Rutherford, Mr Russell, and anyone who claims to know what these sealed messages are because the word of God says that they are NOT written down (no golden plates, revelations, etc)!

**PRINCIPLE:** Stay clear of any nut who attempts to build a religion upon obscure verses like this in order to teach a LIE!!! Cf Acts 2:38; 1 Pet 3:21; I Cor 15:29. An old army saying used to go like this: If something doesn't make sense, there is sure to be a buck in it!

6. This angel has a little book OPEN for all to read (10:3)

**PRINCIPLE:** God is in the business of OPENING things, not closing them up like the Devil is! Pay no attention to those things which are not clearly understood, pay attention to the BOOK!!!  
**APPLICATION:** An OPEN Bible (one that is read) means an OPEN mind. A country where the Bible has free course has real prosperity and will last. Once you close that Book, you close your future!!! See England in 1881, America in 1930's, Germany in 1750's, etc.

##### B. The Announcement From The Angel (10:5-7)

1. This angel raises his hand up like in a court of law and makes an announcement and "sware by Him that liveth for ever and ever." (10:5)
2. The announcement is that at the sound of the next Trumpet, (which happens to be the LAST) it is all going to be over, implying the end of the Tribulation (10:6,7; Cf 11:15)

##### C. The Appropriation Of The Book (10:8-11)

1. God commanded John to get up and get a hold of the Book
2. The angel then commands John "eat the Book"
  - a. It will taste good,
  - b. But it will be bitter in your belly (ie, two-edged sword of Heb 4:12)

**PRINCIPLE:** It is up to you to get a hold of the BOOK, and find out what's in it for your self! It then is imperative that you appropriate it (make it a part of your life). We are talking about memorizing, digesting, and living the blessed word of God (Ps 199:103; Matt 4:4). We don't just need to believe the Bible, we must practice it - as in LIVE IT!

- c. This appropriation prepares John for continued ministry (10:11) - According to God, you can have no ministry outside of this "little" Book. John is commanded to get the Book, appropriate it in his life, and then proclaim it to many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings! *Hey Christian: Go and do thou likewise!!!*

**III. Conclusion - Some Questions**

*This next chapter is THE most important chapter in the entire Bible! Don't miss it!*

- 1. What is the most powerful force in this universe according to Heb 3:1-3? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. What can we conclude about the "secret sayings" of 10:4? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. An Open Bible means what? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. What prepares a person for "the ministry?" (10:11) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter Eleven

### *The Rebuilt Jewish Temple*

Focus Verse: **Revelation 11:1**

**“And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.”**

#### I. Introduction - The Key To All The Keys

We now enter the one chapter in Scripture that unlocks the Book of the Revelation, so that Revelation will unlock the Old Testament, so that the Old Testament will unlock the New Testament for the believer! There are several critical things that the child of God must have settled before portions of Matthew, Acts, and Hebrews will make any sense: The importance of the Jews to God; the Temple in prophecy; the cyclical nature of history; the time element of the Tribulation; the character of the Beast; and the ultimate end of this present evil world! Chronologically, we enter the last half of the Tribulation, called the “\_\_\_\_\_ tribulation” in Matthew 24:21.

#### II. Lesson - Chapter Eleven

##### A. The Rebuilt Jewish Temple (11:1-2)

##### 1. Its Past

- a. The whole Jewish system of worship revolved around the existence of the Tabernacle and then the Temple. When the Temple was destroyed, the Jews lost their identity and purpose in relation to God.
- b. All Jewish temples are patterned after the \_\_\_\_\_ built by \_\_\_\_\_ in the wilderness (Exod 29). The “Tabernacle” was God’s “mobile home” while they were in the wilderness.
- c. The first “Temple” was \_\_\_\_\_ Temple (I Kings 5-8). Destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in 587 BC (II Kings 25). The “Temple” was permanent.
- d. The second or rebuilt Temple was \_\_\_\_\_ Temple (Ezra 3:4-13; 6:1-22), which later was expanded on and became known as \_\_\_\_\_ Temple (John 2:19,20) – Destroyed \_\_\_\_ AD

##### 2. Its Placement

- a. This Temple will be on the earth (not in heaven), in Jerusalem (vs 2) on Mount Moriah (2 Chron 3:1) where Abraham was told to sacrifice his son Isaac (Gen 22:2), which was *Mt Calvary!!!*
- b. This Temple is yet future (11:2 “shall they tread”), during the Tribulation

**PRINCIPLE:** Therefore, from John’s vantage point (95 AD), the Jews had to get back into their land, rebuild their Temple for the third time, and have it desecrated by Gentiles for 3 1/2 years. So... God then is NOT all through with the Jews, but will deal with them again as His people. This is the premillennial method of interpretation.

##### 3. Its Prominence - Notice how important the Temple is to God!

- a. There are Seven Temples listed in Scripture:
  - 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ Temple (Rev 11:19; 15:5) - the Pattern
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Temple (I Kings 5-8)
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Temple (Ezra 3:4-13; 6:1-22), also known as Herod’s Temple (John 2:19,20)
  - 4) The Christian’s \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 6:19)
  - 5) The \_\_\_\_\_ Rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem (Rev 11), called the \_\_\_\_\_ Temple (2Thes 2:4) which will be made into the abomination of desolation (Mt 24:15)
  - 6) The \_\_\_\_\_ Temple (Ezek 40-48)
  - 7) The final Temple is \_\_\_\_\_ and the Lamb – they are our eternal Temple (Rev 21:22)

Note: The Tabernacle in the Wilderness (Ex 26:1-30), was the first “temple” of God, but called a **Tabernacle** because it was *mobile*, and not permanent (see 2 Pet 1:13,14). David took the design of the Tabernacle, and had his son Solomon build a permanent Temple from it. After the millennium, the Bible says that we will no longer need ANY physical Temple (Rev 21:22).

b. Prophecies concerning this Tribulational Temple

- 1) Daniel 9:25-27 “*the sacrifice shall cease*” - implying...
  - a) There will be a restored priesthood
  - b) Restored daily animal sacrifices
  - c) Repulsion of Muslim control over any Jewish Temple grounds
- 2) 2 Thess 2:1-4 the antichrist will publically take over the Temple
- 3) Matthew 24:15 the “*abomination of desolation*” will take place
  - a) He, as a devil, will claim to be God
  - b) He will sit on the Mercy Seat, the very throne of God on earth
  - c) He will demand HUMAN sacrifices in the Temple
- 4) Luke 21:20-28 “*the times of the Gentiles*” will overshadow God’s dealings with the Jews

4. Its Particulars

- a. It will be built like Solomon’s Temple was - MASSIVE
- b. It will have an Altar - The blood sacrifice is central to the Jewish worship of God! Think about this: The Jews will have an operating Temple in Jerusalem with Sacrifices again being made for sin.
- c. It will have an outer court for the Gentiles implying that Israel will be forced to accommodate the Gentiles in their worship.
- d. There will be *many* that will worship there. Talk about a Jewish Tourist trap!!!

B. The Two Witnesses (11:3-14)

Notice: **God Has His Witness**. No matter where a person can go, God has a witness. Whether on a secluded Pacific island, even “the heavens declare the glory of God” (Ps 19), or downtown Anywhere, God has His witness at work. Sometimes it will be in the form of a Gospel tract left in a phone booth. Sometimes it will be in the form of a street preacher on a busy corner. Sometimes, it will be in the form of a radio program. The principle is, God is interested in His creation knowing that He is there, and “that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Heb 11:6). During the first half of the Tribulation, God uses two men who are almost unstoppable. During the last half of the Tribulation God has His 144,000 witnesses. We will find out who these two witnesses are, God’s purpose in using them, what happens to them, and the conclusion to this world’s history of self-determination.

Note also, the emphasis upon witnessing: the two here, and the 144,000 witnesses in chapters 7 and 14. We ought to major on the things that God majors on AMEN?! - “WITNESSING”

1. The Identity of these Two Witnesses

- a. They shall prophecy 1260 days (Dan 12:11) - Unlocks the time element of the following things:
  - 1) 1260 days (vs 3) = 42 months (vs 2) = 3 1/2 years - NOTHING ALLEGORICAL HERE!
  - 2) A Bible month therefore consists of 30 days each 1260 / 42 = 30 days
  - 3) The Tribulation is divided into two 3 1/2 years segments
  - 4) This is literal time, with start and stop dates
  - 5) These two men are the ONLY witnesses during this time period. There are no Christians, no believing Jews, no one. ONLY these two men.
- b. They are called (see Zech 4:11-14) by the following terms:
  - 1) The two \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) The two \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) They are the ones “standing before the God of the earth” (I Kings 17:1; Exod 33:20,21)

- a) Mormons say these are “the Bible AND the book of Mormon”
- b) Mary Baker Patterson Eddy says “the Bible AND her ‘*Key to the scriptures*’”
- c) Rome says that “they are the Bible AND the Apocrypha, AND Tradition...”
- d) The Bible says these are **anointed ones**, (chosen ones) Zech 4:11-14
- e) The Bible says that if any hurt them, then FIRE WILL COME OUT OF THEM AND BURN (11:5)!!!

c. They have the following characteristics:

- 1) They destroy their enemies with fire (Num 16:31-35; II Kings 1:10)
- 2) Shut up heaven that it rain not for 3 1/2 years (James 5:17)
- 3) Have power to turn water into blood (Exod 7:19)
- 4) Have power to smite the earth with plagues (Ps 105:26-36)

Therefore, these two witnesses are \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ (Cf Matt 17:1-4)

NOTE: Notice then that we not only have the Second coming of Christ, but also, the Second coming of Moses and Elijah, and even the Second coming of \_\_\_\_\_. Any country farmer can count on history going in a complete circle and repeating itself (season after season, Eccl 3)!

2. The Intoleration of the Two Witnesses (11:7-12)

- a. They shall boldly preach AGAINST the Antichrist
- b. They shall fight head to head with this “Beast” - The spiritual warfare enters the visible realm.
- c. But, unlike earlier battles, they shall lose and die in the center of Jerusalem with the world watching. But it won’t be until they “finish” their job, AMEN!
- d. The world rejoices over the death of Bible preachers! It always has and always will!
- e. God then (3 days later) resurrects these two witnesses. Notice that there are several resurrections in Scripture.
- f. God then \_\_\_\_\_ these two witnesses (in the MIDDLE of the Tribulation, just before the Second Coming). A *mid*-tribulation rapture for these two witnesses.

3. The “Illumination” of the World - It gets “fox-hole religion” (11:13), which doesn’t last. Notice how long “revival” lasted when Elijah defeated Jezebel’s 400 prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:17-40 and 19:1-3), or when Moses withstood Korah and his crew (Num 16 & 17) !

4. The Intervention By God (11:14-19)

- a. We are now back to the Seventh and LAST Trumpet<sup>2</sup> (11:14,15) - at the end of the Tribulation.
- b. There is a “transfer of ownership” of this world (11:15) Up to this point, the world has been in a “self-deterministic” mode where every man thinks that he can run his life any way he deems fit. Now, the Lord Jesus Christ claims title to this old wretched planet.
- c. The time has come to do the following:
  - 1) Crown the Lord Jesus Christ as King (for the Millennium) - Therefore, you know you are at the end of the Tribulation at this point.
  - 2) Bring the final wrath against this world (the Second Coming)
  - 3) Judge the “dead” - Those who never were born again!
  - 4) Reward His servants the prophets, and the saints, and them that fear His name (to receive their inheritance)
  - 5) Destroy them that destroy the earth (God is an Environmentalist!)
- d. The Temple \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven (11:19) in preparation for Christ’s return!!!

### III. Conclusion - Some Questions About Chapter Eleven:

- A. All Jewish temples are patterned after what? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. List the seven temples listed in Scripture (very important):

<sup>2</sup>This ONE statement really throws modern day Christians for a "loop" dispensationally when they try and connect it to the statement in 1 Cor 15:52. Marvin Rosenthal wrote an entire book, "*The Pre-Wrath Rapture of the Church*," trying to prove that the New Testament Church would have to go through the majority of the Tribulation, but would be raptured just before the actual "wrath" of God being let loose on this planet. There are so many flaws in his thesis all because he relates all of the Book of the Revelation to **one** linear, chronological interpretation, instead of to **four** sequential trips through the Tribulation as we have learned.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

- C. How many days will the two witnesses witness? \_\_\_\_\_, which is how many months \_\_\_\_\_?
- D. When the Bible refers to a “month,” how many days does it consist of? \_\_\_\_\_
- E. The Tribulation is divided into how many segments \_\_\_\_\_ of how many years each? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Who are the two witnesses? Give their names: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Who kills the two witnesses? \_\_\_\_\_

# REVELATION – MODULE 1 FINAL EXAM

## Chapters 1-11 Exam

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you Read through the book of the Revelation TWICE by the end of the Semester? YES, or NO
2. What is the full Title of the Book?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. The word Revelation means what? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who is the human author: \_\_\_\_\_
5. When was Revelation written? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who was the Book written to? \_\_\_\_\_
7. This Book is primarily what? **Historical, Prophetic, or Devotional** (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_
8. The Theme of the Book is what? \_\_\_\_\_
9. There are basically three “scholarly” ways to interpret this Book. Define each:
  - a. The Praeterist (Latin word meaning past) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The Historical - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. The Futurist - \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. List the SEVEN SEVENS in the Book of Revelation

- a. The Seven \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapters 2, 3)
- b. The Seven \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapters 6, 7, 8)
- c. The Seven \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapters 8, 9, 10, 11)
- d. The Seven \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapters 12, 13) - The Beast, False Prophet, the Dragon, the Woman, the Man Child, the Lamb, the Archangel.
- e. The Seven \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapters 15, 16)
- f. The Seven \_\_\_\_\_ (Chapters 17- 20) Armageddon, destruction of Babylon, destruction of Mystery Babylon, The Beast and False Prophet cast into the Lake of Fire, battle of Gog and Magog, Great White Throne Judgment, casting of Satan himself into the Lake of Fire!
- g. The Seven \_\_\_\_\_ Things (Chapters 21, 22) - New Heaven, New Earth, New Jerusalem, New Nations, New River, New Tree, New Throne

11. Define *dispensation*: \_\_\_\_\_

12. List the Seven *dispensations* in man’s history (preceded and followed by eternity). Fill in the missing Dispensations:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <i>Eternity past...</i>   |  |
| 1.  | <b>Innocence</b> (Gen. 1:28 - 3:6; ends at the fall)                                     |
| 2.  | _____ (Gen. 3:7 - 7:16; ends with the flood)   |
| 3.  | _____ (Gen. 8:15 - 11:7; ends with the confusion of Babel)                               |
| 4.  | <b>Promise</b> (Gen. 12:1 - Exod 20:1; ends at Mt. Sinai when the Law began to be given) |
| 5.  | _____ (Exod 20:2 - Matt 27:50; ends at the Cross)  |
| 6.  | _____ (Matt 27:51 - Rev 3:22; ends at the beginning of the Tribulation)                  |
| <i>Return to the Law in the Tribulation (Rev 4:1 - 19:21)</i>                         |  |
| 7.  | _____ (Rev 20:1 - 20:6; ends at the final battle)  |
| <i>Eternity future... The day of God begins and never ends (2 Pet 3:12; Eph 1:10)</i> |  |

13. Revelation is divided into how many basic divisions? \_\_\_\_  
 14. Fill in the missions words from **Revelation 1:7**

**“Behold, he \_\_\_\_\_ with clouds; and \_\_\_\_\_ eye shall see him, and they also which \_\_\_\_\_ him: and all kindreds of the earth shall \_\_\_\_\_ because of him. Even so, \_\_\_\_\_.”**

15. What modern day country are all seven of the churches that John wrote to located? \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. List the city names of the seven churches, and their meanings:  
 a. \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 e. \_\_\_\_\_  
 f. \_\_\_\_\_  
 g. \_\_\_\_\_
17. Where was John in exile when he wrote the Revelation? \_\_\_\_\_
18. John finds himself “in the Spirit” on the Lord’s day. What does that mean?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
19. What are the Seven Candlesticks? \_\_\_\_\_  
 20. What are the Seven Stars? \_\_\_\_\_  
 21. Is the word “trinity” found in the Bible? **Yes No** (Circle one) \_\_\_\_  
 22. What was Jesus’ Complaint about the Ephesus church? \_\_\_\_\_
23. Who were the Nicolaitanes? \_\_\_\_\_
24. Which church allowed a Jezebel to teach her doctrine? \_\_\_\_\_  
 25. Which church was a DEAD CHURCH! \_\_\_\_\_  
 26. Describe the Laodician church: \_\_\_\_\_
27. What was the “*doctrine of Balaam*” referred to in the Letter to Pergamos? \_\_\_\_\_
28. What does a “Jezebel” represent in the church? \_\_\_\_\_
29. Word meaning of *rapture*: \_\_\_\_\_  
 30. What are the words that will be heard at the Rapture? “\_\_\_\_\_”  
 31. What occurs before it? \_\_\_\_\_  
 32. What happens right after the rapture? \_\_\_\_\_  
 33. List the seven *raptures* in Scripture:  
 a. \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 e. \_\_\_\_\_  
 f. \_\_\_\_\_  
 g. \_\_\_\_\_
34. How many elders are Present around the Throne? \_\_\_\_  
 35. The Seven Lamps around the Throne are what? The \_\_\_\_\_  
 36. How many sets of four living creatures are around the Throne of God in heaven? \_\_\_\_  
 37. And what are they each called: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

38. Who was the fifth cherub according to Ezekiel 28? \_\_\_\_\_
39. The saints in heaven number how many? \_\_\_\_\_
40. Jesus Christ is referred to as the Lamb as well as the what? \_\_\_\_\_
41. The Lord Jesus still retains in heaven what evidence of His life here on earth? \_\_\_\_\_
42. The Judgment Seat of Christ is both a joyous and \_\_\_\_\_ time for the Christian.
43. The time of the Tribulation is known as “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”  
(Dan 9:20-27), and “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” (Jer 30:7), and  
“ \_\_\_\_\_ ” (1 Thes 1:10).
44. What is missing from revelation chapter 4 until chapter 19? \_\_\_\_\_
45. Who is the First Horseman? \_\_\_\_\_
46. Describe the Second Horseman - \_\_\_\_\_
47. Describe the Third horseman - \_\_\_\_\_
48. Describe the Forth horseman - \_\_\_\_\_
49. Define what a soul is: \_\_\_\_\_
50. How did these people in Revelation chapter 6 DIE? They were \_\_\_\_\_
51. WHY were they killed?
  - a. For the \_\_\_\_\_ of God!
  - b. For the \_\_\_\_\_ which they held!
52. Whom do all the major commentators think the rider of the white horse is? \_\_\_\_\_
53. The Book of Revelation is going to take the reader through the Tribulation how many times? \_\_\_\_
54. What is the Seal of the living God (7:1,2). \_\_\_\_\_
55. What is the purpose of this sealing? \_\_\_\_\_
56. Who are the 144,000 servants of God? \_\_\_\_\_
57. What tribe is missing from this list: \_\_\_\_\_
58. Why? \_\_\_\_\_
59. List three of the six Blessings of Heaven that were listed in chapter 7
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
60. Define the “Great Tribulation” as opposed to “the Tribulation” \_\_\_\_\_
61. What is The Seventh Seal? \_\_\_\_\_
62. At the First Trumpet 33% of All WHAT are burned up? \_\_\_\_\_
63. At the Second Trumpet 33% of the Sea Became WHAT? \_\_\_\_\_
64. At the Third Trumpet 33% of the Rivers Become WHAT? \_\_\_\_\_
65. At the Fourth Trumpet 33% of the Sun and Moon became WHAT? \_\_\_\_\_
66. Provide one of the three reasons given why Scripture sometimes may not make sense to you: \_\_\_\_\_
67. How many sections is the Book of the Revelation divided up into? \_\_\_\_\_
68. What is the name of the star that falls to the earth and affects the rivers? \_\_\_\_\_
69. Some times a star is what? \_\_\_\_\_
70. Describe the “bottomless pit” (9:2) \_\_\_\_\_
71. Where is hell located? \_\_\_\_\_
72. There are various “departments” of Hell. List them: \_\_\_\_\_

- a. The \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ (no longer exists, just like Eden doesn't)
- c. A Great \_\_\_\_\_ (as in the Gulf of Mexico?)
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ itself
- e. The \_\_\_\_\_ pit - the lowest Hell
- f. There is a sixth place called, " \_\_\_\_\_ " which seems to be located in a separate place

73. What is let loose from the bottomless pit in chapter 9? \_\_\_\_\_

74. Describe them: \_\_\_\_\_

75. What are people NOT able to do during this time period in the Tribulation? \_\_\_\_\_

76. The Sixth Trumpet releases how large of an army? \_\_\_\_\_

77. Where do they come from? \_\_\_\_\_

78. Describe their horses: \_\_\_\_\_

79. According to the Bible, is man getting better and better? **YES**, or **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

80. **What is the little Book** in the hand of the mighty angel in chapter 10? \_\_\_\_\_

81. What does it do to John when he eats it? \_\_\_\_\_

82. What is the most powerful force in this universe according to Heb 3:1-3? \_\_\_\_\_

83. What can we conclude about the "secret sayings" of 10:4? \_\_\_\_\_

84. An Open Bible means what? \_\_\_\_\_

85. What prepares a person for "the ministry?" (according to 10:11) \_\_\_\_\_

86. What is rebuilt during the first half of the Tribulation? \_\_\_\_\_

87. All Jewish temples are patterned after **WHAT**? \_\_\_\_\_

88. List the Seven Temples of Scripture:

- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ Temple (Rev 11:19; 15:5) - the Pattern
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Temple (I Kings 5-8)
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Temple (Ezra 3:4-13; 6:1-22), also known as Herod's Temple
- d. The Christian's \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 6:19)
- e. The \_\_\_\_\_ Rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem (Rev 11), called the \_\_\_\_\_ Temple (2Thes 2:4) which will be made into the abomination of desolation (Mt 24:15)
- f. The \_\_\_\_\_ Temple (Ezek 40-48)
- g. The final Temple is \_\_\_\_\_ and the Lamb – they are our eternal Temple (Rev 21:22)

89. 2 Thess 2:1-4 describes **WHO** publically taking over the Temple in the middle of the Tribulation? \_\_\_\_\_

90. This event is referred to as the " \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ " (Matthew 24:15)

91. Who are The Two Witnesses? \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

92. List two of the four things they are able to do:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

93. Which half of the Tribulation do they preach? \_\_\_\_\_

94. How long shall they prophesy? \_\_\_\_\_

95. How many months is that? \_\_\_\_\_

96. How many years is that? \_\_\_\_\_

97. A Bible month lasts how many days? \_\_\_\_\_

98. Who is able to finally kill the two witnesses? \_\_\_\_\_

99. What does God do with them when they resurrect? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter Twelve

### *Israel In The Tribulation*

Focus Verse: **Revelation 12:12**

**“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”**

#### I. Lesson Review – We have seen in Chapters 1 through 11...

- Jesus Christ Our High Priest in Heaven (Chapter 1)
- Church History played out before it ever occurred (2-3)
- The Rapture of the Church, and the Description of Heaven (4-5)
- The Judgment of the Seven Seals (6)
- The 144,000 Witnesses (7)
- The Judgments of the Seven Trumpets (8-9)
- The Little Book (10)
- The Rebuilt Jewish Temple, and the Two Witnesses (11)

We have studied quite a lot of territory, and at this point, we are half-way through!

#### II. Lesson - Israel In The Tribulation (12:1-17)

CONTEXT: At this point, we have completed a trek through the events of the tribulation as described with the judgments of the Seven Seals, then the Seven Trumpets (chapters 8-11), and are starting back through this period of time called Daniel’s Seventieth Week of seven years for the third time as described through the Seven Personages.

##### A. The Three Wonders (12:1-6)

1. The Sun-Clothed Woman (12:1,2)
  - a. Roman Catholics say that this is Mary and Jesus
  - b. Protestants say that this is the Church and the Gospel
  - c. Scripture points the Bible Believer to the following conclusion:
    - 1) Identifies the sun, moon, and stars (Gen 37:9-11) as what? \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2) Identifies the wilderness (12:6; Cf Hos 2:14,15) – where? \_\_\_\_\_
    - 3) Therefore this “woman” is \_\_\_\_\_. It is referred to as a “woman” throughout the Old Testament.
  - d. This woman will flee to the “wilderness” (12:6), and be fed there miraculously for 1260 days (exactly \_\_\_\_\_ years)!
2. The Great Red Dragon (12:3,4)
  - a. This “symbol” is clearly identified in 12:9 and 20:2
 

NOTE: The so called “mythological” Dragons of fairy tales most often have “wings” (as Cherubim do: see Ezek 20), and are laughed at as being “fables”. But your King James Bible is more advanced than any scientific book on the face of this planet. See the following references:

    - 1) Job 41 - for a description of a creature called \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2) Isaiah 27:1 - for a reference to Leviathan being a crooked \_\_\_\_\_
    - 3) Revelation 12:9 and 20:2 for this Serpent being THE \_\_\_\_\_ HIMSELF!!!
  - b. His seven heads (12:3) - Seven \_\_\_\_\_ of History! All picturing the kingdom of the anti-christ.
    - 1) Gen 10:9 - Nimrod (\_\_\_\_\_). The first kingdom.
    - 2) Exodus 5 - Pharaoh (\_\_\_\_\_)

- 3) 2 Kings 18 - Sennacherib (\_\_\_\_\_)
- 4) Daniel 3 - Nebuchadnezzar (\_\_\_\_\_). See also Jer 51:34 for him being a “dragon”!
- 5) Daniel 5:28 - Darius (\_\_\_\_\_)
- 6) Daniel 10:20 - Alexander the Great (\_\_\_\_\_)
- 7) Luke 2:1 - Caesar Augustus (\_\_\_\_\_)!!! The last kingdom

Remember anything about a “Holy Roman Empire”? The Bible refers to it as “Mystery, Babylon”

NOTE: Did you notice how that Babylon is in the *beginning* (1), *middle* (4), **and** *END* (7)!?

- c. The third of the stars sent to the earth (12:4)

Ah, visitors from outer space!!! We say that we live in the “space age” don’t we? Luke 17:26,27 tells us that as it was in Noah’s days (remember the sons of God coming down to earth in Gen 6:1-4?), so shall it be again! See Job 38:7; Matt 25:41; Eph 6:12. Carl Sagan would be proud!

3. The Man-Child (12:5)

- a. A child of the woman (Israel)
- b. A “man” child
- c. Destined to rule all nations with a rod of iron
- d. Gets caught up to heaven after birth

Possibilities:

It might be referring to the 144,000 “MALE” virgin Jews as listed in Rev 7, because they are said to witness on this earth for 3 1/2 years, then they disappear, then in Rev 14 they show up in heaven! *I would guess* that these 144,000 witnesses get “raptured” in the middle of the Tribulation, and the two witnesses take over from then on.

This “man child” could also be referring to the Lord Jesus Christ, but notice how as soon as he is born, he is caught up to heaven (12:5), and how that this passage is prophetic in context (not historical, or “looking back”). I believe it is referring to Jesus.

#### B. The War In Heaven (12:7-12a)

1. A future war - there is no end of wars until Rev 20!
2. Involves \_\_\_\_\_ (distinctly referred to in Daniel 10 & 12)
3. Involves the Devil himself and his angels
4. Satan is finally and forever cast out of heaven with his angels down to earth. Here, they make their base and prepare it as a bunker against the assault of Jesus Christ in Rev 19! In chapter 20, Satan is cast out of this realm into the Bottomless Pit. From there, “old smutty face” will be cast into the Lake of Fire (20:10)!
5. Satan’s purpose for the last 6000 years - \_\_\_\_\_ (12:10)
  - a. Jesus Christ is our Advocate, our \_\_\_\_\_ (I John 2:1)
  - b. The Devil is the \_\_\_\_\_, accuser, our adversary! See Job 1 and 2 for him in action.

PRINCIPLE: If Christ is not on your case defending you, then Satan will have you “put away forever!”

6. ***The only way to overcome the Devil*** (THIS IS EXTREMELY PRACTICAL):

- a. By the blood of the Lamb (Salvation AND constant cleansing)
- b. By the word of your testimony (know what God has done for your life and tell it) - Do you have one? Remember it, and quote it to the devil and temptations!
- c. By being willing to lose your life for Jesus’ sake! This is the hardest part of maturing as a Christian.

C.

**The Wrath of The Dragon (12:12b-17)**

1. Satan and his angels are locked out of heaven now, and soon will be locked out of this world (Rev 20:1-6). This makes Satan very mad! He turns against the object of God’s affection and work throughout history.
2. Notice that Satan has a very peculiar, vehement hatred for this woman (Israel), and her seed:
  - a. Egyptian Pharaoh making slaves out of Israel
  - b. 135 AD, Roman Emperor Hadrian had 580,000 Jews killed
  - c. 1020 AD, King Canute banished all Jews from England
  - d. 1096, the inquisition attempted to exterminate all the Jews in Europe, as well as Bible-Believing Christians!
  - e. 1215, Pope Innocent III made all Jews wear a YELLOW Badge to easily spot them!
  - f. 1272, King Edward I (Catholic) confiscated all Jewish property and exiled 16,500 Jews from England
  - g. 1306, 100,000 Jews lost all possessions and were exiled from France
  - h. 1350, the Jews were blamed for the Black Death
  - i. 1684, 800,000 Jews disappeared in Bavaria & Austria
  - j. 1938-1945, Hitler murdered 6,000,000 Jews
  - k. During the Tribulation, all of the world will blame Israel for their trouble once again and attempt to finally once and for all exterminate them at the battle of Armageddon.
3. Israel will flee to the wilderness (as in the Exodus) for 1260 days (42 months, or 3 1/2 years) as in 11:2,3 for the last half of the Tribulation.
  - a. She will be “nourished” with \_\_\_\_\_ (Micah 7:15) from heaven once again!
  - b. Israel will drink from a \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Israel will flee by \_\_\_\_\_ to the wilderness, note the “wings” of a great eagle!
4. Satan will attempt to flood out the wilderness, but to no avail (Rev 12:15,16; Cf Dan 9:26,27)!
5. Satan then prepares for Armageddon (12:17).

**III. Conclusion - Some Questions**

1. What is the symbol of the Sun clothed woman identified as in 12:1,2? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the symbol of the Great Red Dragon identified as in 12:3,4? \_\_\_\_\_
3. List the seven kingdoms of history: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 6) \_\_\_\_\_ 7) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who are the “stars” that fall from heaven? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who do you think the symbol of the “man-child” represents, and why?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
6. How is a person to overcome the power of the devil (list the three steps): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
7. Where will Israel flee to when threatened by the antichrist? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter Thirteen

### *The Second Coming of the Beast*

Focus Verses: **Revelation 13:18; John 5:43**

Revelation 13:18 **“Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.”**  
 John 5:43 **“I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.”**

**I. Lesson Review - Chapters 1 through 12**

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- H. The Rebuilt Jewish Temple, and the Two Witnesses (11)
- I. Israel In The Tribulation (12)

**II. Lesson - The Second Coming Of The Beast (13:1-18)**

**A. The Dragon (12:3-9) - Satan**

In order to get the whole picture, let’s go back and see the first creature that pops up in chapter 12...

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ (12:3,9) - That old serpent, the Devil, and Satan; (Job 41; Isa 27:1) Leviathan; (Isa 14) Lucifer
2. Has seven heads and ten horns - Note: the heads are crowned. We have seen how that the 7 crowned heads are 7 kingdoms throughout history

**B. The Beast (13:1-10) - The \_\_\_\_\_**

Notice how the Bible describes these supernatural beings. God is describing these “beings” so that you could connect everything from Genesis forward.

1. This is not his first appearance (Cf Gen 3:1). He is a *counterfeiter* (See the first horseman of Rev 6 for the counterfeit christ)! He has things that are just like the real thing!

|   |   |
|---|---|
| God has His people (1 Pet 2:10)                 | Satan has his people (John 8:44)  |
| God has His Church (Matt 16:18)                 | Satan has his church (2 Cor 11:12,13)   |
| God has His Bible (2 Tim 3:16)                  | Satan has his own Bible (2 Cor 2:17)  |
| God has His ministers (2 Cor 6:4)               | Satan has his ministers (Jude 1:4; 2 Cor 11:15)   |
| God has His prophets (Heb 1:1)                  | Satan has his prophets (Rev 16:13; Acts 13:6)   |
| God is Light (1 John 1:5)                       | Satan is an angel of light (2 Cor 11:14)  |
| God has a Son Jesus Christ (John 3:16; Heb 1:5) | Satan provides his “christ” (1 John 2:8)  |
|   | Notice how that Satan is always up first to bat though when it comes to “spiritual” things! (Cain before Able, Pharisee before the Publican, Saul before David, Matthias before Paul, etc.) |

**Table 6 - God's Creation verses Satan's Counterfeits**

2. This beast has seven heads and ten horns - the \_\_\_\_\_ are crowned, not the \_\_\_\_\_ as with the Dragon (the first beast). This beast comes up representing a ten-king kingdom instead of seven-king kingdom (Rev 17:3,12,13). It really starts getting complicated here! Basically because it is dealing in a Jewish context to open up the vision given to Danial (Dan 7-12).
3. This beast is really three “beasts” (13:2; Cf Daniel 7:1-8), merged into ONE - a *trinity*!

- a. Primarily a Leopard - Covered with SPOTS!!!
- b. Having the feet of a Bear
- c. Having the mouth of a Lion

NOTE: Notice that a beast in the Bible always represents a king before it represents a kingdom. Notice also that the order in Daniel is reversed with the fourth beast being the composite of the three previous beasts.

4. This beast obtains three things from the Dragon (13:2):
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ - as in supernatural powers
  - b. A \_\_\_\_\_ (Cf Rev 2:12,13) - He has a seat RIGHT NOW!!!
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ - as in “nobody questions his actions”

Note the spiritual battle here: Compare 11:3 with 13:2 and notice that as God moves in His infantrymen (Moses and Elijah), Satan moves in his (the anti-christ, and the false prophet) and boy do they do battle (11:5-7)!

5. This beast has **ONE** of his seven heads wounded (13:3,14; Cf Gen 3:15; Rom 16:20) - As in an attempted coupe! Same thing happened with Hitler.
  - a. This wound is \_\_\_\_\_. The Bible says that the wound is a deadly wound (upon his arm and right eye, Zech 11:17), but the beast does not die! This beast has got “eternal life” as far as the world goes.
  - b. Notice how “all the world” wondered at the beast (13:3)
  - c. Notice also how all the world “worships” the Dragon, and the beast - Because, just as Jesus Christ “rose from the dead”, this ol’ boy is going to “rise again!”
6. This beast does not talk much, but is given a “mouth” to do the talking for him - the \_\_\_\_\_ (13:5,6) just like Moses was given a “mouth” to do his talking for him (Aaron - Cf Ex 4:10-17)
7. This beast is in power 42 months (13:5) - The last half of the Tribulation
8. This beast’s intentions (13:7,8):
  - a. To make war with the saints - not against drugs, crime! Beware of these “police states” that can turn at any moment upon you!
  - b. To rule the entire world
  - c. To be worshipped (13:4,8)

During the Tribulation, the saints will be tracked down, hunted (13:7), and beheaded by the devil incarnate! The saints during this time must have “patience and faith” (13:7) and not revenge (1 Pet 4:12-19).

### C. The “Other” Beast (13:11-17) - The False Prophet

1. This last beast has the following characteristics:
  - a. Two horns “as a lamb” - This one is a \_\_\_\_\_. The real Lamb of Rev 5:6 has 7 horns
  - b. A mouth like a dragon - A prophet (16:13; 19:20; 20:10) of Baal
  - c. All the powers of the first beast - filled with “a” spirit, not the Holy Spirit.

NOTE: We now see that just as God is a trinity, the Devil is an unholy trinity!

2. This beast’s intentions (13:12-17):
  - a. Causes the entire world to \_\_\_\_\_ the first beast by deceiving them! Definitely not by telling them the truth.
    - 1) Doing great wonders (calling fire down from heaven)
    - 2) Doing great miracles
    - 3) Creating a great \_\_\_\_\_ of the first beast - The basis of all the world’s religions is IDOLATRY!

- 4) Giving \_\_\_\_\_ to the IDOL (Zech 11:17)
  - 5) Forcing everyone to worship under the threat of DEATH (as with Mohammadism, Roman Catholicism, any “religion” that thinks that IT IS THE FINAL AUTHORITY, and not God!) See Daniel 3 for this played out.
- b. Causes everyone to “receive a \_\_\_\_\_” (13:16)
- 1) It will be in their right hand, or their foreheads
  - 2) It will allow monetary exchange - Probably a cashless society, but it doesn’t have to be!
  - 3) Everyone will have a choice. Either:
    - a) Receive a **mark** (a black spot)
    - b) Receive the **NAME** of the beast - I wonder what it could be?
    - c) Or, Receive his **number**

**D. The Number of the Beast (13:18) - Bible Numerology**

1. The number of the beast is the number of a man. **Note:** What *day* of the creation was man made?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Examples of this sequence of 666:
  - a. Goliath: 6 cubits high; 6 pieces of armor; and a spearhead weighing 600 shekels (I Sam 17:4-7)
  - b. Nebuchadnezzar’s Image: 60 cubits in height; 6 cubits wide; and 6 instruments of music (Dan 3:1-7)
  - c. The turning point in king Solomon’s spiritual life was when he received 666 talents in one year (1 Kings 10:14)

**III. Conclusion - Some Questions**

1. A “beast” in the Bible symbolically represents a \_\_\_\_\_ before it represents a kingdom.
2. What three things does the beast obtain from the Dragon in 13:2? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. According to Zech 11:17, what wounds does the beast receive? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Who becomes the “mouth” for the antichrist? \_\_\_\_\_
5. List the beast’s *three* intentions as king of this world during the last half of the Tribulation (13:7,8)
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_
6. List the three “persons” of the unholy trinity: 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_
7. What three things will a person have to choose from to receive on their foreheads or in their right hand in order to buy or sell during the Tribulation? 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the *number* of the beast? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter Fourteen

### *Behold Their End*

Focus Verses: **Revelation 14: 11; Psalm 37:37,38**

**11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.**

#### I. Lesson - Behold Their End

CONTEXT: In our study, John has taken us through the time of the Tribulation \_\_\_\_\_ times so far: The first from the angle of the SEVEN SEAL JUDGMENTS upon this earth.

The second time from the angle of the SEVEN TRUMPET JUDGMENTS upon this earth.

And the third from the angle of the SEVEN PERSONS that will be the main focus of these seven years.

Each one of these different angles are followed by a brief thing called a PARENTHETICAL, or an “Oh, By the way...” description. Chapter 14 here is another one of these PARANTHETICALS preceding the beginning of the SEVEN VIAL JUDGMENTS of Chapter 15.

#### A. A Lamb (14:1)

1. The central *person* of Scripture from cover to cover (Gen 3:21; Cf Gen 3:7; Heb 10) is “\_\_\_\_\_”
  - a. This Lamb is THE Sacrifice for our sins (14:1; John 1:29,36; Cf 13:8)
  - b. This Lamb is a **Person** - not a church, feeling, or symbol
  - c. This Lamb is \_\_\_\_\_ (14:3; Cf 5:8,9) - He must be GOD!
2. The current home of the Lamb - \_\_\_\_\_ (Cf Heb 12:22,23) - He is not staying there though!

#### B. An 144,000 (14:1-5)

1. These stand WITH the Lamb (14:1)
2. These have the name of God Almighty (JEHOVAH) written visibly on their foreheads (14:1), which is the MARK of their Father.
3. These at this point have been “redeemed \_\_\_\_\_ the earth”
4. These 144,000 are MALE VIRGIN JEWS (14:4; Cf 7:4) - NOT Jehovah Witnesses!
5. These are in a sinless state in Heaven (14:5), no longer on the earth

NOTE: Something has happened to these 144,000 witnesses between Chapter 7 and Chapter 14 since in 7, they are on this earth, and in Chapter 14, we find them WITH Jesus in Heaven.

#### C. A Song (14:2,3)

1. This is a NEW song (14:3; 5:9,10; Cf Psalm 40:1-3). These songs are ALL songs of DELIVERANCE (Cf Ex 15; Judges 5)
2. This is an exclusive song (14:3). Not just anybody can sing the songs of deliverance and redemption. Note how that the Jews hung there harps up when there was no deliverance (Psalm 137).

#### D. An Announcement (14:6-12) - Three Announcements to be Exact

At this point, the 144,000 Witnesses are no longer on this earth, but God will always have a witness declaring His glory (Cf Psalm 19), and His word (Rev 14:6-11), and so He sends out three angels to make three announcements that will be heard world-wide:

1. The Everlasting Gospel is Preached (14:6,7). Here is the only place in the Bible where an angel is commissioned to preach the Gospel. ‘Gospel’ means ‘Good News’. There are four Gospels:
  - a. The Gospel of the Grace of God (Acts 20:24) - Its subject is Christ, and the salvation that is found only in Him (Eph 2:8,9). When someone refers to “the Gospel”, it is this Gospel that they are usually referring to.

- b. The Gospel of the Kingdom (Matt 24:14) - Its subject is “the Kingdom”, not Christ or Salvation. This Gospel announces the setting up of the millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ on this earth (Matt 4:23).
  - c. The Everlasting Gospel (Rev 14:6) - Its subject is COMING JUDGMENT. It is Good News to Israel, but condemnation to the world.
  - d. And then, there is “another gospel” (Gal 6:6-12), which is a perversion of the first Gospel. Anyone who preaches this “gospel” is CURSED (Gal 1:8,9)!
2. The Fall of Babylon is Predicted (14:8)
- a. The city of Babylon will be rebuilt
  - b. Babylon will be instrumental in the success of the Anti-christ’s world economic system (18:9-19)

NOTE: The fall of Babylon is discussed in the past tense as if it had already taken place, but it is not described unto Chapter 17. *This shows that Revelation is giving us multiple accounts of the same event from different angles.*

3. The Judgment of the Beast-Worshippers is Proclaimed (14:9-12)
- a. These people are “religious”, but damned!
  - b. These people will receive the wrath of God!
  - c. These people will meet the One who wanted to save them!
  - d. These people receive **ETERNAL** torment of fire for rejecting the Lamb, and turning to worship the Beast:
    - 1) The lake of fire: Rev 19:20, Rev 20:10, Rev 21:8
    - 2) Darkness: Matt 25:30, Jude 13, 2 Pet 2:17
    - 3) Prepared for the devil: Matt 25:41
    - 4) Everlasting punishment: Matt 25:46
    - 5) *This Is NOT the grave:* John 5:28,29

NOTE: These people have chose to “drink” the cup that Christ already drank for them at the cross (Matt 26:39; Cf Ps 75:8)

- E. **A Blessing** (14:13) - To Die in the Lord, and not continue to be tormented!

Death is part of the curse (Gen 2:17), and was passed upon all men when Adam disobeyed God’s clear command (Rom 5:12). At the same time, death is a blessing. This is because, if man had obtained eternal life as a sinner, he would forever had been separated from God (Gen 3:22-24). God had to deal with man’s flesh through the death of that flesh so that man, if he so choose, could obtain new flesh that could not sin (1 Cor 15:50-54)! It therefore is a blessing to be able to die “in the Lord.” The opposite is not so great - to die in your sins (Ezek 3:20).

- F. \_\_\_\_\_ (14:14-20) - This is some Rough and Complex Scripture

- 1. The First Harvest (14:14-17)
  - a. The Harvester - Jesus Christ (14:14,15)
  - b. The harvest - The rapture of the Tribulation Saints. Spiritually, you can compare with Matt 9:37,38
- 2. The Latter Harvest (14:18-20)
  - a. The harvester - The death angel (Exodus 13)
  - b. The harvest - Those destined for the “wine press” of the wrath of God (Compare Rev 19:13,15)
- 3. These two harvests take place seemingly one right after the other at the END of the Tribulation.

**IV. Conclusion - Some Questions**

- A. What is the central theme or subject of Scripture from cover to cover? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- B. What happens to the 144,000 Witnesses in the middle of the Tribulation? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- C. What Gospel is preached by the angel in 14:6,7? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. List the *four* Gospels of Scripture:
1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_
- E. What is instrumental in the success of the antichrist's economic plan? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Those who worship the beast will receive what (14:9-12)? \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Who is the harvester of the First harvest, and what is he harvesting? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter Fifteen

### *The Preparation For The Last Plagues*

Focus Verse: **Revelation 15:1**

**1. And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.**

#### I. Introduction to Chapter Fifteen

- A. Here come some more signs in heaven (15:1). Again, notice the emphasis upon visible, verifiable signs being made to validate God's involvement in all the judgment of this world. Many people will always *explain away* these events as part of evolution, part of nature, and so on. But God "signs" these events with His "signature" so that you know without a shadow of a doubt Who is behind all the trouble! See 1:1; 12:1,3; Exod 7:3; Deut 4:34.
- B. Here in Chapter 15, begins the introduction to the "seven LAST plagues." These plagues are described as "*for in them is filled up the wrath of God.*" This is the LAST trip through the Tribulation.

#### II. Lesson

1. And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

##### A. The Seven Angels (15:1)

1. Another sign - wonder in heaven (see 12:1)
2. The Seven LAST Plagues are introduced. They actually will commence in the next chapter.
3. The full wrath of God

2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

##### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Glass (15:2)

1. Its type - The Brazen laver in the O.T. temples
2. Its placement - The floor of heaven, separating the third heaven from the rest of the universe.
3. Its use - For "**them** that had gotten the victory over the beast"<sup>3</sup>

3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.  
4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

##### C. The Songs of Heaven (15:3,4)

1. The Sound of music is made by harps
2. The Songs are:
  - a. The Song of Moses (Ex 15:1-21; Dt 31:30 - Dt 32:43))
  - b. The Song of the Lamb, also called a New Song (Rev 5:9-13)
3. The Statements of the Songs - The same for both!
  - a. Great are thy works

<sup>3</sup>This chapter here makes some things very difficult to understand in relation to timing - Just before the vials are poured upon the earth, there are those standing upon the "sea of glass" that have overcome the beast, AND his image (which is placed in the middle of the Tribulation), and yet they are "supposed" to be up there sometime around the 4th or 5th year of the Tribulation if you go by the parallel view of Revelation. It could be that these are others beside Tribulation saints, but I haven't got a clue otherwise!

- b. Just and true are thy ways
- c. All nations shall worship You from now on
- d. Because You manifested your judgments - There was NO OTHER WAY to bring about God's desired end than through this terrible time of Tribulation!

5. And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:  
6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.  
7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.  
8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

**D. The Sanctuary/Temple of the Tabernacle of the Testimony (15:5-8)**

- 1. Located in heaven - The Ark (the Testimony) is now in heaven! Last time it was seen was 2 Chron 35:3 in Josiah's reign. Jeremiah mentions it being taken out of mind in Jer 3:16!
- 2. The seven angels come out of the temple in heaven
  - a. Having golden girdles - possibly the anti-types of Aaron's priesthood clothing!
  - b. The seven VIALS, FULL of the WRATH of God. The vials were flasks/containers that actually held or contained the following judgments of God.
  - c. God's glory and power always produce smoke (Ex 19:18)
  - d. Note that "no MAN was able to enter into the temple" until the wrath was completely poured out! Its access had been shut off for this time.

**III. Conclusion**

- A. For the forth and final time, the reader is going through the Tribulation period with these last plagues. By now, the student of the word of God should be familiar with the events that are about to occur, and the reasons for them. Remember that the Lord has His life, death, burial, and resurrection told FOUR different times through four different eye writers (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John).
- B. We had better the the message - this world is headed for judgment, and it is NOT ready! The only escape is found in Jesus Christ (Heb 2:3)! We then should get that message out to those for whom it is intended (Acts 17:30,31)!!!

**IV. Some Questions**

- A. How many sets of plagues or judgments are listed in Revelation? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Define the Sea of Glass? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. The last plagues are contained in what kind of a container? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter Sixteen

### The Seven Last Plagues

Focus Verse: **Revelation 4:11**

**And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.**

#### I. Introduction to Chapter Sixteen

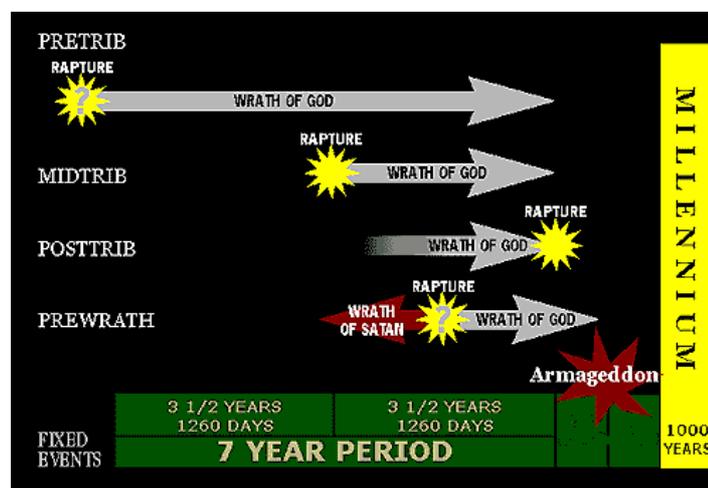
- A. We have been through the Tribulation now three times, and are about to go through it for the last time. I believe that the Lord is attempting to impress upon man the seriousness of these future events by going over their consequences again and again. If God repeats something, then we had better know that it is important!
- B. Let's look at the Judgment Table again:

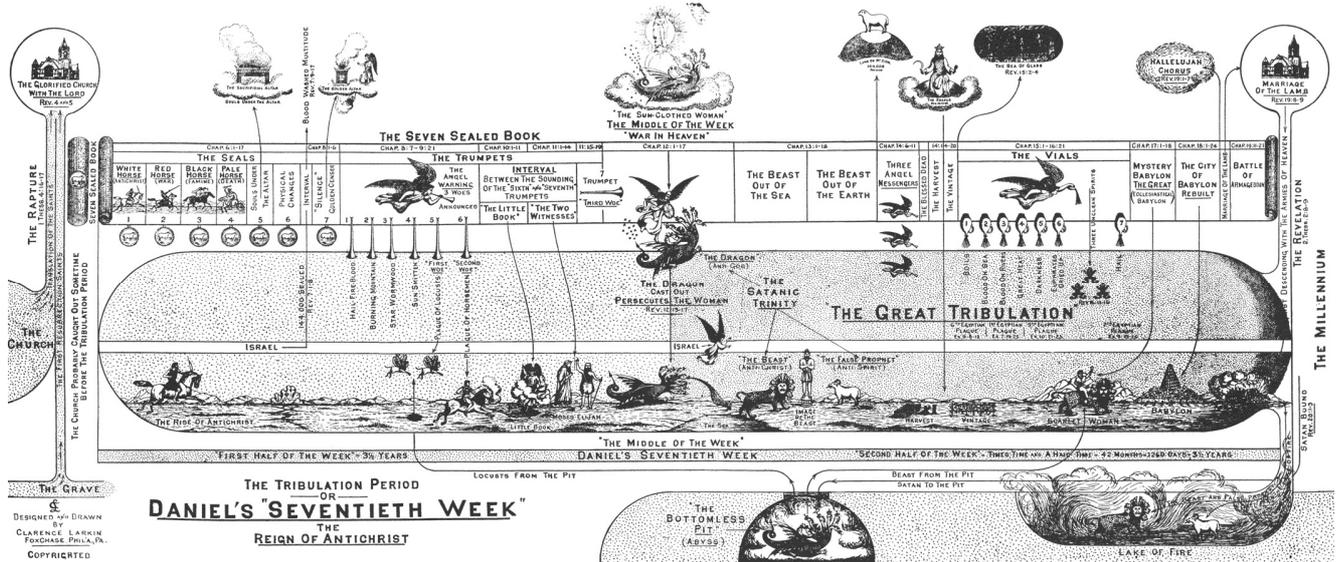
| Trib Event                             | Judgments                                |                       |                           |                                   |                                  |                                     |   |  |
|--|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
|  | 1st                                      | 2nd                   | 3rd                       | 4th                               | 5th                              | 6th                                 | (Gap)                                       | 7th  |
| <b>7 Seals<br/>(6:1-8:1)</b>           | White Horse<br>Antichrist<br>False Peace | Red Horse<br><br>Wars | Black Horse<br><br>Famine | Pale Horse<br><br>Death &<br>Hell | Great<br>Persecution<br>Genocide | Earthquake<br><br>Sun<br>Darkened   | <b>144,000<br/>Witnesses</b>                | Silence  |
| <b>7<br/>Trumpets<br/>(8:2-11:19)</b>  | Fire & Hail                              | Meteor                | Comet<br>"Wormwood<br>"   | Sun & Moon<br>Darkened            | Plague of<br>Locusts             | Army of<br>200,000,000              | <b>The Little<br/>Book</b>                  | The<br>"Last"<br>Trumpet                       |
| <b>7 Persons<br/>(12:1-<br/>14:20)</b> | A Woman                                  | A Red<br>Dragon       | A Man Child               | Michael                           | The False<br>Prophet             | The Living<br>Image of the<br>Beast | <b>The<br/>Lamb<br/>and the<br/>144,000</b> | The Son<br>of Man<br>and the<br>Death<br>Angel |
| <b>7 Vials<br/>(15:1-<br/>18:24)</b>   | Grievous<br>Sore                         | Sea becomes<br>Blood  | Rivers<br>become<br>Blood | The Sun<br>Novas                  | Darkness                         | Euphrates<br>Dries Up               | <b>BABYLON</b>                              | "It is<br>DONE"                                |

**Table 7 - List of Tribulation Judgments**

- C. It is true that there are several places where differences in judgments are apparent, but overall, the pattern is the same: number of judgments, type and character of the judgments, the time element being similar, and the seventh judgment in all four sequences are not really judgments at all, but signify the END of the Tribulation every time!
- D. One thought about these last plagues is that they probably are judgments that occur primarily in the last half of the Tribulation (after people take the mark of the Beast, see 16:2), and relate to the Great Tribulation part (Matt 24:15-31).

#### II. Review of Tribulation Timelines





### III. Lesson - The Seven Last Plagues (16:1-21)

#### A. The First Vial (16:1,2) - Noisesome and Grievous Sore

1. The command for these angels to “go their ways”
2. A vial is a small bottle, like a perfume bottle with a long neck.
3. The Church is not on the earth definitely because “God hath not appointed us to wrath (1 Thess 5:8-10. But the people left on the earth are!
4. The “noisesome and grievous sore” evidently goes on all those who have received the mark of the beast, so these plagues definitely occur after the first half of the Tribulation.
5. Determining the time element involves the following facts:
  - a. When the Beast (anti-christ) shows up, he is finally given power by speaking great blasphemies, and he reigns for 42 months (Rev 13:5).
  - b. The rebuilt Temple will be “trodden under foot” by Gentiles in the last half of the Tribulation for 42 months (Rev 11:2,3).
  - c. Israel will be saved in a day when the abomination of desolation in the Temple takes place, and will have to flee to the wilderness mountains for 42 months (1,260 days, Rev 12:6).
6. Noisesome means very painful. Grievous implies it will grieve people to have these sores, and will take all their time just to dress the sores, and attempt to heal them. This sore is much like leprosy (Lev 13).

#### B. The Second Vial (16:3) - Sea Turned Into Blood

1. Notice how Moses (who turned water into blood before in Exod 7:20), is active (Rev 11:6).
2. Notice the words, “every living soul ... in the sea.” This statement, with Num 31:28 proves that animals have souls, but the souls of animals are not the same as that of humans in that they are not immortal.

#### C. The Third Vial (16:4-7) - Rivers Become Blood

1. Every bit of water on this earth becomes blood, even “as the blood of a dead man” (16:3)!
2. Blood has a definite way of stinking if it does not get washed off. Here, in this plague, even the water that could wash off the blood is contaminated!
3. The words, “for they are worthy” tell you immediately what God thought about the situation, “THEY DESERVE IT!”
4. There is no questioning the “righteous Judge of all the earth” for His judgments are RIGHT (Gen 18:25)!

#### D. The Forth Vial (16:8,9) - Sun Novas (increases in heat)

1. Notice Isa 30:26 for how the Sun will be SEVEN times brighter than it is now in the Millennium. This plague is in preparation for the Millennial kingdom, and will stay in force for the next 1,000 years!

2. The heat of the Sun begins to “scorch” men! Not just “give them tans” but burn them like roasting some barbecue chicken on the grill!
3. Notice again that instead of people getting right, and begging God for forgiveness, they just blaspheme God, and blame HIM for all their troubles, when THEY are to blame from the beginning (Gen 3:6)!

**E. The Fifth Vial (16:10,11) - Darkness**

1. Just after the Sun novas, it gets dark. Talk about confusing mankind! The world will experience what the Egyptians experienced in Exod 10:20-23).
2. The “seat of the beast” is a throne (2 Thes 2:4), and is the target of this plague (as in “smart bombs” going after their target).
3. The “gnawing of tongues” is for three reasons: no water (all is blood), extreme heat (just getting over the nova of the Sun), and tremendous pain (from the grievous sores)!
4. In spite of all this, man will not repent. It is just as frustrating to a parent who chastises their child for wrong, and the child just looks up defiantly, and rebels even worse! The world’s wisdom says, “Stop punishing wrong and things will get better.” But God commands otherwise (Prov 19:18; 23:13,14)!!!

**F. The Sixth Vial (16:12-16) - Euphrates Dried Up**

1. We are dealing with the Euphrates river again as we did in Rev 9:13,14.
2. The kings of the east are associated with the Chaldeans (Babylon), and may refer to peoples even further east like the Chinese, Hindu, or Russians.
3. The main thrust of the plague is the preparation for the FINAL conflict in the Tribulation - Armageddon. God just opens up the way for Satan’s army to go right across the riverbed on “dry ground” toward Israel!
4. Look at the anti-types of the Holy Trinity of God that are sent forth to deceive (2 Thes 2:9):
  - a. The Holy Spirit is like a dove (Matt 13) - the unclean spirit is like a frog and is the false prophet
  - b. God the Father is a Spirit (John 4:24) - Satan is called a dragon
  - c. God the Son is called the Lamb (Rev 5) - the antichrist is referred to as the Beast!
  - d. These “spirits” work MIRACLES (they heal, raise the dead, Rev 13:3,14). The Christian should be ultra-careful when dealing with those who trust miracles more than the word of God!
5. Jesus is coming soon at this point. Still like a “thief” (Compare with Matt 24:43,50; 24:29,30)!
6. Notice how that all the nations are “gathered together.” The work of the United Nations (Zech 14:2)! The place is Armageddon (Valley of Meggido, Zech 12:11; Joel 3:11-16).



**G. The Seventh Vial (16:17-21) - It is Done!!!**

1. This is the FINAL event of the Tribulation. There are voices, thunders, lightnings, and a great earthquake associated with this statement of “IT IS DONE!” This earthquake will be the biggest one since the beginning of time.
2. Notice the reference to the great city Babylon as being destroyed here, when it was described as being destroyed already in Rev 14:8, and yet the destruction of Babylon will be discussed one more time in Rev 18:2! You therefore know that Revelation is not giving a chronological account, but the same account over and over!
3. The earthquake takes care of all the islands (as with the sixth Seal in Rev 6:14).
4. Great hailstones weighing in at 8 pounds each!
5. The people of the earth just right ahead and blaspheme Almighty God. Have you ever seen anyone yelling at a judge for their sentence? They don’t get ANY sympathy - they just get removed from court!

**V. Conclusion**

- A. So, throughout the Tribulation, under the god of this world (Satan, and his anti-christ), people do not get better, they just get worse!
- B. But the descriptions don't stop there. We still have two more chapters before the King of kings returns and restores paradise in chapter 19.

**VI. Some Questions**

- A. What is a noisesome sore? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. During which portion of the Tribulation are these seven last plagues occurring? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Do animals have souls? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. What's different about animal souls? \_\_\_\_\_
- E. What is the number of people come from the east to attack Israel? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Where is the last great battle of the Tribulation going to be fought? \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Can Satan work miracles? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter Seventeen

### MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT

Focus Verses: **Revelation 17:5**

**And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

#### I. Lesson Review - What Has Been Dealt With

- A. The epistles (letters) to the Seven Churches (Chapters 1-3)
- B. The event just before the Tribulation (Chapter 4): \_\_\_\_\_
- C. The exaltation of a Person (Chapter 5): the \_\_\_\_\_
- D. The exacting of judgements upon this world (four treks through the Tribulation):
  1. The seven \_\_\_\_\_ judgements
  2. The seven \_\_\_\_\_ judgements
  3. The seven \_\_\_\_\_
  4. The seven \_\_\_\_\_ judgements (previous lesson)

#### II. Lesson - Mystery, Babylon The Great (17:1-18)

CONTEXT: We are now going to deal with a REAL mystery. We are going to see some things that are going to look mysterious, and unusual, but ultimately will explain a great deal of history, and unlock the future for those who are Bible believers. Remember that the “mysteries” in the Bible are not secrets to the Bible believer since they are revealed unto the student (Rev 21:9,10), and hidden to the sceptic who wont believe plain words in a Book (see the parables of Jesus being completely hidden to the Pharisees in Luke 8:10).

##### A. The Mother of Harlots Envisioned (17:1-6)

1. A Great \_\_\_\_\_ (17:1-6)
  - a. Her title is that of a *WHORE!* (17:1) – what a way to describe this woman.
  - b. Her home is upon *many waters* (17:1)
  - c. Her colours are *Purple* and *Scarlet* (17:4)
  - d. Her affections are for *riches* (17:4)
  - e. Her name is “*MYSTERY*” (17:5)

Note the block capital letters for emphasis! (See Matt 27:37; Exodus 3:14)

- 1) This woman is connected with Babylon
- 2) This woman deals in mysteries:

NOTE: Isn't it something how the world LOVES a “mysterious woman” who wears red and loves diamonds, and everyone knows that she really is TROUBLE. The most popular books are what kind of books? \_\_\_\_\_! I wonder why?

- f. Her time is spent *drinking* (17:6)

This is a drunken whore! See how things that make you drunk are compared to blood, and that are ALWAYS associated with JUDGEMENT! Therefore, an “alcoholic” is a cursed person, just like a sodomite is!

- 1) This woman kills Christians (the saints)
- 2) This woman is much like \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev 2:20-24)

2. A Scarlet Coloured Beast (17:3). Haven't we seen this beast before? See Rev 13:1-4,6

- a. Full of blasphemy - He has many names, all against God
- b. Full of heads - He has seven heads total (17:3,7)
- c. Full of horns - He has ten horns

3. A Golden \_\_\_\_\_ (17:4,6)

This woman touts a large golden cup that is full of BLOOD and abominations and her own filthiness! I wonder what all this means? Do you think that God is going to leave us hanging? Let's let the Bible explain itself:

**B. The Mystery of Babylon Explained (17:7-18)**

1. The Mystery of the \_\_\_\_\_ - This is the primary creature to be concerned with (17:8)!
  - a. The beast is "supporting" the woman.
  - b. The beast is something that WAS, and yet currently IS NOT, but SHALL ascend out of the pit (11:7), and then SHALL go into perdition (17:8)
2. The Mystery of the Seven \_\_\_\_\_ (17:9) The seven heads are said to be MOUNTAINS upon which the woman sits. The Mountains could be continents, for there are *seven* continents, and it would truly show her "realm." But, it more probably is quite literal! If so, then there is only ONE thing that is said to sit on seven mountains - a city - and that city is ROME! This will be more apparent soon.
3. The Mystery of the Seven \_\_\_\_\_ - There are seven KINGS associated with these heads
  - a. Five kings are fallen
  - b. One king currently is in power
  - c. One is yet to come into power
  - d. The beast that WAS and currently IS NOT is the eighth king, and is OF THE ORIGINAL SEVEN
    - 1) **Nimrod - Babel** (Gen 10:8-10)
    - 2) Pharaoh - Egypt (Gen 12:14,15)
    - 3) Sennacherib - Assyria (2 Kings 18:13)
    - 4) **Nebuchadnezzar - Babylon** (2 Kings 24:1)
    - 5) Darius - Media-Persia (Dan 5:28-31; 8:20)
    - 6) Alexander - Greece (Dan 8:21)
    - 7) **Caesar - Rome - Spiritual Babylon!!!** (Luke 2:1)
    - 8) **Antichrist - Rome Again** - "an integration of the previous Seven!"
4. The Mystery of the Ten \_\_\_\_\_ - The ten horns are TEN KINGS that aren't in power YET, but WILL receive power when the Beast comes to power (17:12,13,15)
  - a. Their purpose is to make war against the Lamb (Jesus). But the King of kings shall overcome them! NOTE those that are WITH Jesus: the three classes of Christians: (See Matt 22:14; I Cor 1:24,26; I Cor 4:2)
    - 1) The *called* - everyone is called. This is *salvation*.
    - 2) The *chosen* - not everyone is chosen
    - 3) The *faithful* - very few remain faithful
  - b. They shall turn against the whore and destroy her (17:16). Do you know why? Because God's WORD says that it is going to happen that way!!! That's all we need!
5. The Mystery of the Many \_\_\_\_\_ (17:1,15)
  - a. These are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues
  - b. Does this mean all the previous symbols relating to water are people too (ie, seas of 4:6 and 13:1)? Most certainly NOT! The two are DIFFERENT, and only the Bible has the authority to define its own terms!
6. Explaining The Mystery of the \_\_\_\_\_ (17:16-18)
  - a. She is a CITY (a great one at that) - Rome
  - b. She, as a city, reigns over the kings of the earth - "*many waters*"

NOTE: Notice the wording of 17:8 and 17:18. Dealing with 'tenses' as in present, past and yet future. This is city at the time of John's writing (I wonder which city was being referred to?), and this city is going to again run the kings of the earth! Therefore:

- c. This city is connected with the murder of Christians throughout history – drunk with blood
  - d. This city practices a Babylonian-type religion:
    - 1) Worship of Ishtar (Easter) – the worship of a woman!
    - 2) Goddess of fertility, love, war, and sex.
  - e. This city went from a visible reign over kings (ancient Rome) to a “mysterious” form of kingdom called the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ Empire, always maintaining dominion by religion.
  - f. This city will be used by the Beast to control the world during the Tribulation
  - g. Ultimately, the Beast will do away with this religion since he won’t need its influence anymore
7. So in summary:
- a. This Babylon, is a CHURCH (Satan’s counterfeit church)
  - b. It is a *WHORE!* It gets what it wants by seduction and providing pleasure to the leaders of the world.
  - c. She is world-wide (*many waters*)
  - d. Her colours are *Purple* and *Scarlet* – the colours of the Catholic Church
  - e. Her affections are for *riches* – probably the wealthiest organization on earth
  - f. Her name is “*MYSTERY*” – a mysterious kind of a kingdom that would take over the world.
  - g. Her time is spent *drinking* – drunk with the slaughter of saints (Bible believing Christians)
  - h. Full of blasphemy - He has many names, and much preaching, all against God
  - i. She rules from the seven mountains (world wide)
  - j. She is USED by the antichrist (Beast) to gain control of the world, and then discarded
  - k. Ten kings will overthrow her, and then give all power to the Beast

**III. Conclusion - Next Chapter: The World’s Reaction to The Destruction of This City (18:1-24)**

**IV. Some Questions**

- A. Babylon is called the great \_\_\_\_\_ (17:5)
- B. Out of the seven kingdoms of history, three are directly related to what kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the large golden cup full of in the woman’s hand in 17:4-6? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_  
Babylonian religion surrounds the worship of what? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter Eighteen

### When Babylon Falls

Focus Verses: **Revelation 18:2**

**And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.**

#### I. Introduction

CONTEXT: In Chapter 17 we saw the destruction of *Religious* Babylon (Rome). We will now study the destruction of *Commercial* Babylon (connected to Rome again, as we will see in 18:24). This city will be THE center point of world commerce and trade during the Tribulation, and all money and wealth will be tied to this city. Please note how God tries to get the world's attention with the destruction of this city, and they get caught up in the situation instead of the Saviour!

During the Tribulation the antichrist's answer to the world's economic problems will be based upon rebuilding Babylon and controlling the economy from there and Rome. Another element of his plan will involve restricting Jewish wealth and power throughout the world.

#### II. Lesson - When Babylon Falls, or Man's Reaction To Trouble (18:1-24)

##### A. The Indictment Against Babylon's Sins (18:1-7)

1. This is proclaimed by an angel (Cf Heb 2:2; Acts 7:53; Ex 3:1-6)
  - a. PRINCIPLE: Don't mess with angels! (Heb 1:7), and by all means, DON'T WORSHIP THEM (Rev 22:8,9)!
  - b. PRINCIPLE: God is behind the demise or ruin of a nation, city, business, health. You need to only deal with God at the point of ruin and failure and get right with Him. (See Job for an example, as well as Nebuchadnezzar)
2. This reveals who Babylon really was (18:2) She was a "great" city (17:18) on the outside, but God's "X-Ray" Light reveals what's under the "skin":
  - a. A haven for devils (Cf Luke 8:4,5,11,12)
  - b. A place of fornication - Satan is into sex sins. We have studied fornication before (Balam in 2:15; and Jezebel as well as in 14:8 and 17:2,3)
3. This calls for \_\_\_\_\_ of God's people from her (18:4; Cf Gen 19:15)!
4. All be because of her "works" (18:6,7)
  - a. Note the "\_\_\_\_\_" she holds (Cf 17:4,6): she is a murderer!
  - b. Note her priority: HERSELF (18:7; Cf Isa 14). We are told to be wary of lovers of SELF (2 Tim 3:2)!

##### B. The Intervention By God In Babylon's Future (18:7,8)

1. The list of judgements: torment, sorrow, plagues, death, mourning, famine, and ultimately, \_\_\_\_\_ (Cf 17:16)
2. The duration of the judgements: \_\_\_\_\_! This is like the Day of the Lord as described in Malachi 4:1, "which shall burn as an oven."
3. It occurs towards the end of the Tribulation.

##### C. The Impact on the World's Systems (18:9-24)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ System Fails (18:9,10)
  - a. All the world's leaders shall see God's judgement upon this city
  - b. All the world will lament over its loss!!!
  - c. Develops into a complete governmental breakdown – the one world government had been linked together via Babylon, and yet now was fractured and broken!
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ System (18:11-16)
  - a. This will be like the 1929 depression, but about 10 million times worse!!!

- b. This is the real reason why people will be upset over the loss of Babylon: Because it means the loss of MONEY (Cf Acts 19:24-27; Luke 5:14-17)
  - c. Look at what is the MOST important to the world: GOLD
  - d. Notice what is the LEAST important: the SOULS of men!
  - e. Develops into a complete economic breakdown
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ System (18:17-19)
- a. This judgment is not gradual – but in just one hour, the entire world’s economy collapses.
  - b. This burning city will attract all major shipping lines and maritime activity to the Mediterranean
  - c. Develops into a complete transportation breakdown

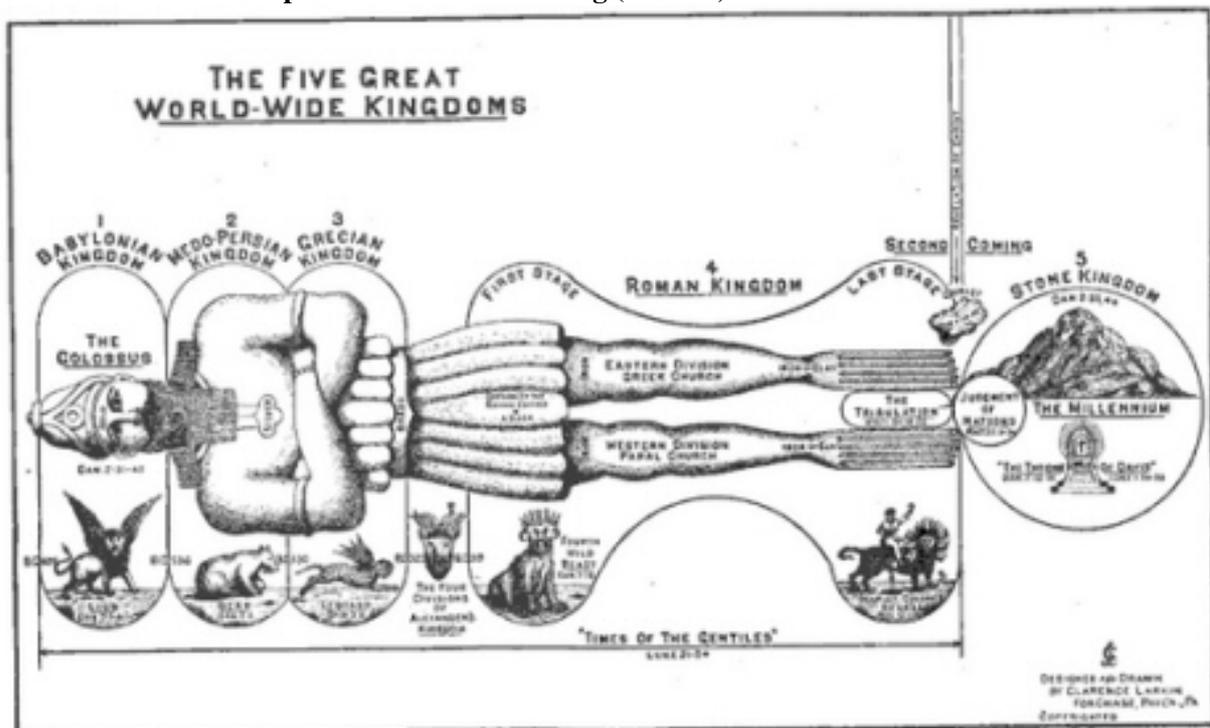
Notice how the whole world will pay more attention to the judgement of the city than to the JUDGE!!! Christian: PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE CHASTISER (Jesus Christ) THAN TO THE CHASTISEMENT, and TRIAL THAT YOU MAY BE GOING THROUGH!!!!!! As Job, quit your complaining ABOUT your troubles, and find out WHY you are having troubles!

**D. The Importance of This Judgement (18:20-24)**

- 1. To allow \_\_\_\_\_ for those who could not yet rejoice (Cf Ps 137:8,9)
  - a. As with the mothers of those men who die at the hands of terrorists with no retribution
  - b. As with the mothers of children who die in car-wrecks caused by drunk drivers
- 2. To bring \_\_\_\_\_ for past sins against God’s people
- 3. To \_\_\_\_\_ the secrets of her past (18:24)
  - a. Example of the eastern European countries getting access to KGB files
  - b. We find out that this city was responsible in some way or fashion for the death of the prophets, saints, and ALL THAT WERE SLAIN ON THE EARTH (18:24)

NOW, this is where the rubber meets the road! This city (and it is NOT literal Babylon) IS responsible for the death of EVERYBODY who was ever murdered! The death of Able was due to this city’s existence even before it existed!!! Therefore, we are dealing with a system that must match Cain’s murder of Able, all the way through history today and into the future. What caused Cain to kill his brother? His RELIGION (Gen 4:3)! This city therefore is responsible for the war between North and South Vietnam, for the Inquisition, for all of the Middle East Conflicts, and so on! So, at this point, God has destroyed Rome’s FINANCIAL system. The only thing left to destroy is Rome’s Leader!

**III. Conclusion - Next Chapter: The Second Coming (19:1-21)**



- A. So, Babylon is at the very end of the tips of the toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image
- B. There is a stone that comes down against this city in final judgment – could be an asteroid?
- C. Isn't it interesting that all three of these world "systems" (The Governmental System, the Economic System, and the Maritime System) are in almost constant chaos today, ready for a complete collapse?

**IV. Some Questions**

- A. Babylon is the spiritual name for what city? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. God's judgement will fall upon what three world systems? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- C. What is the most important thing to this world? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. What is the least important thing to this world? \_\_\_\_\_
- E. What caused Cain to murder his brother? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter Nineteen

### *The Second Coming of Christ*

Focus Verses: **Revelation 19:11**

**And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.**

#### I. Lesson Introduction - 1 Peter 1:8

For a Born-Again Christian, this portion of Revelation is the sweetest! All of the passages in the Bible that talk about the “love of God” for us sinners were fulfilled when we turned to Jesus Christ and got saved. But now, the Christian who has grown in grace comes to realize how much he or she too loves God, and specifically, loves the Lord Jesus Christ! At the Marriage of the Lamb, not only will the group of believers be WITH Jesus, but Jesus will be with US in the most precious and wonderful of ways! The Bible compares it to a MARRIAGE made in Heaven. He who told us He loved us, and went away to prepare us a place (Jn 14:1-3), will have come again for us, and OH WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE!!!

#### II. Lesson - The Second Coming

##### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of The Lamb (19:1-10)

##### 1. Rejoicing In Heaven (19:1-3)

##### a. After WHAT things:

- 1) Chapter 19:1 follows the destruction of literal Babylon at the end of the Tribulation
- 2) Chapter 18:1 Shows that this is a sequence of events

##### b. Huge rejoicing – \_\_\_\_\_; that vengeance has been served

##### c. Notice **When** Heaven Rejoices:

- 1) When sinners \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 15:7) - these are they that have become His bride!
- 2) When Satan is \_\_\_\_\_ out of heaven (Rev 12:12)
- 3) When God \_\_\_\_\_ His judgements (Ps 48:11)
- 4) When the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ to judge the earth (Ps 96:11-13)
- 5) And when Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ His Bride (19:7)!!!

##### d. Notice **How** Heaven Rejoices:

- 1) By \_\_\_\_\_ honour to the Lord: Salvation, glory, honour, and power came from and belongs to the Lord God! No one else!

QUESTION: Do you give to the Lord? If you do, do you give just money? Notice that money is not even mentioned in the list here!

- 2) By \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord: Alleluia (Greek), Hallelujah (Hebrew). Means “*praise ye the Lord*”.

QUESTION: Do you know HOW to “praise the Lord”? Did you know this involves “flattering His greatness!”?

NOTE: Did you notice the word used in heaven in verses 1,3,4, and 6? Did you notice what Paul said in Acts 26:14 about the language he heard Jesus speak to him in? I wonder what language we will be speaking in heaven? Probably HEBREW

- 3) By \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

QUESTION: What does it mean to “worship God?” Did you know that this means DELIGHTING in Him, as in adoring Him like a wife does her husband when they first get married!

**PRINCIPLE:** The reason for our lack of JOY in our lives is plainly because we don't GIVE TO, PRAISE, and WORSHIP our God. We like to think that we do, don't we?!

- e. Notice **Why** Heaven Rejoices:
- 1) God's judgments are true and righteous
  - 2) GOD has finally judged the "great whore" (religious whore). Spiritual and Literal Babylon has been JUDGED (19:1-3)
  - 3) The fruit of the whore's work:
    - a) Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ the whole earth! Corrupted people's way to God
    - b) Physically \_\_\_\_\_ God's servants
  - 4) Because God reigns like He always has (19:6)
  - 5) Because the Marriage of the Lamb has finally come (19:7-9)
- f. The smoke of burning Babylon is more than just literal, physical smoke from the fire (18:9,18)
- 1) There is a burning that is \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) Just like in Rev 14:11
  - 3) Just as with the burning of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 19:28; Jude 1:7)
2. Readyng the Bride (19:4-9)
- a. Everyone around the throne started worshipping God and praising Him for destroying the great whore
- 1) You have 24 elders
  - 2) And the four archangels
  - 3) And then more people in heaven are encouraged to join in the praise
- b. Everyone in unison, sounding like the crashing of many waters, and many simultaneous thunderings, said:
- 1) Alleluia
  - 2) The Lord God omnipotent (\_\_\_\_\_) reigns
  - 3) Let us be glad and rejoice
  - 4) Let us give God the honour He is due
- c. Because not only has the source of all false religion been finally destroyed...
- d. But the Church, the Lamb's bride has made herself ready
- e. Types of the Marriage
- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ - The Song of Solomon
- f. The Time of the Marriage - The **END** of the Tribulation
- 1) Note that "His wife hath made herself ready" at the Judgement Seat of Christ (1Cor 3:10-16; 2Cor 5:10,11; Rom 14:10-12). She now is without spot or wrinkle (Eph 5:27).
  - 2) This is the longest engagement in history (2Cor 11:2)!
- g. The Attire of the Marriage - Her OWN Righteousness (19:8)
- 1) A person is saved by the righteousness of Jesus Christ
  - 2) How has she become ready, and for what?
    - a) What you do AFTER your salvation for Christ makes up your OWN righteousness (Ps 7:8,17; 18:20-24)
    - b) Your own works (Eph 2:10) are proved at the Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Cor 5:10; 1 Cor 3:10-4:5).
  - 3) Properly clothed in clean and white fine linen
  - 4) It is only earned by righteous living

- 5) Christians CAN end up in heaven \_\_\_\_\_ (2Cor 5:1-3)
- h. The Attendants of the Marriage (Luke 22:16-30; Matt 22:1-14; Matt 25:1-10; Matt 9:15):
- 1) The Bridegroom - The Lamb, \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) The Bride - \_\_\_\_\_ Born-Again believers throughout the world
  - 3) The Friend of the Bridegroom - John the Baptist (John 3:29) and all Old Testament prophets
  - 4) Bridesmaids - People saved during the Tribulation; The five virgins of Matthew 25:1-10.
  - 5) Guests - All Old Testament saints
- i. The Activities of the Marriage. What is the Marriage Supper?
- 1) Incredible rejoicing and shouting
  - 2) An actual ceremony conducted by God the Father
  - 3) The wedding has not been described, but evidently it has also, already happened
  - 4) A Marriage Feast (supper) that is now following the marriage itself
  - 5) A great send-off for the honeymoon!!! A trip to their Father's new kingdom. At this point, Jesus will have just inherited the kingdoms of this world (Cf Luke 19:12).
- j. She is now ready for her marriage (19:9)
- 1) Note that no discussion has been made in Revelation about the judgment seat of Christ (Rom 14:10; 2Cor 5:10)
  - 2) That had to have already happened in heaven before these events
    - a) Because it occurs in heaven
    - b) And at this point, everyone is now coming back with Jesus to earth
  - 3) Not everyone is invited to the marriage supper:
    - a) People who are still alive on earth after surviving the Tribulation
    - b) They will have to wait until Jesus sits on His throne in Jerusalem and judges the nations (Matt 25)
  - 4) The angel reinforces the notion that these things are very surprising to the reader, and even to John, but are very true
3. Rebuking the Messenger (19:10)
- a. Don't miss the meaning! These sayings are NOT *figurative* and *apocalyptic*, but rather TRUE sayings! Not "Baptist interpretations"!
  - b. Don't worship the wrong person! WORSHIP GOD! This includes Angels, saints, churches, sacraments, teachings, doctrines, stars, idols, people, your children! John makes this mistake again in 22:8!
    - 1) John does a no, no.
    - 2) Attempts to worship \_\_\_\_\_ by falling down in front of him and giving the anger worship
    - 3) Worship is due only to God alone
    - 4) John attempts to do this one more time in Rev 22:9!
    - 5) This angel reveals some things about him and angels in particular:
      - a) The angel is a \_\_\_ – a male
      - b) A \_\_\_\_\_ (like in Heb 1:14)
      - c) He was of John's brethren, the Jews, who were \_\_\_\_\_
      - d) This angel probably was \_\_\_\_\_ – because Daniel got to write all about much of these events
    - 6) Notice the spirit of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy, which means Jesus is the focal point of ALL prophecy (Luke 24:25-27, 44; Acts 3:18; 10:43; 24:14)
  - c. Don't fail to see the difference! Do you know what the difference between a born-again, Bible-believing Christian and a professing Christian is? \_\_\_\_\_  
WHICH ONE KNOWS FOR CERTAIN WHERE THEY ARE GOING WHEN THEY DIE?

Which one has a problem with Darwinianism and evolution? Which one knows the sure future of this planet? See John 16:13; 1 John 5:13; II Tim 1:12; I Thess 5:23; Jude 24; Rom 8:38,39.

**B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (19:11-21)**

1. This is the best part of the Whole BOOK!
  - a. This is the climax of the entire Book of the Revelation, and will be the climax of all of history
  - b. The \_\_\_\_\_!
  - c. As far as sinners are concerned, the most important subject in the Bible is that of Salvation, and Jesus Christ's first coming as Saviour to die on the cross.
  - d. Yet, as far as God is concerned, the most important subject is Jesus Christ's second coming as Sovereign King to literally rule and reign on earth for 1000 years with Satan defeated, and paradise RESTORED.
  - e. Up until now, in the Book of Revelation, \_\_\_\_\_ has been in control as the "god of this world", but no longer, for "as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt 24:27), and this time He is a MAN OF WAR!
  - f. He no longer is meek and lowly, riding on an ass, but KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS riding a white charger!
2. Heaven opens – the wall between God's heaven and this universe is opened
  - a. A hole appears in the sky
  - b. It is not billions of light years away
3. Someone on a white horse comes through the opening
4. He races across the sky from east to the west (Matt 24:27)
5. He comes to \_\_\_\_\_ and make war! The Rider (19:11-19) - Who Is This Rider?
  - a. Heaven opens for only the second time in Revelation (4:1; 19:11)
  - b. "He" appears (19:11-13):
    - 1) Comes riding a white horse (19:11; Cf II Kngs 2:11 & Rev 6:2)
    - 2) Called "Faithful", and "True" - He is "called" this. He doesn't name Himself!
    - 3) Condemns and makes WAR
    - 4) Consumed with anger - Eyes were as a flame of fire (Rev 1:14) - Our God is a consuming fire!
    - 5) Crowned with many crowns – He has EARNED all of these
    - 6) Concealing an unknown name (maybe JHVH)
      - a) He had a special name that no one knew but he Himself. What does THAT mean?
      - b) Rev 2:17 has believers earning a name no one else will know
      - c) Only certain believers will be named with this new name (Rev 3:12)
      - d) See also Luke 10:22
    - 7) Clothed with a blood soaked garment (19:13; Isa 63:1-6; Rev 14:14-20) - Stained with the blood of His enemies!
    - 8) Called also "The Word of God" – referring to John's other times that he has used this title (John 1:1-3, 14; 1John 1:1,2; 5:7)
    - 9) Carries a powerful sword that procedes out of His mouth
    - 10) Controls the earth with a rod of iron (Ps 2:9)
    - 11) Carries out the vengeance of God
    - 12) Called also "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."
  - c. Definitely a different rider than the one portrayed in 6:1,2!
  - d. His \_\_\_\_\_ Follows (19:14; Cf Song of Solomon 6:10; Jude 14,15)

NOTE: THIS RIDER IS LEADING AN ARMY!!! Therefore Christian, realize that you are in preparation for nothing else but WAR (II Tim 2:1-4)!!!

- 1) The armies in heaven refer to the people in heaven, not the angels – this is not their fight
- 2) They have already been fighting the Dragon (Rev 12:7)
- 3) These are the Old testament believers as an army, and the Church is an army

- 4) They are all clothed with clean, white LINEN, not heavy armour
  - 5) This army is described in Song of Solomon 6:4,10, and Joel 2:1,2)
- e. A sharp sword to smite the nations (19:15)
- 1) The words Jesus speaks are like the power of a sword to cut down His enemies!
  - 2) Sharp sword is the word of God, so the Word of God speaks the powerful word of God, and knocks down all nations (see Daniel 2:45)
  - 3) Jesus comes to judge and make war, but also comes to rule all nations – not just the Jews
  - 4) He will rule with a rod of iron, why?
    - a) Because the nations will still have people who have not been born again
    - b) Others who were saved during the tribulation
    - c) And those people will have children, and they will have the same flesh we do that does not naturally obey God
  - 5) Jesus, when He comes this second coming, will come to tread the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God – Armageddon
  - 6) Rev 14:17-20 describes everyone who has taken the mark of the beast being taken to Armageddon to experience the wrath of God! That was 4 chapters ago! So not everything is linear and simply sequential.
  - 7) This battle is describe in
    - a) Isa 63:2-6
    - b) Mal 4:1-3
- f. KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS (Rev 19:16) He is wearing His name and title
- g. Angelic Invitation to Dinner (Rev 19:17,18) - the supper of the great God;
- 1) A herald (an angel speaking from the brightness of the sun) calls out to all carnivorous birds to come and GORGE themselves with the flesh of Christ’s enemies!
  - 2) At this supper (for them), which is referred to as the supper of the great God, the birds will eat dead kings, captains, mighty men, horses, horse riders, and all men, bond and free, small and great!
  - 3) Notice that “\_\_\_\_\_” will be used by the antichrist in this battle – probably because mechanised machinery will not be working on this day
6. The Battle of Armageddon (Rev 19:19-21)
- a. Only two sides in this battle.
- 1) The beast (antichrist) and all the kings of the earth, along with all their armies
  - 2) Gathered together to make war against the Word of God on His white horse coming through that hole in the sky
    - a) Isn’t it amazing that the whole world will hate and despise Jesus in the end, but will unknowingly prepare to face Him in the final battle?
    - b) Isn’t it also amazing that the whole world will believe they can fight Jesus and win?
- b. The Rebellion (19:19,20)
- 1) A Culmination of the past 6,000 years of preparation
    - a) Originates back in Isa 14:12-15 with Lucifer
    - b) Satan hates “him that sat on the horse” - always has!
    - c) And if he does, then you better believe that he also hates His “army” of believers! Satan knows no love but for himself!
  - 2) Coordinated by the Antichrist (19:19)
    - a) He amasses 200,000,000 troops (9:14-16; 16:12)
    - b) Surrounds Jerusalem (Zech 14:1-3)
  - 3) The antichrist Convinces the entire world that the trouble that has been experienced during the Tribulation is all because of the Jews, and that the only thing to do is to “wipe them out”

- 4) Conducted by the False Prophet by means of “miracles”
- 5) Confused by a surprise attack by heaven!
  - a) Then their attention is turned to the eastern sky where a bright light, brighter than the sun appears
  - b) And then they race to the valley of Meggido (Armageddon)
  - c) And the whole world is raptured to this valley
  - d) All to await their defeat at the sword that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord Jesus!

7. The Result (19:20,21; Cf Joel 2:1-11)

- a. The “\_\_\_\_\_” takes place (Joel 2:1,2)

This “day” is the THE MOST discussed topic in the Bible. It is the day when good finally wins over evil; when everything that is wrong is made right; when God personally takes care of the Devil! This “day” is always referred to in the Bible as a BATTLE with great devastation and calamity.

- 1) This battle takes no more that 24 hours to complete! It truly takes place in a day!
- 2) The battle involves \_\_\_\_\_ (Mal 4:1-3)
- 3) The battle will be fought in Armageddon/Valley of Jehosephat (16:16; Joel 3:9-16)
- 4) The battle is in reaction to Jerusalem being taken over by the antichrist (Zech 14:1-9)
- b. A “devouring fire” goes before the army (Joel 2:3; Zech 14:12)
- c. A “desolation” is left behind them (Joel 2:3-6)
- d. This decisive battle is won supernaturally (Joel 2:7-11)
  - 1) This army doesn’t fight (Joel 2:7,8,10; Contrast with Joshua)
  - 2) This army doesn’t die (Joel 2:8)
  - 3) This army doesn’t stop (Joel 2:9)
  - 4) This army doesn’t lose (Joel 2:10,11)
- e. The “deceiver” of the world is captured and “cast **alive** into the lake of fire” (19:20), the Devil himself comes later.
- f. The destruction of this battle is complete (19:21)
  - 1) Blood up to the horses’ bridle, 3 feet high (14:20)
  - 2) It will take 7 months to bury the dead (Ez 39)
  - 3) The weapons of war will provide fuel for 7 years (Ez 39)

PRINCIPLE: THERE WILL BE NO PEACE ON EARTH UNTIL THE PRINCE OF PEACE COMES AND BY A FINAL DECISIVE BATTLE, BRINGS REAL PEACE!!!

**III. Conclusion - Next Chapter: The Millennium (Revelation 20:1-15)**

**IV. Some Questions**

- A. The Bible describes the relationship between the Lord Jesus and His people as a \_\_\_\_\_
- B. What is the primary reason for our lack of joy as Christians? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. What language will we speak in heaven? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. What does it really mean to worship God? \_\_\_\_\_
- E. How does a person “praise the Lord?” \_\_\_\_\_
- F. What is the “bride” of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
- G. With WHAT is the bride attired? \_\_\_\_\_
- H. Who are the “guests” at the wedding? \_\_\_\_\_
- I. Who is the rider in 19:11? \_\_\_\_\_
- J. When can we expect peace finally on earth? \_\_\_\_\_

# The Book Of The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter Twenty

### *The Millennium*

Focus Verses: **Revelation 20:1,2**

**“And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years”**

#### I. Lesson Introduction - The Seventh Dispensation

We have now come to the end of “this age”, and a new one begins that we call the “Millennium” (Mil=1000; annum=year). When Christ returns in chapter 19, he comes to establish His kingdom which will last 1000 years literally, and visibly on this earth as we shall see.

##### A. Dispensational Theology

1. Its Meaning: The different ways that God deals with man. Always starts off at its best, and ends up in disaster!
2. Its Importance (three views on the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ)...
  - a. *A-Millennial* - \_\_\_\_\_ literal reign of Christ: only a spiritual “reigning” in the heart of the believer.
  - b. *Post-Millennial* - Man makes this world better and better until Jesus Christ comes back and inherits it.
  - c. *Pre-Millennial* - Every age starts off right, but gets messed up by man and requires God to intervene. Jesus will personally and literally return to this earth and reign for 1,000 years!
3. Its Principle Application: Dispensations prove that no matter what environment man lives in, he is destined to ruin it!
4. Its greatest type in Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 1:1-2:3)

Note that “a day is with the Lord as a thousand years”. Six days, then a “REST” (Heb 4:4)!

##### B. Dispensational Timeline - Write these down in the back of your Bible!

1. Innocence - Ends with the Fall (Gen 1:28-3:6)
2. Conscience - Ends with the Flood (Gen 3:23-7:16)
3. Human Government - Ends with the Tower of Babel (8:15-11:8)
4. Promise - Ends with the Captivity in Egypt (Gen 12:1-Ex 1:22)
5. Law - Ends at the Cross (Ex 20:1-Matt 27:50)
6. Grace - Ends with the Rapture (Matt 27:51-Rev 3:22)
7. *5a. Tribulation – Back to the Law - Ends with Armageddon (Rev 4:1-Rev 19:21)*
8. Millennium - Ends with the Battle of Gog (Rev 20:1-10)

#### II. Lesson - The Millennium

##### A. The Bottomless Pit (Rev 20:1-3)

1. The Restraining of Satan (20:1-3)
  - a. Satan is a spiritual being, yet a literal being
  - b. An angel uses a literal chain, yet not a “physical” iron chain (2 Pet 2:4)
  - c. Satan’s path of retreat:
    - 1) Used to be able to go right up to the third Heaven (Job 1:6)
    - 2) Then was restricted to the first Heaven (Rev 12:10,12)
    - 3) Now placed into the bottomless pit (20:1-3)
      - a) A hole that has no bottom
      - b) Only sides
      - c) Like inside a tumble dryer

- d. Bound him (an inferior angel was able to bind Satan)
  - 1) Will be in chains for 1,000 years – a watch in the night (Ps 90:4)
  - 2) There are already many other angels that sinned in chains (2Pet 2:4; Jude 1:6)
- e. Threw Satan into the bottomless pit
  - 1) Shut him up
  - 2) Will be in chains for 1,000 years – a watch in the night (Ps 90:4)
  - 3) There are already many other angels that sinned in chains (2Pet 2:4; Jude 1:6)
  - 4) Set a seal upon him – sealing him inside the bottomless pit (Dan 6:17; Mt 27:66)
  - 5) Until the 1,000 year time is past
2. After the 1,000 years are finished, Satan shall be freed for a brief time (probably just a few years, maybe just 3 months)

## B. The Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ (20:4-6)

1. The Reign Of Jesus Christ (20:4)
  - a. Now begins the literal reign of Jesus Christ with His bride...
  - b. Its duration: Note six “one thousand years” statements
  - c. Its participants (Christ’s Bride):
    - 1) John Saw Thrones – places of authority (Luke 19:17)
    - 2) People sitting on the thrones
    - 3) Also Saw souls of beheaded martyrs
      - a) Beheaded for the witness, life of Jesus
      - b) And for the word of God (preaching)
      - c) And because they worshipped not the beast
      - d) And these dead, were now resurrected and alive and were going to reign with Jesus for 1,000 years (Cf Rom 8:17)
      - e) This is the First Resurrection (20:5-6)
    - 4) To these people great power and judgment has been given
      - a) New Testament Christians (1 Cor 6:1-3; Matt 9:28-30)
      - b) Tribulation Saints who endured to the end
    - 5) Paul said Christians would be judging during the millennial kingdom (1Cor 6:3)
    - 6) Part of the FIRST resurrection, at the beginning of the Millennium
      - a) Now the second resurrection, which is NOT a resurrection, because they do not come up to live, but to be thrown into the lake of fire!
      - b) This second resurrection happens at the LAST of the 1,000 year millennium
    - 7) People who get to experience the First Resurrection:
      - a) Are those saved during the Tribulation
      - b) Everyone saved who died before the rapture (the Bride) went up AT the rapture (1Cor 15:51-57)
      - c) Both the bride and the Tribulation saints reign during the Millennium
    - 8) The Millennium is the kingdom of Heaven on earth.
    - 9) Jesus is here, as well as all believers through time.
  - d. Its effects: Christ restores everything except man’s sinful nature.
    - 1) Regeneration of nature (Isa 66:25; Isa 35:1-10)
    - 2) Jews completely back in Palestine
    - 3) All nations destroy their weapons of war (Isa 2:2-4)
    - 4) The Holy Spirit will be poured out upon all flesh (Joel 2:28-32)
    - 5) Human life will be prolonged (Isa 66:17-22) - up to 1000 years!

- 6) Equal and fair justice will prevail (Rev 19:15), because “He will rule with a rod of iron” (Psalm 2)
2. The Resurrection of The Just (20:5,6)
- a. Different than the sinner’s spiritual resurrection (Eph 2:1-6; II Tim 2:17,18)
  - b. Therefore, there are more than one physical resurrections!
    - 1) Dan 12:2
    - 2) One that is a resurrection “FROM the dead” (Luke 20:35) and one that is a resurrection “OF the dead”
    - 3) John 11:23-26
      - a) Most people only know about some “general resurrection”
      - b) If you die however, as a Christian, the grave has no victory! I Cor 15:55
      - c) If you are alive when He returns, death has no sting for you! I Cor 15:55
    - 4) Acts 24:15 - Two resurrections, 1000 years apart.
  - c. The first resurrection is one unto LIFE, and is composed of three parts (Dt 16:16):
    - 1) The “firstfruits” - Old Testament Saints (Matt 27:52,53)
    - 2) The “harvest” - The Body of Christ
    - 3) The “gleanings” - Tribulation Saints
  - d. The second resurrection is one unto DEATH, and is called the SECOND DEATH (20:6)!!!

PRINCIPLE: He who is born twice, dies once. But he who is only born once, dies twice! Do you also see how the Book of the Revelation opens up the entire Bible!!!

C. The Battle of \_\_\_\_\_ (20:7-9)

As time actually and finally draws to a close, the Lord Jesus Christ begins to reveal to us the things that are going to take place just before He does away with this universe, and starts everything over! Man has been allowed to return to paradise, and as we shall see, he will desire to “go back to Egypt”! Satan will do his finale, just before being finally, and completely cut off from ever “infecting” this universe again. And lastly, all of humanity, from Cain up through those born in the Millennium who rejected God’s salvation will stand before God Almighty, and give an account of their “works” to see how well they match up with Jesus Christ’s on the cross.

1. The Last Deception (20:7,8)
  - a. Conducted by none other than his royal Hellishness: \_\_\_\_\_!
    - 1) All good things must come to an end, or so they say! The Millennium expires, and Satan is “loosed for a season” to deceive the nations ONCE MORE (Cf 20:3).
    - 2) Satan will never change. Please realize his one and only goal is to bring every human being into the same destruction that he is destined for - the lake of fire!
  - b. Concerns an underground movement that develops during the Millennium.
    - 1) During the Millennium, the entire world will be under Jesus Christ on His throne with David in Jerusalem.
    - 2) However, there will be an “underground” movement called the kingdom of “Magog”, with a man named “Gog” as its leader (Ezek 38 & 39). These are some tough Scriptures! Typified by Nimrod!
    - 3) Satan will be loosed from his “prison”, and he will find hundreds of millions of people out of all nations who will be ready to follow him into Battle against the Lord’s Anointed (Ps 2:1-12). Reasons for this:
      - a) Even though the earth has been “regenerated” (Matt 19:28) at the Second Coming (Rom 8:21-23), and the curse has been removed (Isa 11:1-11), the people that enter the Millennium from the Tribulation (Matt 25:31-46) will be people with Adamic, physical

bodies that will be free from sickness, but not free from sin (remember that Christ must rule with a “rod of iron” 19:15)! The problem is always is PEOPLE.

- b) Even though Jesus Christ will be here physically and visibly on this earth, with millions of supernatural ambassadors (New Testament Christians) running around ruling local governments (1 Cor 6; Luke 19:11), life for these “natural” men and women will be far from perfect as far as they are concerned. The “natural man” despises two things: absolute authority, and complete contentment!

PRINCIPLE: The “carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, NEITHER INDEED CAN BE” (Rom 8:7)!!!

## 2. The Last Battle - World War IV (20:8-10)

- a. Involves Christ’s Enemies - During the Millennium, Christ will have “enemies” (Ps 72:8,9; 110:2) “deceived” by Satan.
- 1) Since there will be no pains in childbirth, you better believe that there will be lots of babies (Isa 65:20).
  - 2) And since life expectancy will skyrocket to hundreds of years, the population of this planet will expand to somewhere around 15 billion people, even though some 2 to 3 billion people are killed off during the Tribulation, and 200 million die at Armageddon!
  - 3) Out of all these people, there will be multitudes that will despise the “military dictatorship” of Jesus Christ, and will look for the day to be “free to express themselves as they deem fit!”
- b. Who are Gog and Magog?
- 1) Historically speaking, Magog was a grandson of **Noah** (Genesis 10:2). The descendants of Magog settled to the far north of Israel, likely in Europe and northern Asia (Ezekiel 38:2).
  - 2) Ezekiel 38-39 and in Revelation 20:7-8. While these two instances carry the same names, a close study of Scripture clearly demonstrates they do not refer to the same people and events.
    - a) In Ezekiel’s prophecy, Gog will be the leader of a great army that attacks the land of Israel. Gog is described as “of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal” (Ezekiel 38:2-3).
    - b) Ezekiel’s battle of Gog and Magog occurs in the tribulation period, more specifically in the first 3 1/2 years. The strongest evidence for this view is that the attack will come when Israel is at peace (Ezekiel 38:8, 11). The description from Ezekiel is that of a nation that has security and has laid down its defenses. Israel is definitely not at peace now, and it is inconceivable that the nation would lay down its defenses apart from some major event. When Israel’s covenant with the Beast/Antichrist is in effect at the beginning of Daniel’s 70th Week (also known as the 7-year tribulation, Daniel 9:27a), Israel will be at peace. Possibly the battle will occur just before the midpoint of the seven-year period.
    - c) According to Ezekiel, Gog will be defeated by God Himself on the mountains of Israel. The slaughter will be so great it will take seven months to bury all of the dead (Ezekiel 39:11-12).
  - 3) Gog and Magog are mentioned again in Revelation 20:7-8.
    - a) The duplicated use of the names Gog and Magog in Revelation 20:8-9 is to show that these people demonstrate the same rebellion against God and antagonism toward God as those in Ezekiel 38-39. It is similar to someone today calling a person “the devil” because he or she is sinful and evil. We know that person is not really Satan, but because that person shares similar characteristics, he or she might be referred to as “the devil.”
    - b) The book of Revelation uses Ezekiel’s prophecy about Magog to portray a final end-times attack on the nation of Israel (Revelation 20:8-9). The result of this battle is that all are destroyed, and Satan will find his final place in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10).
  - 4) It is important to recognize that the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38-39 is quite different from the one in Revelation 20:7-8. Below are some of the more obvious reasons why these refer to different people and battles.

- a) In the battle of Ezekiel 38-39, the armies come primarily **from the north** and involve **only a few nations** of the earth (Ezekiel 38:6, 15; 39:2).
  - i) The battle in Revelation 20:7-9 will involve **all nations**, so armies will come from all directions, not just from the north.
- b) There is **no mention of Satan** in the context of Ezekiel 38-39.
  - i) In Revelation 20:7 the context clearly places the battle at the end of the millennium with Satan as the primary character.
- c) Ezekiel 39:11-12 states that the dead will be buried for seven months.
  - i) There would be no need to bury the dead if the battle in Ezekiel 38-39 is the one described in Revelation 20:8-9, for immediately following Revelation 20:8-9 is the Great White Throne judgment (20:11-15) and then the current or present heaven and earth are destroyed, replaced by a new heaven and earth (Revelation 21:1). There obviously will be a need to bury the dead if the battle takes place in the early part of the tribulation, for the land of Israel will be occupied for another 1,000 years, the length of the millennial kingdom (Revelation 20:4-6).
- d) The battle in Ezekiel 38-39 is used by God to bring Israel back to Him (Ezek 39:21-29).
  - i) In Revelation 20, Israel has been faithful to God for 1,000 years (the millennial kingdom). Those in Revelation 20:7-10 who are rebellious are destroyed without any more opportunity for repentance.
- c. Is directed AGAIN against Jerusalem (20:9)
 

IRONY: The “city of peace” will know no peace until the last battle is fought and won there!
- d. Ignites the entire Universe on fire (Cf 21:1; 2 Pet 3:7,10-13; Isa 66:22). This is in preparation for the entirely new Heaven and earth

D. The Last Judgement - \_\_\_\_\_ Judgement (20:10-15)

1. Starts with the devil (20:10)!
  - a. Satan joins the Beast and the false prophet in the lake of fire (they will have been there being tormented for the last 1000 years)! See also Matt 25:41.
  - b. Satan’s HEAD is finally BRUISED (Rom 16:20), and he is trapped, and tormented forever! Demonstrates that God is now through with His plan that has taken 7000 years to run its course, and is ready to start eternity up again.
2. Sentencing next turns to the DEAD (20:11-15)!
  - a. Brought before a GREAT WHITE \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. This is the Second Resurrection, but it is NOT called a “resurrection,” because they are not raised FROM the dead, but rather just “raised” for this judgement.
  - c. When God the Father shows His face, this universe just “melts with fervent heat”, can you imagine what it will be like for the unsaved to stand here, and not be able to run!!!
  - d. These “dead” (Cf Eph 2:1) are judged ACCORDING TO THEIR \_\_\_\_\_ (20:13), because even every idle word will be brought out in this court.

PRINCIPLE: If you attempt to live by your “works of righteousness” you will die by them, and be present at this judgement! The important thing is to have your name written the Book of Life (Luke 10:20)!

- e. Even those in Hell will be raised to stand in this judgement (20:13). But this “reprieve” from hell-fire is short lived.
- f. Everyone here, whose name is not found written in the Book of Life winds up in the lake of fire, which is the Second Death. The only thing on this earth that comes close to this terrible judgement is hot, liquid, flowing LAVA out of the earth’s center!!!

PRINCIPLE: He who is born once, dies TWICE, but he who is born twice (new birth), dies only once!!!

**II. Next Chapter - The New Jerusalem (21:1-27)**

**III. Some Questions**

- A. The word 'Dispensation' means: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Dispensational theology demonstrates that no matter what environment man lives in, he is "what?"  
\_\_\_\_\_
- C. How long in years is the physical reign of Jesus Christ on this planet? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Of the two resurrections, the first is "one unto \_\_\_\_\_?"
- E. How many more world wars will this planet endure? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. The "dead" at the "great white throne" judgement will be judged by their what? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter Twenty One

### *The New Jerusalem*

Focus Verse: **Revelation 21:1**

**“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.”**

#### I. Lesson Introduction - The Eighth Day

This is called the “day of God” (I Cor 15:24-28), and the “dispensation of the fulness of Time” (Eph 1:10), and covers eternity future. Just as the “eighth day” is the beginning of a NEW week, so also is the eighth day in God’s calendar, a time of new beginnings!

#### II. Lesson - The New Jerusalem (Rev 21:1-27)

##### A. Time Ends Where Time Began (21:1,2)

1. The Resumption of Eternity
  - a. The first heaven and earth at this point are “passed away,” (See 2 Pet 3:10-13).
  - b. God resumes eternity where He left off when He decided to create man. This is why I draw time as a big circle with God starting “In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth,” and then ending with God creating a “new heaven, and a new earth”!
2. Three Things New Here:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ - Includes all galaxies, and planets. Why? Because Satan even infects outer space!
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ - To purge this planet: of its pollutions, innocent blood, garbage, and stench!
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ - NOT New York, New London, or New Jersey! God will personally bring down His own masterpiece of creations, a CITY where His wife will forever dwell! God is interested in cities: notice how all the churches were referred to as the “church at Corinth,” “of Laodicea,” etc.

**PRINCIPLE:** God has always intended for this universe to be fully occupied (Dt 4:15-19)! The problem is, we are trying to get out there and do it before God’s time, and it will end in disaster!

3. Removing The Separation Between God and His Creation
  - a. The word “heaven” is used instead of “heavens” - As it was in Gen 1:1.
  - b. The “sea” referred to here could not be oceans, because “water” is going to flow from the throne of God, and has got to collect somewhere! The “sea” being referred to is found in Rev 4:6; Jer 27:19; Job 38:25-33. In other words, this “sea” separated God from His creation (See Gen 1), and now is no longer needed!

##### B. The Tabernacle of God (21:2-4)

1. Its Descent (21:2) - Down out of heaven. It could not come until the divider (the “sea”) had been removed.
2. Its Description - As a Bride (21:2). A city is its inhabitants, NOT its buildings!!! Boy, if we humans could get this!!! We are so impersonal, always looking at statues and “art” instead of PEOPLE!!!
3. Its Domain - With God’s People (21:3). God’s plan is not only for us to be with Him, but more importantly, for Him to be with us forever more!
4. Its Diversity of Effects (21:3,4)
  - a. God will no longer be separated from His creation
  - b. God will personally wipe away all tears
  - c. There will be no more death forever
  - d. There will be no more sorrow forever (will you miss it?)
  - e. There will be no more crying forever
  - f. There will be no more pain

All of the above things are the results of sin. When God does away with Satan, the world, and our flesh (we get new flesh), He does away with the causes of all our sorrows!

### C. The Testimonies of The Groom (21:5-8)

1. "I am starting over" (21:5) - Not because He failed the first time, but because time has run its course, and God can finally put things into gear and get on with eternity!
2. "My Words Are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_" (21:5): NOT symbolical, and apocalyptic. The hardest part is just accepting it!
3. "It is Done" (21:6) - We are back on track, and let's get this show on the road! Eternity future is about to begin, and God has His people who WANT TO LIVE WITH HIM FOREVER, and boy is He excited!
4. "I am finally Everything" (21:6), "all in all" (Eph 1:10)

PRINCIPLE: God is perfect yes, but He was not complete until He was *needed*. Now, God is complete.

5. "I still offer the water of life **FREELY**" (21:6) - Jesus can't start to tell us about heaven without reminding us that it's FREE, and telling us to "COME AND GET IT!!!"
6. "Inheritance involves Overcoming" (21:7) - This is our inheritance because "we have overcome" (See I Jn 4:4; 5:4)
7. "The tares will no longer be allowed with the wheat" (21:8) Up to this point, sin, and all its baggage has been allowed in God's universe, but no longer! They are finally "purged".
  - a. Notice how the fearful, the unbelieving, and even LIARS are grouped with WHOREMONGERS, MURDERERS, etc, as far as God is concerned!
  - b. Notice also that these people have a place waiting for them (note the words "their part")!

PRINCIPLE: God has got two places prepared for us (John 14:1-3; and Matt 25:41), but it is up to us to choose where we will spend eternity! One is for His bride, and the other is for garbage! Which one do you want to enjoy for all eternity?!

### D. The Treasures of the Bride (21:9-27)

1. This city belongs to the Bride (21:9) - this is OUR heaven!
2. Shaped like a great mountain (21:10)!
3. This city is *see-through* (21:11, note "clear as crystal")!
4. This city has twelve gates marked with the names of the twelve literal JEWISH tribes of Israel (21:12,13): NOT CHRISTIANS, spiritual Jews, or any other group of people! We are dealing with literal fulfillment of O.T. prophecy for the Jews.
5. This city has a wall with twelve foundations, with each foundation having been marked with the name of one of the TWELVE apostles (21:14).

PRINCIPLE: God is not still filling the shoes of the apostles! But rather, God finished with the first twelve.

6. This city is 1500 miles square (12,000 furlongs: 1 furlong is 1/8th of a mile, so 12,000 furlongs is 1,500 miles) on each side (21:15-17)! It covers an area the size of half the US from Boston to Miami, and from Miami to El Paso, and from El Paso to north of Denver, and from north of Denver back to Boston!!! And this city is 1500 miles high!!! If each room was 15 feet square, it would have 41 trillion rooms! We are talking "many mansions"!
7. This city within its walls is made of pure, solid, clear, see-through GOLD (21:18-20)! Streets of gold, houses of gold, everything all the rich and famous try to obtain!
8. This city has twelve gates of solid PEARL (21:21)!
9. This city has no need of a place of worship, for God is THERE (21:22)!
10. This city has no need for natural light, for God is the light (21:23)!
11. This city only has "saved folk" in it, and you will never have trouble with your neighbours (21:24-27)!

## III. Next Chapter - Wrapping Things Up (22:1-21)

### IV. Some Questions

- A. List the three NEW things in chapter 21? 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Inheritance of the future involves what? (see 21:7) \_\_\_\_\_
- C. The New Jerusalem is \_\_\_\_\_ miles on each side?