

# A Study in Revelation

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The Book of Revelation pronounces a blessing upon “he who reads and those who hear...and keep those things which are written in it” (Rev. 1:3). It is obvious to the reader of the book that it contains much figurative language. In reading the book, we must not get so bogged down in the symbols of it so as to miss the major lessons in it. Also, as we seek to interpret the book, we must first ask, “What did it mean to the first readers?” Then, we can determine what it means to us today. Satan uses everything at his disposal to defeat the church, but the book assures us that we will be victorious over Satan through the power of the living Christ. As we read the book, let us be certain we do not reach any conclusions that are not in harmony with the rest of Scripture. By doing so we will be blessed and we will know that the Cause of Christ will win in the end.



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# STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

# LESSON 1

An Introduction  
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- A. Things to Remember
  - 1. Importance (11:15 and 1:3)
  - 2. Historical Background - Two Kingdoms have gone forth to conquer the hearts of men
  - 3. Message - To reassure God's people that God's cause will be victorious (1:18; 2:10; 17:14; 20:16)
  - 4. Author - John the Apostle (1:1, 4, 9; 22:8)
  - 5. Time and place - 95 or 96 A.D.; Isle of Patmos (1:9)
  - 6. People addressed (1:4)
- B. Interpreting The Book
  - 1. Apocalyptic: Hidden and revealed (1:1); signs and symbols (1:1); struggles and hope as God intervenes
  - 2. What did the book mean to the first readers?
  - 3. Agree with rest of Scripture
  - 4. Seek overall message instead of details
  - 5. See book as representing all time
- C. Sections
  - 1. The church persecuted by the world - protected and victorious (chapters 1-11)
  - 2. Christ and the church opposed by Satan - victory of right (chapters 12-22)
  - 3. Outline:
    - a) Christ in the midst of the churches (1-3)
    - b) The Book of Seven Seals (4-7)
    - c) The Seven Trumpets of Judgment (8-11)
    - d) The Woman and the Man-child persecuted by the Dragon and his Helpers (12-14)
    - e) The Seven Bowls of Wrath (15-16)
    - f) The fall of the Great Harlot and the Beasts (17-19)
    - g) The Judgment upon the Dragon followed by the New Heaven and Earth (20-22)

## A Revelation (apokalupsis)

### 1. Dangerous Times

### 2. Symbolism

1 - Unity

2 - Strength

3 - Deity

4 - World

5 - Complete

6 - Imperfect

### 7 - Perfection

X 10 = 70 (Very Sacred)

12 - 3x4 (Organized Religion)

X 12 = 144,000 (Secure Saints)

7 / 2 = 3 1/2 (Indefinite)

42 Months

1260 Days

"time + times + 1/2 time"

# STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION Lesson: 2

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INTRODUCTION, PROLOGUE,  
And The FIRST VISION (1:1-20)

## 1. Introduction (1:1-3)

### A. "The Revelation of Jesus Christ"

1. "Apocalypse" - the uncovering of anything; spiritually it denotes making known of divine truth (Rom. 16:25)
2. If we cannot understand the message of this book it would not be a "revelation" would it?

### B. The source

1. "Which God gave" (Jn. 7:16; 12:49)
2. Note the links in the chain of origin and communication
  - a) From God to Jesus
  - b) From Jesus to angel
  - c) From angel to John
  - d) From John to churches

### C. The contents - "Things which must shortly come to pass."

1. Things concerning the church, enemies of the church, and the Christ.
2. What does "shortly" mean? These Christians needed immediate relief and assurance of final victory.

### D. A Beatitude - the first of seven (1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7; 22:14)

## 2. The Prologue (1:4-8)

### A. Salutation (4,5a) - grace and peace from God, Christ, and the Spirit.

### B. Outburst of praise (5b-7)

1. Mention of Christ brings a song
2. Christ will return.

### C. The voice of God (8)

1. "Alpha and Omega"
2. "Almighty" - can and will keep promises.

## 3. The First Vision (1:9-20)

### A. John's Commission (9-11)

1. Where was John?
2. Was he in the kingdom?
3. What was his commission?

### B. The preliminary vision (12-20)

1. Where was Jesus standing?
2. Describe him.
3. What did John do?
4. What power of Christ is here mentioned?
5. What was John to write?
6. What is the mystery of the stars and the candlesticks?

# STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION LESSON 3

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## THE BOOK OF THE SEVEN SEALS (Revelation 4-7) THE ETERNAL THRONE (Revelation 4:1-5:14)

### A. Introduction

1. Encouragement to Christians from the time of writing until the end of the world.
2. All things are governed by the Sovereign God.
3. "After these things" - after the events of chapters 1-3.
4. "A door standing open in heaven" - John is able to observe and receive communication from the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven (see 2 Cor. 12:2).
5. The Speaker: the powerful Christ (see 1:10) invites John to come close to see things that will take place from that moment until the end.
6. "In the Spirit" means that John was in the frame of mind to receive and communicate the vision.

### B. The Throne And The One Who Sat Upon It (4:2-3, 5)

1. Throne represents the power and glory of God.
2. A description: "jasper" ("clear" - holiness); "sardius" ("red" - judgment); "rainbow...emerald" (green - mercy and hope); "lightnings, thunderings, and voices" (power-see Ps. 99:1); "sea of glass" ("crystal" - peace and tranquility of heaven in contrast to the troubles of earth - see 7:15) -"sea" refers to peoples in Revelation and the tranquility speaks of God's people who are forgiven and at peace with God.
3. Note: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are present: One on the Throne; the Lamb before the Throne; and the "seven (complete, perfect) Spirits" - The seven lamps of fire refer to the complete revelation of the Holy Spirit (see Ps. 119:105).

### C. Surrounding The Throne (4:4, 6-11)

1. Twenty-four elders sitting on Thrones clothed in white robes and with golden crowns on their heads: they are righteous and victorious; they may represent the twelve Patriarchs and the twelve Apostles or the saved from the Old and New Testament eras.
2. Four living creatures full of eyes: like a lion (strength or wild animals); calf (service or domestic animals); man (intellect or human beings); eagle (speed or bird kingdom) - "full of eyes" may indicate they watchfulness or seeing things properly.
3. Worship: creatures and elders do not cease to worship God for who He is.
4. Who are the living creatures? Cherubim? In the Garden of Eden they guarded the Garden (Gen. 3:24); in Tabernacle they were upon the Ark of the Covenant (Ex. 25:18-22); in Temple wings stretched from wall to wall in the Most Holy Place (1 Kgs. 6:23-28); in Ezekiel the four living creatures are called Cherubim (Ezek. 10:20). Seraphim? (Isa. 6:iff.). Higher order of angels.

### D. Before The Throne (5:1-14)

1. The sealed book that no one was worthy to open - no angel (in heaven); no departed saint (under the earth); no one on earth (living).
2. John wept because the revelation seemed to be at an end.
3. The Lion (the strong One) of the tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:10), the Root of David (Isa. 11:1), has "prevailed" (overcome).
4. John saw a Lamb which had been slain, but stands (lives) -With all power, authority, and knowledge (see Rom. 1:4; Eph. 1:22-23; Matt. 28:18).
5. Worship: "Harps" and "Incense" indicate singing and prayers (see verses 8-9; see 14:2-3); worship because He is worthy in that He has "redeemed us to God by Your blood."
6. Who worshipped? The twenty-four elders, the living creatures, innumerable angels, every creature.

### E. What would this scene mean to the first readers? God rules, the Lamb reigns, and all is well.

The Letters To The Seven Churches  
"To Ephesus"  
(Revelation 2:1-7)

**The Loveless Church**

{2:1} Note "To the angel of the church of Ephesus write,  
'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: {2} "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; {3} "and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. {4} "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. {5} "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent. {6} "But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. {7} "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.'"

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- A. The City Of Ephesus
    - 1. Commercially Important: a seaport
    - 2. Politically Important: a free city
    - 3. Religiously Important: the temple of Diana (Artemis)
  - B. The Church In Ephesus
    - 1. Planted when 12 men were "re baptized"
    - 2. A letter from Paul: God's Purpose In Christ and the Church
  - C. A Letter From Christ
    - 1. Christ: present and powerful (1)
    - 2. Commendation: deeds, toil, perseverance, soundness, purity (2-3,6)
    - 3. Criticism: left their first love (4)
      - a) Single mindedness
      - b) Excitement
      - c) Selfless
      - d) Extravagant
      - e) Motive is pure
      - f) Presence
      - g) Communication
    - 4. Counsel: remember; repent; repeat (5)
    - 5. Consolation: hear; overcome; eternal life (7)

## The Letters To The Seven Churches (2)

### To Smyrna (Revelation 2:8-11)

#### The Persecuted Church

{8} “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write,  
‘These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: {9} Note “I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. {10} Note “Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. {11} Note “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.””

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#### A. The City of Smyrna

1. Caesar worship
2. Crushing persecution

#### B. The Christ

1. Who He was: power, care, knowledge, presence, living (8)
2. What He knew: tribulation, poverty, blasphemy.

#### C. The Consolation

1. Suffering (10 a)
2. Secure (19 b)
3. Saved (11)

#### D. The Caution

1. Unto death
2. Until death

**The Letters To The Seven Churches (3)**  
**To Pergamos**  
**(Revelation 2:12-17)**

**The Compromising Church**

{12} “And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, ‘These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword: {13} “I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. {14} “But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. {15} “Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.\* {16} “Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth. {17} “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.””

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**A. The City of Pergamos**

1. **A capital city**
2. **A literary city**
3. **A historic city**
4. **An idolatrous city**

**B. The Christ**

1. **Has a sharp two-edged sword (12)**
2. **He speaks words of authority (Heb. 4:12; Heb. 1:1-2; Matt. 17:1-5)**

**C. The Commendation**

1. **“I know your difficulties” (13)**
2. **“I know your dedication (13)**

**D. The Criticism**

1. **Doctrine of Balaam and the Nicolaitans (14-15)**
2. **Compromise**

**E. The Correction and Consolation**

1. **Repent and return to truth (16)**
2. **Promise (17): “manna” (sustains); “white stone” (favor); “new name” (identity)**

**The Letters To The Seven Churches (4)**  
**To Thyatira**  
**(Revelation 2:18-29)**

**The Corrupt Church**

{18} “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write,  
‘These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: {19} “I know your works, love, service, faith,\* and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first. {20} “Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow\* that woman\* Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce\* My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. {21} “And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.\* {22} “Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their\* deeds. {23} “I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works. {24} “Now to you I say, and\* to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will\* put on you no other burden. {25} “But hold fast what you have till I come. {26} “And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—  
{27} ‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron;  
They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels’\*—  
as I also have received from My Father; {28} “and I will give him the morning star. {29} “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.””

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**A. The City**

1. Longest letter to smallest town
2. **Facts:**
  - a) Built by Alexander the Great
  - b) Gateway to Pergamos
  - c) Trade in wool and purple (see Acts 16:14)

**B. The Christ (18)**

1. “Son of God” – Authority
2. “Eyes like a flame of fire” – Knowledge
3. “Feet like burnished brass” – Judgment

**C. The Commendation (19)**

1. “Love” – Character
2. “Service” – Deeds
3. “Faith” – Fidelity
4. “Patience” – Endurance
5. “More than first” – Growth

**D. The Criticism (20-23)**

1. “Jezebel” (see 1 Kings 16:29-33) – Wickedness
2. “Prophetess” – A teaching, a doctrine from Satan (see 24)
3. A real woman or an idea
4. Problem – Tolerance toward false teaching
5. Tolerance and intolerance

**E. The Consolation (24-29)**

1. “Power over the nations” (Ps. 2) – 2:26-27 and 19:15
2. “Morning star” – Christ (22:16)

**The Letters To The Seven Churches**  
**“To Philadelphia”**  
**(Revelation 3:7-13)**

**The Faithful Church**

{7} “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write,  
‘These things says He who is holy, He who is true, “He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens”:\* {8} “I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it;\* for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. {9} “Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. {10} “Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. {11} “Behold,\* I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. {12} “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. {13} “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.””

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**A. The City**

1. “Philadelphia” – “Brotherly Love”
2. Today – A city of 10,000 called “City of God”

**B. The Christ (7,8)**

1. Character: “He who is holy”
2. Action: “Who is true”
3. Appointment: “Key of David”
4. Administration: “Opens...shuts”
5. Present: “I know”

**C. The Commendation (8)**

1. “Kept My word” – Obedience
2. “Not deny my name” – Faithfulness
3. “An open door” – Opportunity: evangelism; growth; service?

**D. The Caution (9,11)**

1. False Jews (Rom. 2:28-29)
2. Guard (2 Tim. 4:6-8)

**E. The Consolation (10,12,13)**

1. “A pillar” – Security
2. “Name” – Ownership
3. “Kept” - Protection

**The Letters To The Seven Churches**  
**“To Sardis”**  
**(Revelation 3:1-6)**

**The Dead Church**

{3:1} “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write,  
‘These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. {2} Note “Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.\* {3} Note “Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. {4} Note “You\* have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. {5} Note “He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. {6} Note “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

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- A. The City**
    - 1. Its Highways – Rich
    - 2. Its History – Croesus
    - 3. Its Heavy Decadence
  - B. The Christ**
    - 1. “The seven Spirits of God” (see John 3:34)
    - 2. “The seven stars” – messengers
  - C. The Commendation**
    - 1. “A name” – Reputation
    - 2. No persecution or false teaching
  - D. The Condemnation**
    - 1. The peace of death
    - 2. It had ceased to care
  - E. The Correction**
    - 1. “Be watchful” – Wake up (1 Pet. 5:8; 1 Cor. 10:12)
    - 2. “Strengthen” – Bolster up what remains
    - 3. “Remember” – Call up and persevere
    - 4. “Hold fast” – Shape up (Jer. 6:16)
    - 5. “Repent” – Clean up by choice
  - F. The Caution And Consolation**
    - 1. Providence will come as a thief
    - 2. “White” – Purified
    - 3. “Book of life” – Luke 10:20: God’s record
    - 4. “Confess” – Matt. 10:32-33: Ownership

# The Letters To The Seven Churches

## “To Laodicea”

(Revelation 3:14-22)

### The Lukewarm Church

{14} “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans\* write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: {15} “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. {16} “So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot,\* I will vomit you out of My mouth. {17} “Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— {18} “I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. {19} “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. {20} Note “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. {21} “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. {22} “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.””

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A. The City

1. Interested in health
2. Concerned with wealth

B. The Christ (14)

1. “The Amen” (amen) – In Gospels:  
58 times translated “verily”;  
25 times repeated as “verily, verily”
  - a. In this text as a noun
  - b. Embodiment of truth
2. “Faithful and True Witness” – Dependable
3. “Beginning of the creation of God” – Originator (Jn. 1:3; Heb 1:2)

C. The Church (15-17)

1. What they said: Satisfied
2. What Jesus said: Wretched and lukewarm

D. The Caution (18-19): Be spiritually rich; be clothed; see

E. The Consolation (20-22)

1. He stands, knocks, pleads
2. Promises His presence and victory

**Messages To The Seven Churches  
(Revelation 1:9-11)**

A. The Speaker: Present; Existing; Word; Son; Spirit;

Opportunity; Amen

B. The Commendation: Works; Rich; Persevere; Active;

Dead; Works

C. The Reproof: Left; Doctrine; Tolerant; Incomplete;

Satisfied

D. The Admonition: Remember; Faithful; Repent;

Watch; Guard; Persevere; Zealous

E. The Promise: Tree; Not hurt; Mama and Stone;

Power; Confession; Name; Reign

THE BOOK OF THE SEVEN SEALS  
(Revelation 6:1-17)  
Revelation (4)

## REVELATION 6

### First Seal: The Conqueror

{6:1} Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals;\* and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." {2} And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

### Second Seal: Conflict on Earth

{3} When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."\* {4} Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

### Third Seal: Scarcity on Earth

{5} When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. {6} And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

### Fourth Seal: Widespread Death on Earth

{7} When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." {8} So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

### Fifth Seal: The Cry of the Martyrs

{9} When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. {10} And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" {11} Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

### Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances

{12} I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon\* became like blood. {13} And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. {14} Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. {15} And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, {16} and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! {17} "For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

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- A. The First Seal (1-2)
1. White Horse - Righteousness
  2. Bow.-Implement of war
  3. Rider-Christ (see 19:11-16)
  4. Crown - Conquering King
  5. Meaning: Victory is assured!
- B. The Second Seal (3-4)
1. Red Horse - Blood ("slay" from Gk. "sacrifice): martyrdom
  2. "Sword" - Gk: a sacrificial knife
  3. While may die for the faith, victory is still theirs
- C. The Third Seal (5-6)
1. Black horse - Distress/economic hardship/famine
  2. Denarius - Days wage for wheat or barley (inflated prices)
  3. "Do not harm the oil and the wine" - Not total famine
- D. The Fourth Seal (7-8)
1. Pale horse - Death
  2. War - Sword is the sword of battle (see verse 4)
  3. Affects Christ's followers (see Matt. 24:6)

E. The Fifth Seal (9-11)

1. Souls of martyrs
2. When will justice be served?
3. Be patient until others seal their faith with blood
4. White robes - victory

F. The Sixth Seal (12-17)

1. Justice is coming
2. Think of Jerusalem's destruction (A.D. 70) - a judgment of God for rejecting Christ
3. Think of the final judgment

# The Sealing Of The Saints

## A Consolatory Vision

### (Revelation 7:1-17)

#### Revelation #5

#### 144,000 Sealed

{7:1} After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. {2} Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: {3} "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." {4} Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

{5} From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed,  
from the tribe of Reuben 12,000,  
from the tribe of Gad 12,000,

{6} from the tribe of Asher 12,000,  
from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000,  
from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,

{7} from the tribe of Simeon 12,000,  
from the tribe of Levi 12,000,  
from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,

{8} from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000,  
from the tribe of Joseph 12,000,  
from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.  
The Great Multitude in White Robes

{9} After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. {10} And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God,  
who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb."

{11} All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, {12} saying:

"Amen!  
Praise and glory  
and wisdom and thanks and honor  
and power and strength  
be to our God for ever and ever.  
Amen!"

{13} Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" {14} I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. {15} Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne  
will shelter them with his presence.

{16} 'Never again will they hunger;  
never again will they thirst.  
The sun will not beat down on them,  
nor any scorching heat.

{17} For the Lamb at the center of the throne  
will be their shepherd;

'he will lead them to springs of living water.'  
'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

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**A. Context**

1. **Chapter 6 contains the opening of 6 of the 7 seals in the Book of 7 Seals**
2. **The first 6 seals:**
  - a) **Christ is the Victor**
  - b) **Christians may die for their faith**
  - c) **Christians may suffer deprivation**
  - d) **Wars affect Christians**
  - e) **Martyrs are assured of justice**
  - f) **The judgment of God is certain**
3. **Before the 7<sup>th</sup> seal is opened there is an interlude – the present text**

**B. The Present Before The Future (see Jn. 16:33)**

**C. The Sealing of The Saints**

1. **Our interpretation: avoid sensationalism and harmonize with other clear passages of Scripture**
2. **The Four Destroying Angels (1)**
  - a) **“Four corners of the earth” – North, South, East, West**
  - b) **“Holding the four winds” – Judgment upon wickedness will come, but not yet as the 7<sup>th</sup> Seal will come later. Note: “Wind” sign of judgment**
3. **The Sealing Angel (2-3)**
  - a) **“From the east” – Where the sun rises, giving hope**
  - b) **“Until” – God’s judgment will come upon the wicked after the saints are sealed**
4. **The significance of sealing:**
  - a) **Protection – No one can take their eternal life (the tomb of Jesus was sealed to protect)**
  - b) **Genuineness – They really are the children of God (the King’s seal says the document is genuine)**
  - c) **Complete – Their salvation through Christ is a reality (Jeremiah bought a field and the deed was sealed to show the work was completed – Jer. 32: 9-10)**
5. **The number of the sealed (4-8)**
  - a) **144,000 from the tribes of Israel. Note: Dan is missing; Joseph is mentioned along with his son, Manasseh, but Joseph’s tribe was named also for his son, Ephraim.**
  - b) **Who are the 144,000?**
    - (1) **Fleshly Israel? The contrast in Revelation is not between fleshly Israel and the Gentiles, but between the followers of God and the followers of Satan**

- (2) **All the Redeemed? God is not concerned anymore about fleshly Israel – see Rom. 2:28-29; Gal. 6:15-16; Gal. 3:26f.**
- (3) **Will exactly 12,000 from every tribe of Israel by their own free will accept Christ while not a single one in Dan will do so?**
- (4) **When compare the 144,000 here with the 144,000 in chapter 14 we conclude they are all the redeemed of spiritual Israel – a great host. Note: Read Eph. 1:12-14**

**6. The Great Multitude (9-17) – Are they sealed?**

- a) **Before the throne – favored (9)**
- b) **White robes – righteous (9)**
- c) **Palm branches – victorious (9)**
- d) **Song of gratitude and praise (10) – joined by elders and creatures (11) and angels (12)**
- e) **Who are they?**
  - (1) **Suffered great tribulation (14)**
  - (2) **Washed robes in blood (14)**
  - (3) **Serve in God’s presence (15)**
  - (4) **Safe (16)**
  - (5) **Comforted (17)**

# The Opening of The Seventh Seal

## Six of Seven Woe Trumpets

### (Revelation 8:1-9:21)

#### Revelation #6

#### **Seventh Seal: Prelude to the Seven Trumpets**

{8:1} When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. {2} And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. {3} Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. {4} And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. {5} Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. {6} So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

#### **First Trumpet: Vegetation Struck**

{7} The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth.\* And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

#### **Second Trumpet: The Seas Struck**

{8} Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. {9} And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

#### **Third Trumpet: The Waters Struck**

{10} Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. {11} The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

#### **Fourth Trumpet: The Heavens Struck**

{12} Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night. {13} And I looked, and I heard an angel\* flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

### REVELATION 9

#### **Fifth Trumpet: The Locusts from the Bottomless Pit**

{9:1} Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. {2} And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. {3} Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. {4} They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. {5} And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. {6} In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them. {7} The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. {8} They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. {9} And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle. {10} They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months. {11} And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon. {12} One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

## Sixth Trumpet: The Angels from the Euphrates

{13} Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, {14} saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." {15} So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. {16} Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. {17} And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. {18} By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. {19} For their power\* is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm. {20} But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. {21} And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries\* or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

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### A. Facts:

1. **All are sinners**
2. **God wants all to be saved**
3. **Man has free will**
4. **Time is limited**
5. **Judgment Day is coming**
6. **A present struggle is going on**
7. **We will win**

### B. Six of Seven Woe Trumpets

1. **Silence (8:1) – With opening of 6<sup>th</sup> seal there was turmoil; now silence: calm before storm**
2. **Seven angels are about to sound trumpets of warning concerning God's wrath (8:2)**
3. **Intercession (8:3-5) – prayers were heard**
4. **The first 4 Trumpets (8:6-13): Natural calamity**
  - a) **Not final judgment – Note: "a third" (partial)**
  - b) **God will bring His enemies (in the 1<sup>st</sup> century the Roman Empire) down through natural calamity**
  - c) **Natural calamity should serve as a warning to men**
5. **The 5<sup>th</sup> trumpet (9:1-12) – Internal decay**
  - a) **Evil ascends out of the pit and smoke blinds the eyes of the wicked (1-2)**
  - b) **God destroys enemies by internal rottenness**
  - c) **Abaddon and Apollyon – Destruction (11)**
  - d) **In the first century corrupt rulers would bring Rome down**
6. **The 6<sup>th</sup> trumpet (13-19)**
  - a) **External invasion – the Parthians from beyond the river?**
  - b) **What is depicted?**
    - (1) **God's providence uses external invasion to judge people**
    - (2) **God is in control**
7. **The results (20-21)**
  - a) **Men would not accept the warnings**
  - b) **There remain other and heavier judgments**

**The Angel And The Little Book**  
**(Revelation 10:1-11)**  
**Revelation #7**

**The Mighty Angel with the Little Book**

{10:1} I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. {2} He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, {3} and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. {4} Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices,\* I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me,\* "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them." {5} The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand\* to heaven {6} and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, {7} but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

**John Eats the Little Book**

{8} Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth." {9} So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth." {10} Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. {11} And he\* said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

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**A. The Mighty Angel (1)**

1. **Before the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet sounds marking the end of the age and the end of the world**
2. **The mighty angel:**
  - a) **From heaven (origin is with God)**
  - b) **Cloud (glory)**
  - c) **Rainbow (message of hope)**
  - d) **Face like sun (enlightenment in message)**
  - e) **Feet like fire (judgment message)**

**B. The Little Book (2-4)**

1. **A universal message (2)**
2. **A message of power (3)**
3. **The words of the seven peals of thunder were not to be written down (4) - see 1:11 and the introduction to the seven letters (chap. 2-3)**

**C. The Angel's Oath (5-6a)**

1. **His message is absolutely true**
2. **God's stamp of approval is upon it**

**D. The Angel's Message (6b-7)**

1. **Time will be no longer**
2. **Martyrs are comforted**
3. **"Mystery" - God's plan (see 1 Cor. 2:7f.; Matt. 24:36)**

**E. The Book Devoured (8-11)**

1. **John eats the book**
2. **Sweet (Ps. 119:103) - Consolation because of what God has done, is doing, will do**
3. **Bitter (Mk. 16:16b; 2 Thess. 1:7-9)**
4. **To the saved the gospel is sweet, but to the lost it is bitter**
5. **Verse 11 - John is not finished because there is more to write**

# **“The Measuring Rod”**

Revelation 11:1-19

Revelation #8

## **The Two Witnesses**

{11:1} Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood,\* saying, “Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. {2} “But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. {3} “And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.” {4} These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God\* of the earth. {5} And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. {6} These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

## **The Witnesses Killed**

{7} When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. {8} And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our\* Lord was crucified. {9} Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow\* their dead bodies to be put into graves. {10} And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

## **The Witnesses Resurrected**

{11} Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. {12} And they\* heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. {13} In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven. {14} The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

## **Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed**

{15} Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms\* of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” {16} And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, {17} saying:

“We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty,  
The One who is and who was and who is to come,\*  
Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

{18} The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come,  
And the time of the dead, that they should be judged,  
And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints,  
And those who fear Your name, small and great,  
And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

{19} Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant\* was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

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- I. The first 6 trumpets - How God Deals with His enemies-
  - A. Natural Calamity, Internal Decay, External Invasion
  - B. Two Trumpets of WOE-
    - 1. LOCUST
    - 2. Four ANGELS
  - C. Measuring Rod-What is Measured?
    - 1. Temple-The Church
    - 2. Altar- Worship
    - 3. Worshippers - TRUE WORSHIPPERS- Genuine
  - D. What is Not Measured
    - 1. Outer Court-The World
  - E. Measuring Results-
    - 1. Holy City is trodden under foot.
    - 2. 70 years or 42 months
    - 3. This is NOT Jerusalem
- II. Two Witnesses-
  - A. Will prophesy for 1260 days- (3 1/2 yrs. Or 42 mo.)
  - B. They are:
    - 1. Given POWER
    - 2. SLAIN
    - 3. RESCUED
- III. The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet-
  - A. LOUD VOICE
  - B. The TIME has come
  - C. GOD has JUDGED the World: the SAINTS are safely HOME

## THE WOMAN AND THE CHILD

(REVELATION 12:1-17)

REVELATION #9

### The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon

{12:1} Note Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. {2} Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. {3} And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. {4} His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. {5} She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. {6} Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

### Satan Thrown Out of Heaven

{7} And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, {8} but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them\* in heaven any longer. {9} So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. {10} Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. {11} Note "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. {12} "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

### The Woman Persecuted

{13} Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. {14} Note But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. {15} So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. {16} But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. {17} And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.\*

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A. Introduction

1. Two divisions of Revelation: 1-11 and 12-22 – at the conclusion of chap. 11 the saints are safely home with God.
2. Numbers of significance in chaps. 11,12,13
  - a) Chap. 11 – The holy city trodden underfoot for 42 months (2) and the faithful witnesses spoke for God for 1260 days (3)
  - b) Chap. 12 – The woman protected by God for 1260 days (6) and nourished for 3 ½ years (14)
  - c) Chap. 13 – The beast out of the sea blasphemed for 42 months (5) and it is implied that the beast out of the land would continue for the same period of time

B. The Woman, The Dragon And The Child

1. Notice the facts (12:1-12)
2. The Dragon – Satan (9)
3. The Child – Christ (5)
4. The Woman – Purpose of God
5. The war in heaven
  - a) Satan "prevailed" before Christ died and was raised again (Heb. 2:14; 1 Jn. 3:8; Rev. 20:2) – see verses 7-8
  - b) Satan deceived only those on earth, not Christ or the redeemed because salvation has come in reality (verses 9-10)

- c) The saints, those who will inhabit heaven, overcame Satan by the blood of Christ (11)
  - d) Eph. 2:5-6 – The saints occupy the “heavenlies” and have overcome Satan, but Satan rules the “earth”, those who are not redeemed (12)
  - e) Is this war the origin of Satan or the defeat of his cause?
- C. The Dragon Persecutes The Woman (13-17)
- 1. Satan turned his wrath upon the woman, but she is protected by God (13-15; see Ex. 19:4) throughout this dispensation, the Christian age      Note: compare the “water as a flood” from Satan and the “water of life” from the throne of God (Rev. 22:1,17)
  - 2. The “earth” helped preserve the woman (16) – good moral people who are not Christians?
  - 3. Satan then turns “to make war” on the woman’s other seed, the Christians (17; see Gal. 3:16, 29).

# The Dragon and the Beast

Revelation 13:1-18

Lesson 10

## The Beast from the Sea

{13:1} Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. {2} Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. {3} And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. {4} So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" {5} And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. {6} Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. {7} It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. {8} All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. {9} If anyone has an ear, let him hear. {10} He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

## The Beast from the Earth

{11} Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. {12} And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. {13} He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. {14} And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. {15} He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. {16} He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, {17} and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or\* the name of the beast, or the number of his name. {18} Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

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### A. Revelation Is A Book of Victory

1. The dragon (Satan, the devil - the adversary and the accuser) opposes Christ, God's purpose, and the church
2. The dragon uses two beasts to oppose the cause of Christ

### B. The Beast Out of the Sea (1-10)

1. "Out of the sea" - Peoples? (see 17:5) - the "seven heads and ten horns ...crowns (a great evil power- cf. 12:3): *Civil government*
2. Great power (1-3)
3. Revived (3) - Persecution of Nero was "resurrected" by Domitian. Also, the Roman Empire "died" in 476 and was revived as the Holy Roman Empire with the coronation of Charlemagne in 800.
4. Worshipped (4,8) - Except for Christians
5. Blasphemed (5-6) - Emperor worship?
6. Persecution (7)
7. Doomed (9-10) - Those who dominate others will be dominated by Satan; those who persecute Christians will suffer the second death; the saints must remain faithful to God

C. The Beast Out of the Earth (11-18)

1. "Earth" - *A religious power*
2. Deceit (11,13-14) - "two horns" indicate religious and civil power working together
3. Power (12,15)
4. Led worship of the first beast (12)
5. Led persecution (15)
6. The mark of the beast (16-17)
7. The number 666 (18) - The emperor or any power which opposes God and his people

**REVELATION #11**  
What John Saw  
(Revelation 14:1-20)

**The Lamb and the 144,000**

{14:1} Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. {2} And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. {3} They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. {4} These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. {5} And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

**The Proclamations of Three Angels**

{6} Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— {7} saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.” {8} And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” {9} Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, {10} “he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. {11} “And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” {12} Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. {13} Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.”

**Reaping the Earth's Harvest**

{14} Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. {15} And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You\* to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” {16} So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

**Reaping the Grapes of Wrath**

{17} Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. {18} And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.” {19} So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. {20} And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

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A. The Victory of The Lamb (1-5)

1. The “Lamb standing” (1) – see 5:6; He sees
2. “Mount Zion” – God’s dwelling place (Heb. 12:22)
3. “With Him” –(see Matt. 28:20)
4. The 144,000 with the Lamb (1) – A definite number to represent the redeemed (see chap. 7)
  - a) They have God’s seal (see Eph. 1:13-14)
  - b) They were singing with great volume and in harmony as the redeemed (2-4; Eph. 1:7)
  - c) They are faithful and follow the Lamb and are genuine (4-5)
  - d) They belong to God as “first fruits” (4)

B. The Angels (6-20)

1. An opportunity (6-7) – A final call?
2. A fall (8) – The “Babylon” is the defeated governmental and religious powers used by Satan to oppose the church.
3. A warning (9-10) – All who follow false religion will experience God’s judgment (see Rom. 1:18)
4. A harvest (14-16) – The redeemed (Matt. 13: 37-43)
5. A vintage (17-20) – The lost

C. The Conclusion

1. Chapter 14 is hope for God’s people as Chapter 13 seemed so hopeless
2. There is such a thing as false religion (see Matt. 7:13-14, 21-23)
3. Who are the redeemed (Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 2:9-10; 1 Pet. 4:11)

**Revelation #12**  
**The Seven Bowls of Wrath**  
(Revelation 15-16)

**REVELATION 15**

**Prelude to the Bowl Judgments**

{15:1} Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. {2} And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark\* and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. {3} They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

“Great and marvelous are Your works,  
Lord God Almighty!

Just and true are Your ways,

O King of the saints!\*

{4} Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

For You alone are holy.

For all nations shall come and worship before You,

For Your judgments have been manifested.”

{5} After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. {6} And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands. {7} Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever.

{8} The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

**REVELATION 16**

{16:1} Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.”

**First Bowl: Loathsome Sores**

{2} So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

**Second Bowl: The Sea Turns to Blood**

{3} Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.

**Third Bowl: The Waters Turn to Blood**

{4} Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

{5} And I heard the angel of the waters saying:

“You are righteous, O Lord,

The One who is and who was and who is to be,

Because You have judged these things.

{6} For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets,

And You have given them blood to drink.

For it is their just due.”

{7} And I heard another from the altar saying, “Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.”

**Fourth Bowl: Men Are Scorched**

{8} Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. {9} And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

**Fifth Bowl: Darkness and Pain**

{10} Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. {11} They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

#### **Sixth Bowl: Euphrates Dried Up**

{12} Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. {13} And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. {14} For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and\* of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

{15} **“Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”** {16} **And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.\***

#### **Seventh Bowl: The Earth Utterly Shaken**

{17} Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” {18} And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. {19} Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. {20} Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. {21} And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

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#### **A. Introduction (15:1)**

- 1. God’s final judgment upon the beast**
- 2. Chapter 14 encouraged Christians because of the announcement that righteousness will prevail**
- 3. This is a series of events which will end every false system of government and religion**

#### **B. The Triumphant Throng (2-4)**

- 1. Stood on something like a sea of glass mingled with fire (2) – They have passed through their trials**
- 2. They have harps of God (2)**
- 3. They sing the song of Moses and the Lamb (3-4) – Complete honor and glory to God for salvation and confidence in all His acts of judgment**

#### **C. The Seven Angels Commissioned (5-8)**

- 1. From the temple of the tabernacle in heaven (5)**
- 2. As priests of God (6)**
- 3. Ministers of God’s wrath (7) – A time of terror**
- 4. The stage is set for the pouring out of the seven bowls of wrath**

#### **D. The Bowls Poured Out (16:1ff.)**

- 1. Comparison between the trumpet plagues (chaps. 8-9,11) and the bowls of wrath**
  - a) Both represent woes upon nature and man**

- b) Trumpets called for repentance; woes are judgments when time for repentance is passed
  - c) Trumpets were partial judgments; woes are final
  - d) Trumpet judgments did not reach man until the 5th; woes upon man from the first
  - e) Take care not to seek special meaning of all objects in this vision.
  - f) Bowls are grouped four, two, interlude, and one – just as were the seals and trumpets
2. The First Bowl (1-2) – Upon worshippers of beast
  3. The Second Bowl (3) – Strikes at beast power
  4. The Third Bowl (4-7) – Sowing and reaping (Gal. 6:7-8)
  5. The Fourth Bowl (8-9) – Sources of light affected
  6. The Fifth Bowl (10-11) – Throne of the beast
  7. The Sixth Bowl (12-16) – River smitten
  8. An Interlude
    - a) Note the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet
    - b) Frogs gather Kings of earth to help Rome in her battle for survival (14)
    - c) Jesus warns of His sudden coming and assures rewards for the faithful (15)
    - d) The Battle of Armageddon (16) – Next Study
  9. The Seventh Bowl (17-21)
    - a) The Prince of the powers of the air meets defeat
    - b) History finished (17)
    - c) Rome fell (18-21) – God brought her down by natural calamity, internal decay, and external invasion

## REVELATION #13

### “Armageddon”

(Revelation 16:12)

#### Sixth Bowl: Euphrates Dried Up

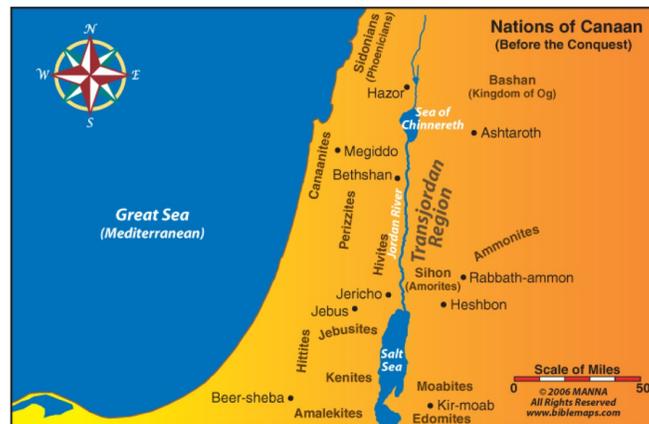
{12} Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. {13} And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. {14} For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and\* of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. {15} **“Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”** {16} And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

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#### A. The Battle of Armageddon In Present Day Theology

1. The anti-Christ (1 John 2:18; 2 John 7) – Note that John says there are many, not one; deny Jesus is from God (1 John 2:22; 4:3) and came in the flesh (2 John 7).
2. The man of lawlessness (2 Thess. 2:3) – Note the anti-Christ and man of lawlessness are religious deceivers, not military leaders.
3. These will do battle, along with the forces of evil, with Jesus just before he begins his earthy reign of 1000 years (the 1000 year reign will be the subject of a later study—JPL).
4. A physical battle with carnal weapons on a plain near Mountain of Megiddo- won by Christ.

### Nations of Canaan



5. Interest because many believe God has a special relationship with Israel today and people love the sensational.

#### B. The Word Itself

1. AR: mountain, pronounced “HAR” (Heb.).
2. Megiddo: the town

### C. The Location

1. Between three mountains (Carmel, Tabor, Gilboa) with a plain or valley called the valley of Jezreel.
2. The town of Megiddo with small mountain near called Armageddon.

### D. The History – Some of world’s greatest battles:

1. Egypt won a great victory there over the Canaanites in the 15<sup>th</sup> century B.C.
2. Elijah and 450 prophets of Baal.
3. Saul killed on Gilboa by own hand when defeated by Philistines.
4. Josiah died here at hands of Egyptians.
5. Gideon won battle over Midianites with 300 men.
6. Deborah with ill-equipped army defeated King of Canaan with his chariots.

### E. What John Saw:

1. Unclean spirits “like frogs” – Literal frogs?
2. Dragon (see Rev. 12) – Literal dragon?
3. Beast (see Rev. 13) – Government: literal beast?
4. False prophet (see Rev 13) – Religion: literal?
5. Garments (Rev 19:8; 1 Cor 1:30; Gal 3:27) - literal garments?
6. Why interpret battle as a physical, literal carnal war?

### F. Meaning:

1. To first readers – What was their concern?  
Nazis of 1940’s? Korea of 1950’s? Vietnam of 1960’s? Six day war of 1967? Iraq of 1990’s?
2. To us – If literal, the combatants keep changing? And who are the good and bad guys?  
Is the west (America) good and the east (Russia, China) bad?
  - a) Adam fought in Eden
  - b) Christ fought in wilderness and Gethsemane
  - c) You fight – A decision with help (1 Cor 10:13; Jn. 10:27-29; Heb 12:28)
3. See John 18:36.
4. See Zech 12:11—“place of sorrow.”

# REVELATION #14

## “The Woman And The Beast”

(Revelation 17)

### REVELATION 17

#### The Scarlet Woman and the Scarlet Beast

{17:1} Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, {2} “with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.” {3} So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. {4} The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. {5} And on her forehead a name was written:

MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

{6} I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

#### The Meaning of the Woman and the Beast

{7} But the angel said to me, “Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. {8} “The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. {9} “Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. {10} “There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. {11} “The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition. {12} “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. {13} “These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. {14} “These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.” {15} Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. {16} “And the ten horns which you saw on\* the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. {17} “For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. {18} “And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.”

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#### A. The Woman (1-6)

1. The “great harlot” - Not the apostate church (moichalis - “adulteress”), but the Roman Empire (porne - “harlot”); Note: “many waters”
2. Marks of her sin:
  - a) Associated with evil (1-2)
  - b) Associated with blasphemy and abomination (3-4)
  - c) Associated with temporal rather than spiritual (4)
  - d) Associated with harlotry (5)

e) Associated with martyrdom of the saints (6)

3. Interpretation:

a) Rome sits upon many waters (1)

b) Rome insisted upon Emperor worship (2)

c) Rome martyred the saints (6)

d) Rome is seen in verse 18; see 16:19; 18:10; 18:21

B. The Mystery Of The Beast (7-16)

1. Heads represent mountains (9)

2. The waters are peoples and nations (15)

3. The beast of chapter 13 and 17 contrasted

a) One out of the sea; the other out of the abyss(13)

b) Both have seven heads and ten horns (3,7,9)

c) Both are characterized by blasphemy (3)

d) One wars against saints; the other against the Lamb (14)

e) One was smitten but lived; the other was, is not, and shall come (8)

f) The world wonders after them both (8)

4. The relationship of the woman and the beast

a) Partnership (13)

b) Partnership dissolved (16,17)

5. Interpretation:

a) The Empire supported Rome (3,16,17), but Rome would lose control

b) Rome sat on seven hills (9)

c) There were seven emperors who ruled over the great Empire (10), but an eighth is to come - Nero's persecution continued by Domitian (11)

d) Ten horns represent the power of earthly rulers who joined the Emperors (12-13)

**REVELATION #15**  
**“The Millennial” (1)**  
(Revelation 17-20)

**Revelation 17**

{17:1} And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: {2} With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. {3} So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. {4} And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: {5} And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. {6} And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

{7} And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. {8} The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. {9} And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. {10} And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. {11} And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. {12} And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. {13} These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

{14} These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. {15} And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. {16} And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. {17} For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. {18} And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

**Revelation 18**

{18:1} And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. {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. {3} For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. {4} And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. {5} For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. {6} Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. {7} How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. {8} Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

{9} And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, {10} Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. {11} And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: {12} The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, {13} And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. {14} And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are

departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. {15} The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, {16} And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! {17} For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, {18} And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! {19} And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. {20} Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. {21} And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. {22} And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; {23} And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. {24} And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

## **Revelation 19**

{19:1} And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: {2} For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. {3} And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. {4} And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

{5} And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. {6} And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. {7} Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. {8} And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. {9} And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. {10} And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

{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. {12} His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. {13} And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. {14} And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. {15} And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. {16} And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. {17} And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; {18} That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. {19} And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. {20} And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. {21} And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

## **Revelation 20**

{20:1} And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. {2} And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, {3} And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. {4} And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their

hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. {5} But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. {6} Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. {7} And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, {8} And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. {9} And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. {10} And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

{11} And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. {12} And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. {13} And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. {14} And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. {15} And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

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A. The Woman And The Beast (17:1-18)

1. The woman, the great harlot, is Rome.
2. The beast is the Empire which supported Rome.
3. Judged and destroyed by the Lamb (14)

B. The Fall Of Babylon (18:1-24)

1. Babylon is the woman of chapter 17 – Rome
2. Those who mourned her fall:
  - a) Kings whose fortunes are reversed (9-10)
  - b) Merchants who love business (11-16)
  - c) Mariners because trade is gone (17-19)
3. Those who rejoice (20) – see verse 24
4. Cessation of amusement life (22), business life (22), and home life (23)

C. The Victory Of The Lamb (19:1-21)

1. The fall of Babylon celebrated (1-10)
  - a) The “Hallelujah chorus” (5-6)
  - b) The Lamb and His Bride (7-9)
    - (1) The church (8)
    - (2) A beatitude (9)
  - c) Worship of angels prohibited (10)
2. The righteous judgment upon the beast and the false prophet (11-21)
  - a) The Judge: “Faithful and True” (11); the “Word of God” (13); “King of Kings and Lord of Lords” (16)
  - b) The final victory before the supper
  - c) The end of the beast and false prophet (20)

## Revelation #16

“The Millennial” (2)

(Revelation 17-20)

### REVELATION 17

#### The Scarlet Woman and the Scarlet Beast

{17:1} Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me,\* “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, {2} “with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.” {3} So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. {4} The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.\* {5} And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

{6} I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

#### The Meaning of the Woman and the Beast

{7} But the angel said to me, “Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. {8} “The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.\* {9} “Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. {10} “There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. {11} “The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition. {12} “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. {13} “These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. {14} “These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.” {15} Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. {16} “And the ten horns which you saw on\* the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. {17} “For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. {18} “And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.”

### REVELATION 18

#### The Fall of Babylon the Great

{18:1} After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. {2} And he cried mightily\* with a loud voice, saying, “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! {3} “For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.” {4} And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. {5} “For her sins have reached\* to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. {6} “Render to her just as she rendered to you,\* and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. {7} “In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, ‘I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.’ {8} “Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges\* her.

#### The World Mourns Babylon's Fall

{9} “The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, {10} “standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’ {11} “And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: {12} “merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; {13} “and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men. {14} “The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you,\* and you shall find them no more at all. {15} “The merchants of these things,

who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, {16} “and saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! {17} ‘For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.’ Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance {18} “and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘What is like this great city?’ {19} “They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.’ {20} “Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles\* and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!”

#### **Finality of Babylon's Fall**

{21} Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore. {22} “The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore. {23} “The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. {24} “And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth.”

### **REVELATION 19**

#### **Heaven Exults over Babylon**

{19:1} After these things I heard\* a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord\* our God! {2} “For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her.” {3} Again they said, “Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!” {4} And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, “Amen! Alleluia!” {5} Then a voice came from the throne, saying, “Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both\* small and great!” {6} And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the\* Lord God Omnipotent reigns! {7} “Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” {8} And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. {9} Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.” {10} And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

#### **Christ on a White Horse**

{11} Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. {12} His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had\* a name written that no one knew except Himself. {13} He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. {14} And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean,\* followed Him on white horses. {15} Now out of His mouth goes a sharp\* sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. {16} And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

#### **The Beast and His Armies Defeated**

{17} Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, “Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,\* {18} “that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free\* and slave, both small and great.” {19} And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. {20} Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. {21} And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

### **REVELATION 20**

#### **Satan Bound 1000 Years**

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cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

#### **The Saints Reign with Christ 1000 Years**

{4} Note And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a\* thousand years. {5} But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. {6} Note Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

#### **Satanic Rebellion Crushed**

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#### **The Great White Throne Judgment**

{11} Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. {12} Note And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God,\* and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. {13} The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. {14} Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.\* {15} And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

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A. Satan is limited and his overthrow is sure.

B. What John saw:

1. An angel with a key and a chain (1) – Literal or figurative?
2. Dragon, serpent, Devil, and Satan (2) – Is Satan literally a dragon and serpent?
3. Cast into the bottomless pit (3) – Is this a literal pit?
4. Thrones and they who sat on them received judgment in their favor (4a).
5. Souls of martyrs were raised (called “the first resurrection”) (4b).
6. The rest of the dead (non-martyrs) were not raised until later (5).
7. Blessed are those who have a part in the first resurrection because the second death has no power over them; they are priests of God; they reign 1000 years (6).
8. A second resurrection is implied – see Jn. 5:24-30.

C. What John did not see:

1. Did not mention the second coming of Christ.
2. Did not see a bodily resurrection.
3. Did not see Christ on earth.
4. Did not see Jerusalem.
5. Did not see David’s throne.
6. Did not see a Kingdom yet to be established.

D. Premillennialism sees all of the above in Revelation 20!

1. Assumes two bodily resurrections – see Jn. 5:28.
2. Assumes there will be additional time after the resurrection of the righteous – see Jn. 6:39, 40, 44, 54; Jn. 11:24.
3. Assumes the church is an afterthought with God – Eph. 3:10-11.
4. Assumes the Kingdom has not yet come – see Dan. 2:44; Lk. 3:1; Mat. 3:1-3; Mk. 1:14-15; Mk. 9:1; Col. 1:13-14; Rev. 1:6,9-10.

5. Assumes Christ can reign on David's throne in Jerusalem- Jer. 22:28-30.

E. What is the 1000 year reign? – 10 times 10 times 10: a complete number referring to all of the Christian era, after which there will be no more opportunities and Satan will be destroyed (10)

(More Will Follow)

**REVELATION # 17**  
**THE MILLENNIAL**  
(Revelation 20)

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#### **A. The Old Testament Message:**

1. Creation and Fall (Gen 1 - 3).
2. The Flood (Gen 6 - 9).
3. The Call of Abram (Gen 12:1-7): The Nation, the Land, the Seed.
4. The Addition of the Law of Moses (Ex 20; Gal 3:19-24).
  - a) To Whom Given? (Deut 5:2-3).
  - b) Why Given? (Gal. 3:19,24).
  - c) For How Long Intended? (Gal 3:19, 16).
  - d) What happened to it? (Col 2:14).
5. The Anticipation (Rom 3:21).

#### **B. The New Testament Message:**

1. Christ Came (Gal 4:4) - God is Up to Something!
2. The Attempts of Satan to Destroy the Purpose, the Christ, and the Church (Rev. 12:1-6) - Note: 1260 days (Rev 12:6).
3. Satan Bound (Matt 12:29) at the First Coming of Christ.
  - a) Limited for a Time and Times and Half a Time (Rev 12:14).
  - b) Satan Used the Beast (government) and the False Prophet (religion) to Oppose the Church for 42 Months (Rev 13:5).
  - c) Bound by the Death, Resurrection, and Coronation of Christ (Luke 10:17-18; John 12:20-32; Col 2:15) throughout the Christian Age.

- d) Satan Cast into the Abyss (Bound) for 1000 Years - a Long Period of Time Between the First and Second Coming of Christ.
  - e) In the Christian Age the Gospel has Flourished and Satan cannot stop it - He cannot Deceive the Nations as he did before the Coming of Christ (Rev 20:3).
  - f) While the Gospel Grows on the Earth between the First and Second Comings of Christ, those who have died in Christ are Safely removed from the Limited Power of Satan (Rev 20:4-6). Compare the 144,000 Sealed by God on Earth and the Great Multitude of the Redeemed in Heaven (Rev 14, 15).
  - g) God Destroyed the Emperor, the City (the Harlot [Rome] and Babylon [Rome]) and the Empire (the scarlet beast which supported the Harlot) as well as False Religion (Rev 16-19; see Rev19:20).
  - h) Satan “released for a little while” (Rev 20:3, 7-9) - Increase of evil just before the end of time? Satan’s last effort to win? Unfettered to be destroyed by Christ? After all who are saved shall be saved?
4. Satan Destroyed (Rev 20:10) at the Second Coming of Christ for judgment (Rev 20:11-15).

C. Concluding Thoughts:

1. The Kingdom has come (Mark 9:1; Col 1:13-14).
2. Christ cannot reign on David’s Throne in Jerusalem (Jer. 22:28-30; Matt. 1:11).
3. When Christ comes again He will deliver up the Kingdom to God (1 Cor. 15:20-28).
4. The one bodily resurrection will occur on “the last day” (Jn. 6:39f.) when death is destroyed (1 Cor. 15:25-26).

# REVELATION # 18

The Judgment  
(Revelation 20:11-15)

## The Great White Throne Judgment

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Ref: John 12:48

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### A. Will There Be A Judgment?

1. Acts 17:30-31
2. 2 Thess. 1:7-10
3. Revelation 20:11-15

### B. When Will Judgment Take Place?

1. A day (Acts 17:30-31)
2. Time not known (Matt. 25:36)
3. As a thief (1 Thess. 5:2)
4. The last day (Jn. 12:48)

### C. What Is The Sequence Of Events?

1. The coming of Christ (Matt. 25:31)
2. Resurrection and change (Ac. 10:42; 2 Tim. 4:2)
3. Destruction of the world (2 Pet. 3:7-10; Rev. 20:11)
4. Righteous and wicked (Matt. 25:46)

### D. How Many Judgments Will There Be?

1. The Judgment (Heb. 9:27; Jude 6). **2 cor 5:10 judgement seat BEMA\***
2. A day (Acts 17:30-31)

### E. Who Will Judge?

1. God (Eccles. 12:14; Rom. 14:12)
2. Christ (Acts 17:31)
3. What about apostles (Matt. 19:28) and Saints (1 Cor. 6:2-3)? Ja. 4:12 - by their words and lives (Matt. 12:41)

F. What Will The Standard Be?

1. The Word of God (Jn. 12:48; Rev. 20:12)
2. God will be concerned about deeds (Rom. 2:6) and motives (1 Cor. 4:5)

G. What Will The Scope Be?

1. “The judgment seat” (2 Cor. 5:10) - rewards
2. What we did will be important (Matt. 25:31-46)
3. Names must be in “the Book of Life” (Rev. 20:11-15)

H. What Lies Beyond Judgment? (Matt. 25:34, 41, 46)

1. “Come”
2. “Depart”

\* refer to recording

## REVELATION # 19

### “All Things New”

(Revelation 21:1-8)

#### All Things Made New

{21:1} Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. {2} Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. {3} And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. {4} “And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” {5} Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” {6} And He said to me, “It is done!\* I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. {7} “He who overcomes shall inherit all things,\* and I will be his God and he shall be My son. {8} “But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

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#### A. Introduction

1. All of God’s enemies who have opposed God’s people have been consigned to “the second death” (20:14)
2. Those who sought to be neutral have experienced the same destiny (20:15)
3. Who are the enemies of God’s purpose?
  - a) The Beast - Human governments which seek to take the place of God and which oppose God’s purpose (19:20)
  - b) The False Prophet - Religion that rejects God’s truth (19:20)
  - c) The devil, Satan, who is the power behind evil (20:10)
  - d) Those who did not stand with God (20:15; Matt. 12:30)
  - e) Death itself (see 1 Cor. 15:23-26)

#### B. A New Place (1)

1. “A new heaven and a new earth” - The abode of the righteous as opposed to the “lake of fire.” (see 2 Pet. 3:10-13)
2. Verse 2 is a transition

#### C. A New People (2-4)

1. The church (Heb. 12:22-24)
2. The bride - purity
3. The tabernacle - dwelling
4. The blessing - presence, security, fellowship
5. Now and then - former things have passed

#### D. All Things New (5:8)

1. Assured by:
  - a) The One on the throne (5)
  - b) The One whose words are true(5)
  - c) The One whose predictions come to pass (6)
  - d) The One who is eternal (6)
2. Promise given (6-7): drink (now and then); inherit
3. Those outside the church and heaven (8)

## **REVELATION #20**

### **“All Things New” (2)**

**(Revelation 21:1-27)**

#### **All Things Made New**

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#### **The New Jerusalem**

{9} Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me\* and talked with me, saying, “Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.” {10} And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, {11} having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. {12} Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: {13} three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. {14} Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. {15} And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. {16} The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. {17} Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. {18} The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. {19} The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, {20} the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. {21} The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

#### **The Glory of the New Jerusalem**

{22} But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. {23} The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. {24} And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. {25} Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). {26} And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. {27} But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

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#### **A. Those Who Are In The Lake of Fire (the Second Death)**

- 1. The Dragon (20:2,10)**
- 2. The Beast (19:20)**
- 3. The False Prophet (19:20)**
- 4. Those whose names are not in the Book of Life (29:15)**

5. **Death and Hades (20:14)**
- B. **Promises: "All Things New" (21:5)**
  1. **New heaven and earth with nearness instead of distance (21:1-3)**
  2. **Care (4)**
  3. **Satisfaction (6)**
  4. **Heirs (7)**
  5. **Assured by:**
    - a) **The One on the throne (5)**
    - b) **The One whose words are true (5)**
    - c) **The One whose predictions come true (6)**
    - d) **The One who is eternal (6)**
  6. **Those outside the church and heaven (8)**
- C. **The Lamb's Wife (21:9)**
  1. **Brightness (11)**
  2. **Security and accessibility (12)**
  3. **The saved of the O.T. and N.T. (12,14)**
  4. **Permanence (14)**
  5. **Perfection (16-17)**
  6. **Vast (16)**
  7. **Splendor (18-21)**
- D. **Heaven is the Glorified Church (21:22-27)**
  1. **Temple (22) – Where God meets His people**
  2. **Light (23)**
  3. **Honor (24)**
  4. **Safety (25)**
  5. **Nations represented (26) – see 5:9; 7:9**
  6. **Names in the Book of Life (27)**

## **REVELATION # 21**

### **“The Final Words”**

#### **(Revelation 22:1-21)**

#### **The River of Life**

{22:1} And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. {2} In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. {3} And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. {4} They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. {5} There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

#### **The Time Is Near**

{6} Then he said to me, “These words are faithful and true.” And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. {7} **“Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”** {8} Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. {9} Then he said to me, “See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.” {10} And he said to me, “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. {11} “He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous\* still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.”

#### **Jesus Testifies to the Churches**

{12} **“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. {13} “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”** {14} Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. {15} But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. {16} **“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”** {17} And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

#### **A Warning**

{18} For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; {19} and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

#### **I Am Coming Quickly**

{20} He who testifies to these things says, **“Surely I am coming quickly.”** Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! {21} The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

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#### **A. The Provision of God (1-5)**

1. **From the throne a river (1) – John 10:28-29**
2. **Around about a tree (2) – Gen. 3:22-24**
3. **Curse is gone (3) – Gen. 3:17-19**
4. **Activity (3)**
5. **See His face (4)**
6. **Ownership and likeness (4)**
7. **Illumination (5)**
8. **A continued reign (5; 1:5-6; 5:10)**

#### **B. Faithful And True Words (6-7)**

1. **A summary (6) – From God**
2. **Coming quickly (7, see 12, 20) – Be ready**

- 3. Obey (7)
- C. John And The Angel (8-9) – Worship God Alone
- D. “Do Not Seal” (10-11)
  - 1. Spread the Word
  - 2. Opportunity is ending (see 2 Cor. 6:2)
- E. “I Am Coming Quickly” (12-15)
  - 1. Honor Him (12-13)
  - 2. The last of seven Beatitudes (14; see 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7)
  - 3. “Wash their robes” by “do His commands” (see 7:14)
  - 4. Those outside (see 21:8)
- F. The Last Invitation (16-17)
  - 1. The root (source) and descendant (fulfillment)
  - 2. Morning star – hope
  - 3. The invitation (17) to be satisfied
- G. Testimony To The Message (18-21)
  - 1. Do not add to or take away from (18-19)
  - 2. An affirmation (20)
  - 3. A prayer (20)
  - 4. The benediction (21)

# REVELATION #22

## An Overview

- A. Introduction, First Vision, And Seven Churches Addressed (1:1-3:22)
  - 1. A revelation from God to Jesus by His angel to John to the seven churches (1:1-4)
  - 2. The first of seven beatitudes (1:3)
  - 3. A message from the Godhead and a description of who Christ is (1:5-8):
    - a) The faithful witness, firstborn from the dead, ruler of kings (5)
    - b) Loved and washed from sin in His blood (5)
    - c) Made us a kingdom of priests (6)
    - d) Coming again (7)
    - e) Beginning and end (8)
  - 4. Who John is, what he heard, and what he saw (1:9-20)
  - 5. The Letters to the Seven Churches (2:1-3:22)
- B. The Throne In Heaven And The Lamb Standing (4:1-5:14)
- C. The Six of Seven Seals Opened To Reveal The Message of The Book (6:1-17) - Pictures the Victorious Christ, Persecution and Death of the Saints, Economic Hardship, Wars, Patience of Martyrs, Judgment
- D. The Sealing of the Saints On Earth (7:1-17) - "Seal" means genuine, safety, complete (see Gal. 6:16)
- E. The Seventh Seal: Six of Seven Woe Trumpets (8:1-9:21)
  - 1. First four trumpets: God uses natural calamity to warn and destroy enemies
  - 2. Fifth trumpet: God uses internal decay to warn and destroy
  - 3. Sixth trumpet: God uses external invasion to warn and destroy
- F. The Angel And The Little Book, The Measuring of Worship And The Two Witnesses (10:1-11:19)
  - 1. The Little Book is sweet (salvation) and bitter (judgment)
  - 2. True worshippers are measured (see John 4:24) - opposed for 42 months (11:2)
    - "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
  - 3. Witnesses of God for all of time - 1260 days (11:3)
  - 4. The Seventh trumpet (11:15) - worship (11:16-19)

### End Of First Half Of Revelation

- G. The Woman, The Child, The Dragon, Children (12:1-17)
  - 1. The woman - God's purpose
  - 2. The child - Christ
  - 3. The dragon - Satan
  - 4. The children - Church
- H. The Dragon And The Two Beasts (13:1-18)
  - 1. First beast from sea - government: 42 months
  - 2. Second beast from land - false religion
- I. The Lamb And The Redeemed, Opportunity, Judgment Of Rome and False Worship, The Harvest And The Vintage, Preparation For the End (14:1-15:8) - The second beatitude (14:13)
- J. The Seven Bowls of Wrath (16:1-21) - The complete overthrow of the enemies of God
  - 1. The Battle of Armageddon (16:16)
  - 2. The third beatitude (16:15)
- K. The Millennial (17:1-20:15)
  - 1. The Lamb overcomes the Great Harlot (Rome) and the Beast (Empire) who supports her.
  - 2. The Fall of Rome (18:1-24)
  - 3. The Victory of the Lamb (19:1-21 - The fourth beatitude (19:9))
  - 4. The 1000 years and the fifth beatitude (20:1-10)
- L. The New Jerusalem, The Home of The Soul (21:1-22:21)
  - 1. Beyond description
  - 2. The sixth beatitude (22:7)
  - 3. The seventh beatitude (22:14)
  - 4. A final invitation and warning (22:17-19)
  - 5. Christ is coming! (22:20-21)