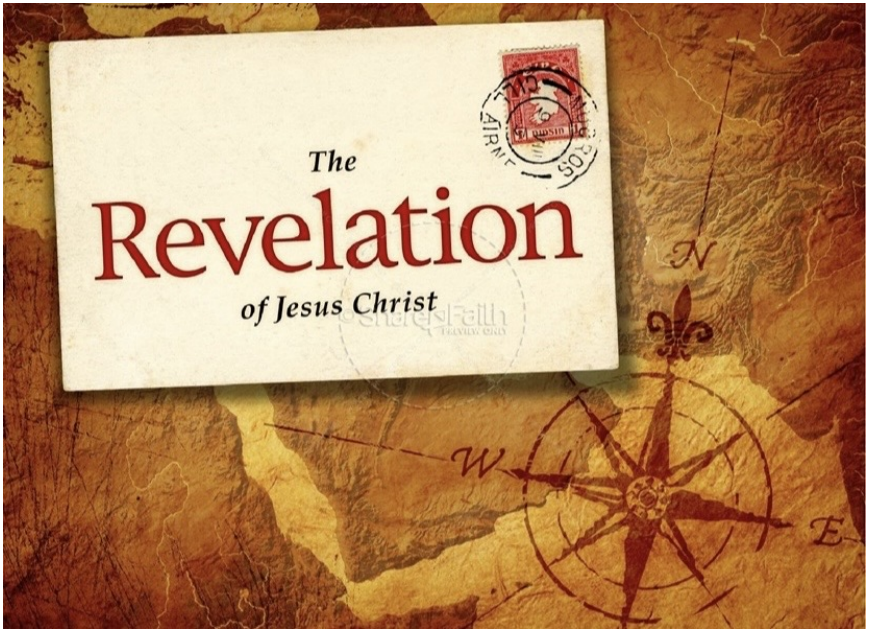
A Guided Inductive Study of the book of Revelation



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2 Timothy 2:15

A practical study of the Revelation

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How To Study

Read the Scripture:
Reading the Scripture is important. Read every word. Don't skip. Don't just read your favorite verses. Read it all. Think about what you are reading. Is there any word or statement you do not understand? Is there anything that confuses you or seems inconsistent with other Scriptures? Is there anything you would like to research? Use at least two translations.

Translations:
I suggest New King James, if you like the old wording. The New International Version is helpful. And the English Standard Version is also refreshing. For this study I am using the NKJV because I grew up with KJV and its rhythms are familiar to me. You can use other translations.

Chapter by Chapter:
We are going to study the Book of Romans chapter by chapter. Some chapters are longer and have much to think about. Those chapters we have divided into segments so you cover Romans 8 in four weeks instead of one week. We assume you will use one chapter each week. If you are using this for daily readings then you might find it too difficult to answer the questions. That's okay. My hope, however, is that you use is in a weekly Bible study. Anyone can lead it.

Highlighted Verses:
I have chosen to highlight what I feel are key verses. You may think others are more important. That is okay. Write that in your personal journal or if you are studying in a group write down other verses you feel are important. Oh, and every chapter has one key verse.

Discussion Questions:
We have not attempted to add commentary because we believe the Scriptures speak for themselves and the Holy

Spirit can teach us as much as another person's commentary. I have added suggested questions to answer and discuss. This is especially helpful when studying with a group. You are not limited to my questions, ask your own. In a self-directed study it will be harder to consider your answers to the questions. In a group, however, one question might stimulate other questions. You do not have to answer every question. Use what is helpful and useful and leave the rest.

Personal Edification:
I have often taught my students to look for certain things in ever chapter of the Bible. You will not find all five in every chapter, but you should be able to find two or three. Write them down in a journal or share it with a group. It is called the PEPSI acronym.

Search for Treasure: (P.E.P.S.I.)

- A **P**-romise to claim.
- An **E**-xample to follow.
- A **P**-rayer concern.
- A **S**-in to avoid.
- An **I**-nstruction to obey.

Personal Questions:

- What Verse Challenged you?
- What Verse Encouraged you?
- What Verse Convicted you?
- What Verse Confused you?
- What Verse Startled you?
- What Verse Frightened you?

Group Questions:

1. What verse stands out to you in this chapter? Why?
2. What verse causes you to struggle with its demand? Why?
3. What verse encourages your faith the most? Why?
4. Is there a command here you find most difficult to obey? Why?
5. Is there a promise here you want to claim? What?
6. Is there something you need to pray about in this passage? Why?
7. Is there a word / topic here you need to explore more deeply? What?

Introduction to Revelation

Revelation is not like anther New Testament Book. It is based on a vision the Apostle John had while on the Isle of Patmos. Except for the seven churches, it is not didactic in nature, that is, it is not telling us how to live. It is a picture of things to come. It is a heads-up warning to the church. Be ready! A cursory reading of it can be interesting, confusing, frightening, and mysterious.

Jesus told us that we would not know the day nor the hour of his coming. Then he told his disciples it was not for them to no to know the times and seasons the Father has put into his own hand, Then the angel told them to stop gazing up to heaven but that Jesus would come back he same way he ascended,

Why then should he give us the book of Revelation? Too many people have taken in hand to sew together the events of Revelation to try to convince us of the day and hour of his coming. It cannot be done. Jesus said so. Only the Father knows, not even the Son.

So, the book of Revelation is a magnification of Matthew 24 and 25, each vision, the seals, the trumpets, and the bowls are repetitions of what Jesus already predicted, but each add more detail for an even clearer picture of what is to come. These events are not to be viewed as chronological, but as cyclical with each revelation building and clarifying the previous.

The book is not necessarily chronological in nature. John's vision is cyclical in nature, where visions repeat and deepen rather than progress in a strictly straight line. That is, it pieces together various events like a jigsaw puzzle with the pieces scattered on the board. You cannot understand Revelation and the end times without understanding the Olivet Discourse of Matthew 24-25.

In fact, Revelation is an unfolding of details presented in that sermon. Matthew 24-25 is an outline, a sketch, and outline of things to come and Revelation is coloring between the lines and fleshing it out. But it does not flesh out the total picture of the end times.

An angel told John NOT TO WRITE certain things revealed to him (Rev. 10:4). The same was true for Daniel in the Old Testament (Daniel 12:4). So, there are pieces missing, things God doesn't want us to know. Other pieces of the puzzle are scattered throughout the Old and New Testaments.

Here is a verse I have written into the back blank page of Revelation. It is a good reminder that we don't know everything.

"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of the Law." Deut. 29:29

An Inductive Study
This is not a commentary on the book of Revelation. That you can find elsewhere. This is an inductive study, meaning we look at the Scripture and ask ourselves three questions:

1) What does it say or reveal?
2) What does it mean?
3) What does it mean to me?

In other words, we want to understand, not just for knowledge, but for personal and practical application.

What is God saying to me (us) through this passage? What do I learn about Jesus? About God? About life? About sin? About judgment? About myself? About

heaven? About hell? About God's promises? About God's commands? About God's will?

Ask yourself personal questions about the passage you just read:

- **What stood out to you?**
- **What convicted you?**
- **What confused you?**
- **What comforted you?**
- **What edified you?**
- **What worried you?**
- **What frustrated you?**
- **What made you sad?**
- **What made you glad?**
- **What made you mad?**
- **What encouraged you?**
- **What gave you hope?**
- **What strengthened your faith?**
- **What made you curious?**
- **What frightened you?**

We are not interested in your personal opinion about a passage. The meaning of a passage should always be based on God's word, not your ideas or opinions. Defend your answers with Scriptures, not personal opinions. Learn what God says, not what you want him to say or mean.

"The entrance of God's word gives light, it gives understanding to the simple." (Psalm 119:30)

Therefore…

"Study to show yourself approved unto God a workman that needs not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

Outline of Revelation

Revelation 1 – Who Is Jesus Christ?
Revelation 2 – Four of Seven Churches
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Revelation 7 – Interlude 1: The 144,000 Sealed
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Revelation 9 – The Bottomless Pit Opened
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Revelation 11 – Interlude 3: Two Witnesses
Revelation 12 – Interlude 4: Woman & the Dragon
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Revelation 14 – The 144,000 and the Sickle
Revelation 15 – The Song of the Lamb
Revelation 16 – The Seven Bowls of Plagues

Revelation 17 – The Scarlet Woman & the Beast
Revelation 18 – The Fall of Babylon
Revelation 19 – Final Babylon & Victory of the Lamb

Revelation 20 – 1000 Year Reign of Christ
Revelation 21 – Judgement of the Nations
Revelation 22 – Heaven of Heavens

Revelation 1 – Who is Jesus?

Key verses to think about.

1:3 Blessings on Hearers
Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time *is* near.

1:4-5 The Faithful Witness
Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

1:7 Every Eye Will See Him
Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

1:8 Alpha and Omega
“I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End,”says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

1:10-11 A Loud Voice
I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,”

1:17 I Fell At His Feet
And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

1:18 I Am Alive Forevermore
“I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.”

Main Truth:

Jesus is the First and Last, Alpha and Omega, Beginning and the Ending, who was, who is, and who is to come, the Almighty!

Questions:

1 Why do you think John says, “Blessed is he so HEARS the words of this prophecy, and KEEPS those things…”? Why didn’t he say “blessed is he who READS the prophecies of this book”?

2 According to John, who is Jesus?
This is important for many deny the deity of Christ. You need to know for sure! John chapter one helps you to see who he is.

3 How many times did he say..

- “Who is, and was, and is to come”
- I am Alpha and Omega
- I am the First and Last

See 1:4, 1:8, 1:11, 1:17, 1:18 Write them down. Don’t just look at it.

4 What other names is Jesus given in chapter 1? In the whole book?
(Begin now to make a list and add to it as you read each chapter. More than 27 names, Lamb is mentioned 27 times.)

5 The exalted Jesus in heaven is described in verses 12-18. What did he look like? Describe him in your own words.

6 Finally after being described he tells John who he is in verse 17-18. Who did he say he was? Is there any doubt about his identity?

Now read aloud…

- Isaiah 41:4,
- Isaiah 44:6,
- Isaiah 48:12

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Revelation 2 – First Four Churches

Key verses to think about.

Ephesus 1-7 Loveless Church
2:4 “Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.”

Smyrna 2:8-11 Persecuted Church
2:10 “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.

Pergamos 2:12-17 Compromising Church
2:14 “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.

Thyratira 2:18-29 Corrupt Church
2:20 “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.”

Main Truth:

Jesus wants his church to be a holy church without spot or wrinkle.

Questions:

Each church is usually given a correction, a consequence and a promise.

Ephesus - what was the…
Correction
Consequence
Promise

Smyrna - what was the…
Correction
Consequence
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Pergamos - what was the…
Correction
Consequence
Promise

Thyratira - what was the…
Correction
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Promise

1 Why are these messages addressesd to “The Angel of the church in…”

2 If the letter is to Ephesus, why are we listening in on it?

3 Why does Jesus repeatedly say, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”?

4 Which Church is most like the American church today? In what way?

5 Are you like any of these churches? Of what do you need to repent?

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Revelation 3 – Three More Churches

Key verses to think about.

Sardis - 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.
3:4 “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.

Philadelphia - Faithful Church
3:7 “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, ‘These things says…
3:8 “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.

Laodicea - Lukewarm Church
3:14 “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write,
3:15-16 “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Main Truth:

Jesus wants his church to be a holy church without spot or wrinkle.
He compliments them and corrects them.

Questions:

Each church is usually given a correction, a consequence and a promise.

<u>To Sardis what is the…</u>
Correction

Consequence
Promise

To Philadelphia what is the…
Correction
Consequence
Promise

To Laodicea what is the ..
Correction
Consequence
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Revelation 4 - Heaven's Throne

Key verses to think about.

4:2 One Sat on the Throne
Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne.

4:5 Seven Spirits of God
From the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire *were burning* before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

4:8 Four Living Creatures
The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

4:10 Twenty-four Elders
The twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne.

Main Truth:
"Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands…saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" And saying: Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

Questions:

1 Who is He who sat on the throne?
Read Rev 4:11, John 1:3, Hebrews 1:1-3 and 6, Colossians 1:16-17 and Rev 5:12 for the answer.

2 What are the 7 Spirits of God – (For the answer read Rev 5:6, Isaiah 12:2.

3 What are the four Living creatures - read Ezekiel 1:4-14. What is a Serafim and a Cherubim? (Read Isaiah 6:1-2, Exodus 25:20, Ezekiel 10:5 for the answer.)

4 Elders fall down - The Elders Fall down and worship. (Read: Rev 1:17, Rev 4:10, Rev 5:8, Rev 5:14, Rev 7:11. Rev 11:16, Rev 19:4)

5 *"They cast their crowns before Him"* What are the crowns we have in heaven? (For the answer read: 1 Corinthians 9:24–25, 1 Thessalonians 2:19, 2 Timothy 4:8, 1 Peter 5:1–4, James 1:12, Revelation 2:10.).

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Revelation 5 - Great Doxology

Key verses to think about.

5:2-3 Who Is Worthy?
Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

5:5 The Lion of Judah
But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

5:11-12 Worthy is the Lamb
Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: *"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain*
to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

5:13 Every Living Creature Worships
And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power *be* to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

Main truth:
He alone is worthy of all praise, honor, glory and blessing.

Questions:

1 Who are the creatures “under the earth” Rev 5:3, Rev 5:13

2 If you had to shout with a loud voice names of Jesus, what names come to mind? Can you name 5? 10? More?

3 How much is “ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands”? 10,000 x 10,000 and 1000 x 1000s.

4 What glorious song of praise comes to mind when you read Rev. 5:11-12? Join this crown and sing it loudly now to the Lord.

If you can’t sing it then look it up on YouTube or Spotify and play it and worship him who sits on the throne!

- Crown Him with Many Crowns
- All Hail the Power
- Oh, For a 1000 Tongues to Sing
- Worthy is the Lamb

There are seven doxologies in Revelation. Read them. Learn them because you’ll sing them in heaven.

7 Doxologies Rev 1:5-6, 4:11, 5:13, 7:12, 11:15, 15:3-4, 19:1-2
Read each one aloud.

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Revelation 6 - The Six Seals

Key verses to think about.

6:1 First Seal: The Conqueror – White Horse
Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; behold, a white horse.

6:4 Second Seal: Conflict on Earth – Red Horse
Another horse, fiery red, went out. To take peace from the earth, and that *people* should kill one another;

6:5 Third Seal: Scarcity on Earth – Black Horse
When He opened the third seal, a black horse

6:8 Fourth Seal: Death on Earth – Pale Horse
Power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death,

6:9 Fifth Seal: The Cry of the Martyrs 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.

6:11 A White Robe Given
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.

6:12 Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances
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.

Main Truth:

The seven seals are the first of three judgements of God on mankind. These are the beginnings of sorrows, but the end is not yet.

Questions:

1 This is the first expansion of Matthew 24-25. Read and Compare to Matthew 24-25. This is important. It provided the outline of end-times events. (I find there are 22 prophecies of Jesus in Matthew 24-25.)

2 Make a chart of Events of Matthew 24-25. Do you see the parallels to the seals, trumpets, and plagues?

Matthew 24	Seals	Trumpets	Plagues

3 These are six seals, where is the 7th? Peruse ahead to find it. Write it down.

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Revelation 7 – Interlude 1: The 144,000 Sealed

Key verses to think about.

7:2-3 Four Angels to Harm Earth
Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, “Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.”

7:4 The 144,000 Were Sealed
And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred *and* forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel *we’re sealed*:

7:9-10 A Great Multitude in Heaven
After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation *belongs*to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

7:13 Who Are These in Heaven
Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?” So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

7:17 Promise of Eternal Life
“For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Main Truth:

This is the first we hear of the 144,000. It seems to come out of the blue (no pun intended). Evidently, they are important to the end-times story for they appear three times. Take note, they are the children of Israel. For those who reject Israel and her prophesies will have a hard time explaining away their appearance in Revelation.

Questions:

1 Can you summarize who the 144,000 are? There are other references to the 144,000. Find them. They are like lost pieces of the puzzle. Rev. 7:1-8, 14, Rev 14:1, 3. Why are they important to the end-times story.

2 Sealed in their foreheads. What does that mean? Where else is the "forehead" mentioned? Read Rev 9:4, Rev 13:16, Rev 14:1, Rev 14:9, Rev 17:5, Rev 20:4, Rev 22:4 for answers.

3 Who is the great multitude? Do you know? The elder asks John if he knew. Find other great multitudes.

4 "Where else do we read *"Wipe away tears"?*
Read Psalm 56:8, Isaiah 25:8, Rev 21:4 for the answer.

5 How important is the "*Blood of the Lamb*"
Read Rev 7:14, Rev 12:11, Rev 1:5, Rev 5:9, and Rev 19:13 for answers.

6 The Lamb is important in Revelation. Search for every mention of "Lamb" in Revelation. Make a verse list. This is how you study.

Worship Songs:
The Blood will Never Loose It's Power
Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

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Revelation 8 - The Seventh Seal & Seven Trumpets

Key verses to think about.

8:1-2 Four of Seven Trumpets
When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

8:3-5 The Prayers of Saints / Golden Censer of Fire
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. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. 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.

8:7 First Trumpet: Vegetation Struck
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.

8:8 Second Trumpet: The Seas Are Struck
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.

8:11 Third Trumpet: The Waters Are Struck
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.

8:12 Fourth Trumpet: Heavens Struck - 1/3 Sun, moon, stars,
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.

8:13 Woe to Earth
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!”

Main Truth:

The six seals are past, now the seventh seal introduces the seven angels with Trumpets. The trumpets are introducing earth-shaking events. These are the Three WOES that are coming on the earth.

Questions:

1 What are the “Prayers of Saints”? Do our prayers really rise up to heaven and appear as fragrance before God? Does God keep a record of our prayers? Do you keep a record of the petitions you make to God>

2 How do these celestial events mirror what Jesus said in Matthew 24?

3 The earth is shaken several times in God’s judgements. Name some of the earth shaking events mentioned here.

4 What do you think the star “Wormwood” is? Is it a meteor? Is it a comet? Is it a man-made satellite? Why does John record the name of this star? Is the name important?

What are the three “Woes” Why are they important being mentioned in the midst of all the other troubles?

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Revelation 9 – The Bottomless Pit

Key verses to think about.

9:1-2 First Woe: Fifth Trumpet: The Locusts from the Bottomless Pit
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. 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.

Sixth Trumpet: The Four Angels from the Euphrates
9:14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

9:16 Army of Two Hundred Million
Now the number of the army of the horsemen *was* two hundred million; I heard the number of them.

Main Truth:

There are some pretty awful and frightening things happening here. These are great mysteries of things from the pit of hell. No wonder John says, "Woe" to the people on the earth.

Questions:

1 What is the Bottomless Pit? Where is it? Why does it exist?
2 Do you think the Bottomless Pit is a real literal place on earth?
3 What is sealed in the Euphrates River that one day will be released?
4 Do you think there critters, or evil spirit confined in the depths of the earth?

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Revelation 10 – Interlude 2: The Little Book

Key verse to think about.

The 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.

10:4 Seven Thunders
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.”

10:7 The Mystery of God
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.

10:8 Eating the Little Book
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.”

10:11 Prophesy To Nations
And he said to me, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.”

Main Truth:

We call this an interlude because it seems to be an interruption to the flow of the seals, trumpets and plagues. It is not necessarily chronological events but parenthesizes in the narration.

Questions:

1 Why this interlude? What benefit to us?

2 What's happening here with the little book?

3 What is the Little Book and why eat it?

4 What is the "Mystery of God" that is finished? Paul talked about the mystery of God. He mentioned it 21 times. It seems to be important. Look it up. Mark 4:11, Romans 16:25, Ephesians 1:9-10, Ephesians 3:3-9, Ephesians 5:32, Ephesians 6:19, Colossians 1:26-27, Colossians 2:2-3, Colossians 4:3, 1 Corinthians 2:7, 1 Timothy 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 15:51 which I think is a direct reference to this passage.

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Revelation 11 – Interlude 3: The Two Witnesses

Key verses to think about.

11:1 Measure the Temple
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.

11:2-3 The Gentiles Tread Down Jerusalem
And they will tread the holy city underfoot *for* forty-two months. “And I will give *power* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”

Second Woe
11:4 Two Lampstands
These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.

11:6 Witnesses Have Power
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.

11:7 The Beast Kills Them
When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

11:11 They Are Resurrected
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.

11:12 They Are Raptured
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.

11:14 Second Woe is Past
The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed

11:15 Kingdoms of the World Become Christ’s
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!”

11:19 The Ark of the Covenant in Heaven
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.

Questions:

1 Why measure the temple?

2 Who are the two witnesses? Where did they come from?

3 They are resurrected. 11:12 Is this the Rapture?

4 Why is the Ark of the Covenant seen in heaven? Where did it come from? Was it resurrected with the saints? How? Why is the Ark in heaven?

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Revelation 12 – Interlude 4: Woman and the Dragon

Key verses to think about.

12:1 The Woman
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.

12:3 The Dragon
And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

12:5 Child Caught Up to God
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.

12:6 Woman in the Wilderness
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
12:7-9 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 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.

12:10-11 Satan Cast Down Now Kingdom of God Has Come
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.

12:11 The Overcame the Enemy by the Blood
“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.

12:12 Angry Devil Come Down to Earth
“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.”

Questions:

1 Who do you think the woman and child is?

2 Is this a look backwards or something yet to come? What do you think?

3 If it’s past why are we being shown this? What’s the point? What’s being revealed snd why?

4 Is this heaven’s view of Christ birth and a behind-the-scenes look at it the devil’s plans?

5 We know Satan was cast out of Heaven, when did this happen historically? See Luke 10:18 Read Isaiah 14:12-15, Ezekiel 28:14-17

6 What are the various names for Satan and their verses? See verse 9 for starters.

7 The secret for overcoming all the powers of the enemy are found in this important verse. What is the secret of our victory? Verse 10

Satan’s Names and Titles

- Lucifer:
- The Devil:
- The Accuser
- Beelzebub: prince of demons.
- Belial: Meaning worthlessness or wickedness.
- Abaddon / Apollyon: the destroyer".
- The Serpent
- The Adversary
- Prince of Darkness

- Father of Lies
- The Tempter
- God of this Age
- Ruler of this World
- Angel of Light
- Roaring Lion
- The Great Dragon
- The Deceiver
- Prince of the power of the air
- The spirit at work in the disobedient

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Revelation 13 – Interlude 4: The Beast & False Prophet

Key verses to think about.

13:1-2 The Beast from the Sea
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. 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.

13:11-12 The Beast from the Earth
Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. 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.

13:13 He Does Miracles
He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

13:15 He Makes the Image Live
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.

13:16-17 He Forces all to take the Mark of the Beast
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, 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.

13:18 His Number is 666
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.

Questions:

There are definitely symbolism here mixed with realities.

1 There's a beast coming out of the SEA, having 7 heads and 10 horns and his horns have blasphemous name. And the dragon gave him his power. Who or what is he? Where else in scripture do we see beasts like this?

2 The first beast has a deadly wound that has been healed. What is that?

3 Then a beast comes out of the EARTH with two horns. He makes fire from Heaven, What or who is he?

4 The second beast exercises authority over the first beast. He causes mankind to worship the first beast.

5 He gives breath to the first beast and causes it to speak and makes me worship the beast. Is this an AI robot?

6 What is the mark of the beast? Who is he?

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Follow the logic, chronology of the Great Tribulation

- Great Tribulation Mt 24:21,29
- Beast from sea Rev 13:1-10
- Beast from under earth Rev 13:11
- The AntiChrist 2 Thess 2:1-12
- Image of Beast Rev 13:14-15
- False Prophet Rev 13:12-25
- Great Deception & Falling Away 1 Timothy 4:1-5
- 666 Number Rev 13:16-18
- World Economy 13:16

- Harlot Rev 12-7 Babylon the Great
- Babylon Fallen Rev 14:8, 18:1-24a
- Religion on earth Rev 18
- Temple in Heaven Rev 15:5-8

Revelation 14 - 144,000 and Sickle

Key verses to think about.

14:1 The 144,000 Father's Name on Foreheads
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.

14:3-4 A New Song for the 144,000
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. These were redeemed from *among* men, *being* firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

14:6 Everlasting Gospel
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—

14:8 Babylon is Fallen
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."

14:9 Curse of Mark of Beast
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,

14:13 Blessed Die in the Lord
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."

14:14-15 Sharp Sickle
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. 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."

14:17-20 The Grapes of God's Wrath
Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 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." 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.

Commentary
There are a lot of questions that come to mind when we read some of these prophetic chapters. And we ought to have questions because it's a vision and a mystery. There are symbolic images and real images. It's hard to know which is which.

What are your questions?
What are your answers?
What are your speculations?

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Questions:

1 Who are the 144,000 and why are they important to the end-times story?

2 What does the mark of the Lamb signify about the identity of the 144,000? How does that compare to the mark of the beast?

3 Are there other references in the Bible to God making his people?

4 What do you think “being firstfruits to God” means?

5How dangerous is it to receive the mark of the beast in you hand or forehead?

6 What could that mark be in today’s society?

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Revelation 15 – The Song of the Lamb

Key verse to think about.

15:1 Seven Last Plagues
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.

15:2 Victors Over the Beast
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.

15:3 The Song of the Lamb
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!”

15:5 The Temple Opened in Heaven
After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.

15:7 Seven Golden Bowls Full of the Wrath
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.

15:8 The Temple Filled With Smoke
The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

Questions:

1 This is where people get the idea that we will have harps in heaven. But who is it that has the harps?

2 The song of Moses and the Lamb will be sung in heaven by the overcomers. Have you heard “The Song of the Lamb” sung by the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir? It’ll give you chills!
https://youtu.be/4Gae-n0Pb7Q?is=qO3O-C5eCU4PZohQ

3 Did you know there is a Temple in Heaven? Solomon built an earthly temple as a model of things above. (Hebrews) Did you know the Ark of the Covenant is in heaven? Do you think it’s the same one that was on earth? (Rev 11:19)

4 Do you realize the Ark of the Covenant disappeared after the Babylonians captured Jerusalem? When Babylon sacked Jerusalem in 586 BCE, the Ark vanished from historical records. It was absent from the rebuilt Second Temple. Jeremiah hid the Ark until the Messiah would come.

5 What happened to the Ark?
https://www.gotquestions.org/ark-covenant.html

Research
https://biblearchaeology.org/research-articles/the-ark-of-the-covenant-where-has-it-been/

Revelation 16 - The Seven Bowls

Key verses to think about.

16:1 The Bowls of Wrath
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
16:2 So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sores.

Second Bowl: The Sea Turns to Blood
16:3 Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead *man;*

Third Bowl: The Waters Turn to Blood
16:4 Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

Fourth Bowl: Men Are Scorched
16:8 Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.

Fifth Bowl: Darkness and Pain
16:10 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.

16:11 They Did Not Repent
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
16:12-13 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. 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.

16:16 Armageddon
And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

16:15 I Am Coming!
“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.”

Seventh Bowl: The Earth Utterly Shaken
16:17 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!”

16:18-19 Great Earthquake!
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. 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. Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

16:21 Hail From Heaven
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.

Main Truth:

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God. These are the last bowls of wrath, the culmination of man’s sin and hardness of heart.

Questions:

1 Today people cry out for justice. The Angel said God is just in his judgements. Is it just that men should be condemned to hell? Do you struggle with God's seeminly cruel judgements?

2 Even after all these plagues men did not repent. Why? Compare that to Pharaoh's heart with the 10 plagues on Egypt. Why didn't he repent?

3 When you tell people about the wrath of God, do they repent or get angry at God? Why do you think that is so?

4 Why did God reveal this to us if we are going to be safe in heaven? Are we to warn the wicked of the judgement to come? (Read Ezekiel 3:18-18, and Ezekiel 33:8-9) do you ever warn the wicked? Or do you think that's just the preachers job?

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Revelation 17 - Woman and the Beast

Key verses to think about.

The next few chapters are difficult to interpret. You might want to listen to J Veron Magee on the book of Revelation. (see below)

17:1 T **The Scarlet Woman and the Scarlet Beast**
hen 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,

17:3 Seven heads/ 10 Horns
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.

17:8 The Beast was and is not
“The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition.

17:8b Names in Book of Life from Eternity
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.

17:9-10 Seven Kings, Ten Horns, Ten Kings
“Here *is* the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. 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. The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition. 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.

17:14 War With the Lamb
"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."

16:17 God Hardened Their Hearts
"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.

Questions:

1 How does it make you feel when you hear that "God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose"? How does that agree with Romans 9-11?

2 When you read this, how do you react? Negatively? Do you disagree with God's sovereignty? Romans 9:15-18 For He says to Moses, *"I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."* 18 *Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.*

3 How does it make you feel when you learn that their "names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world."? What other Scriptures say that? Do you struggle with election and foreknowledge? if so, why? (Read Ephesians 1:1-3)

4 How does it make you feel when you learn that "those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful."? Do you struggle with being called, chosen and elected?

5 Do you understand the 7 kings, 10 horns, 7 mountains, and who was and is not?

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Revelation 18 - Fall of Babylon

Key verses to think about.

18:1 The Fall of Babylon the Great
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!

18:4 Is This the Rapture?
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.

18:9-11 The World Mourns Babylon’s Fall
“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, And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore:

18:17-18 Ships View From Afar
‘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 and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘What *is* like this great city?’

18:20 Rejoice Over Babylon’s Fall
“Rejoice over her, O heaven, and *you* holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!”

18:21 Finality of Babylon’s Fall
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.

Questions:

1 What do you think caused the sudden destruction in one day? Is it a nuclear bomb going off? Do you think *"Shipmasters viewing from afar"* might indicate a nuclear bomb and radiation?

2 What does it mean when God says "Come out from among them."? (Rev. 18:4 and 2 Cor. 6:17) Aren't saints already in heaven at the fall of Babylon? Does this hint at a post-tribulation rapture?

3 Do you agree with *"The love of money is the root of all evil."* (Read 1 Timothy 6:10)

4 Is there a little of Babylon in us? What of our materialism, greed, get rich, accumulate of wealth and get rich schemes?

5 Compare the sins of Babylon with Sodom and Gomorrah, and the sins of some of the 7 churches. Sins of Babylon - harlot, sex, "committed fornication with her," compare to Rev 2-3 how many churches has sex problems? 2:14, 2:20, 2:21 — (read 14:8, 17:2, 17:4, 18:3, 18:9, 19:2) 23,000 fell in one day.

6 Should we rejoice at the destruction of Babylon? "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and *you* holy apostles and prophets."

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Revelation 19 - More Babylon

Key verses to think about.

19:1 Heaven Exults over Babylon
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!

19:6-8 Marriage Supper of Lamb
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! 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.” 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.

19:9 Those Called to the Supper of the Lamb
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.”

19:11 Second Coming: Christ White Horse
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.

19:17 The Beast and His Armies Defeated
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,

19:19-20 Beast & False Prophet Put Into Lake of Fire
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. 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.

Questions:

1 What does Jesus look like in this vision?

2 What are some of his names? What do those names mean to you?

3 What is the lake of fire? Where else is it described? Who will be cast there?

4 What is the marriage supper of the Lamb? Who will be there? When will this take place?

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Revelation 20 - 1000 Year Reign

Key verses to think about.

20:1-3 Key to the Bottomless Pit
Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he 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
20:4 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.

20:5 Rest in Heaven did not Live Again until 1000 years up.
But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.

20:6 First Resurrection
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 (*cf. Ezek. 38; 39*)
16:7-8 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea. (Armageddon Revelation 16:12-16)

20:9 Surrounded Saints, Fire Devoured Enemies
They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

20:10 Devi Cast into Lake of Fire
The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are.* And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

The Great White Throne Judgment
20:11 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.

20:12 The White Throne Judgement
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.

20:15 Anyone Not in Book of Life
And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Questions:

1 Why do you think God releases Satan after 1000 years?

2 Will Christ really rule for 1000 years, or is this figurative? There are many today who don't believe in the 1000 year reign. They are called amillenislists. They don't believe that God will fulfill His promises to Israel. Are you an amillenialist? If so, why? If not, why not? (Read Jeremiah 33:19-26 and answer the question of whether God will fulfill his promises to Israel.

3 Why would he rule on earth for 1000 years? Why not just be done with earth? Why not rule forever?

4 The first resurrection? What is that? What is the second resurrection?

5 What is the battle of Armageddon? When does it take place? If chapter 16 and 20 refer to this same event does that not indicate these chapters and not chronological?

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Revelation 21 - New Heaven & Earth

Key verses to think about.

21:1 New Heaven and Earth
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.

21:2 New Jerusalem Coming Down
Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

21:4 Tears
"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."

21:8 Lake of Fire
"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."

22-23 New Jerusalem
But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 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.

21:27 No Evil Will Enter
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.

Questions

1 What does "overcome" mean in verse 7 and what if we fail to be overcomers, are we then lost? (Read Rev 3:21, Rev 12:11)

2 How is an “overcomer” related to Romans 8:31-39? Are we all more than conquerors?

3 What does a new Heaven and a new earth mean? What happens to the old earth? (Read 2 Peter 3: 10-12) Will there be a new universe?

4 What is a new Jerusalem and why do we need a new Jerusalem at all if the Jews have been rejected?

5 Why do you think there is so much measuring of Jerusalem going on here and in Ezekiel 42? What’s the point?

6 How do you feel about there being no more sea? Won’t we miss going to the ocean for vacations?

7 It seems tears are important to God. *“He shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”* (Read Psalm 56:8) do you think God really counts out tears and puts them in a bottle?

8 Why do you think *“all liars”* are included in the lake of Fire? Who else won’t be in heaven? (Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 and Galatians 5:19-21 and Revelation 22:15)

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Revelation 22 - Heaven's Invitation

Key verses to think about.

22:3 No More Curse
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.

22:4 Name in Their Foreheads
They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads.

22:5 No Night
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.

22:7 I Come Quickly
"Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed *is* he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." 22:12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

22:13 Alpha and Omega
"I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last."

22:17 The Invitation
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.

22:20 Come Jesus, Come!
He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Questions:

1 Some people think we will sit around singing all through eternity, but God says we will serve him. If you could choose your job in heaven what would it be?

2 They shall see his face is repeated in scripture. Do you look forward to seeing Jesus face to face? (Read Matthew 17:2, 18:19, 1 Corinthians 13:12, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Rev 6:16, 10:1, 21:11)

3 If there is no night in heaven, when will we sleep? Will there be no need of sleep?

4 Everyone is invited but few will come. *"Whoever will may come." "Many are called but few are chosen."* Does that bother you? Why?

5 Foreheads seem to be important to God. Positive Foreheads (Read Rev 4:3, 9:4, 14:1. 29:4) Negative foreheads. (Read Rev 13:16-17, 14:9)

6 Why do you think Jesus repeats verse 17, Alpha and Omega, so often? (Isaiah 44:6, Isaiah 48:12, Rev 1:8, 21:6, 22:13)

7 If Jesus is coming quickly why has it taken 2026 years? What does he mean by quickly? (2 Peter 3:8, 1 Cor 15:52, Matt 24:44, Luke 12:49, Rev 1:1) [Meaning: soon, shortly, suddenly, quickly]

8 Do you often breathe the prayer of Revelation 22:20, "Even so come quickly Lord Jesus!"

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Revelation Topical Subjects

The book of Revelation contains a vast array of topics concerning the coming of the Lord. You cannot begin to understand Revelation without a good knowledge and a familiarity with the Old Testament.

=====12 REVELATION TOPICS======

1) --- OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES ON END TIMES ---

- Daniel 7 Four Beasts + Ancient of Days
- Daniel 9:20-27 Vision of 70 Weeks
- Daniel 9:27; 12:11 Abomination of Desolation -
- Daniel 11:2-45 Future Kings and AntiChrist
- Daniel 12 Tribulation and Victory
- Zechariah 12:10 Look on him they pierced
- Zechariah 13-14 Feet on Mt of Olives
- Ezekiel 37 Regathering of Israel (Dry Bones)
- Ezekiel 38-42 New Temple Measured
- Ezekiel 43-48 Glory of Lord Returns to Temple

2) -----REVELATION OF JESUS-----

- Deity of Jesus 1:4 Is, Was, to Come
- First and Last 1:11, 1:17, 2:8, 22:13
- Description of Jesus Rev 1:12-18,
- Every Eye sees Rev 1:7, Zech. 12:10
- Names & Titles of Jesus Rev 1-22, (There are at least 27 names, LAMB 27 times)

3)——VARIOUS SEVENS -—-

- 7 The Elders Fall down and worship Rev 1:17, 4:10, 5:8, 5:14, 7:11. 11:16, 19:4
- 7 Doxologies 1:5-6, 4:11, 5:13, 7:12, 11:15, 15:3-4, 19:1-2
- 7 Enemies: Beast, Dragon, Harlot, Babylon, Satan, Death & Hell, 2nd Death
- 3 Woes Rev 8:13, 11:14, 12:12

4)———-HEAVENLY SEVENS——-

- 7 Spirits of God Rev 1:4-5
- 7 Stars Rev 1:16, 1:20, 2:1
- 7 Candlesticks Rev 1:12
- 7 Churches Rev 2-3

5)———JUDGEMENTS——

- 7 Seals Rev 5:1-7:17
- 7 Trumpets - Rev 8:1-6–11:1-19
- 7 Bowls of Plagues Rev 15-16

6)---- THE GREAT TRIBULATION ----

- Great Tribulation Mt 24:21-29
- Great Falling Away 1 Timothy 4:1-5

- Dragon and Woman Rev 12:1-6
- War in Heaven Rev 12:7-17
- Beast from sea Rev 13:1-10
- Beast from under earth Rev 13:11
- The AntiChrist 2 Thess 2:1-12
- Image of Beast Rev 13:14-15
- False Prophet Rev 13:12-25
- 666 Number Rev 13:16-18
- World Economy 13:16

7)———-BABYLON——-

- Harlot Rev 12-17 Babylon the Great
- Religion on earth Rev 18
- Babylon Fallen Rev 14:8, 18:1-24

8)---- RAPTURE & SECOND COMING ----

- Two Witnesses Rev 11:1-13
- Temple in Heaven Rev 15:5-8
- Rapture (views) Mt 24-25, 1 Thess 4:16, Acts 1:11
- Second Coming Rev 19:11-16, Jude 1:14
- Judgement Seat of Christ 1 Cor 5:10, 1 Cor 3:9-15, Rev 4:4, 4:10
- Marriage supper of Lamb Rev 19:9-11
- Throne in Heaven Rev 4:1-11

9)---- MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST ----

- Satan Bound 1000 yrs Rev 20:7-10
- Bottomless Pit Rev 20:1-7.
- 1000 year reign Rev 20:1-6
- 144,000 sealed 7:1-8, 14,
- Temple on Earth 21:9-20

10)---- FINAL JUDGMENT----

- Satan Loosed 20:7-9
- Satan Destroyed 20:10-12
- White Throne Judgement 20:11-15

11)---- HELL ----

- Lake of Fire 20:10
- Damnation of Evil Doers 20:11-15
- Hell as Fire - 20:15, 20:1
- Bottomless Pit 20:7

12)--- HEAVEN ----

- Book of Life Rev 3:5, 20:13, 16
- Soon/Quickly - Rev 1:1,
- New Heaven and Earth 21
- New Jerusalem 21:1-2