

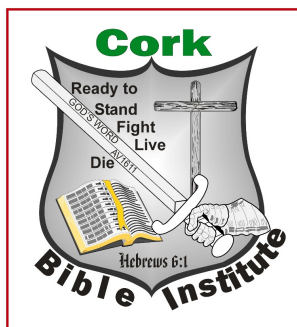
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#### COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS CLASS

1. Read through the book of the Revelation TWICE by the end of the Semester
2. Write a running verse by verse commentary of a chapter of your choice of the Book of Revelation (should be at least 3 pages)
3. Physically attend at least 80% of all classes (unless given special permission by the teacher for an absence)
4. Fill in the blanks in the Student Worksheets
5. Have an average of at least 70% score on all quizzes, and Final Exam

# The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Study Introduction

### I. Some Preliminary Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### E. Its Importance and Significance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Why would this Book be questioned?

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

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

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

**H. Its Interpretation**

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

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

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



## I. Its Placement in the Bible

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

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

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

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

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

## II. Our Approach:

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

## III. Some Practical Information

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

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

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

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

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

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



# A GUIDE TO THE TRIBULATION

## What's Happening in Heaven

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

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

### What's Happening on Earth

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

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

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

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

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

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

- BRIEF OUTLINE OF REVELATION**
- A. Jesus Christ Our High Priest in Heaven (1)
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Figure 1 A Guide to the Events of the Tribulation

**D. Concerning The Dispensations:**

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

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

**Table 2 - List of Dispensations.**

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

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

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

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

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

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## Chapter Twelve

### *Israel In The Tribulation*

Focus Verse: **Revelation 12:12**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

###### 1. The Sun-Clothed Woman (12:1,2)

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

###### 2. The Great Red Dragon (12:3,4)

- a. This “symbol” is clearly identified in 12:9 and 20:2

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. The Man-Child (12:5)

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

Possibilities:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C.

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

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

**III. Conclusion - Some Questions**

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

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## Chapter Thirteen

### *The Second Coming of the Beast*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**III. Conclusion - Some Questions**

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

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## Chapter Fourteen

### *Behold Their End*

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

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

#### I. Lesson - Behold Their End

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**IV. Conclusion - Some Questions**

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

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## Chapter Fifteen

### *The Preparation For The Last Plagues*

Focus Verse: **Revelation 15:1**

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

#### I. Introduction to Chapter Fifteen

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

#### II. Lesson

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

**III. Conclusion**

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

**IV. Some Questions**

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

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## Chapter Sixteen

### *The Seven Last Plagues*

Focus Verse: **Revelation 4:11**

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

#### I. Introduction to Chapter Sixteen

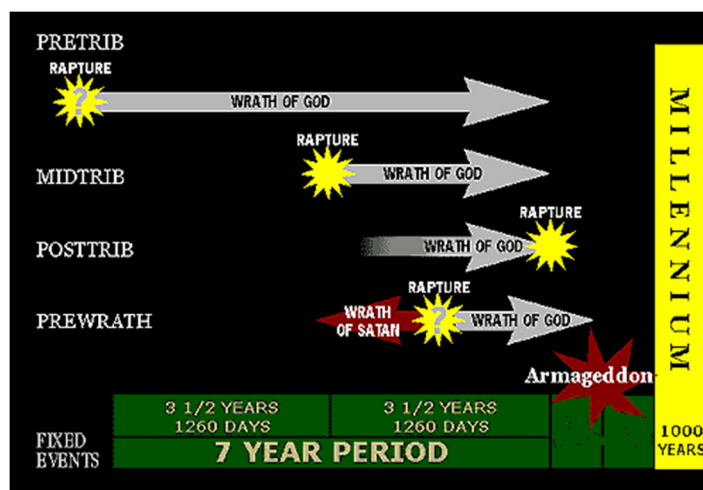
- A. We have been through the Tribulation now three times, and are about to go through it for the last time. I believe that the Lord is attempting to impress upon man the seriousness of these future events by going over their consequences again and again. If God repeats something, then we had better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

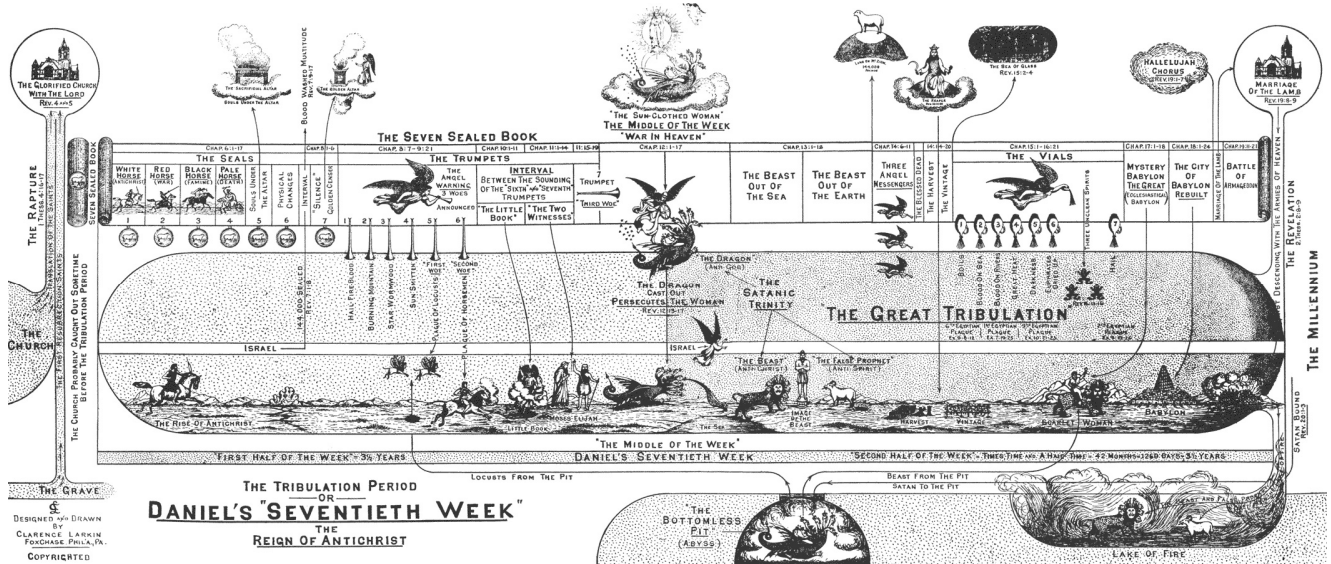
Trib Event	Judgments							
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	(Gap)	7th
<b>7 Seals (6:1-8:1)</b>	White Horse Antichrist False Peace	Red Horse  Wars	Black Horse  Famine	Pale Horse  Death & Hell	Great Persecution Genocide	Earthquake  Sun Darkened	<b>144,000 Witnesses</b>	Silence
<b>7 Trumpets (8:2-11:19)</b>	Fire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

**Table 7 - List of Tribulation Judgments**

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

#### II. Review of Tribulation Timelines





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

**V. Conclusion**

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

**VI. Some Questions**

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



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## Chapter Seventeen

### MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT

Focus Verses: **Revelation 17:5**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

**IV. Some Questions**

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

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## Chapter Eighteen

### *When Babylon Falls*

Focus Verses: **Revelation 18:2**

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

#### I. Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

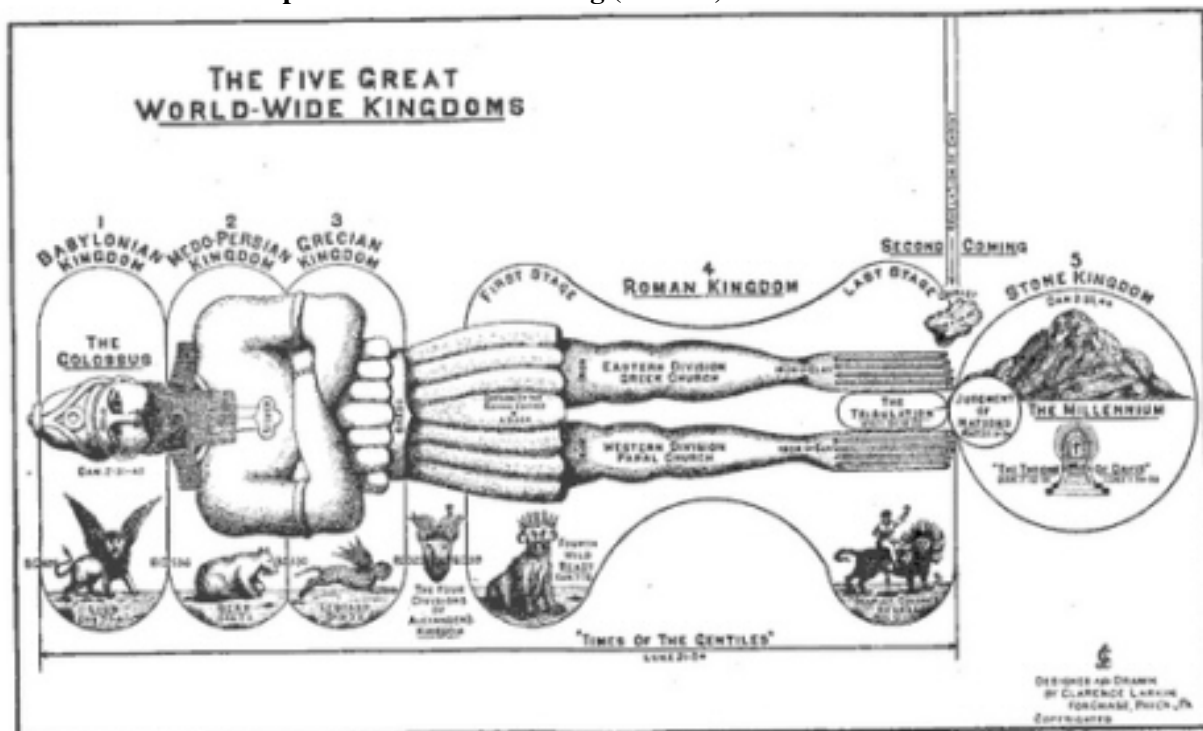
Notice how the whole world will pay more attention to the judgement of the city than to the JUDGE!!! Christian: PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE CHASTISER (Jesus Christ) THAN TO THE CHASTISEMENT, and TRIAL THAT YOU MAY BE GOING THROUGH!!!! As Job, quit your complaining ABOUT your troubles, and find out WHY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

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

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

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

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



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

**IV. Some Questions**

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

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## Chapter Nineteen

### *The Second Coming of Christ*

Focus Verses: **Revelation 19:11**

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

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

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

#### II. Lesson - The Second Coming

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

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

##### a. After WHAT things:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**IV. Some Questions**

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

# The Book Of The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter Twenty

### *The Millennium*

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

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

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

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

##### A. Dispensational Theology

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

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

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

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

#### II. Lesson - The Millennium

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**III. Some Questions**

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

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## Chapter Twenty One

### *The New Jerusalem*

Focus Verse: **Revelation 21:1**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### IV. Some Questions

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

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## Chapter Twenty Two

### *Wrapping Things Up*

Focus Verse: **Revelation 22:17**

**“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”**

#### I. Lesson Introduction - Quick Pace From Here On Out!

As things close-in on the end of Scripture, you will notice the pace of John describing things speeding-up, and the detail getting less and less. The emphasis will be upon making sure all the “bases are covered”, and then closing out the greatest Book ever written, leaving the student of the word of God to search out the details in the pages of the other 65 Books of the Bible. In chapter 22, details will be choppy and short. Watch how the tone of the Book changes in verse 6, and how Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the apostle John, New Testament Christians, and those hearing the word of God, all attempt to get a few last words in before closing the Book on time.

#### II. Lesson - Wrapping Things Up (22:1-21)

##### A. Downtown New Jerusalem (22:1-5)

1. The center of the city: the throne of God **and** now of the Lamb. This is where God the Father’s presence dwelt all the past 6,000 years.
2. The source of the river of the water of life: (the very source of ALL life)
  - a. Matches the river in Eden (Gen 2:10)
  - b. Matches the river in the Millennium (Ezek 47:1-12)

NOTE: Jesus refers to this water in John 4:10,14

3. The street by the river: lined with the Tree of Life (22:2)

NOTE: Notice the importance of the number 12. Twelve manners of fruit, twelve months, twelve gates of pearl, twelve foundations, twelve apostles, twelve tribes.

- a. Twelve manners of fruit - a single tree bearing twelve kinds of fruit! Special kind of tree.
- b. For the purpose of the healing of the nations
- c. Not effected by the curse imposed upon the old earth “Old things are passed away, behold all things are become new!”
4. The sight of His face: Nothing shall compare to just one look at His face (22:4)! The great thing to consider is not just that I want to see His face, but rather that Jesus Christ wants to see MY face!!!
5. The sealing of His name: marks of ownership, forever! We have seen this before with God’s people:
  - a. 144,000 witnesses (7:3), and here (22:4)
  - b. As well as with Satan’s people (13:18)
6. The sun is out-done: by the glory of His appearance! We have seen this before also:
  - a. Moses coming down from Mt Sinai
  - b. Jesus on the mount of Transfiguration
  - c. Paul on the road to Damascus

##### B. Testimony of Jesus Christ (22:6-15) - “Here I come!”

1. Based upon the sayings of this Book: True and Faithful (22:6; 3:14; 19:11; 21:5)

NOTE: See how the tone of the Book changes at verse 6. Up to this point, chronological information is given, then Jesus Christ begins to “wrap things up” from here on out.

2. For the purpose of “showing His servants the things which must shortly come to pass” (22:6)

3. No matter what, Jesus is coming (22:7), and you had better “keep my words,” and NOT just hear them (James 1:22)!
4. Based upon eye-witnesses: “What I write, I actually did see” (22:8; Cf 1 John 1:1-3; 2 Pet 1:16; Gal 1:15-18)
5. Make sure you don’t get caught up in all the spectacular (streets of gold, pearly gates, etc), and miss the Saviour!
6. John started to worship the escorting angel instead of GOD for the SECOND time!
7. Get the word out (22:10-15):
  - a. Don’t seal this Book! (22:10; Cf Daniel 12:4) - It must be read, and read again, and lived!
  - b. The time is at hand, “I come quickly” (22:12)
  - c. Get off the fence! Get right, or get wrong! (22:11)
  - d. “I am what everybody is looking for” (22:13)
  - e. The tree of Life is available once again (22:14; Cf Gen 3:22). Having “right” to the tree of life, not just “access,” but “authority” whereas some wont.
  - f. The choice is clear (22:15)
8. Jesus says, “I am the God-Man” (22:16):
  - a. Notice that He is not only the “root of Jesse” (Creator of Jesse)
  - b. But also “the offspring of David” (Cf Ps 110:1; Matt 22:41-46; & See notes on Rev 5:5)!
9. Having RIGHT to access the Tree of Life, and access to the city
  - a. For the Tribulation believers, and those born in the Millennium
  - b. NOT for believers NOW in this dispensation!
10. Excluded from this city are all who are lost!!! Look at how they are described:
  - a. Dogs
  - b. Sorcerers
  - c. Whoremongers
  - d. Murderers
  - e. Idolaters
  - f. whosoever loveth and maketh a lie

**C. The Last Pleas (Requests, 22:16-21):**

1. \_\_\_\_\_, come to the water of life:
  - a. Pleaded by the Holy Spirit first (He always has to work in the heart of a person first), then by the Bride (N.T. Christians), then by those that hear the plea (it propagates itself).
  - b. An open invitation unto “all who are a thirst” (Matt 5:6), and based upon “whosoever will” (man’s free-will). NOTE: You can lead a horse to water but...!
  - c. Come and drink ***F R E E L Y*** (Cf Gen 2:16 with 3:2) - It has already been paid for!!!
2. \_\_\_\_\_, don’t mess with the Book:
  - a. God is DEAD-SERIOUS about the “corrupting” of the “words” of the Bible! Don’t add to, or take away from them!
  - b. God promised to preserve the very words of this Book, and He intends on letting no one “corrupt” them (2 Cor 2:17)!
  - c. If you ADD anything to these words, God will add to your life the PLAGUES written in revelation
  - d. If you take anything away, God will remove your name from the Book of Life! (New bibles say, “tree” of life). You damn yourself!
3. Even So, Come \_\_\_\_\_ (22:20-21):
  - a. Jesus gives the final announcement: I am ready to close out the opportunity for man to get in on my plan for the ages.
  - b. John wants everyone possible to get in on it, but looks forward to Christ’s return, because when everything is all said and done, the only hope for this world is the second coming!

- c. But until then, Christian, you need the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ with you (22:21)!

### III. Conclusion

### IV. Some Final Questions

- A. What is right downtown in the middle of the New Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Why was this Book written? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- C. What is made available once again that had been barred from man since Gen 3:22? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- D. In the last pleas, what is the sinner supposed to do (22:16)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- E. What does it cost to drink of the water of life? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Man is prohibited from doing two things to the Bible. What are they? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- G. When it is all said and done, the only hope for this world lies in one event - what is it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_