**Revealing Revelation**

Lesson 1 – Introduction

The aim of this study is to give you an overview of Revelation that includes both highlights and details. It is designed for your participation. You will have the opportunity to act much like the believers in the city of Berea during the days of the apostle Paul. He tells us that they were not mere listeners to what he had to say, but also took the time to dig deeper.

*The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they*

*arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more fair-minded*

*than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and*

*searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so (Acts*

*17:10-11).*

The best place to begin understanding any book of the Bible is to discover something about the author of the book. Some of that information can be found by tracing the author’s name in the Bible. You can also find information about the author by checking some online Bible apps or sites. Ones particularly recommended are [www.biblehub.com](http://www.biblehub.com), [www.blueletterbible.com](http://www.blueletterbible.com), [www.youversion.org](http://www.youversion.org), [www.bible.org](http://www.bible.org), and [www.biblegateway.org](http://www.biblegateway.org).

Read Revelation 1:1-3

1. Who is the apostle John?
2. What other books did John write?
3. How is his relationship with Christ expressed in the Gospels (John 13:23; 20:2; 21:7,20)?
4. How was John different from the other disciples when it came to Jesus and the cross (John 19:27)?

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Lesson 2

The Exalted Jesus – Chapter 1

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

Define the Greek meaning of apocalypse:

Read Revelation 1:1-8

1. Who are the ones receiving a blessing from this letter?
2. What threefold blessing can we receive from Jesus?
3. Check the relationship between verse 7 and the following passages. What do these passages add to this statement?
4. Zachariah 12:10-------
5. Matthew 24:30-31------
6. Acts 1:9-11----
7. Revelation 19:11-16-----
8. Do you believe Jesus will return symbolically or literally? Why do you say that?
9. How should the awareness that Jesus is going to return to earth one day affect your life today?

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Lesson 3

The Exalted Jesus – Chapter 1

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

Read Revelation 1:12-16

1. With whom is Jesus compared who has a similar appearance (Daniel 7:9-10)?
2. In what other contexts is a sharp tow-edged sword used in Scripture?
3. Revelation 19:15----
4. Hebrews 4:12----
5. Proverbs 5:3-4----
6. Revelation 2:12----

Read Revelation 1:17-20

1. What else do you learn about Death and Hades in Scripture?
2. Revelation 6:8----
3. Revelation 20:13----
4. Revelation 20:14----

**ANALYZE THE MESSAGE (What does it mean?)**

1. What is the meaning of the following two symbols in Revelation 1:12-20?
2. The seven stars----
3. The seven golden candlesticks----
4. What surprised you most about this chapter?
5. What was the greatest insight you gleaned from this chapter?
6. Our “blessed hope” (Titus 2:13) is not the second coming of Christ, but the rapture of the church. We look forward to that wonderful day when suddenly, we will ascend to heaven. That will be an instantaneous event that the world will not see. In contrast, the second coming will be a process, and every eye will see the Lord return to the earth. We as the church will return to earth with Him. Is this how you have understood these two events? If not, what understanding have you had?

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Lesson 4

The Exalted Jesus – Chapter 1

**COMPARE THIS PASSAGE WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE**

**(Is this supported by other passages in Revelation, John’s other books, the Old/New Testament?)**

Remember, even with the Bible’s great diversity, there is unity throughout the Scriptures. Therefore, what you read in one book may be found again in another. And never will any properly understood passage contradict another.

Write the phrase that is similar to the one in the book of Revelation:

1. “The Revelation of Jesus Christ” (Revelation 1:1)
2. 1 Peter 1:7----
3. 1 Peter 1:13----
4. Galatians 1:12----
5. “…who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Revelation 1:2)
6. John 8:13-14----
7. Revelation 1:9----
8. Revelation 12:17----
9. Revelation 19:10----
10. Revelation: 20:4----
11. “To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood” (Revelation 1:5)
12. 1 Corinthians 6:11----
13. Ephesians 5:26----
14. “Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him” (Revelation 1:7)
15. Matthew 24:29-31----
16. Zechariah 12:10-14----
17. Daniel 7:9-14----

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The Exalted Jesus – Chapter 1

**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life?)**

By itself, information about the book of Revelation is helpful, but not transformative. Only when you find some carryover principles by which to live will the Scriptures make a transformative impact on you. So let’s see what principles we can draw from this chapter.

1. Read Revelation 1:8, 17-18, 2:8, and 22:13. What do these verses confirm?
2. Read Jeremiah 1:5, Galatians 1:15-17 and Ephesians 2:10. What parallel do you see between the call on a prophet, an apostle, and you?
3. How has God equipped you? You may discover the answer to that by asking yourself the following questions.
4. What am I naturally good at?
5. What do I most enjoy doing?
6. Circle which of the following statements best describes you:

I love helping others.

I love singing and playing musical instruments.

I love to fix things that are broken.

I love to lead people in a worthwhile direction.

I love to teach others the Word of God.

I love to create (writing, painting, drawing, singing or playing music, etc.).

I love to program computers.

I see needs of people that others do not see.

I am a very organized person and enjoy helping teams or groups organize efficiently.

I love to give others, though I don’t always have a lot to give.

I love to pray for those in need.

I love to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Look at each of the statements you have circled, and for each one, write a sentence or two that describes how that is manifest in your life.
2. How are you using your giftedness, talents, experience, and education for the Lord today?
3. How would you like to use what God has given you to serve Him in the future?

**Application Principle**: Jesus is an eternal God with neither beginning nor ending. In eternity past, He developed a plan for your life, and He has equipped you to fulfill that plan.

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Lesson 5

Jesus Prepares His Bride for His Future Return – Chapters 2-3

There is a pattern to what the Lord has to say to His churches. Using that outline can help us understand the message that He is communicating to them and to us. The pattern is as follows:

1. Who Jesus Is (How did Jesus introduce Himself to this church?)
2. What Jesus Knows (Both good and bad about this church)
3. Jesus’ Warning (How did He encourage, rebuke, or challenge this church?)
4. Jesus’ Promise (What promise does He give to this church?)
5. Apply the four-fold outline to each of the seven churches.
6. **Ephesus**
7. **Smyrna**
8. **Thyatira**
9. **Pergamum**
10. **Sardis**
11. **Philadelphia**
12. **Laodicea**

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Lesson 6

Heaven’s Open Door – Chapter 4

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

Read Revelation 4

1. What did John see first?
2. What did John hear first?
3. What else did John see besides a throne?
4. What two groups surrounded the throne?
5. Which of the two groups wore crowns of gold on their heads?
6. What causes the twenty-four elders to fall down and worship the One on the throne?
7. That is the major reason the twenty-four elders worship the One on the throne?

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Heaven’s Open Door – Chapter 4

Lesson 7

**ANALYZE THE MESSAGE (What does this mean?)**

1. Is Revelation 4 talking about the past, present, or future? Explain.
2. What are the seven spirits of God, according to Isaiah 11:1-3?
3. To Whom, then, would these seven spirits most likely be referring?
4. What does John mean when he says that he was “in the Spirit” in Revelation 4:2?
5. Who do you believe was sitting on the throne?
6. Why do you say that?

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Heaven’s Open Door – Chapter 4

Lesson 8

**COMPARE THIS PASSAGE WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE**

**(Is this supported by other passages in Revelation, John’s other books, the Old/New Testament?)**

As John continued to look around, some other sights caught his eyes. A sea lay before him, but not of water. It was a sea of glass, like crystal. Then something moved, and he spotted some strange-looking creatures surrounding the throne. It’s likely this longtime pastor’s mind drifted back to the book of Ezekiel which he would have known quite well. That prophet had described beings that were very similar to those that were hovering in front of John.

Read Ezekiel 1:4-12

Read Revelation 4:6-8

1. What parallels do you see between the two visions.

But the sights and sounds did not stop there. Suddenly these four creatures began to sing out to the One on the throne. Their song sounded very much like what the prophet Isaiah had heard when he had his throne room experience many years before.

Read Isaiah 6:2-3

Read Revelation 4:8

1. What similarities are there between the two songs?

But the words of praise do not end there. And the music is pleasing to the ears of the elderly apostle.

Read Revelation 4:9-11

1. What stands out to you most about these songs of praise to the Lord?
2. Both the seraphim and the four living creatures praised the Lord. For what did each group praise Him?
3. The seraphim (Isaiah 6)
4. The four living creatures (Revelation 4)
5. What phrase is repeated throughout Revelation?
6. Revelation 8:5-----
7. Revelation 11:9-----
8. Revelation 16:18-----
9. How does the prophet Ezekiel describe the four living creatures he saw (Ezekiel 10:14, 20-22)?
10. John saw a sea if glass before him in heaven. Describe what the following individuals saw when they captured a glimpse of heaven.
11. Moses in Exodus 24:9-11---
12. Isaiah in Isaiah 6---
13. Ezekiel in Ezekiel 1:22-28---
14. Daniel in Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14---
15. Stephen in Acts 7:54-56---

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Heaven’s Open Door – Chapter 4

**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life?)**

**Principle**: Our God reigns and desires to reign in our lives.

Two words that are prominent in this chapter are *holy* and *worthy*. God is set apart from all that is unholy and defiled. He is also worthy of our worship and all the sacrifices that we make for Him.

It is human nature to desire to be in control. We convince ourselves that we know best. We can see this in politics, in the workplace, and even in the church. That attitude cost the Israelites 40 years of wandering in the wilderness; all because they didn’t trust God’s promise.

Once we ae convinced that God alone is in control life and has wired each f us according to His will, we can begin discerning how He has equipped us and our spouse or our friends, and celebrate each individual’s uniqueness.

1. How should this principle (God is in control) affect the way you treat others?
2. List at least three times in your life when you saw God take charge over a circumstance that seemed uncertain or difficult?
3. Has God ever closed the door on something that you really wanted but could not get? If so, how did you react?
4. Has God ever opened a door of opportunity that you hadn’t sought nor expected, and yet it brought about some significant changes in your life for the better?
5. The fact that God is in charge should be an encouragement and a great blessing to you. How do you feel about that principle now?

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The Lion and The Lamb – Chapter 5

Lesson 9

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

Read Revelation 5:1-8

1. There is a problem and a solution in this chapter
2. What is the problem?
3. What is the solution?
4. Why do you believe there are seven seals rather than five, ten, or twenty?
5. Why do you think John was weeping?
6. How do the seven spirits in chapter 5 differ from the seven spirits in chapter 4 (see 4:5; 5:6)?
7. Do you see any significance in the change?

Read Revelation 5:9-14

1. What three groups praised the Lamb? For what did each group give praise to the Lamp (verses 9-10)?
2. Group #1----
3. Group #2----
4. Group #3---

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The Lion and The Lamb – Chapter 5

Lesson 10

**ANALYZE THE MESSAGE (What does it mean?)**

1. What relationship do you see between Genesis 49:8-12 and Revelation 5:5?
2. From what tribe did Jesus come?
3. If all priests had to come from the tribe of Levi, how could Jesus be our High Priest (Hebrews 5:5-6; 7:14-17; 7:20-22)?
4. Revelation 5:9-10 reveals that Jesus did something for us in the past and will do something for us in the future. State what He has done, what He will do, and the significance of each.
5. List the seven attributes of the Lamb (verse 12):

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

g.

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The Lion and The Lamb – Chapter 5

Lesson 11

**COMPARE THIS CHAPTER WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE (Is this supported by other passages in Revelation, John’s other books, the Old/New Testaments?)**

1. **Statement**: “You are worthy take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain” (Rev. 5:9).
2. What did God provide for Adam and Eve after they had sinned (Genesis 3:21)?
3. Where do you think God got what He gave to Adam and Eve?
4. What was essential for the Israelites to receive forgiveness (Exodus 12:1-11)?
5. How did John the Baptist describe Jesus (John 1:29-31)?
6. How does the apostle Paul connect the Passover with Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 5:7)?
7. How does the writer of Hebrews summarize the need for the Lamb of God (Heb. 9:22)?

1. **Statement**: “…and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation” (Rev. 5:9).
2. The Greek word for “redeemed” is *agorazo*---“to purchase.” The Greek market was called the agora. Not only could you purchase food and other goods there, but you could also buy slaves. Because we were slaves of sin (Romans 6:6), our Lord went into the agora and “purchased” us. What was the currency that He used to ransom us?
3. Jesus did not stop with you and me. His blood paid the price to make salvation available for every human being on earth (1 John 2:2). Why not pause at this moment and thank Him for your redemption?
4. **Statement**: “and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth” (Rev. 5:10).
5. A king rules people, while a priest intercedes on behalf of others. A king is over others while a priest stands between man and God. This is one of the reasons we strongly believe in a millennial reign of Christ. There is a need for priests on planet Earth, but there in not the same need in the Jew Jerusalem. There will be service and reigning in the New Jerusalem, but no need for a priest because of Christ’s presence. In fact, the word “priest” (singular) is not found in the book of Revelation, and the word “priests” (plural) is found only three times, used within the context of the millennial reign of Christ (Rev. 1:6; 5:10; and 20:6).
6. This means that we will likely be quite busy during the millennium. There will be no need for political parties, or a congress, or a parliament. There will be no place for a dictator. The millennium will be a monarchy, and we will serve the monarch, the Lord Jesus Christ. There will be territories over which we will be responsible. The size and location entrusted to us will most likely depend upon our faithfulness to the Lord in the present, and the gifts and abilities that He gives us at that time. This is what Jesus spoke of to His disciples up on the Mount of Olives, saying, “His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord’” (Matt. 25:23).

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The Lion and The Lamb – Chapter 5

**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life today?)**

**Principle:** Jesus is worthy of our unconditional worship and service.

1. How does the apostle Paul say we can walk worthy of the calling that we have received (Ephesians 4:1-3)?
2. How does he suggest we walk worthy in Philippians 1:27-27?
3. How does he suggest we walk worthy in Colossians 1:10-14?
4. In light of the fact that Christ has redeemed us and set us free from spiritual bondage, how do you use your freedom in Christ?
5. What are some examples of the “small things” in which you are faithful?
6. What are some examples of the “great things” in which you are faithful?
7. How are you doing at walking worthy of the Lord? In what areas of your life do you see room for growth?

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The Lamb Opens the Seals – Chapter 6

Lesson 12

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

Read Revelation 6:1-8

The first rider trots in on a white horse. In the ancient Middle East, kings who entered a city riding a donkey came in peace. But when they rode a white horse, they came for war.

1. What did the prophet Zechariah predict would happen in the future (Zechariah 9:9-10)?
2. When was the prophecy fulfilled, and by whom (John 12:12-15)?
3. Will the rider in Revelation 6:2 conquer through peace or through war? Does the fact that he carries a bow but no arrows impact your answer?
4. What about the rider of Revelation 19:11-16?
5. When David was old, which son put himself forward to be the new king of Israel (1 Kings 1:5-8)?
6. When Solomon was selected to become king, what animal did he ride on to show that he was coming in peace (1 Kings 1:38-40)?
7. The next three horses multiply the misery that will occur during the tribulation. Use a few words to describe what each horse and rider does.
8. The red horse and rider----
9. The black horse and rider---
10. The pale horse and rider----

Read Revelation 6:9-11

Here in Revelation 6:10, the martyrs ask much the same question as Isaiah and Habakkuk asked in Isaiah 6:11 and Habakkuk 1:2, but they don’t receive the answer they were likely looking for.

1. What is the response that is given to the martyrs?
2. What thoughts come to mind about God when you read that His patience with the wicked would result in the violent deaths of many more of His people?

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The Lamb Opens the Seals – Chapter 6

Lesson 13

**ANALYZE THE MESSAGE (What does it mean?)**

Read Revelation 6:12-17

1. Who is the one leveling the judgement?]
2. On what basis does He have the authority to judge?
3. How do the people on earth respond to these judgments (vss. 15-17)?
4. What happens to the social status of people in those days (vss. 15-17)?
5. What is the difference between Hades and Death (vs. 8)?
6. In this chapter, what is the role of the four living creatures?
7. What is meant by “the wrath of the Lamb” (vs. 16)?

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The Lamb Opens the Seals – Chapter 6

Lesson 14

**COMPARE THIS CHAPTER WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE**

1. How does John 5:22 justify the Lamb as a judge?
2. How do the four living creatures in Revelation compare with those in Ezekiel 1 and 10?
3. How do the four horses of Revelation compare with those of Zechariah 6:1-8?
4. One of the riders in Revelation is Death, and behind him is Hades. These two are found in other passages of Scripture.
5. What does Hades claim in Luke 16:23-28? (Some Bible versions translate this word as “hell,” but is “Hades” in the original Greek text.)
6. Who has the keys to Hades (Rev. 1:18)?
7. What is the final destiny of those in Hades (Rev. 20:13-14)?
8. How do the saints of Revelation 6 differ from the saints of the church age?
9. Where did we say the church saints are at this time?
10. How does John’s description of cosmic changes compare with those of the prophet Joel (Joel 2:1-2; 10-11, 30-31; 3:14-16)?
11. Compare these events with what is described in Isaiah 13:9-11.
12. Compare these events with the description in Amos 5:18-19.
13. What assurance does the apostle Paul give to the church with regard to “the day of the Lord” appearing as a thief in the night (1 Thess. 5:1-9)?

**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life)?**

**Principle: We cannot prevent God’s judgment, but we can prepare others to escape it.**

You may wonder how these events may affect us since we, as the church, will be in heaven. The fact is that they will not affect us then, but they certainly should motivate us now. You may have friends and family who, if they don’t become saved, will experience the tragedies of Revelation 6. The Lord may be calling you to warn them of this impending danger. You may want to pray for God to guide you as to when to speak and when to refrain from speaking. Who do you know who needs the Lord? Why not make a list of ten people in your circle of influence who do not yet know the Lord, and pray for them and seek opportunities to share the gospel with them in hopes they can avoid the devastation described in Revelation 6-19.

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Those Who Are Able To Stand (First Interlude) – Chapter 7

Lesson 15

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-11 – Here, we see God’s agenda for what will happen before the Antichrist is revealed. First, He will allow people to “fall away” into apostasy. Second, the restrainer, God’s Spirit in the church, will be removed. And third, for that to happen, the church needs to be gone. We are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. The only way for God’s Spirit to leave the earth is for God to take us too. Not until after these things happen will the Antichrist be revealed and the tribulation begin.

The tribulation will be a unique period in human history, and when it begins, those who are left behind will know it. It will be unprecedented, and nothing like it will happen again. But even in the midst of judgment, God’s character doesn’t change. His desire is still for people to come to Him in salvation. Because of that, He will put forth a witness---or, more precisely, 144,000 witnesses.

Read Revelation 7:1-8

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

Read Revelation 7:9-17

1. Where does the event in Rev. 7:1-8 occur?
2. Where does the event in Rev. 7:9-17 occur?
3. List the characters mentioned in verses 1-8:

a.

b.

c.

d.

1. What is the nationality of the 144,000?
2. Why do you say that?
3. Name the characters in verses 9-17:

a.

b.

c.

d.

d.

e.

f.

g.

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Those Who Are Able To Stand (First Interlude) – Chapter 7

Lesson 16

**ANALYZE THE MESSAGE (What does it mean?)**

1. What major question does chapter 7 answer (check the last verse of chapter 6)?
2. There are some who do not believe these 144,000 are Jews. How would you answer them?
3. What do the first three verses tell you about angelic hierarchy?
4. Why is this multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb?
5. What do you believe is the significance of the palm branches in the hands of the martyrs (vs. 9)?
6. How do you know that these believers are not from the church age?
7. What blessings do these believers receive from God the Father and the Lamb?

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Those Who Are Able To Stand (First Interlude) – Chapter 7

Lesson 17

**COMPARE THIS CHAPTER WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE**

1. We are told in this chapter that the 144,000 are sealed by God.
2. How is the term “sealed” used in Daniel 6:17?
3. How is it used in Daniel 12:9?
4. How is it used in Jeremiah 32:8-12?
5. In Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30?

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Those Who Are Able to Stand (First Interlude) – Chapter 7

**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life?)**

**Principle: If you know Christ as your Savior, you have been sealed with the Holy Spirit.**

1. What does this sealing by the Holy Spirit guarantee for you when you die (see Cor. 5:8)?
2. What does the sealing by the Holy Spirit do for you as you continue your spiritual journey through life (see 1 John 2:20-27)?
3. What does the sealing by the Holy Spirit do for you as you await His return?

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The Trumpets Blow- Chapters 8-9

Lesson 18

**Read Revelation 8:1-5** to see what is taking place in heaven while the earth’s population has no idea what is about to descend upon it. Anything stands out to you?

Read Revelation 8:6-9:21

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

1. What are the results after the first trumpet sounds?
2. What are the results after the second trumpet sounds?
3. What are the results after the third trumpet sounds?
4. What are the results after the fourth trumpet sounds?
5. What are the results after the fifth trumpet sounds?
6. What are the results after the sixth trumpet sounds?
7. How will mankind respond to these deadly events that blast down to earth?
8. Who are the only individuals not harmed by the locusts?
9. What is the name of the locusts’ king?

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Lesson 19

**ANALYZE THE MESSAGE (What does it mean?)**

1. At the present time, the earth’s population is around eight billion people. In the fourth seal judgment alone, one-fourth of the world’s population will be killed (Rev. 6:8). How much of the population will be left?
2. According to Revelation 9:18, another on-third of the world’s population will be killed by three plagues of fire, smoke, and sulfur. How much of the world’s population will be left?
3. Not only will the salt water on earth be affected by the trumpet judgments, but what will happen to the fresh water supply during this same time?
4. What does the “first woe” consist of in Revelation 9:1-12?
5. Once the four angels are released to carry out their foreordained work, what will be the result?
6. Revelation 8 speaks about a golden censer and a golden altar with incense. Where was this golden altar located in the tabernacle and the temple?

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Lesson 20

**COMPARE THIS CHAPTER WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE**

1. Before the silence is broken in chapter 8, and angel appears with a golden censer and stands at the golden altar. The angel is given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints. But who has olden bowls filled with the prayers of the saints in Revelation 5?
2. Would the prayers of the saints in Revelation 5 be the same as the prayers of the saints in Revelation 8? What is you evidence for your answer?
3. Are those who bear the seal of God in chapter 7 the same as those who are sealed in chapter 8? What is your evidence for your answer?
4. In Revelation 9:1, we read that a star will fall from heaven. There is another star that falls from heaven in Isaiah 14:12. Would they be the same star? Why or why not?
5. Which of these stars was John referring to in Revelation 12:7-9?
6. Which of these stars was Jesus referring to John 12:31?

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**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life?)**

**Principle: God provides a lot of warning before He brings judgment**

The lengthy period of the prophets serves as evidence of God’s patient compassion for mankind. He raised up prophet after prophet to warn people of what would happen if they refused to repent and turn to Him. With Israel, God wanted so much to have a relationship with His people, but they wouldn’t have Him. Even though Gentiles were turning to God, the Israelites still refused Him. In Isaiah, we hear God’s frustrated, sorrowful words:

I was sought by those who did not ask for Me;

I was found by those who did not seek Me.

I said, “Here I am, here I am,”

to a nation that was not called by My name (Isaiah 65:1)

Man’s problem during the tribulation will not be a lack of warning. God has given plenty of notice about this appointed time since the days of the prophet Joel. But because the tribulation has not yet come to pass, many are dismissive about it. Mankind goes on with life as though judgment will never happen.

1. Can you think of other warnings in the Bible that were given before some major catastrophe occurred, but few paid any attention?
2. What are the warning signs you see today that the Lord is preparing to bring this time of Jacob’s trouble upon the world?
3. What are some of the evidences you see that serve as warnings that the Antichrist is soon coming on the world scene?
4. Now that you are aware of what the Bible says about future events, what do you plan to do with this information when it comes to your friends and family?

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A Book-Eating and Two Witnesses (Second Interlude) – Chapters 10-11

Lesson 21

As we enter this chapter, we will discover that it is the second interlude to John’s prophetic message. The phrases “strong angel” or “mighty angel” appears three times in Revelation. This chapter opens introducing us to the second “strong angel.”

Read Revelation 10:1-4

1. What instruction is John given concerning the seven thunders?

Read Revelation 10:5-7

1. The word “mystery” appears four times in the book of Revelation (1:20; 10:7; 17:5,7). You’ll recall that in Scripture, a mystery is a truth that has not previously been revealed. The second coming of Christ is not a mystery because the Old Testament teaches about it time after time. However, the church was a mystery until its revelation in the New Testament. Interestingly enough, the angel says that the mystery “would be finished.” To what mystery do you think he is referring to?

Read Revelation 10:8-11

Notice that the book in the angel’s hand is an “open” book (vs.8), and it has been open for some time. The tense of the Greek verb used here shows us that the book was opened in the past and was still open at the time of John wrote these words. This might mean that the prophecies with the book are from both the Old and the New Testaments.

1. What do you think the idea of the book being sweet to the taste but sour to the stomach coveys?

Read Revelation 11:1-14

As we move into chapter 11, the second interlude continues. When we speak of an interlude, we mean that the forward movement of time in the tribulation has stopped at the end of chapter 9 and will not pick up again until we get to chapter 15. As we approach chapter 11, we are still in the first half of the tribulation, the first three-and-a-half years. For these chapters, we are going to let you take the lead by answering some questions before we say anything about the text.

1. What was John told to do at the temple?
2. For how long will the Gentiles trample on the holy city?
3. Where else in the Bible do you read about two olive trees?
4. What type of power do these witnesses have?
5. What power is given to the Antichrist in relation to the two witnesses?
6. How will the people around the world react to the deaths of the two witnesses?
7. How many people will be killed in the earthquake that follows the ascension of the two witnesses?

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A Book-Eating and Two Witnesses (Second Interlude) – Chapters 10-11

Lesson 22

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

In Revelation 11, you will see a lot of activity taking place, both natural and supernatural. Before you continue, finish reading chapter 11.

Read Revelation 11:15-19

1. Identify the “great city” and provide support for your answer (verse 8).
2. Contrast what must have been going through the minds of the apostles as they watched Jesus ascend into heaven with what will probably go through the minds of the world’s population as they watch the two witnesses ascend into heaven.
3. Where else in the book of Revelation do you read the words, “Come up here” (verse 12)?
4. The celebration by unbelievers does not last long. Why is that?
5. The seventh trumpet sounds during this interlude and moves the focus from earth to heaven. Who participates in the worship taking place in heaven at this point?
6. What is the main reason why those who are in heaven are worshipping God?
7. What occurs on earth after the great worship service in heaven?
8. Describe, in one paragraph, what the mighty angel in chapter 10 is doing.
9. What two major attributes does the angel assign to God in chapter 10?
10. Compare Revelation 10:9-10 with Jeremiah 15:16 and Ezekiel 2:8-3:3.

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A Book-Eating and Two Witnesses (Second Interlude) – Chapters 10-11

Lesson 23

**ANALYZE THE MESSAGE** **(What does it mean?)**

What do you believe Jesus was attempting to communicate in chapter 10, through John, to the seven churches who will receive this letter?

1. The two witnesses will be dressed in sackcloth. Who else was dressed in sackcloth, and for what purpose?
2. Genesis 37:34 ------
3. 2 Samuel 3:31------
4. Esther 4:1------
5. Isaiah 37:1------
6. Jonah 3:6------
7. Why are the two witnesses in Revelation 11 wearing sackcloth?
8. Who is the beast that comes up from the abyss? Why do you say that?
9. What is the name of the “great city” (11:8)? Why do you say that?
10. How many earthquakes occur in chapter 11?
11. Compare 11:16-18 with Psalm 2. What are the similarities and differences?
12. In chapter 11, the “second woe” has passed. When did the “first woe” pass?

**Revealing Revelation**

A Book-Eating and Two Witnesses (Second Interlude) – Chapters 10-11

**Lesson 24**

**COMPARE THIS CHAPTER WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE**

**(IS THIS SUPPORTED BY ANY OTHER PASSAGES IN REVELATION, JOHN’S OTHER BOOKS, THE OLD/NEW TESTAMENTS?)**

1. Where else is 1,260 days mentioned in Revelation, and for what event?
2. Where else is 42 months mentioned in Revelation?
3. Compare the power of the two witnesses to the power of Moses (Exodus 7) and Elijah (1 Kings 17:1).
4. Who else went up to heaven in a cloud, and from what location (Acts 1:9-11)?
5. Comment on the various earthquakes in Revelation with regard to their size or the results of the earthquake.
6. Revelation 6:12------
7. Revelation 8:5------
8. Revelation 11:13------
9. Revelation 11:19------
10. Revelation 16:18------

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A Book-Eating and Two Witnesses (Second Interlude) – Chapters 10-11

**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life?)**

**Principle: God always has a witness.**

When Jezebel put out a contract on Elijah, the prophet fled to Mt. Sinai. When God spoke to him, He asked Elijah what he was doing there. The prophet replied that he was the only faithful one left in the country. Here is God’s response:

**15**…. “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. **16**Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.**17**Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. **18**Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him” (1 Kings 19:15-18).

You might be asking, “What does that have to do with me?” The answer is everything! You are also a witness. Many of you taking this class would enjoy listening to sermons about the end times, but your unsaved friends and family will probably never hear such messages. That is, unless you say something. You are the Lord’s witnesses. You are also His ambassadors. An ambassador is one who represents his country and the president, king, or prime minister of his country. As Christians we are citizens of heaven. We are like pilgrims who visited Jerusalem to attend one of the feasts. They would pass through the Valley of Baca, or “weeping,” but they would go from strength to strength as they drank from the freshwater pools (Psalms 84:5-7).

Our destiny is not Jerusalem, but rather, the New Jerusalem that is revealed in Revelation 21-22. The question is, How can you be a witness to a world that knows so little about the one true God? You can answer by asking yourself these questions:

1. How can my lifestyle attract others to Jesus Christ?
2. If someone were to ask me how to become a Christian, would I know how to lead them. to Christ? If yes, what would I say to them?
3. If someone accused me of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict me? If yes, what would that evidence include?
4. How would my children describe my relationship with Jesus Christ?
5. Could I tell someone *why* I believe *what* I believe? If yes, what would I say?
6. Who have I already had the privilege of leading to Christ?

**Revealing Revelation**

A WOMAN, A DRAGON, AND A CHILD

(THIRD INTERLUDE) Chapter 12

**Lesson 25**

Read Revelation 12:1-6

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

A lot happens in this chapter. Up till now, some of the symbols we’ve encountered have been difficult to interpret, but the meanings of the symbols in this chapter are quite clear.

1. What time in history did a dragon-like individual attempt to devour a male child (Matthew 2:16-18)?
2. How does the Bible identify the dragon (Revelation 12:9; 20:1-3)?
3. What figure in prophecy is destined to rule the nations with a rod of iron (Psalm 2:9; Revelation 2:27; 19:15)?
4. Commentators see two possibilities for the woman: (1) Mary the mother of Jesus; (2) Israel. Which of the two do you think it is, and why?
5. Between verses 5 and 6 there is a time lapse. The “snatching up” of the child occurred thirty-three years after his birth. When does Israel’s flight into the wilderness for three-and-a-half years occur?

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**Lesson 26**

**ANALYZE THE MESSAGE (What does it mean?)**

Read Revelation 12:7-17

In 100 words or less, summarize what is happening in these verses.

1. How would you identify the “moon” under the woman’s feet and the garland of twelve stars on her head (Rev. 12:1)? Why did you come to those conclusions?
2. We are told that the woman will flee into the wilderness for 1,260 days.
3. How many months is that?
4. How many years is that?
5. What else goes on for that same period of time (Rev. 11:1-4)?
6. Once the heavenly housecleaning is finished in Revelation 12:7-9, another song of praise rings out. What are the specifics of that praise (verses 10-11)?
7. What is the “woe” of that praise (verse 12)?
8. When the dragon could not devour the child, he went after the woman by sending a flood. But God opened the earth to swallow up the waters. The dragon was enraged and determined to make war with the rest of her offspring who are believers. That is why we read about the tribulation saints in Revelation 6 and 7. What does this tell you about the limitations God places on Satan?
9. How much time is “a time and times and half a time” (Revelation 12:14)?

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A WOMAN, A DRAGON, AND A CHILD

(THIRD INTERLUDE) Chapter 12

**Lesson 27**

**COMPARE THIS CHAPTER WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE**

Revelation 12 is truly a remarkable chapter with deep ties into many other portions of Scripture. In a sense, it is God’s plan for salvation and for the people of Israel played out in visual parable form.

1. Compare, contrast, and state the significance of Joseph’s dream in Genesis 37:9-11 and John’s sign in Revelation 12:1.
2. Compare and contrast the events of the dragon in the following passages:
3. Revelation 12:2----
4. Revelation 13:4----
5. Revelation 16:13----
6. Revelation 20:2----
7. What led to Satan’s downfall (Isaiah 14:12-17)?
8. How is Satan described in Ezekiel 28:11-19?
9. A child who will rule the nations is found in the following passages.
10. From what tribe will this child come (Genesis 49:10)?
11. To whom is Hebrews 1:8 referring?
12. To whom is Psalm 2:7-9 referring?
13. To whom is Isaiah 9:6-7 referring?
14. To whom is Isaiah 11:1-2 referring?
15. To whom is Revelation 20:4-6 referring?
16. Looking again at Revelation 20:4-6----what do we call this period of Christ’s reign?

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A WOMAN, A DRAGON, AND A CHILD

(THIRD INTERLUDE) Chapter 12

**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life?)**

**Principle: Satan’s power and time are limited, but God has no limitations.**

No matter how powerful the devil seems to be on this earth, he has both limited time and limited power. He knows that his time is short (Revelation 12:12).

1. How does the Bible describe Satan’s limitations in power?
2. Job 1:6-12-----
3. Job 2:1-6-----
4. James 4:7-----
5. 1 Peter 5:9-----
6. 1 John 4:4----
7. What is Satan’s final destiny (Revelation 20:10)?
8. How did Jesus describe the devil (John 8:42-44)?
9. Take confidence in the following fact: God has no limitations. This is proven by His names and His works.
10. Genesis 14:19 ---*El Elyon* (“The Most Hight God”). If He is the “Most High” God, what other being could possibly be higher or greater? He is truly above all others.
11. Genesis 1:1-3---*Elohim* (“The All-Powerful One”). As Creator, He has power over all that He has created. That means that there is nothing that exists that can control Him or overpower Him.
12. 1 Samuel 1:3----*Jehovah Sabbaoth* (“The Lord of Hosts”). In Joh 19:10-11, when Jesus was standing before Pilate, who told Him that he had the power to crucify Him or set Him free, Jesus had an answer for Pilate. He told Pilate that his power was limited, and that it existed only because God had granted it to him.
13. God is all-powerful. In light of that truth, are there any changes you need to make to your understanding of God, to your perception of your problems or to your willingness to turn your problems over to the Lord? If so, what?

**Revealing Revelation**

RISE OF THE ANTICHRIST – CHAPTER 13

**LESSON 28**

Read Revelation 13:1-4

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

Though the Antichrist is a mere human being, he will be given authority over much of the world’s population through the power of Satan. And because of the way he is going to use that power, it is fitting to describe him as a beast. This terminology is given to him in both the Old and New Testaments. Daniel, in particular, uses the breast motif.

***Read Daniel 7:2-8, 23-25***

These beasts are both individuals and kingdoms. The context lets you know which of the two it is in any given passage of Scripture. The “little horn” that rises from the fourth kingdom is the Antichrist, who will rule for a time and times and half a time, which is the same as 1,260 days, 42 months, or three-and-a-half years.

***Read Revelation 13:5-10***

This individual is ruthless, demanding, and quick to kill anyone who does not agree with him. However, before he comes to power, he will be more like a dove, a peacemaker, everyone’s friend. We see this today in the world of politics. Those running for office make promises we like to hear. But some of them, once they get into power, carry out their own agenda and push aside or destroy anyone who gets in their way.

During the reign of the Antichrist, words will mean whatever he wants them to mean. Worship will no longer be directed to God, but toward him. His absolute power will not “corrupt him absolutely” because he will already be corrupt from the very beginning. And, as we learn from this chapter of Revelation, he will not be alone in his tyrannical rule.

***Read Revelation 13:11-18***

This is our introduction to the false prophet. His responsibility is to draw attention to the Antichrist and to lead people to worship this false messiah. The false prophet is a blasphemer and a miracle worker, and it is he who will demand that people take the mark of the beast.

1. Thinking back to the Old Testament prophets, who wrote about a beast similar to what we see at the beginning of Chapter 13?
2. What miracle will the Antichrist perform that will persuade people that he is supernatural?
3. The false prophet creates an idol of the Antichrist and forces people to worship it. What will be done to those who refuse to worship the image of the beast, and where have we seen them previously?

**ANALYZE THE MESSAGE (What does this mean?)**

1. From whom does the Antichrist receive his power and authority?
2. What is the meaning of the ten horns?
3. What is the meaning of the seven heads?
4. Whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life?

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RISE OF THE ANTICHRIST – CHAPTER 13

**LESSON 29**

**COMPARE THIS CHAPTER WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE (Is this supported by other passages in Revelation, John’s other books, the Old /New Testaments)**

1. How does the false prophet’s demand for worship of the beast compare with the order put out by King Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 3:13-30)?
2. How does the mark of the beast compare with God’s mark on the foreheads of the 144,000 Jewish evangelists (Revelation 7)?
3. Contrast the results of both marks.
4. What two realities does the mark of the beast represent?
5. What reality does the mark of God on the 144,000 Jewish evangelists represent (Revelation 7:1-8)?
6. How does the fourfold description of the Antichrist compare with the four beasts in Daniel 7:1-8?
7. Compare the fatal wound of the Antichrist with the beast in Revelation 17:8.
8. Compare the beast coming out of the sea and the prostitute who sits on many waters (Revelation 17:1-2).

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RISE OF THE ANTICHRIST – CHAPTER 13

**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life?)**

**Principle:** **Without a biblical worldview, deception is inevitable.**

The tribulation will be a period of great deception. Much of this duplicity will come from the false prophet. He will perform miracles that shock the world, causing most of the population to conclude that the false prophet and the Antichrist are the real deal. As a result, the majority of mankind will worship the Antichrist.

1. What can you do to avoid the tribulations and help others elude it?
2. What evidence do you have that you are a believer, and therefore your name is in the Lamb’s Book of Life?
3. Whose names are definitely not in the Lamb’s Book of Life?
4. How can you protect yourself from Satan’s deceptions?

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THE LAMB, THE EVANGELISTS, A FEW ANGELS, AND A HARVEST – Chapter 14

**Lesson 30**

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

*Read Revelation 14:1-5*

Here is a beautiful portrait of a future event. The Lamb of God is standing on Mount Zion, accompanied by the Jewish evangelists who had been sealed. The question that arises here is whether this is a heavenly or earthly scene. Are the 144,000 with Jesus on the Mount Zion we can see today in Israel, or is there a heavenly Mounty Zion? We believe this the heavenly Mount Zion, which is mentioned in Hebrews:

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel (Hebrews 12:22-24).

In fact, the name Mount Zion is seen only twice in the New Testament, and both times, according to the context, they refer to the New Jerusalem. The 144,000 in Revelation 14 served the Lamb faithfully, and are now with their Savior in the heavenly city.

*Read Revelation 16:6-13*

Three angels now fly by in succession. The first angel calls for worship of the Creator. The second announces the fall of Babylon. The third messenger announces a warning to those who are tempted to take the mark of the beast. After hearing this angel’s words, there is little doubt that accepting the mark is not a good choice. John then makes a comment, which spurs a response from a voice in heaven and from the Holy Spirit. The words of this heavenly voice are as ominous as they come: “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on” (verse 13).

*Read Revelation 14:14-20*

Here we see two harvests. The first comes from Christ Himself, who harvests the earth. The second harvest is by an angel, who gathers the grapes of God’s wrath. This is the battle that begins as the troops leave the Jezreel Valley, which we call the Valley of Armageddon. They are marching to destroy Jerusalem, but fighting begins before they arrive. That is why the blood is splashing so high outside the city walls. The battle is filled with horrible carnage.

1. What seven qualities do we learn about the 144,000?

a).

b).

c).

d).

e).

f).

g).

1. To what tribe did Mount Zion belong (Psalm 78:68)
2. What unique features will be seen on Mount Zion during the millennial reign of Christ (Isaiah 4:5-6)?
3. How do those features compare with what was seen during the time of Moses and the tabernacle (Numbers (:15)?
4. During the millennium, people will be bringing gifts to Mount Zion to One whose name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 18:7).
5. From what location will Christ reign during the millennium (Isaiah 24:23)?
6. How did Mount Zion look after the Babylonian destruction (Lamentations 5:18)?

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THE LAMB, THE EVANGELISTS, A FEW ANGELS, AND A HARVEST – Chapter 14

**Lesson 31**

**ANALYZE THE MESSAGE (What does it mean?)**

1. Would you agree or disagree that this chapter takes place in heaven?
2. What evidence do you provide for your answer?
3. How would you describe the gospel?
4. How does the apostle Paul describe the gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8?
5. How does he describe the gospel in Romans 1:16?
6. How does he identify the gospel in Ephesians 6:15?
7. What does John say about the gospel in Revelation 14:6?
8. With the help of the passages you’ve just read, describe the gospel again, this time more comprehensively.

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THE LAMB, THE EVANGELISTS, A FEW ANGELS, AND A HARVEST – Chapter 14

**Lesson 32**

**COMPARE THIS CHAPTER WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE**

**(Is this supported by other passages in Revelation, John’s other books, the Old/New Testaments?)**

1. Jesus is presented as a Lamb in the book of Revelation. What else does Revelation say about Him, according to the following passages?

a). Revelation 5:6 ----

b). Revelation 6:1 ----

c). Revelation 7:9-12 ----

d). Revelation 7:17 ----

e). Revelation 22:1 ----

1. In Revelation 14:2, John describes the voice from heaven as a “voice of many waters.” Who does that same phrase describe in the following passages?

a). Revelation 1:15 ----

b). Revelation 19:6 ----

1. In what ways should we respond to God who gave us the “everlasting gospel” (Revelation 14:6-7)?
2. The statement that Babylon has fallen is found in three places in the Bible. How do they differ from one another?

a). Isaiah 21:9 ----

b). Revelation 14:8 ----

c). Revelation 18:2 ----

1. Why do you believe the word “fallen” is repeated twice in each of the three instances (Deuteronomy 17:6; Matthew 18:16; 1 Timothy 5:19; Hebrews 10:28)?
2. What reason is given for the fall of Babylon (Revelation 14:8)?
3. Why do you believe the Bible speaks of God’s wrath in relationship to wine and a winepress (Revelation 14:8, 10, 19; 16:19; 18:3; 19:15)?
4. The fate of those who receive the mark of the beast is fire and brimstone (Revelation 14:10). Who else will experience this torment (Revelation 10:10; 21:8)?

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THE LAMB, THE EVANGELISTS, A FEW ANGELS, AND A HARVEST – Chapter 14

**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life?)**

**Principle: Choose life or death.**

When Moses completed his mission of taking the Israelites out of Egypt and was about to turn the rest of the mission over to Joshua, he said these words:   
I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you, life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, choose life, that both you and your descendants may live” (Deut. 30:19).

In Revelation 14, we see a similar scenario. The world is quickly approaching Armageddon. The people on earth have made their choices, and the consequences of those choices are about to be experienced. When the battle begins, the blood will flow from the north part of Israel to Jerusalem. Here is mankind’s last chance to turn to God as the everlasting gospel is proclaimed. But most will reject it, and the time is about to come for them to pay the consequences. A few will choose life, while the majority of mankind will choose death.

As you complete your reading of this chapter, do you have the assurance that the moment your soul leaves your body, you will be in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ? If you are not completely certain of that, I encourage you at this moment to choose life. The judgment God promised He will bring to the earth is very real. It will happen. But you still have time to escape that judgment. Once you receive Jesus Christ into your life, there is no more condemnation for you (Romans 8:1). The wrath of God was satisfied back at the cross, so you do not have to experience it. But if you determine to reject life, you will remain under God’s wrath. As Jesus Himself said, “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God…He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him” (John 3:18, 36).

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THE SONG OF MOSES AND OF THE LAMB – Chapter 15

**Lesson 33**

Read Revelation 15:1-8

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

As you approach this chapter, ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes, your mind, and your heart to what it says. Remember, prayer is the essential first step anytime you study Scripture. Let’s go back to the questions that belong to this part of biblical discovery.

1. Who are the characters mentioned in this chapter?
2. What event or events are taking place at this time?
3. What is the significance of combining Moses with the Lamb? When you think about the actions of each, what do they have in common?
4. What was the purpose of the song of Moses (Deuteronomy 31:19; 32:44-47)?
5. What is the purpose of the song in Revelation 15:3-4?

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THE SONG OF MOSES AND OF THE LAMB – Chapter 15

**Lesson 34**

**ANALYZE THE MESSAGE (What does it mean?)**

1. How would you summarize the song of Moses from Deuteronomy 32:1-43?
2. How would you summarize the song of the Lamb (Rev. 15:3-4)?
3. What words or phrases do the two songs have in common?
4. Moses tells the people to “remember the days of old” (Deuteronomy 32:7) and then speaks in detail about God’s faithfulness to them. What do your children or grandchildren need to know about God’s faithfulness to you over the years?
5. Compare Deuteronomy 32:4 with the song of the Lamb in Revelation 15. What do you discover? What’s the common theme?
6. Other than worship or praise, what do you think would be the purpose for Music/songs?

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THE SONG OF MOSES AND OF THE LAMB – Chapter 15

**Lesson 35**

**COMPARE THIS CHAPTER WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE (Is this supported by other passages in Revelation, John’s other books, the Old/New Testaments?)**

1. In this chapter we read about “seven angels.” However, that phrase is not limited to use in Revelation 15. In what ways does the story continue with these “seven angels” in the following passages?
2. Revelation 16:1 -----
3. Revelation 17:1 -----
4. Revelation 21:9 ----
5. In Revelation 15:2, we read about a “sea of glass” that John saw. How does this differ from what he saw in Revelation 4:6?
6. What other events occur around the temple in heaven (Revelation 11:19; 14:17)?
7. Three other chapters in the Bible also refer to a temple and God’s glory. What do we see in these passages?
8. 2 Chronicles 7:1 ----
9. Ezekiel 43:4-5 ----
10. Ezekiel 44:4 ----
11. Who else in Scripture refers to Jesus as a majestic king (1 Timothy 1:17)?
12. John informs us that the nations will come to Jerusalem to worship the Lord (Revelation 15:4). How do the following prophets express the same truth?
13. The prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 60:3)?
14. The prophet Zechariah (Zechariah 8:22)?
15. The prophet Haggai (Haggai 2:7-8)?
16. The prophet Micah (Micah 4:2)?

**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life?)**

**Principle: Great truths from the past can be communicated in song in the present.**

Back in the 1950’s and 1960’s, in an attempt to find ways to communicate American history to a group of students, a man named Jimmy Driftwood wrote a couple of songs and sang them to his class. These songs caught on quickly and eventually a singer named Johnny Horton agreed to make one of the songs popular. The result was “The Battle of New Orleans,” which hit number one on the Billboard Hot 100. Horton saw that he could run with this “teaching history’ kind of music and scored more hits with “Sink the Bismarck,” “North to Alaska,” and others. But he certainly wasn’t the first to come up with this musical genre. Moses was using it more than 3,500 years ago.

1. What is one of your favorite hymns, and why?
2. What is one of your favorite worship songs, and why?

**Revealing Revelation**

THE POURING OF THE BOWLS – CHAPTER 16

**Lesson 36**

Read Revelation 16:1-21

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

These seven judgments bring the wrath of God to its fullness. Some people may think of this as the “Armageddon chapter” because this is the only place the word *Armageddon* is used. But just like Revelation 13 is more than just the 666 chapter, this chapter is so much more than just the preparation for a big battle. The bowl judgments will be catastrophic and will fall upon the entire earth, but they will be aimed at those who have the mark of the beast and worship his image. Just as 144,000 evangelists will have the mark of God to protect them, others who don’t receive the mark of the beast during this time will be spared at least a portion of this judgment.

1. Who is the specific target of the first judgment?
2. What percentage of humanity repented after the fourth angel poured out his bowl?
3. What famous city is once again mentioned in this chapter?
4. Contrast the phrase “It is done!” (verse 17) with the one in Revelation 21:6.

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**THE POURING OF THE BOWLS – CHAPTER 16**

**Lesson 37**

**ANALYZE THE MESSAE (What does it mean?)**

We could answer the question What does it mean? with one word: *trouble!* For those who continue to rebel against God and worship the Antichrist, trouble, suffering, and loss will continue all the way to the end.

1. Who is the target of this series of judgments?
2. Why do you think that worship is mixed so often with the judgments (16:5-7)?
3. Compare the responses of those who have the mark of the beast (16:9,21) with the responses given by Pharaoh of Egypt in the days of Moses (Exodus 7:13, 22; 8:32; 9:7, 33-35; 14:5-6).
4. In the chart on the next page, we have filled in information about the seal and trumpet judgments. Now it is your turn to fill in details about the bowl judgments. As you fill in that section, notice the progression and intensity of the judgments.

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| **God’s Judgments** | **The Seal Judgments** | **The Trumpet**  **Judgments** | **The Bowl**  **Judgments** |
| **Location** | **Revelation 6** | **Revelation 8-9** | **Revelation 16** |
| 1st | World conquest | One-third of earth and trees burned plus all green grass | (fill in the 7 bowl judgments) |
| 2nd | Peace removed | One-third of the sea turns to blood, one-third of living creatures die, one-third of all ships are destroyed |  |
| 3rd | Famine | A blazing star falls to the earth, one-third of fresh water turns bitter, many people die. |  |
| 4th | One-fourth of the world population killed | One-third of sun, moon, and stars turn dark, one-third of day and night turn dark |  |
| 5th | Martyrdom | The sun and sky darkened by locusts from the abyss, which cause people to suffer |  |
| 6th | A great  Earthquake and  Cosmological events | One-third of world population killed, Euphrates River |  |
| 7th | 7th seal judgment is the first trumpet judgment. | 7th trumpet judgment is the first bowl judgment |  |

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THE POURING OF THE BOWLS – CHAPTER 16

**Lesson 38**

**COMPARE THIS CHAPTER WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE**

**(Is this supported by other passages in Revelation, John’s other books, the Old/New Testaments?)**

1. Hailstones weighing about 100 pounds each will fall from the sky (verse 21). Compare this event with what you read in the following passages:
2. Joshua 10:9-11 -----
3. Ezekiel 38:22 -----
4. The voice John heard for these judgments came from the temple. What is the source of the other voices John heard?
5. Revelation 9:13-----
6. Revelation 10:4-----
7. Revelation 11:12-----
8. Revelation 14:2-----
9. Revelation 14:13-----
10. Revelation 18:4-----
11. Revelation 21:3-----
12. The Euphrates River is mentioned thirty-five times in the Bible, and two of those mentions are in Revelation. What was released from the Euphrates River in Revelation 9:14-15?
13. In Revelation 16:15, Jesus states that He will come like a thief.
14. Who will be caught off guard?
15. Who will not be caught off guard (1 Thessalonians 5:2, 4)?

**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life?)**

**Principle**: **The choices we make today have consequences for the future.**

1. What can you do to prevent your unsaved friends and family members from experiencing the judgments described in Revelation?
2. Do you believe the events mentioned in Revelation could happen in your lifetime? Why or why not?
3. Are you convinced the events in Revelation 16 will take place? Why or why not?
4. What can you do to make yourself available as Christ’s ambassador to share the good news with others, including your children, grandchildren, parents, friends, etc.?
5. If you are in a group Bible study, share with one another the possible steps each of you could take to share Christ with those who need to hear the good news.

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GOD ERADICATES RELIGION – CHAPTER 17

**Lesson 39**

At first you may think that the title to this chapter is a contradiction. Why would the God of the universe eradicate religion? Isn’t God all about religion? Absolutely not. The word *religion*, according to *Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary*, means “an organize system of beliefs, ceremonies, and rules used to worship a god or a group of gods.”

There are thousands of religions in the world today that keep mankind from knowing and experiencing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The religion described in Revelation 17 blasphemes the one true God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Religion is one of the devil’s schemes to keep men from the way, the truth, and the life. Religion does not set men free Instead, it enslaves them to a system the causes them to think they have a connection to the truth when, in reality, they are dedicated to a lie.

The religious system in place during the events of Revelation 17 is presented as a harlot, a prostitute who gives herself over to the riches and popularity with the world, while simultaneously killing true believers. She is empowered by the rulers of the world until they finally decide to get rid of her.

*Read Revelation 17:1-6*

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

1. How does Psalm 144:7 describe “great waters”? How does Revelation 17:15 describe the “many waters” mentioned in Revelation 17:1?
2. If the woman is sitting on a scarlet beast, which of the two is in control (Revelation 17:3)?
3. How does this chapter define the seven heads and the ten horns (Revelation 17:9,12)?
4. What is the purpose of the ten kings (Revelation 17:13)?
5. Compare this scarlet beast with the beast that Daniel saw in Daniel 7:7-8, 23-25, and the beast that Joh saw in Revelation 13:1-10.
6. Explain Revelation 17:11 in light of Revelation 13:3.
7. Both a history and a prophecy appear within Revelation 17:9-11. What is the history? what is the prophecy?

The idea of calling this false religion a harlot comes from the Old Testament, where time and time again, God referred to Israel’s worship of other gods as a form of spiritual prostitution.

*Read Ezekiel 16:35-43*

That is a harsh comparison, but sadly, it is appropriate. When we step out of the purity of our righteous relationship with our Creator, it is no different than a spouse turning their back on the sacred vows they made to their partner. “God, You don’t satisfy me anymore. I’m going to look for someone new.”

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GOD ERADICATES RELIGION – CHAPTER 17

**Lesson 40**

**ANALYZE THE MESSAGE (What does it mean?)**

1. Describe, in a paragraph, the days of Israel’s youth and the nation’s relationship with God (Jeremiah 2).
2. What is Israel’s hope for the future (Ezekiel 16:59-63)?

*Read Revelation 17:7-11*

In this passage of Scripture, there is a past tense and a future tense. Five nations had fallen when John was writing this letter, one was in existence at the time of his writing, and the other had not yet come. Let’s explore what Joh is attempting to convey to us.

What five nations (kings) have fallen before the first century and relate to Israel? They would include Assyria, Egypt, Babylon, Media-Persia, and Greece. What nation ruled during the first century? Rome. and what nation would come after Rome? Well, in AD 70, the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the temple, and the Jews were scattered among the nations. Then at the beginning of the twentieth century God began to gather His people from all the world, brought them back home, and in 1948, established His people once again as a nation.

That seventh nation mentioned by Joh had not yet appeared on the scene and could not appear until after 1948, with Israel’s rebirth. Remember that when the Bible speaks of the nations, it speaks of those nations in relationship to Israel. We believe that seventh nation will be a revised Roman Empire (Europe), out of which will come the eighth ruler, the Antichrist.

*Read Revelation 17:12-18*

When will the Antichrist and these ten kings or rulers make war against the Lamb? This event will occur at the end of the tribulation. How do we know that? Because if the Lamb is to be involved, it will have to be when He returns to earth to set up His kingdom. That is when He is called the “King of kings and Lord of lords” (Revelation 19:16). And when will the Lamb have that title ascribed to Him? We’ll have to wait two chapters for that!

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GOD ERADICATES RELIGION – CHAPTER 17

**Lesson 41**

**COMPARE THIS CHAPTER WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE (Is this supported by other passages in Revelation, John’s other books, the Old/New Testaments?)**

1. John was carried away in the Spirit into a desert (Revelation 17:3). Who else had an “in the Spirit” experience?
2. Ezekiel 37:1 ----
3. Matthew 22:43 ----
4. Luke 2:27 ----
5. Acts 19:21----
6. Romans 8:9 ----
7. Who else had seven heads?
8. Revelation 12:3----
9. Revelation 13:1----
10. Who else had ten horns?
11. Daniel 7:7, 20, 24----
12. Revelation 12:3----
13. Revelation 13:1----
14. What are the various activities of the Lamb in Revelation?
15. Revelation 6:1----
16. Revelation 7:17----
17. Revelation 8:1----
18. Revelation 14:1----
19. Revelation 17:4----

**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life?)**

**Principle: A personal relationship with Christ is the only thing that will keep you from God’s judgments.**

Two of the significant conditions of the latter days are deception and delusion. The first condition is a result of the Antichrist and the second is a work of God. During the tribulation, these two conditions will be worldwide. But even today we see both deception and delusion running rampant and replacing common sense.

1. Check your own worldview---how do you see and interpret the events of your life and your country in light of Scripture?
2. How would you describe the worldviews of your family and friends?
3. How would you evaluate the preaching and teaching of the church you attend?

1. Is it Bible-centered? How can you tell?
2. Does the pastor ever preach on prophecy?
3. What is your pastor’s understanding of God’s future purpose and plan for Israel?
4. What is your church’s position on the rapture?
5. Does your pastor incorrectly teach that God is finished with Israel and that the church is the New Testament Israel? If so, how would you counter that argument?
6. What is your pastor’s view on the Lord’s return?
7. Does your pastor believe in a future and literal 1,000-year reign of Christ from Jerusalem?
8. What does it look like for a Christian to compromise his or her stances on what the Bible says is sin in favor of tolerance or a more “loving” approach?

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THE DEATH OF POLITICS AND WEALTH – CHAPTER 18

**Lesson 42**

Babylon has fallen…again!

You may be asking, “If Babylon fell in chapter 17, why is it falling again? Is it jus that clumsy?” Good question. Remember, Babylon refers both to a city and a system. The repetition of the word “city” in two chapters tells us that there is a physical Babylon. But we also learned that in chapter 17, Babylon is symbolic of the religious system of the day, whereas in chapter 18, Babylon represents the worldwide commercial and political system.

*Read Revelation 18:1-24*

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

1. What does this chapter tell you about Babylon as a great city (Revelation 18:2, 10, 16-17, 19, 21))?
2. What was the city’s boast (18:7)?
3. How does that boast compare to that of the literal Babylon (Isaiah 47:7)?
4. Why is God bringing such judgment on this city (Revelation 18:24)?

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THE DEATH OF POLITICS AND WEALTH – CHAPTER 18

**Lesson 43**

**ANALYZE THE MESSAGE (What does it mean?)**

*Read Revelation 18:1-3*

As the chapter opens, John hears two voices. The first comes from an angel (18:1-3), and the second from a voice from heaven (18:4-10). The angel says that Babylon has fallen. This is not the first time this message is proclaimed. God promised the fall of the original Babylon many years before this event. (See Jeremiah 51:8, 44).

Wealth had been flowing from this rich city, feeding the greed of the world. Merchants were becoming wealthy and life was good----that is, until the wrath of God poured out upon the sin of mankind.

The second voice calls out to the tribulation saints.

*Read Revelation 18:4-6*

1. What is the difference between those who have been delivered from their sins and those who continue to pursue evil?
2. In Isaiah 43:25, what does God promise to those who have been delivered from their sins?

*Read Revelation 18:7*

The attitude of this city is like that of King Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon. He went insane for seven years before he would recognize that he was subservient to the God of heaven (Daniel 4:28-34). And this was the attitude of the literal Babylon, according to the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 47:7-8).

The pride in the city is extreme, but God has the last word. It does not turn out well for this city and those who have profited from it. Usually when tragedy strikes, it hits those who cannot afford to escape it. But this time, God’s judgment will affect the rich and the poor alike----those in high positions as well as those in low.

*Read Revelation 18:9-19*

It does not take long for material things to disappear. When God acts, He often does so quickly. The fall of Babylon will affect kings, merchants, and mariners. All their wealth comes crashing down in the span of one hour. God may give warnings for years, and even for centuries. Many people will think that because there has been no judgment so far, none will come. That will be a fatal perception and decision.

When God does bring judgment on this city, it will be irreversible. There will be no chance to repent or to say, “I am sorry.” There will be no plea bargaining. The people had their chance, and the chance will be gone. That is why Paul wrote, “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor. 6:2).

*Read Revelation 18:21-24*

Besides the enormous financial loss, another great loss will be the pleasures of life itself. In verses 21-23, the phrase “shall not” speaks of the loss of life. This isn’t saying that the people packed up and left town. They were wiped out with the city. This includes musicians and craftsmen and grinders of grain. No one is left to light a lamp nor to unite together in marriage. The sounds that once filled the air are now silent. Devastation is all that is left.

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THE DEATH OF POLITICS AND WEALTH – CHAPTER 18

**Lesson 44**

**COMPARE THIS CHAPTER WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE**

**(Is this supported by other passages in Revelation, John’s other books, the Old/New Testaments?)**

1. You have already read from the prophet Jeremiah that the Babylon of his day had fallen. Now compare the historical event of Babylon in Isaiah 21:9 with Revelation 18:2.
2. Compare Jeremiah 51:6-10 with Revelation 18:4-5.
3. Compare the attitude of this great city as described in Revelation 18:7 with the attitude described in Daniel 4:28-30.
4. Compare Revelation 18:16 with Revelation 17:4.
5. Compare Revelation 18:11-17 with Ezekiel 27:22-36.

**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life?)**

**Principle: We reap what we sow.**

The principle of reaping what we sow runs rampant throughout the book of Revelation. The apostle Paul addressed both quality and quantity of this balance in Galatians 6:7-9. In the same vein he wrote to the Corinthian church, “This I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully” (2 Cor. 9:6).

This great city sowed bountifully to the flesh. It reaped the just recompense for its actions. The biblical principle that we reap what we sow is extremely important for us to remember as we determine our priorities and allegiances and act upon them.

1. What quality and quantity of sowing have you done in your personal Bible reading and prayer life?
2. What quality and quantity of sowing have you done in your relationships with….
3. others in your family?
4. others in your work environment?
5. unbelievers?
6. What quality and quantity of ministry have you done in your church or outside the church?
7. What quality and quantity of your possessions or finances have you shared with those people or ministries who are reaching those you cannot reach?
8. What quality and quantity of time are you using toward your walk with the Lord?

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THE KING RETURNS FOR HIS THRONE – CHAPTER 19

**Lesson 45**

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

There are many different views about the second coming of Christ. Some Christians understand it to take place when the Lord begins a new heaven and earth, and we are ushered into eternity. Others see it as happening at the end of the world.

Before you read this chapter, write in a paragraph or two what comes to your mind when you think about the second coming of Christ. How would you describe it? Later, at the end of the chapter, you’ll have another chance to write your thoughts in case your views have changed.

To understand Revelation 19. we must read it in relation to other passages that teach about Jesus’ return to earth. Jesus Himself said that the Old Testament prophets spoke of Him (Luke24:44). so, let’s begin there.

Read each passage and briefly take note of what each is saying in reference to Jesus’ return.

1. Zechariah 9:10-17
2. Jeremiah 31:31-34
3. Ezekiel 11:19; 36:26-27
4. Ezekiel 10:3-4; 18; 11:23; 43:1-5; 44:4
5. Zechariah 14:1-4
6. Zechariah 12:7-9
7. What specific geographical location do the following passages have in common?
8. Ezekiel 11:23----
9. Acts 1:11----
10. Zechariah 14:1-4----
11. What specific spiritual event do the following passages have in common?
12. Jeremiah 31:31-34----
13. Ezekiel 36:26-27----
14. Ezekiel 11:19----
15. What specific event is mentioned in both of the following passages?
16. Zechariah 9:10-14----
17. Matthew 24:27-31----

Again, this is not the rapture. That will be when the Lord comes for His bride. This is the second coming, when the Bridegroom returns with His bride. When He comes, He will bring judgment upon those who have rejected Him, and establish His kingdom on earth.

*Read Revelation 19:1-10*

The first five verses look back to the judgment of the harlot in Revelation 17, the great city that rules over the kings of the earth. The rejoicing in heaven is in response to the destruction of the world’s religious system. The two most oppressive and powerful systems in the world today are religion and governments. They tend to “enslave” the multitudes.

Think about the world religions of today that have captured the hearts and minds of their followers. In India, cows are sacred and have the right of way in traffic jams. You can’t move a cow or capture a cow and take it away. In Arab countries around the world, everything comes to a stop five times a day for prayer. Judaism has its own rules and regulations that enslave people as followers attempt to prove their own righteousness. Christian legalists enslave their followers with all kinds of requirements that must be met. In the future, there is coming a universal religion that demands complete obedience from its followers, requiring them to worship the Antichrist.

When the righteous King returns, He will bring with Him not religion but salvation based on true love and His own sacrifice on behalf of those who receive Him. He is also bringing with Him His bride, dressed beautifully in the loving, sacrificial works of the saints. Praise will burst forth expressed in a fourfold **“alleluia”** or **“hallelujah.”** The Hebrew word *hallel* means “praise,” and the *jah* is “Jehovah.” This praise will begin with a great multitude. Then the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures will join in. Then another great multitude will join in. What an amazing choir this will be!

*Read Revelation 19:11-16*

Here we see the Warrior Jesus in all His glory! This is the Lion of Judah come to vanquish those who threaten the ones He has committed to. He said He would watch over Israel; that is exactly what He will return to do. The result will be a bloodbath.

*Read Revelation 19:17-21*

Suddenly, we are back at the end of Revelation 16. The frog-demons have collected the armies of the kings. They are gathered at Armageddon. They will have marched to Jerusalem thinking they are in for a sure victory, but when they look to the sky, they will see that everything has suddenly changed. The odds that were in their favor now promise sure defeat. It doesn’t matter how powerful your army is, you will never defeat the all-powerful One. This is true o the world’s armies; it is also true of the Antichrist, the false prophet, and, as we will see next chapter, Satan himself.

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THE KING RETURNS FOR HIS THRONE – CHAPTER 19

**Lesson 46**

**ANALYZE THE MESSAGE (What does it mean?)**

1. When will this great event take place (Matthew 24:29-30)
2. Describe what Jesus will do to the Antichrist (the lawless one).
3. 2 Thessalonians 2:8----
4. Revelation 19:20----
5. Describe what Jesus will do to Satan.
6. Revelation 20:2----
7. Revelation 20:10----
8. Describe what Jesus will do to the nations that will come to attack Jerusalem.
9. Zechariah 12:2-3----
10. Zechariah 14:12-14----
11. The physical reason that the nations will gather to attack Israel is because they want to destroy her. But what is the underlying spiritual reason that the nations will gather at Armageddon and march up to Jerusalem (Zechariah 2:8-9; 14:2)?
12. Describe what Jesus will have His angels do when it comes to the elect of God who have been faithful through the tribulation (Matthew 24:31).
13. Will Jesus’ return to the earth be a visible or invisible event (Revelation 1:7)?

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THE KING RETURNS FOR HIS THRONE – CHAPTER 19

**Lesson 47**

**COMPARE THIS CHAPTER WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE**

**(Is this supported by other passages in Revelation, John’s other books, the Old/New Testaments?)**

Do we who comprise the church really return with Christ at the second coming? Most definitely. There are two groups who will return with the Lord.

1. Check the following passages of Scripture and, from each one, write the phrase that speaks of the return.
2. Zechariah 14:5----
3. Matthew 25:31----
4. 1 Thessalonians 3:13----
5. Jude 14----
6. What specific events will occur when Jesus returns to the earth?
7. Zechariah 14:4----
8. Zechariah 14:9----
9. Zechariah 14:10----
10. Zechariah 14:16----
11. Matthew 24:30----
12. Matthew 24:31---
13. Isaiah 11:4----
14. Zechariah 12;2-5----
15. Amos 9:14-15----

**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life?)**

1. Take some time now to thank Jesus for preparing a place for you, for accepting you as His betrothed, and for providing you with the peaceful assurance that you are protected from the wrath that is to come. Lift you thanks to the Lord in prayer, and if you wish, you can write your main thoughts hers.
2. If Revelation 19 scares you, take time to prayerfully evaluate your heart and your relationship with Jesus. If you have any questions as to whether you will be on earth watching the return of Christ or returning with Him, write to [www.beholdisrael.org](http://www.beholdisrael.org) to settle the matter.
3. List people whom you know need to hear about Jesus’ return for His bride (the rapture) and Jesus’ return to bring judgment to the inhabitants of the earth. Then pray for opportunities to speak to them.

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THE KING REIGNS FROM JERUSALEM – CHAPTER 20

**Lesson 48**

We now enter a time that was celebrated and anticipated by the prophets of long ago. The geography and topography of Jerusalem will change drastically (Zechariah 14:4-5, 10-11). Water will flow from Jerusalem and head west all the way to the Mediterranean Sea. It will also pour eastward through the Kidron Valley and down to the Dead Sea, which will no longer be dead but full of life. Fishermen will catch fish in their nets (Ezekiel 47:8-11). The presently barren landscape from Jerusalem to the Dead Sea will sprout fruit trees of all kinds, bearing fruit every month (Ezekiel 47:12). That which was dead will be alive. And what was once a barren, arid area will be in full blossom. How is that for a picture of what happens when the water of life pours into our lives?

At this time, the wealth of the nations will pour into Jerusalem.

Therefore, your gates shall be open continually;

they shall not be shut day or night,

that men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles,

and their kings in procession (Isaiah 60:11).

To aid in that travel, a highway will be present from Egypt to Assyria. Both these formerly pagan and Muslim peoples---the Egyptians and the Assyrians---will acknowledge the Lord and worship Him (Isaiah 19:21-25). Animals will get along and people will no longer have to fear being attacked (Isaiah 11:6-9). Sickness and disease will become things of the past. Though people will still die during the 1,000-year reign of Christ, we are told,

No more shall an infant from there live but a few days,

nor an old man who has not fulfilled his;

for the child shall die one hundred years old,

but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed (Isaiah 65:20).

That’s what life will be like during the millennial reign of Christ! This is what John sees in Revelation 20.

*Read Revelation 20:1-15*

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

1. How long will Satan be bound in the abyss?
2. How long will the tribulation saints reign with Christ?
3. How many years will pass before the rest of the dead are raised?
4. Do you believe that the 1,000 years are literal or figurative?
5. If you see them as figurative, what, then, do they represent?
6. What is the ultimate destiny of the devil?
7. On what basis are the people judged at the Great White Throne judgment?
8. List the three major positions regarding the millennium. After each, give the following:
9. Whether it’s literal or spiritual
10. When Jesus returns
11. The position of the church

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THE KING REIGNS FROM JERUSALEM – CHAPTER 20

**Lesson 49**

**ANALYZE THE MESSAGE (What does it mean?)**

1. What is meant by 1,000 years?
2. Who are the “souls who had been beheaded” (verse 4)?
3. Describe the order of the first resurrection as you understand it (1 Corinthians 15:20-28).

1. What is the city that God loves (Revelation 20:9)?
2. What is the basis of God’s judgment at the Great White Throne?
3. Describe, to the best of your ability, the meaning of Hades.

Do you realize that those who experience the millennial reign of Christ will not be bothered by Satan? The Lord will remove His enemy for nearly the entire duration of His reign. Animals will be tame. Wars will have ceased. Longevity will have improved dramatically for those in their mortal physical bodies. And the deceiver of the nations will have been made impotent for a long time.

However, for those still in mortal bodies, the old nature will continue to exist, and as the generations pass, mankind’s evil nature will feel more and more confined and trapped within, wanting to burst out into action. But fear of reprisal from the Lord will keep the old nature restrained. However, at the end of Christ’s reign on earth, Satan will once again be set free, and he will appeal to the old nature of mortal mankind.

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THE KING REIGNS FROM JERUSALEM – CHAPTER 20

**Lesson 50**

**COMPARE THIS CHAPTER WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE (Is this supported by other passages in Revelation, John’s other books, the Old/New Testament?)**

1. There are three times that individuals will be thrown into the lake of fire.
2. Who will be the first occupants (19:20)?
3. Who will be the next occupant (20:19)?
4. Who will be the occupants after that (20:14-15)?
5. What comes out of the abyss in Revelation 9:1-3?
6. What goes into the abyss in Revelation 20:1-3?
7. What do the following passages tell us about the Book of Life?
8. Philippians 4:3----
9. Revelation 3:5----
10. Revelation 13:8----
11. Revelation 17:8----
12. Revelation 20:12---
13. Revelation 20:15----
14. In Luke 16:19-31, Jesus tells a parable about a rich man and Lazarus. Both die, and the rich man ends up in Hades.
15. Describe what Hades is like.
16. Is there consciousness in Hades? Explain.
17. When the rich man asks Abraham to help his five brothers to avoid Hades, what does Abraham say to the rich man?
18. Unbelievers who die today end up in Hades, but that is not their final destiny. Hades claims the soul while death claims the body. Their final day of judgment will be the Great White Throne judgment. So when “Death and Hades” give up the dead in them, they will appear before God for the final, eternal judgment (Revelation 20:13). Who do you know that is headed for Hades and then the lake of fire? Take time to pray now for that person and ask the Lord to open the opportunity for you to share Christ with that individual.

*Read Revelation 20:7-10*

The battle of Gog and Magog will occur at the beginning of the tribulation. The Battle of Armageddon will take place at the conclusion of the tribulation. And the battle in Revelation 20:7-10 will happen at the end of the millennium. It can be confusing to come across the phrase “Gog and Magog” again. Is this the Battle Gog and Magog mentioned in Ezekiel 38-39? It’s not, and here’s why.

**First,** the battle Ezekiel mentions will occur and the beginning of the tribulation, while this battle will take place at the end of the millennium. **Second**, God will bring Gog and Magog to Jerusalem in the first battle (Ezekiel 38:16), but here, it is Satan who will bring the nations against Jerusalem and the rightful King (Revelation 20:7-8). **Third**, God will destroy the armies in Ezekiel with torrents of rain, hailstones, and burning sulfur (Ezekiel 38:22). In this final battle, there will be no fighting. The nations will surround Jerusalem, then suddenly fire will come down from heaven and devour them (Revelation 20:9).

**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life?)**

**Principle: What matters is that your name is in the Book of Life.**

How can you be sure that your name is in the Book of Life? If you have invited Jesus Christ into your life as Savior, then you name is there.

*Read Revelation 20:11-15*

1. Can you point to a time in your life when you recognized that you invited Christ to become your Savior and Lord?
2. What do you plat to do about your family members, friends, and neighbors who do not know Christ? Do you sense a responsibility to pray for them and to speak to them about the Lord?
3. If not, why not?
4. If yes, what are some ways you can make opportunities arise to talk with them?

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ALL THINGS NEW – CHAPTERS 21:1-22:5

**Lesson 51**

*Read Revelation 21:1-22:5*

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

John’s narrative starts with “Now I saw,” which is followed by “Then I, John, saw” (21:1-8). The angel brings vision after vision before John’s eyes, and the apostle faithfully records what passes in front of him.

1. What are the benefits of God’s dwelling with His people (Revelation 21:3-4)?
2. How does the Lord describe Himself in this chapter?
3. What is the “second death” (20:6; 21:8)?
4. Name the various stones that comprise the foundations of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:19-20. Look up three or four online to learn what they look like.
5. What names are on the gates of the city?
6. What names are on the foundations of the city?
7. Of what material are the gates made?
8. What is the source of light within the city?

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ALL THINGS NEW – CHAPTERS 21:1-22:5

**Lesson 52**

**ANALYZE THE MESSAGE (What does it mean?)**

1. What is new in the new heavens and earth?
2. Revelation 21:3----
3. Revelation 21:4 (five things) ----
4. Revelation 21:6----
5. Revelation 21:7----
6. Revelation 21:8, 27----
7. Revelation 21:22----
8. Revelation 21:23-25: 22:5----
9. Revelation 22:3----
10. The Idea of a new heaven and earth was first revealed through the prophet Isaiah.
11. How does Isaiah describe the new heavens and earth (Isaiah65:17)?
12. What does God say about His relationship with Jerusalem, (Isaiah 66:22-23)?
13. What does the apostle Peter tell us about the new heavens and earth (2 Peter 3:13)?

*Read Revelation 21:9-27*

1. Who do you believe is represented by the twelve gates? Why?
2. Who do you believe is represented by the twelve foundations? Why?
3. The New Jerusalem measures 1,380 miles wide by 1,380 miles long and 1,380 miles high. How does that length and width compare to the United States? To Europe? To today’s Israel?
4. Why do you think there will be no need for a temple in the New Jerusalem?
5. Who will inhabit the city and the new creation?
6. Compare Revelation 21:26 with Isaiah 60:5 and Isaiah 61:6.

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ALL THINGS NEW – CHAPTERS 21:1-22:5

**Lesson 53**

**COMPARE THIS CHAPTER WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE**

**(Is this supported by other passages in Revelation, John’s other books, the Old/New Testaments?)**

1. List the various activities that take place around the One who is seated on the throne.
2. Revelation 4:3-6----
3. Revelation 5:13----
4. Revelation 7:11---
5. Isaiah 6:1-4----
6. Daniel 7:9-14----
7. What do Revelation 21:4 and 1 Corinthians 15:50-56 say about death?
8. Only four times did a voice proceed from the throne in Revelation. What were the messages of this voice?
9. Revelation 16:17----
10. Revelation 19:5----
11. Revelation 21:5 (two statements) ----
12. The Lord says He is “the Alpha and the Omega” (Revelation 21:6----the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet), identifying Himself with the God of the Old Testament. What similar statements appear in the Old Testament?
13. Isaiah 41:4----
14. Isaiah 44:6----
15. Isaiah 48:12----
16. Compare Isaiah 54:11-14 with Revelation 21:18-21.

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ALL THINGS NEW – CHAPTERS 21:1-22:5

**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life?)**

**Principle: God always provides a new beginning for those willing to commit to Him.**

This chapter has been about God making all things new. He will create the new heavens and a new earth, the New Jerusalem, as well as a new name and a new song. Everything will be made new.

1. As you draw near the end of this study, what new insights have you gained along the way that stand out to you most?
2. What new attitudes do you plan to develop?
3. Now that you have become more familiar with God’s plan for the future, how do you think this new knowledge should influence your life?
4. What are some of the thoughts and life lessons you would like to share with your friends that you’ve learned from this workbook?
5. In what ways would you like to grow more in your relationship with the Lord?

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SURELY, I COME QUICKLY – CHAPTER 22:6-21

**Lesson 54**

The final chapter is a beautiful testimony of the love relationship between Jesus and His church. He longs to be with His people, and they cry out for His return. Don’t let these last words get by you without feeling the emotion in the words.

Read Revelation 22:6-21

**CAPTURE THE SCENE (What do I see?)**

1. List at least five significant differences between life in the New Jerusalem and life today?
2. What mistake did the apostle John make when he heard and saw the coming events from the angel (verses 8-9)?
3. Compare the location of the tree of life in the Garden of Eden with the location of the one in the New Jerusalem (Genesis 2:9 with Revelation 22:2).
4. List the five ways that Jesus describes Himself in this chapter.
5. Write out the warning at the end of this chapter.

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SURELY, I COME QUICKLY – CHAPTER 22:6-21

**Lesson 55**

**ANALYZE THE MESSAGE (What does it mean?)**

1. In the first verses of Revelation 22, John speaks of the “servants” (verse 3). Who are these servants, and what type of reward will they be receiving?
2. Why was John rebuked by the angel (verse 9)?
3. Compare the angel’s rebuke to the admonishment given in Colossians 2:18?
4. How do you think the promise of a reward (Revelation 22:12) should affect our lives today?
5. What does Jesus mean when He says that He is “the Root and the Offspring of David” (verse 16)?
6. Divide this chapter into its logical parts and assign a heading to each division.

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SURELY, I COME QUICKLY – CHAPTER 22:6-21

**Lesson 56**

**COMPARE THIS CHAPTER WITH THE REST OF SCRIPTURE**

**(Is this supported by other passages in Revelation, John’s other books, the Old/New Testaments?)**

1. The phrase “water of life” is found in three passages in Revelation (21:6; 22:1, 17). How would you describe the water of life from these passages?
2. How do Revelation 22:7 and 22:12 complement one another?
3. Three times, Jesus states that He is coming quickly and four times, there is a response of “Come!” or “come”. According to the following verses, who asks Jesus to come?
4. Revelation 22:17----
5. Revelation 22:20----
6. Compare Revelation 22:1-2 with Ezekiel 47:1-12 and John 7:37-41 with John 4:1-14. Using these passages, list the specific insights you gain about the water of life.
7. Compare Revelation 22:17 with Revelation 19:7-9.
8. Compare Revelation 22:17 with 1 Corinthians 16:22 and Titus 2:13. What are the similarities and differences?
9. What promise does Jesus give to believers in the church of Philadelphia concerning the New Jerusalem (Revelation 3:11-12)?

**EXECUTE (So what? How does this affect my life?)**

**Principle: Our response to God’s Word id more important than our knowledge of God’s Word.**

You have now come to the end of God’s revelation to man about future events. For some people, just knowing about the future is enough to satisfy their curiosity. But prophecy was not given to us merely to satisfy our curiosity. It was given to produce life-change. Are you ready for God’s life-change in you?

1. How has your understanding of God changed as a result of studying Revelation?
2. What are the three most important insights you have gained through this study?
3. Has this study given you a greater knowledge of Scripture and more courage to share your faith with others?
4. In what ways do you think your priorities should change in light of what you now know about the future?
5. List some unbelievers you know who are in need of the gospel message before Christ returns.
6. Are you willing to share with those people what you’ve learned through this study?
7. In what ways will the knowledge you’ve gained from this study change how you talk with God?
8. Do you expect the events of Revelation to happen literally or figuratively? What evidence do you give for your answer?