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Purpose and Explanation

The purpose of this study guide is to promote and aid in your study of the book of Revelation. With each chapter, you will find a brief overview or outline of the chapter, a set of questions to challenge your study of the chapter, and a full page for you to record your own notes. It may be beneficial to use a separate notebook for additional note taking space. Please note that all quoted Bible passages are from the New King James Version unless otherwise stated.

May your studies be beneficial and edifying,

John M. Duvall

Introduction to Revelation

Author

- A. John, the apostle. (Revelation 1:1, 4, 9; 22:8)
 - 1. Earlier authorities credit John the apostle.
 - a. Justin Martyr, 100 A.D. - 165 A.D.
 - b. Irenaeus, a contemporary of Polycarp, a companion with the aged John, 130 A.D. - 202 A.D.
 - c. Tertullian, 160 A.D. - 220 A.D.
 - d. Victorinus, ca. 270 A.D. and died about 303 A.D. or 304 A.D.
 - 2. Similarities in writing styles: 1) Jesus is called "the Word" in the gospel of John and the book of Revelation; nowhere else in the scriptures. 2) Only in these two books is Jesus called "the Lamb." 3) The phrases, "keep my word" and "keep my sayings" are common to John's writings.

Date of Writing

- A. Two primary viewpoints regarding the phrase, *"things which must shortly take place"*:
 - 1. Early Date: 64 - 68 A.D.
 - a. Robert Harkrider summarizes this view, writing, "Advocates of the early date who see the book written near the end of Nero's reign in A.D. 68 almost always interpret the fall of Babylon in chapters 17 through 19 as referring to the destruction of Jerusalem which occurred in A.D. 70, fulfilling Jesus' words recorded in Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 17 and 21" (Truth Commentaries, Revelation, Harkrider, pg xxxiii).
 - b. Rome destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D.
 - c. The early date sees the destruction of Jerusalem as God's vengeance upon the Jews for the persecution of the apostles and prophets.
 - 2. Later Date: 95 - 96 A.D.
 - b. Summarizing this view point, Robert Harkrider writes, "Advocates of the late date generally interpret the great harlot Babylon as symbolic of Rome, the capital of the existing world empire. Those who hold this view also believe that the events depicted in Revelation are a fulfillment of prophecy, particularly those found in Daniel 2:31-45 and 7:13-28. As saints withstood the opposition of a world empire which sought to stamp out God's people, the prophecy of

Daniel 2:44 is fulfilled in confirming that ‘the kingdom of God shall stand forever.’ Indeed, ‘the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever’ (Dan. 7:18, 22, 27; cf. Matt. 16:18)” (Ibid).

Overall Message

- A. Jesus said to Peter, “...on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:17-19).
1. Jesus’ promised His disciples that not even physical death could shake the foundation of His church. Although Satan would endeavor to destroy Jesus’ church, his efforts would be for nothing. Satan was defeated when Jesus made His sacrificial sacrifice. (In reality, Satan was doomed to failure from his first attempt, when he tempted Adam and Eve.)
 2. The book of Revelation is a book showing God’s ultimate victory over Satan and the world. Although the church would suffer and be persecuted by Satan and his kingdom, those washed clean by the blood of the Lamb would be victorious. No attempts by Satan or his kingdom was able to hinder the prayers and petitions of the saints. As the apostle Paul wrote, “For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers,...shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39).
- B. For the followers of Jesus, Revelation reminds them of three important facts.
1. Those who are of the kingdom of Christ must continue to hear the message of the Lord.
 - a. John wrote, “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy...” (Revelation 1:3)
 - b. In each letter, Jesus says, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”
 2. Those who are of the kingdom of Christ must continue to obey the Lord’s message (Revelation 1:3; 22:12-14).
 - a. John wrote, “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear..., and keep those things which are written in” the words of the prophecy (Revelation 1:3).
 - b. In the closing of this book of prophecy, John admonished the reader, writing, “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city” (Revelation 22:12).
 3. Those of the kingdom of Christ can overcome the world, finding victory in Jesus.
 - a. “...To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.” (Revelation 2:7)

- b. *“...He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.”* (Revelation 2:11)
 - c. *“...To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.”* (Revelation 2:17)
 - d. *“And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'—as I also have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star.”* (Revelation 2:26-28)
 - e. *“He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.”* (Revelation 3:5)
 - f. *“He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.”* (Revelation 3:12)
 - g. *“To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”* (Revelation 3:21).
 - h. *“And He said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.'”* (Revelation 21:6-7)
- C. Through the Lamb that was slain, all Christians can overcome Satan and his kingdom, having victory and eternal life with the Father in Heaven.
- a. The apostle Paul wrote, *“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places”* (Ephesians 6:11-12).
 - B. The apostle Paul also wrote, *“The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord”* (1 Corinthians 15:56-58).

Symbolism of Numbers

Below is a brief presentation of possible symbolic representations associated with the numbers used in the book of Revelation.

1	Unity	<i>Marriage (Matt 19:4-6); Jesus and God (John 10:30; 17:11); Saints (John 17:21; Rom 15:6; Eph 4:1-4)</i>
2	Strength, testimony (witness), and confirmation	<i>Strength (Eccl 4:9-12); Witnesses (Deut 17:6; 19:15; 2 Cor 13:1); Two cherubim (Exo 25:18-22; 31:18); Two witnesses (Rev 11:3-4)</i>
3	God, completeness, and entirety	<i>Father, Son, & Holy Spirit (Matt 28:19; Mk 1:9-11); Jonah in the fish (Jonah 1:17); Jesus in the earth (Matt 12:40); "three angels" (Rev 8:13); "three plagues" (Rev 9:18)</i>
3½	Imperfect, incomplete, indefinite	<i>Half of seven; forty two months (Rev 11:2); 1260 days (Rev 11:3; 12:6); "time and times and a half a time" (Dan 12:7; Rev 12:14)</i>
4	Every direction, everywhere, and the world	<i>"four corners of the earth" (Isa 11:12; Rev 20:8); "four winds" (Jer 49:36; cf 37:9; Matt 24:31; cf. Rev 7:1); "four living creatures" (Ezek 1:5-10; cf. Rev 4:6); east, north, south, west gates (Rev 21:12-13)</i>
6	Short of perfection, man (created on the sixth day)	
7	Perfection, totality, finished, and an oath	<i>Days of creation (Gen 2:1-2; Exo 20:9-11); Pharaoh's dream (Gen 41:25-31); Lampstand (Ex 37:23); Naaman dipped (2 Kings 5:14); Jericho march (Josh 6:20); Seven churches, seven seals, etc. (Rev 1:4; 5:1)</i>

10	Something that is complete, i.e. a complete set, complete power, etc.	<i>The ten plagues (Exo 7-14); The ten commandments (Deut 4:13); Ten horns (Dan 7:20, 24; Rev 12:3; 17:12); Ten virgins (Matt 25:1-13); Tribulation ten days (Rev 2:10)</i>
12	God's people	<i>Twelve tribes of Israel (Gen 49:28); Twelve apostles (Matt 10:2); Garland of twelve stars (Rev 12:1); Twelve gates (Rev 21:12-13); Twelve foundations (Rev 21:14)</i>
24	God's people under Old & New Testaments	<i>Twenty-four thrones (Rev 4:4); Twenty-four elders (Rev 5:8; 11:16; 19:4)</i> 2 [confirmation] x 12 [God's people]
40	A complete trial	<i>Rained forty days & forty nights (Gen 7:4); Israel wandered forty years (Num 32:13); Jesus fasted forty days & forty nights (Matt 4:1-2)</i> 4 [everywhere] x 10 [complete]
100	A lot in quantity or a long time	<i>"a hundred blows" (Pro 17:10); "evil a hundred times" (Eccl 8:12); "a hundred children" (Eccl 6:3); "a hundred sheep" (Luke 15:4); "one hundred years" (Isa 65:20)</i> 10 [complete] x 10 [complete]
666	The number of a man	<i>"the number of the beast" is "the number of a man" (Rev 13:18)</i> 6 [man] 3 times [complete]
1000	All in quantity or all the remaining time	<i>"a thousand hills" (Psa 50:10); "a thousand years" (Psa 90:4); "a thousand generations" (Psa 105:8); Satan bound (Rev 20:2-7)</i> 10 [complete set] x 3 [complete]
12000	A representation of God's people	12 [God's People] x 1000 [All in quantity]
144000	All of God's people	<i>Rev 7:4; 14:1-4</i> 12 [God's People] x 12 [God's People] x 1000 [All in quantity]

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 1

A Brief Chapter Overview

A. John identifies the divine source of this revelation. (vs 1-3)

B. John sends greetings to the seven churches of Asia. (vs 4-6)

C. John announces the coming King. (vs 7-8)

D. John hears a voice telling him to write what he would see *“in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia.”* (vs 9-11)

E. John turned and saw who was speaking. John saw *“the Son of Man.”* The Son of Man says to John, *“Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.”* (vs 12-20)

“And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, ‘Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.’”
(Revelation 1:17-20)

Questions to Work

1. Who “bore witness to the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ”?
2. To whom was the book of Revelation written?
3. Who will see Jesus when He comes again?
4. Whom did John say would mourn?
5. Where was John when he received the revelation of Jesus Christ?
6. When John turned to see the voice, what did he see?
7. What went out of the mouth of the Son of Man?
8. What did the seven stars represent?

Notes to Remember

Use this space to make notes from your studies.

churches
golden lampstands
stars **spirits of God**
seals **angels**
 horns & eyes
 trumpets
 thunders
 heads
 & diadems
 plagues
 bowls
 heads
 (mountains)
 kings

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 2

A Brief Chapter Overview

A. John is given messages for:

1. The church in Ephesus. (vs 1-7)

2. The church in Smyrna. (vs 8-11)

3. The church in Pergamum. (vs 12-17)

4. The church in Thyatira. (vs 18-29)

“Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden. But hold fast what you have till I come. And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’— as I also have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” (*Revelation 2:24-29*)

Questions to Work

1. Jesus said the church in Ephesus did not bear what?
2. Whom had the church in Ephesus tested?
3. What did the church in Ephesus hate?
4. Jesus said the tree of life was where?
5. To whom would Jesus give a "*crown of life*"?
6. To what did the church in Pergamos hold fast?
7. Whom did Jesus say was His faithful martyr?

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 3

A Brief Chapter Overview

A. John is given messages for: _____

1. The church in Sardis. (vs 1-6) _____

2. The church in Philadelphia. (vs 7-13) _____

3. The church in Laodicea. (vs 14-22) _____

“Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” (*Revelation 3:11-13*)

Questions to Work

1. What type of “name” or reputation did the church in Sardis have?
2. What did Jesus say would happen if the church in Sardis did not “*watch*” or wake up?
3. Who would Jesus confess before His Father and His angels?
4. What had the Lord “*set before*” the church in Philadelphia?
5. Because the church in Laodicea was neither cold nor hot, what would Jesus do?
6. What “*counsel*” did Jesus give the church in Laodicea?
7. Who does the Lord rebuke and chasten (discipline)?
8. With whom would the Lord “*dine*” or eat?

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 4

A Brief Chapter Overview

- A. John's heavenly vision begins. John sees the heavenly throne, Him who sits on the throne, and those who surrounded the throne. (vs 1-5)

- B. The four living creatures praise the one on the throne. (vs 6-8)

- C. The twenty-four elders worship "*Him who lives forever and ever, casting their crowns before the throne.*" (vs 9-11)

“Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!’” (*Revelation 4:6-8*)

Questions to Work

1. What did the “*first voice*” say to John?
2. Describe the “*appearance*” of the one who sat on the throne.
3. How many thrones did John see around the main throne?
4. Whom did John see sitting on these thrones?
5. What proceeded from the throne?
6. What did the four living creatures say day and night?
7. What would the twenty-four elders say?

Notes to Remember

Use this space to make notes from your studies.

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 5

A Brief Chapter Overview

A. John sees a scroll with seven seals. An angel calls for one worthy to open the scroll and to loose the seals. (vs 1-2)

B. One of the elders says to John, *“Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”* (vs 3-7)

C. The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders worship the Lamb, singing a new song. (vs 8-10)

D. The voice of many angels, the living creatures and the elders praise the *“Lamb who was slain.”* (vs 11-12)

E. Every creature in heaven and on the earth and under the earth praise the one who sits on the throne and the Lamb who was slain. (vs 13-14)

“Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.’” (*Revelation 5:8-10*)

Questions to Work

1. How many “*seals*” were on the scroll?
2. What did the “*strong angel*” proclaim?
3. Why did John weep?
4. What did the “*golden bowls*” contain?
5. What was the number of the “*angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders*”?
6. Who said “*Amen!*”?

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 6

A Brief Chapter Overview

- A. The Lamb opens the first seal. John sees a white horse and a rider who went out to conquer. (vs 1-2)
- B. The Lamb opens the second seal. John sees a fiery red horse and a rider, with a great sword, who would *"take peace from the earth."* (vs 3-4)
- C. The Lamb opens the third seal. John sees a black horse and a rider with *"a pair of scales in his hand."* (vs 5-6)
- D. The Lamb opens the fourth seal. John sees a pale horse with its rider Death having power *"over a fourth of the earth."* (vs 7-8)
- E. The Lamb opens the fifth seal. John sees under the altar *"the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God."* (vs 9-11)
- F. The Lamb opens the sixth seal. John sees the coming of the Lord's wrath. Both the rich and the poor hide in the caves and the mountains. (vs 12-17)

“When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, ‘How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’ Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.” *(Revelation 6:9-11)*

Questions to Work

1. Who opened the first seal?
2. What did the second living creature say?
3. To whom was it granted to *“take peace from the earth”*?
4. What was given to *“the souls of those who had been slain”*?
5. Who was given power *“over a fourth of the earth”*?
6. Where did the *“kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man”* hide?

Notes to Remember

Use this space to make notes from your studies.

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 7

A Brief Chapter Overview

A. John sees four angels *“holding the four winds of the earth.”* John sees another angel saying, *“Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God.”* (vs 1-3)

B. John hears the number of those who were sealed. (vs 4-8)

C. John sees a great multitude praising Him who sat on the throne and the Lamb. (vs 9-12)

D. One of the elders tells John the identity of those who are *“arrayed in white robes,”* saying, *“These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”* (vs 13-17)

“Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, ‘Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?’ And I said to him, ‘Sir, you know.’ So he said to me, ‘These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.’” (*Revelation 7:13-15*)

Questions to Work

1. Whom did John see standing at the four corners of the earth?
2. What was the number of those who were sealed?
3. Whom did John see standing before the throne and before the Lamb?
5. Who fell on their faces and worshiped God?
6. Who asked John, “*Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from*”?
7. What would God “*wipe away*”?

Notes to Remember

Use this space to make notes from your studies.

1 **2** **x 12000**

And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed.

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 8

A Brief Chapter Overview

A. John sees the opening of the seventh seal.

1. Seven angels with seven trumpets prepares to sound. (vs 1-6)

2. The first angel sounds the trumpet and the trees and the grass were destroyed. (vs 7)

3. The second angel sounds the trumpet and a third of the sea creatures and ships were destroyed. (vs 8-9)

4. The third angel sounds the trumpet and a third of the rivers became wormwood, killing many men. (vs 10-11)

5. The fourth angel sounds the trumpet and a third of the heavenly bodies were struck. (vs 12-13)

“And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.” (*Revelation 8:2-5*)

Questions to Work

1. After the seventh seal was opened, how long was the silence?
2. What was offered upon the “golden altar”?
3. What happened when the first angel “sounded”?
4. What happened when the third angel “sounded”?
5. What was the name of the star?
6. What happened when the fourth angel “sounded”?

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 9

A Brief Chapter Overview

A. John sees the opening of the seventh seal. _____

1. The fifth angel sounds the trumpet and locusts from the bottomless pit were set free to torment for five months. (vs 1-12) _____

2. The sixth angel sounds the trumpet and the four angels are released to kill a third of mankind. (vs 13-19) _____

3. The rest of mankind, guilty of worshipping demons and idols did not repent of their sins. (vs 20-21) _____

“By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm. But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.” (*Revelation 9:18-21*)

Questions to Work

1. To whom was given the *“key to the bottomless pit”*?
2. What came out of the smoke?
3. Who would seek death and not find it?
4. The shape of the locusts were like what before a battle?
5. To what did John compare the sound of the wings of the locusts?
6. To whom did the voice say, *“Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates”*?
7. What was the *“number of the army of the horsemen”*?
8. By what three plagues was *“a third of mankind”* killed?

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 10

A Brief Chapter Overview

- A. John sees another mighty angel descend from heaven with a little book open in his hands. (vs 1-4)
- B. The mighty angel raises his hand to heaven and swore *“that there should be delay no longer.”* (vs 5-7)
- C. The voice from heaven tells John to take the book from the angel and to eat the little book. (vs 8-11)

“The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.” (*Revelation 10:5-7*)

Questions to Work

1. What did John see *“coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud”*?
2. When the *“seven thunders uttered their voices,”* John was about to write. A voice from heaven told John to do what?
3. Complete the verse: *“and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, . . .”*
4. What did the angel tell John to do with the *“little book”*?
5. When John followed the angel's instructions regarding the *“little book,”* what happened?
6. Complete the verse: *“And he said to me, ‘You must prophesy again . . .’”*

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 11

A Brief Chapter Overview

- A. An angel tells John to measure “the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.” The angel also tells John the role of the two witnesses. (vs 1-6)
- B. The witnesses were killed after they finished their testimony. (vs 7-10)
- C. After three-and-a-half days, God raised up the witnesses. (vs 11-14)
- D. The seventh angel sounds the trumpet. “The temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple.” (vs 15-19)

“Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’ And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: ‘We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.’” (*Revelation 11:15-18*)

Questions to Work

1. What did the angel tell John to measure?
2. How long would the “*Gentiles*” tread underfoot the holy city?
3. How many days would the Lord’s two witnesses prophecy?
4. What would ascend out of the bottomless pit?
5. According to this chapter, where was our Lord crucified?
6. How many people were killed in the earthquake?
7. Who fell on their faces and worshiped God?
8. Where was the “*ark of His covenant*” seen?

“Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, ‘Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.’” (*Revelation 12:10-12*)

Questions to Work

1. What did John say appeared in heaven?
2. How many heads did the red dragon have?
3. What was the dragon, who was standing before the woman, waiting for?
4. What happened to the Child after He was born?
5. Where did war break out?
6. What happened to the great dragon?
7. What was the woman given so that she might “*fly into the wilderness to her place*”?
8. With whom did the dragon make war?

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 13

A Brief Chapter Overview

A. John sees a beast rise up out of the sea.
(vs 1)

B. The dragon gave the beast *“his power, his throne, and great authority.”* All the world worshiped the dragon and the beast. (vs 2-4)

C. The beast was speaking blasphemies against God, the saints, the tabernacle, and *“those who dwell in heaven.”* The beast was allowed to *“make war with the saints and to overcome them.”* (vs 5-8)

D. John hears the *“patience and the faith of the saints.”* *“He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword.”* (vs 9-10)

E. A beast rises up out of the earth with the same authority as the first beast. This beast deceives people using signs, telling people to worship the beast that was wounded and still lived. (vs 11-17)

F. *“Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.”* (vs 18)

“Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If anyone has an ear, let him hear. He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.” (*Revelation 13:6-10*)

Questions to Work

1. What did John see rising up out of the sea?
2. How many people followed the beast?
3. Who gave authority to the beast?
4. Who would not worship the dragon?
5. What is the “*patience and faith of the saints*”?
6. Describe the beast John saw rising up out of the earth.
7. How would the second beast deceive those who dwell upon the earth?
8. What was the “*number of the beast*”?

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 14

A Brief Chapter Overview

A. John sees the Lamb with his 144,000 standing on Mount Zion. (vs 1-5)

B. John sees the first angel, flying in the midst of heaven *“having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth.”* (vs 6-7)

C. John sees the second angel who says, *“Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city,...”* (vs 8)

D. John sees the third angel, who says, *“If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark...shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God...”* (vs 9-11)

E. John hears a voice say, *“Write, ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’”* (vs 12-13)

F. John sees one like the Son of Man reaping the earth. (vs 14-16)

G. John sees another angel who gathers the *“vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of Wrath of God.”* (vs 17-20)

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

Questions to Work

1. What did John see standing on Mount Zion?
2. What did John hear?
3. Who were the only ones able to learn the “*new song*”?
4. In John's vision, the 144,000 were composed of whom?
5. Who did the third angel say would “*drink of the wine of the wrath of God*”?
6. Whom did John see sitting on the white cloud?
7. What happened to the clusters of grapes that were fully ripe?
8. What came out of the winepress?

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 15

A Brief Chapter Overview

A. John sees seven angels having seven last plagues. In these plagues, the wrath of God is complete. (vs 1)

B. John saw those who had the victory over the beast standing on a sea of glass. They sang the song of Moses. (vs 2-4)

C. John saw the seven angels having the seven plagues come out of the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony. (vs 5-6)

D. John saw one of the living creatures give seven golden bowls full of God's wrath to the seven angels. (vs 7-8)

“They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: ‘Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested.’”
(Revelation 15:3-4)

Questions to Work

1. What did the seven angels have?
2. Whom did John see standing on the sea of glass?
3. Complete the verse: *“They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: . . .”*
4. Describe the clothing or the appearance of the seven angels.
5. What did one of the four living creatures give to the seven angels?
6. With what was the temple filled?

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 16

A Brief Chapter Overview

- A. John hears a voice say to the seven angels, *“Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.”* (vs 1)
- B. The first angel pours out his bowl on the earth, resulting in terrible sores on the men who had the mark of the beast and worshipped his image. (vs 2)
- C. The second angel pours out his bowl on the sea, resulting in the death of every creature that lived in the sea. (vs 3)
- D. The third angel pours out his bowl on the rivers and springs, causing them to turn to blood. (vs 4-7)
- E. The fourth angel pours out his bowl on the sun, resulting in men being *“scorched with great heat.”* (vs 8-9)
- F. The fifth angel pours out his bowl *“on the throne of the beast,”* causing the beast’s kingdom to be filled with darkness. (vs 10-11)
- G. The sixth angel pours out his bowl *“on the great river Euphrates,”* causing its waters to dry up, thus preparing the way of the kings from the east. (vs 12-16)
- H. The seventh angel pours out his bowl *“into the air.”* With this, a loud voice said, *“It is done!”* The wrath of God fell upon the great city of Babylon. (vs 17-21)

“Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters saying: ‘You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due.’ And I heard another from the altar saying, ‘Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.’” (*Revelation 16:4-7*)

Questions to Work

1. What did the loud voice from the temple say to the seven angels?
2. What happened when the first angel poured out his bowl upon the earth?
3. What happened when the third angel poured out his bowl?
4. According to the third angel, whose blood had been shed?
5. What happened when the fourth angel poured out his bowl?
6. What happened when the fifth angel poured out his bowl?
7. What happened when the sixth angel poured out his bowl?
8. When the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, what happened?

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 17

A Brief Chapter Overview

- A. One of the seven angels carries John away to the wilderness where John sees a woman on a scarlet beast. (vs 1-6)
- B. The angel tells John the mystery of the woman and the beast, including the meaning of the seven heads. (vs 7-11)
- C. The angel tells John the meaning of the ten horns. (vs 12-14)
- D. The angel then explains how the “peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues” will turn on the woman, the harlot. The woman “is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.” (vs 15-18)

“Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.” (Revelation 17:15-18)

Questions to Work

1. How many horns did the scarlet beast have?
2. How was the woman setting on the beast adorned?
3. What was in the golden cup held by the woman?
4. With what was the woman drunk?
5. “The beast that you saw _____, and is _____, and will ascend out of the _____ pit and go to _____.”
6. Who would marvel when they saw the beast?
7. Who will make war with the Lamb?
8. What are those called who are with the Lamb?

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 18

A Brief Chapter Overview

- A. John sees another angel with great authority, pronouncing the fall of Babylon. (vs 1-3)
- B. John hears another voice calling God’s people to come out of Babylon because of her coming destruction. (vs 4-8)
- C. The kings, the merchants, and shipmasters, all who prospered because of Babylon, “*weep and lament*” for the judgment of the great city. (vs 9-20)
- D. John sees the mighty angel throw a great stone in the sea while proclaiming the finality of the fall of the great city of Babylon. (vs 21-24)

“The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’ . . . They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.’ ‘Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!’” (*Revelation 18:9-10, 19-20*)

Questions to Work

1. Who cried with a loud voice against Babylon?
2. Of what had “*all the nations*” drunk?
3. “*Come out of her, my _____, lest you share in her _____, and let you receive of her _____.*”
4. Who would “*weep and lament*” for the “*great city of Babylon*”?
5. Why would the “*merchants of the earth*” weep and mourn over the great city of Babylon?
6. “*Rejoice over her, O _____, and you holy _____ and prophets, for God has _____ you on her!*”
7. What did the mighty angel throw into the sea?

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 19

A Brief Chapter Overview

A. John hears a *“loud voice of a great multitude in heaven”* praising God for His judgment upon the great city of Babylon, saying *“Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!”* (vs 1-5)

B. John hears the voice praise the Lord God for the *“marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.”* (vs 6-10)

C. John sees a white horse with a rider called *“Faithful and True.”* The rider, in righteousness, *“judges and makes war.”* On the rider’s thigh was written, *“King of Kings and Lord of Lords.”* (vs 11-16)

D. John witnesses the great defeat of the beast, the kings of the earth, their armies and all who followed the beast. The beast and his false prophet were *“cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.”* The rest were killed by the sword of the rider and their flesh were consumed by the birds. (vs 17-21)

“And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, ‘Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.’ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.” *(Revelation 19:6-8)*

Questions to Work

1. Who said, “*Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!*”?
2. Who had judged the great harlot?
3. What was the great harlot guilty of doing?
4. “*Again they said, ‘Alleluia! Her _____ rises up forever and ever!’*”
5. Describe the voice of the great multitude.
6. What was the rider of the white horse called?
7. What was written on the robe and thigh of the rider of the white horse?
8. Who was cast into the lake of fire burning with brimstone?

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 20

A Brief Chapter Overview

A. John sees an angel from heaven with the *“key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.”* The angel bound the Devil and cast him into the bottomless pit for a thousand years. (vs 1-3)

B. Those who had not worshiped the beast lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. (vs 4-6)

C. After the thousand years, Satan will be released from his prison. He will go out to deceive the nations. As Satan’s army came up against the camp of the saints, *“fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.”* The devil was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone. (vs 7-10)

D. John sees a *“a great white throne and Him who sat on it.”* John also sees the judgment of both the small and the great. Anyone *“not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”* (vs 11-15)

“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.” (*Revelation 20:4-6*)

Questions to Work

1. What did the angel coming down from heaven have?
2. Who was bound for a thousand years?
3. What was going to happen when the “*thousand years*” had expired?
4. Who was cast into the “*lake of fire and brimstone*?”
5. “*Then I saw a great white _____ and Him who sat on it, . . .*”
6. How were the dead judged?
7. What happened to Death and Hades?
8. Who was cast into the lake of fire?

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 21

A Brief Chapter Overview

A. John sees a new heaven and a new earth. He sees the *“holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.”* A voice announces the tabernacle of God is with men, and *“He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people.”* (vs 1-4)

B. The one who sat on the throne said to John, *“Behold, I make all things new.”* He then said to John, *“Write, for these words are true and faithful.”* (vs 5)

C. The one who sat on the throne told John what would happen to those who overcome and to those who do not overcome. (vs 6-8)

D. One of the seven angels shows John the bride, the Lamb’s wife. (vs 9-21)

E. John saw no temple in the great city because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. (vs 22-27)

“But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.” (*Revelation 21:22-26*)

Questions to Work

1. What happened to the “*first heaven*” and the “*first earth*”?
2. What did John see coming down out of heaven from God?
3. Who said, “*Behold, I make all things new*”?
4. “*And He said to me, ‘It is done!’ I am the _____ and the _____, the _____ and the _____.*”
5. What did the angel show John?
6. How many foundations did the wall of the city have?
7. Why was there no temple in the city?
8. Why did the city have no need for the sun or the moon to shine?

My Lessons from Revelation

Read Revelation, Chapter 22

A Brief Chapter Overview

A. In the great city, John saw *“a pure river of water of life...proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.”* On either side of the river was the tree of life. John continues to describe the wonderful and eternal nature of this great city. (vs 1-5)

B. The angel said to John, *“These words are faithful and true.”* The angel also said to John, *“Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.”* (vs 6-11)

C. *“And behold, I am coming quickly...”* With these words, John closes this book of prophecy with an admonition to obedience (vs 12-17), a warning against adding to or taking away from these words (vs 18-19), and an assurance that Jesus is coming quickly (vs 20-21).

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.’ Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.” (*Revelation 22:12-15*)

Questions to Work

1. What proceeded “*from the throne of God and of the Lamb*”?
2. What did the “*tree of life*” bear?
3. “*Behold, I am coming _____! Blessed is he who _____ the _____ of the prophecy of this _____.*”
4. Why did the angel tell John not to “*seal the words of the prophecy of this book*”?
5. Who said, “*And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work*”?
7. What will happen to the person who takes away from “*the words of the book of this prophecy*”?
8. Who is coming quickly?

