

Answers to the Questions on Revelation.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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1. True - False. The word "Revelation" itself indicates that the message contained in this book is intended to remain a mystery.
2. True - False. Rev. 1:3 makes it obvious that the Lord did not expect us to be able to understand Revelation and did not want us to study or read it.
3. Read these passages and try to determine what you think is the purpose of this book: Rev. 7:13-17; 20:4; 5:9,10; 15:2; 22:14. To comfort Christians: Show Christians are to be Blessed finally.
4. What is the theme of Revelation? Rev. 17:14 Those who are with Christ shall be the Victors. Read Romans 8:35-37; would you agree that Rom. 8:37 expresses briefly the theme of Revelation? Yes, More than conquerers.
5. From reading Rev. 1:3 and 22:18 and from simply a logical viewpoint ^{quarers.} determine the intent of this book. (Circle a. or b.)
 - a. It was intended to be a history-written-beforehand of World War I, Hitler, Napoleon, The Middle East conflicts, etc.
 - b. It was intended to comfort and encourage the severely persecuted Christians of John's day and all believers throughout the Christian Age.
6. Who is the real author of this book? God Who passed the revelation on to Christians? Christ Who recorded the words for us to read? John What other books did this man write? ^{Gospel} of John I John II John III John
7. Compare these passages from the different books of John: In Jn. 1:29 and Rev. 5:12,13 Jesus is described as the Lamb of God. In Jn. 1:1 and Rev. 19:13 ^(cf. I Jn 1:1) what term is used as a name for Christ used by no other Bible writer? Word In Jn. 1:1 and Rev. 22:13 John speaks of what divine characteristic of Jesus? Eternal Jn 4:14; Rev. 21:6; and Rev. 22:17: Jesus speaks of offering salvation freely under the symbol of the Water of life. Jn. 3:16 and Rev. 22:17 both suggests that eternal life is for Whosoever will.
8. This book was written from the isle of Patmos (Rev. 1:9) where history tells us John was banished at the close of the first century. Thus the date of writing is probably about A.D. 96.

There are no questions on pages 2 & 3.

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-REVIEW: Revelation is a book of symbols and signs. It contains seven sections, each of which spans the time of the Christian Age. The basic story of Revelation is of value in encouraging the Church in any age. The theme of the book is always true in any time, in any land, for any people. The basic story is the conflict between Christ and Satan, the Church and the world. The theme is the final victory of the faithful over evil through Christ.

THE SEVEN SECTIONS: (Memorizing these would be well worth your while.)

- Chap. 1- 3 Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia.
4- 7 The Seven Seals.
8-11 The Seven Trumpets of Judgment.
12-14 The Woman, the Man-Child, the Dragon, and his Helpers.
15,16 The Seven Bowls of Wrath.
17-19 The Fall of the Harlot and the Beasts.
20-22 Final Judgment and the New Heaven.

REVELATION 1:

1. Revelation has seven Beatitudes: the first is found in chapter 1, vs 3.
In this verse what three verbs describe the ones who are Blessed?
Reads Hear Keep
2. What characteristic of God is described by the phrases "who is...was... is to come"? eternal. From the first part of Rev. 1:5 list three facts about Christ. Faithful Firstborn Ruler of Kings
witness of dead of earth.
3. True - False. When Jesus returns only a few will see Him.
4. What does the expression "the Alpha and the Omega" mean? "A" & "Z",
beginning and end. Verse 8
5. How do you know that John was not still looking for the Kingdom to be established? vs. 9. "I John, your brother & Partaker with you in the
kingdom."
6. Why did John write the things he saw? Told to. Vs. 11 Write therefore,
the things."
7. The Seven Candlesticks (Lampstands) represent seven churches.
8. Who is ever walking in the midst of the churches? Jesus Christ. see 2:13
9. Does the apparel of Christ indicate? Poverty & death, or, Majesty &
power. supernatural.
10. White is a symbol of Purity, Holiness (Mt. 17: Glorification; ↗
11. How deeply might "eyes like a flame of fire" see? To the very depths of
heart.
12. Would feet of burnished brass walk lightly over those who persecute His church? No!
13. A voice as of many waters would indicate: humility, or, authority.
14. The two-edged sword is the Word of God slaying evil.
(tongue of Christ)
15. True - False. The Christ was awesome and terrifying in appearance, but spoke words of comfort to the faithful John. Vs. 17
16. True - False. Christ indicated that everything John saw was future. vs. 19
"which are &
17. Would it comfort you to know that the Savior who died for you still lives and walks among the churches to purge them and protect those that are faithful? yes!

CHAPTERS 1 - 3: LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA: Following the Introduction and a Description of Christ, in the first chapter, the Lord directs the writing of letters to seven of the churches of Asia. In general each letter may be said to contain seven sections: Address, Christ's Self-Designation, Commendation of Righteousness, Condemnation of Wrong, Warning and Threat, Exhortation, and Promise. The Teaching of these letters is valuable and applicable to the church of all Ages. (From Rev. 2 fill out the chart. Note: every letter does not have all the general sections.)

Address	Christ's Self-Designation	Commendation	Condemnation	Warning and Threat	Exhortation	Promise
Ephesus 2:1-7	vs. 1 He that holds the 7 stars, He that walks in the midst of the 7 (candelsticks.) golden lampstands	vs. 2,3 works, toil, (patience), Not bear evil men, Tried false apostles; Bear, Not grown weary; Hate works of vs 6 the Nicolaitans.	vs. 4 You left your 1st love RSV-abandoned the love you had at first.	vs. 5 Remember whence fallen; Repent & do 1st works; else (if not) I will come & will (move candle-stick.) (Remove your lampstand)	vs. 7 The that hath an ear, let him hear. He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says	vs. 7 To him (who conquers) I will (give) to (grant) eat of tree of life in Paradise of God
Smyrna 2:8-11	vs. 8 The first and the last, who died & came to life.	vs. 9 I know your tribulation (but you are rich) & the slander of those who say are Jews & are not (apparently endured faithfully)	None	None	vs. 10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Devil about to throw some into prison, to be tested, have tribulation. Be	vs. 10 Faithful-death & I will give you a crown of life. vs. 11-He who conquers shall not be hurt by the 2nd death.
Pergamum 2:12-17	vs. 12 The one who has the sharp 2-edged sword.	vs. 13 I know where you dwell (Satan's throne); you hold fast my name; did not deny my faith even in days of Antipas who was killed	vs. 14 Some hold teaching of Balaam (eat foot sacrificed to idols & practice immorality) vs. 15-some hold teaching of Nicolaitans.	vs. 16 Repent, or I will come to you soon & war against them with sword of mouth.	vs. 17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.	vs. 17 To him who conquers, I will give some of hidden manna, ... a white stone with a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.
Thyatira 2:18-29	vs. 18 The Son of God, who has eyes like flame of fire, & whose feet are like burnished bronze.	vs. 19 I know your works, love, faith, service, patient endurance, & that latter works exceed the first.	vs. 20 You tolerate Jezebel, who calls self prophetess, teaching & beguiling my servants to practice immorality & eat food sacrificed to idols.	vs. 22-23 I will throw her on a sickbed, & throw into great tribulation those who commit adultery with her, unless they repent. I will strike her child	vs. 24-25 The rest of you.. hold fast what you have until I come. vs. 29 - He who has an ear, hear.	vs. 26-28 He who conquers & keep my works, I will give power over nations. He shall rule with rod of iron, & I will give

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Sardis	He that hath the seven spirits of God, and the seven stars ((angels))	Thou hast a few names that did not defile their garments; they are worthy. vs. 4	I know works, that I have a name that live, but are dead. I found no works of thine perfected before my God. (Pellied garments)	If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come as thief & thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.	Be watchful, & establish thgs. that remain, with were ready to die. Remember, how received & did hear & keep & repent. He that hath an ear, let-	He that overcomes shall thus be arrayed in white garments; & I will in no wise blot his name out of book of life. & I will confess his name
Philadelphia	He that is holy, he that is true; that hath key of David, that opens & none shall shut & shuts & none opens	I know works. Hast a little per & didst keep word didst not deny my name, kept the word of patients endurance vs 10	None	None	I come quickly, hold fast that which thou hast that no one take thy crown. He that hath an ear, let him hear	He that overcomes I will make him a pillar in temple of God, he shall go out thence no more writes upon him name of God & city of God, New Jerusalem, & my own new name.
Laodicea	The Amen, the faithful & true witness, the beginning of the creation of God. * (origin, person from which something originates)	None	I know works, that neither cold nor hot. So because lukewarm... Say I am rich, gotten riches, have need of nothing, know not that are poor, blind, naked	I will spew thee out of my mouth.	I counsel thee to buy of me gold refined by fire that may be rich & white garments & eyesalve. As many as love, reprove, chasten, be zealous, repent	He that overcomes I will give to him to sit down with me in throne, as I overcame & sat down with my Father in his throne.

REVIEW OF CHAPTERS 2 and 3:

1. Of which churches did the Lord make no Condemnation? Smyrna Philadelphia
2. In which church could the Lord find nothing to Commend? Laodicea
3. These letters reveal that Satan is seeking to destroy Christians by tempting them in what three general areas? Persecutions False Religions (teaching) Immorality

4. *Sublimation*

- CHAPTERS 4 - 7: THE SEVEN SEALS: The fourth and fifth chapters contain a beautiful picture of the throne-scene in heaven. In chapters six and seven the Seals are opened. (More about chapters five, six, and seven in the following lessons.)

REVELATION 4:

1. What was the first thing John saw? A door opened in heaven.
2. What was the first thing John heard? A voice as of a trumpet speaking with me.
3. Where was the throne? Set in heaven.
4. Who was on the throne (read all the 4th chapter before you answer)? God
5. Have you ever read in the Bible of this throne coming to earth? no!
6. The beautiful, awesome appearance of the One on the throne is described by several precious stones: what colors are suggested by each? Jasper. Purple, bl dark-green, or opal opalescent, Milky; Sardis (Carnelian). Red (Sardius)
Emerald. Translucent green.
7. The One on the throne is awesome and mighty for from the throne proceed lightnings, voices, and thunders
8. Before the throne are seven ^{torches} lamps of fire which are the seven Spirits of God; possibly the Holy Spirit is meant.
9. Four "living creatures" (A.S. Version), or "beasts" (King James Version) stand around the throne to serve God. Each has distinctive attributes: attempt to determine what these are when applied to service. (One is done for you.)
As courageous as a Lion. As strong as an (ox, bull) calf.
As wise as a man. As swift as a flying eagle.
10. Read Ezekiel 1:1, 4-14 (Notice especially vs. 5 & vs. 10.) Also Ezek. 10: 12, 14, 20. From these similarities who would you say these four "creatures" in Revelation are? Cherubim
These are a special class of angel, it appears.
11. Read Isaiah 6:1-4. The seraphim are also similar to the four "creatures" in what two ways? Six wings
Cry, Holy, Holy, Holy is Lord God.
These are a special class of angel, it appears.
12. Around the throne were 24 elders, sitting on 24 thrones, arrayed in white garments, wearing on their heads crowns of gold. Compare Rev. 2:10; Rev 3:5 & 21 and decide who are these "Elders". Faithful Christians who overcome.
13. When the four "creatures" praise God, what is done by the 24 Elders?
Fall down worship & Cast crowns
The Creator is worthy of Glory,
Honor & Power

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REVIEW: Chapter four pictured God upon His throne, around Him the cherubim and the faithful saints.

REVELATION 5:

(scroll)

1. In the right hand of God, John saw a book sealed with seven seals.
2. Who is the Lion of the tribe of Judah? Heb. 7:14; Gen. 49:9, 10. Christ
3. Who is the Root of David? Matt. 22:41-46; Rev. 22:16. Christ
4. Who is the Lamb of God? Jn. 1:29. Christ. Who is worthy to open the book because He overcame? Christ
5. True - False. If "seven" indicates "completeness, perfection," might seven horns" indicate complete power and "seven eyes" indicate complete knowledge?
6. Did Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit (possibly the "seven Spirits of God") have complete power and knowledge? Yes
7. What did each Elder have? Harp and golden bowls of incense. The Golden Bowls are the prayers of the Saints. Would we then expect the harps to be literal harps? no. Does the scripture say they played the harps to make music? no. What does it say they did to make music? Sing. Might then the harps indicate the Songs? Yes
8. Christ is worthy because He was slain and purchased ^{redeemed} unto God, with His blood, men of every tribe ^{kindred}, tongue, people and nation, and made them a kingdom (kings) and priests and they shall reign ^{reign} on the earth. Compare Dan. 7:13, 14. The Son was to receive the Kingdom when he came with the clouds to God. Did Christ ever do this? yes When? When he ascended. Acts 1:9
9. List the excellencies of which the great multitude say the Lamb is worthy. power, riches, wisdom, might, honor, glory, blessing ^{praise}. How many are given? 7. Then He has complete exaltation. Read Phil. 2:8-11.

SUMMARY: Thus the slain and exalted Christ enters upon the throne-scene to redeem man. Next we shall see what is revealed in the book of seven seals for the redeemed of all the world. (From the events connected with the death of Christ we would conclude that this section of Revelation begins at approximately the start of the Christian Age.)

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REVELATION 6:

1. The first seal reveals a white horse. Its rider had a bow and a crown, and came forth to conquer. This represents Christ. cf. Jn. 16:33; Rev. 19:11. ^{Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world, He that sat thereon called Faithful and True}
2. The second seal discloses a red horse. The rider had a great sword and was allowed to take peace from the earth. This seems to represent war in general, but possibly in particular refers to the slaughter of saints (Christians) cf. vs. 9. (The Greek "sword" here is a sacrificial sword. John's verb for "slay" refers to ^{Christ or} Christians 7 of the 8 times it is found in Rev.) The coming of Christ often brings a sword. cf. Matt. 10:34. This may test the saints and refine them. cf. Matt. 10:37-39.
3. The third seal opens upon a black horse. The rider held a balance. Was food available? yes Matt. 20:2 indicates that it takes how much work to earn the price of a measure of wheat? a day How many persons could live on a "quart" of wheat a day? one The common man could not afford the luxuries at all, the oil and the wine. This scene represents not famine in general, but economic hardship for Saints.
4. The fourth seal pictures a pale horse. The rider is Death. Following closely is Hades, which is the abode of the dead. These are allowed to kill throughout the earth indiscriminately. (The Greek "sword" here is a sword of war.)
5. The four horses are called forth by the four Living Creatures (Beasts).
6. The fifth seal reveals the souls of those slain, obviously representing the Saints (Christians) They must wait for God's wrath on the wicked.
7. The sixth seal plainly describes the judgment day, the day of God's wrath.

SUMMARY: The seals of chapter six reveal a white horse, a red horse, a black horse, and a pale horse. In these symbols we see that wherever Christ and Christianity go, there soon follows for the saints, persecution, economic hardship and death. In the fifth seal, however, the Lord promises to avenge the blood of the righteous. This He does under the sixth seal as is seen the end of the world and the punishment of the wicked. On the other hand, according to the seventh chapter, the faithful are taken to live in heaven with God and Christ.

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REVIEW: Chapter four pictured God upon His throne, around Him the cherubim and the faithful saints. In chapter five the slain and exalted Christ entered upon the throne-scene to redeem man. Chapter six closed with a picture of the end of time, the great day of God's wrath. The martyred saints had been told that this wrath would not come until their brethren should have fulfilled their course.

REVELATION 7:

1. At the end, the earth shall be destroyed (II Pet. 3:10), but one thing must be accomplished first. The four angels are ready to hurt the earth, sea, and trees. Another angel commands the first four to delay until the servants of God are sealed on their foreheads (Esther 8:7,8) What is indicated by this angel having the seal of God? Authority of God. What is accomplished by a "seal" according to a Dictionary? (1) protects against tampering-Rev. 5:1; Mt. 27:66; (2) Marks ownership-Acts 20:28; (Eph 1:13) 4:30; (3) Certifies as genuine in character. Rm. 8:16 See 5:1, 8:6 What is the significance of "sealing" the Christians? Mark as His for saving at judgment day. Rm 8:28ff, Mt. 6:33, act 20:28, Rev 5:9, 10
2. How many servants did John "hear" were sealed? 144,000 Compare the twelve tribes of Rev. 7 with the tribes of Israel listed in Numbers 1:20-42: which tribe in Rev. was not counted one of the Twelve? Levi Which tribe is omitted in Rev.? Dan What tribe is called "Joseph"? Ephraim Since these are not actually the Old Twelve Tribes do you think this refers to: (a) the literal children of Israel--the Jews, or (b) spiritual Israel--Christians. Rm 9:6-8 If the children of Israel are figurative would we expect their number to be literal? no See Rev. 14:3. Who are the 144,000? They that had been purchased out of earth.
3. How many servants did John "see" that were sealed? innumerable multitude. From verse 9 select the key words that indicated that the multitude represents the saved: of every nation; all tribes, and peoples and tongues; arrayed in white robes and palms in their hands. Does it seem that the 144,000 are the great multitude? yes
4. What one excellency of the seven ascribed to God is different from those ascribed the Lamb in Rev. 5:12? Rev. 7 thanksgiving Rev. 5 riches RV wealth
5. Note the key words in vs. 14 showing further the multitude represents Saints. These came out of the great tribulation, & washed their robes in the blood.
6. Verses 15-17 describe the reward of the saints, which is heaven.

SUMMARY: Christian must expect hardships, but they have the promise of final victory!

CHAPTERS 8 - 11: THE SEVEN TRUMPETS: Whenever the world persecutes the saints of the Lord, it is inviting upon itself the wrath of Almighty God. Because God is loving He warns mankind to cease such evil-doing. In the symbols of the Seven Trumpets may be seen the many warnings with which the Lord seeks to bring about the repentance of the nations.

REVELATION 8:

1. What is the purpose of trumpets? See Ezek. 33:3, 4. To warn of danger
What is the special purpose of God's trumpets? See Ezek. 33:11. to warn the wicked to repent.
2. The "prayers of the saints" may well be of the nature of those in Rev. 6:9, 10 where they asked "O Sovereign Lord, holy & true, how long before thou wilt judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell upon the earth"
3. Since Christ is the Intercessor, His merit (His perfect righteousness) may be the incense added to the prayers. When the prayers went up, fire was cast upon the earth.
4. The first plague came upon the third part of the earth and consisted of hail and fire and blood, a warning usually thought of only as "natural disasters".
5. The second warning came when something like a great mountain on fire was cast into the sea. Both creatures and ships were included in the destruction. Think of the Titanic
6. The third calamity came upon fountains and rivers, so necessary to life. The bitterness of sorrow should turn men to God, but many died of the bitter waters.
7. The fourth angel sounded and the sun, moon, and stars were darkened in part, reminding men of God's power.
8. "Woe, woe, woe, to those who dwell on the earth", the eagle warned. The eagle is a bird of prey. From the cry of the eagle would you expect the following trumpets to be: (a) less terrible. (b) more terrible.

SUMMARY: The calamities of the physical world about us should remind all men of God's power and be a warning to those who might think they could challenge His authority.

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REVIEW: The calamities of the physical world about us are described in chapter eight. These should remind all men of God's power and be a warning to those who might think they could challenge His authority.

REVELATION 9:

1. Read Luke 10:18; Rev. 12:7-9; who is represented by the star fallen from heaven? Satan. To whom was the key of the pit given? cf. Rev. 20:1. angel. When is the pit opened? cf. Rev. 20:7, 8. When the 1000 yrs. are finished: when the Chr. Age is about over.

Read Luke 8:31; Rev. 20:1-3; the pit or abyss is Hell before the judgment, afterwards it is called the Lake of Fire.
cf. Rev. 19:20. *20/10/14*

2. The "smoke" from the pit brought spiritual darkness, clouding God's "sun" and life-giving "air". The locust do not harm grass, green things, nor any tree, but rather men; therefore they must be figurative. They could sting like a scorpion but not kill and only attack whom? Such men as have not the seal of God on their foreheads.

The powers of the devil work on the wicked and bring them torment even on earth. The locusts seem connected with war, but with the terror, pain, and destruction and not the death. Men should be warned of the horrors of hell by the horrors of war. The king of the locusts is Satan.

3. The sixth trumpet was a voice from God allowing the loosing of four angels to kill the third part of men. The terrible horses and awesome riders (notice the similarity to the locusts) bring death by fire, smoke, and brimstone (^{RSV}sulphur) What number did John hear? 200,000,000. The horses have power in their mouths and tails. The death of some is to warn the others but they repented not of the works of their hands, their worship of demons and idols, nor murders, sorceries, fornication (^{RSV}immoralities), and thefts.

SUMMARY: Toward the close of the Christian Age the horrors, destruction, and death of the wicked should cause many to repent, but most will not do so.

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REVIEW: Destruction and death in the world about us--so called "natural calamities", the grief and death of wicked men everyday, the horrors of war--should remind all men of God's power and be a warning to the ungodly.

REVELATION 10:

1. In connection with the war and death of chapter 9, the sixth trumpet includes another strong angel. Read Rev. 1:16; 4:3; this messenger is obviously from whom? Christ and God
2. What would you expect the little book to represent? New Testament (Bible)
The angel's authoritative message was for both sea and earth where he stood.
3. John was not allowed to record the message of the seven thunders. Since this is associated with the angel saying there should be no more time or delay, why might we guess these could not be written? Might be able to determine the time of the end.
4. When does he say the mystery of God will be finished? In the days of the voice of the 7th angel--the end of earth and time.
Read Romans 16:25; Ephesians 6:19; Colossians 4:3; 1 Timothy 3:16; the "mystery of God" seems to be, in general, The gospel - - the plan of salvation - - redemption.
5. Psalm 119:103 would cause us to understand the book John ate was the words of God. How did the book taste? sweet as honey What was the effect in the stomach? bitterness -- made bitter How was the eating of the bread of life (becoming a Christian) like this for early Christians? Sweet to partake of the bread of life, but then persecution followed with its gnawing bitterness.

SUMMARY: While the elements of life are used by God to warn the wicked to repent, the Christian will also have bitterness until the final time of reward (described in the last of chapter eleven).

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REVELATION 11:

1. The 7th angel is about to sound--the end is near and John is given a reed (rod) to measure the temple; this represents (cf. 1 Cor. 3:16) the church. In the earthly temple in Jerusalem, who could enter the outer court and pay lip-service to God? Gentiles Today many give lip-service to God; does the Lord count "measure" them among His own? No Matt. 7:21-23 indicates He will tell such, "I never knew you." Those not really Christians will trample the holy city, the church, under foot 42 months, which is 3½ years. Jesus completed His ministry in 3½ years; possibly this is why this number is symbolically used for the whole Christian Age. What is the picture of encouragement in the chapter so far? The Lord will save His own and not the wicked and unfaithful nor those who only give lip-service.
2. The two witnesses prophesy 1260 days = 42 months of 30 days each, = 3½ years, clothed in sackcloth which shows sadness (preaching repentance). They are two olive trees and two lampstands. Read Zechariah 4: vs. 6 indicates an olive tree represented the Word of God. God's Word can shut the heavens to rain, Jas. 5:17; turn water to blood, Ex. 7:20. The symbol includes the lampstand, the church Rev. 1:20, which preaches the Word. Toward the end of time the beast shall kill them, leaving their bodies to lie in the great city, spiritually called Sodom (which brings to mind immorality), and Egypt (which recalls slavery), also Jerusalem where Christ was crucified. All men gloat over the bodies 3½ days (just a short time), because the prophets tormented them by preaching against sin. But God revives their bodies, taking them to heaven in a cloud. There is a great earthquake and a few, (how many?) 7000 are killed.
3. The End is described: the kingdom becomes eternal; the 24 elders thank God for bringing the time of the dead to be judged. The temple which is the church is found in heaven.

SUMMARY: Although the church and God's Word may appear to be overcome, they will be found in the End to live; those who follow their testimony will be rewarded and saved while those that hated them will be destroyed.

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CHAPTERS 12 - 14: THE WOMAN, THE MAN CHILD, THE DRAGON, and HIS HELPERS: In this story is revealed the battle between Christ and Satan, the church and the world. The Devil has sought to destroy the Lord since the promise of His birth. Having failed, he turns his anger upon the brethren of Christ, the church. They need not fear.

REVELATION 12:

1. The woman is arrayed with the sun, moon, and twelve stars. Who was called the wife of God? Isa. 50:1. Israel Who in the New Testament? Eph. 5:25,32. the church The 12 stars remind us of the 12 tribes of Israel in the Old Testament and 12 apostles in the New Testament.
2. The Dragon has 7 heads, wearing 7 diadems (false crowns), and 10 horns--he had complete earthly power for wickedness. The Dragon is Satan. He dragged down one third of the stars, representing some of the angels (Jude 6) with him.
3. The Man Child is to rule with a rod of iron (Psa. 2:6-9). The Child is Christ. The Child is caught up to God (throne). The Woman fled to the wilderness for care for 1260 days. What was also happening during this period? Rev. 11:3. Two witnesses prophesying.

This represents the whole Christian period, or nearly so.

4. There was war in heaven, Michael and the angels against the Devil (dragon) and his angels. Who lost? Satan. Daniel 12:1; Michael is a prince of God's host standing for the children of God. The Devil was cast down to the earth. Read Luke 10:17-19; when did Satan fall? (be general) When the gospel began to be preached. (Beginning of Gospel Age) This happened when "is come the salvation, the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ." They overcame because of the blood of the Lamb. When did all these things come about? When Christ died, resurrected Satan has lost to the Woman's Seed who is Christ. Gen. 3:15. See Jn 12:31-33.
5. The Dragon then turned his wrath on the Woman. She is protected ~~by~~ 3½ times (years); vs. 6 said 1260 days, the whole Christian ^{or} Age. See Dan. 12 & 7.
6. The rest of her seed represents Christians, those that keep (obey) God's commands and hold the testimony of Jesus.

SUMMARY: Satan has failed since the foundation of the earth to destroy the promised Christ, and shall be unable to destroy the church, for the Lord will protect it.

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CHAPTERS 12 - 14: THE WOMAN, THE MAN CHILD, THE DRAGON, AND HIS HELPERS: In this story is revealed the battle between Christ and Satan, the church and the world. The Devil has sought to destroy the Lord since the promise of His birth. Having failed, he turns his anger upon the brethren of Christ, the church. They need not fear for the Lord shall save them. Satan's Helpers strive also to cause the fall of the righteous.

REVELATION 13:

1. The first beast comes from the Sea ; in Rev. 17:15 the sea represents peoples . It has 10 horns and 7 heads just like the Dragon . However, the beast's diadems are on its horns and the dragon's are on its heads . The beast resembled a leopard , a bear , and a lion . In Dan. 7:3-7 what animals are mentioned? leopard , bear , and lion . The fourth beast (Dan. 7:7) had 10 horns. Dan. 7:17 indicates the four beasts represented four kings . It is likely then that the awful beast in Rev. represents the Anti-Christian Governments- in general; it has power, a throne , and great authority . The beast could not be killed ; it had a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies . Compare Dan. 7:8. How long does it continue to blaspheme? 42 months. Compare Dan. 7:25; for 3½ times it blasphemes and persecutes the Saints . Only Christians refuse to worship the beast. Christ says that those who persecute shall finally go into captivity and be killed . This should encourage the saints to endurance patience and faith .
2. The second beast looks like a lamb but speaks like the Dragon . He supports the awful beast; he does great signs , and thus deceives the people. Saints have the Seal of God (Rev. 7:3) on their foreheads ; but these have the mark of the beast on their right hand and forehead, not to save them eternally, but to let them buy and sell on this earth. The beast is just "man," number 666 , never 7 which is perfect like Christ. A beast in sheep's apparel, working false signs, must be Anti-Christian Religion in general.

SUMMARY: Satan's Helpers, Anti-Christian Government and Anti-Christian Religion, cannot overcome the steadfast, faithful saints.

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REVELATION 14:

1. The Lamb is Christ. The 144,000 are (cf. Rev. 7:4,14) Christians.
The wicked have a mark on their forehead (Rev. 13:16); the saints have a name written on them. John heard a song majestic as the sound of many waters, powerful as great thunder, yet sweet as the sound of harps; those purchased out of the earth were singing before the throne in heaven. When will the saved sing in heaven? After the "End" and judgment.
2. Explain briefly the spiritual idea in vs. 4 of the "virgins" "not defiled with women." Pure morally & spiritually Give three phrases from vs. 3-5 that strongly prove the "144,000" are "Christians." purchased out of the earth follow the Lamb whithersoever, purchased from among men--first fruits
3. To the very end God offers the gospel to men. But when the judgment is come, worship of God will not save a man, it will be too late. ^{he goes to God. Jas 1:18, Heb 12:23}
4. Babylon the great represents Anti-Christian immorality (cf. Rev. 17:5). She is fallen and must drink of the wine of God's wrath. ^{hard}
5. All who worshipped the beast and his image also must drink of God's wrath, undiluted in the cup of His anger. They will be tormented with fire and ^{sulphur} brimstone; the smoke goes up forever and ever, with no rest day and night. The saints should gain ^{endurance} patience to know that their persecutors shall finally be punished. The 2nd Beatitude of Revelation offers rest from labor for those who die in the Lord.
6. Who sits on the cloud? Christ - or an angel from Him (see 10:1) ^{The harvest time represents the} judgment (cf. Mt. 13:39). The ripe grapes represent the wicked; their blood makes a lake 1600 furlongs, which is 200 miles long.

SUMMARY: As Christ won the battle with Satan even though once killed, so Christians shall win the struggle in the world even though they may die for the Lord.

CHAPTERS 15 - 16: THE SEVEN BOWLS OF WRATH: The warnings of the Lord (chapters 8 - 11) were accomplished by the destruction of a few that the many might see and repent. What was a warning to the many, however, was destruction for those few. These chapters show how this destruction comes upon them because they seek to hurt the Lord's people and are impenitent even after God's long-suffering warnings.

REVELATION 15:

1. The Lord has warned by minor calamities in chapters 8 to 11.
Now His wrath on the impenitent is released even before this life is over.
2. Before describing this wrath, John pictures the victorious, that is Christians, those faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10). They are standing by the sea of glass, having harps of God. They sing the song of Moses and the Lamb. Of what Old Testament story are you reminded by this scene of singers near the sea? Israel rejoicing after Crossing the Red Sea.
See Ex. 15; this song would be a song of deliverance and triumph. We say water is "as smooth as glass" when it is calm, peaceful. However this sea is mingled with fire, a sign of destruction. For the saints the sea after crossing is peaceful; for the wicked it means fearsome destruction.
3. The seven angels with the seven plagues are obviously from God. This is also indicated by the precious linen and the golden girdles. Who gave the angels the bowls? One of the 4 living creatures (cherubim) We found in Revelation 4 (p.7, question 10) that these represent the special angels called cherubim (seraphim).
4. The bowls are full of God's wrath, to pour upon the wicked. The temple was filled with smoke; Isa. 6:3,4 indicates that smoke is a sign of God's anger toward the wicked.
5. None was allowed to enter the temple. For what purpose was the temple entered? cf. Heb. 7:25; 9:24,25. High Priest to intercede for the sinful.
God in anger has shut up his tender mercies. Psalms 77:9. What might be the symbolical idea of allowing no one to enter the temple?
None to be allowed to intercede for the evil

SUMMARY: The Lord does not reserve all His wrath for the Judgment. After many warnings He may pour out punishment upon the wicked and impenitent. However, even in this wrath there is warning for others to repent before the wrath comes to them.

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REVELATION 16:

1. The angels pour out the bowls of wrath upon the earth.
2. In Revelation 8 and 9 the Seven Trumpets affected: (1) the earth; (2) the sea; (3) the rivers and the fountains of waters; (4) the sun, moon, and stars; (5) the bottomless pit (abyss); (6) the River Euphrates; and (7) the final judgment from the sky.
The Seven Bowls affect: (1) the earth; (2) the sea; (3) the rivers and the fountains; (4) the sun; (5) the throne of the beast; (6) the River Euphrates; and (7) the air.
3. Of which of the 10 plagues in Egypt does this first bowl remind you? cf. Ex. 8, 9, & 10. boils. This plague was upon: (a) both righteous and wicked (b) righteous (c) wicked. The second and third bowls are like which Egyptian plague? The water turned to blood. Why were the wicked given blood to drink? because they poured out the blood of prophets and saints. God is a god of righteous and just judgments. cf. Rev. 6:9, 10; ^{heat or,} 13:10.
4. The fourth bowl shows men scorched with great fire, but they repented not; then these were also the wicked type of men. The fifth bowl pours wrath on the throne of the beast. The beast came out of the pit (abyss) from Satan and ruled over men. Give three words used suggesting the beast is Anti-Christian Governments composed of men. throne, kingdom, they-their
5. The sixth bowl: Assyria came from the sunrising-east across the River Euphrates to punish wicked Israel. Satan never gives up: three unclean (foul) spirits came from the mouth of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. They work signs to gather kings and men to war-battle against God's saints. cf. Rev. 20:3, 7-9. Armagedon seems based on Judges 4 & 5, especially 5:19,20.
6. The seventh bowl, vs. 17-21, is plainly the final judgment.

SUMMARY: Christians should be encouraged to know that God is just and the wicked are being and shall be punished for their sin. Also the wicked should realize the wrath of God upon them now is but a taste of eternal wrath and quickly repent.

CHAPTERS 17 - 19: THE FALL OF THE HARLOT AND THE BEASTS: The helpers of the dragon who worked together to seduce the faithful to sin receive a double measure of wrath. Chapter 17 describes the nature and tells the history of the Great Harlot.

REVIEW: Five enemies of Christ and the church have been seen: the dragon=Satan, the awful, ten-horned beast=Anti-Christian governments, the lamb-looking beast or false prophet=Anti-Christian religions, the Harlot Babylon=Anti-Christian immorality, and the men who have received the mark of the beast. In chapters 15, 16 the men received their judgment. Now we are to see the judgment of the three helpers of Satan. The judgment of the dragon is in chapter 20.

REVELATION 17:

1. The seven angels of chap. 16 poured out bowls of wrath; when one speaks again we would expect more wrath to come.
2. "The Great Harlot" Babylon obviously personifies all Anti-Christian immorality which in New Testament days, according to vs. 18, was centered in the capitol, "the great city" Rome. Remember that government, religion, and immorality were all linked tightly together in the Emperor worship of that day. The phrase "seated upon many waters" suggests that the Harlot was over many (vs.15) peoples-nations. This was because she sat upon the ten-horned beast which represents Anti-Christian government. Apparel, rich splendor, and wine of fornication add to her seductiveness. Compare the attire of the woman in chap. 12. The Harlot is drunken with the blood of martyred saints who would not partake of her sins.
3. "The beast was, is not, and is to come." The seven heads are seven hills and are seven kings. Five kings were fallen and past (possibly old Babylon, Assyria, New Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greco-Macedonia.) One kingdom is: that would have been Rome at the time of Revelation. Another must come and continue a little while. (see Rev. 20:3, 7-9); it might be called the kingdom of Gog and Magog. The beast was composed of seven kingdoms and is himself a kingdom, representing all governments; he goes into perdition. The ten horns were ten lesser kings who rule only briefly, for one hour; but they also help the beast, warring against the Lamb. The Lamb, however, shall conquer them for He is Lord of lords and King of kings. Christians shall overcome also.
4. Toward the end the beast and kings shall hate the Harlot and turn on her, doing the purpose of God for wrath on her. One verse in this chapter is the theme of all Revelation; which is it? vs. 14 - "They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."

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REVELATION 18:

1. The angel coming down from heaven is obviously from God.
2. See Isaiah 13:19-22: like ancient historical Babylon, "Babylon the Great" shall become desolate and a place of horror and filth. Unclean, hateful birds would be what type of birds? birds of prey, associated with death.
3. All nations had fallen under her wicked spell, including both the kings and the merchants of the earth.
4. Another voice warns Christians to have no part-fellowship with her sins, like the Nicolaitans did (Rev. 2:14, 15) and the followers of Jezebel. (Rev. 2:20.)
5. Babylon shall receive torment equal to her works (self-glory - wantonness) She is arrogant, boasting, "I sit a queen." Compare Isa. 14:12-15. Her torment shall be sudden, plagues of pestilence, and mourning, and famine, and she shall be utterly burned with fire.
6. All are amazed at the sudden, terrible judgment on the great and mighty ^(wealthy) city. The kings weep and wail; the merchants weep and mourn for their business is ruined. There are three kingdoms of the natural world. The merchants made profit on items of the mineral kingdom (gold, stones, etc.), the vegetable kingdom (wood, flour, etc.), the animal kingdom (sheep, horses, etc.), and even made merchandise of men's bodies and souls, the kingdom of men.
7. The shipmasters cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning; their wealth is lost also.
8. But who rejoices? Christians, heaven, apostles, prophets.
9. Babylon shall fall as a great millstone thrown into the sea. (Some, all) activities of normal life are ceased at the judgment of Babylon.

SUMMARY: Be faithful and patient, Christian. The Lord is surely going to pour wrath upon the forces in the world that aid Satan and entice toward sin.

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REVELATION 19:

1. See Rev. 6:10, 11: the Lord does avenge the blood of His servants and they praise His judgments as true and righteous (just).
2. The smoke of Babylon's torment rises forever and ever; she will not return to seduce and persecute the church-Christians.
3. Also praise is offered to God, the Almighty, who reigns over the universe for the marriage of the Lamb is come. Who is the Bride of Christ, preparing herself for the wedding day? the church of Christ cf. Eph. 5:22-32. The bridal-price was paid when Jesus gave His blood (life), (Acts 20:28). The betrothal began on the day of Pentecost. The fine linen is the the righteous acts of the saints.
4. The fourth Beatitude of Rev. is: Blessed are they that are bidden to the marriage supper of the lamb. (Christians shall be there, called; chosen, faithful. The marriage feast begins at the Judgment day and continues for eternity. When are men bidden? Now-Christian Age.
5. (Incidentally, who was John not allowed to worship? angel.)
6. Who rides the white horse? Christ In what earlier chapter of Rev. did we find a white horse? chap. 6 Count the various words and phrases in verses 11 - 16 that show the rider is Christ 15. (List these ^{ON} ~~are~~ the back of this sheet.) When would you expect birds to be summoned to eat the flesh of men? When they are killed.
7. After all the warnings, the beast and the kings of the earth still try to war against Christ. The terrible beast and the false prophet are cast into the lake of fire. The "rest" are the wicked. What destroys them? sword of His mouth It represents what? Word of Christ (God)

SUMMARY: Chapters 17 - 19 have shown how the helpers of Satan, wicked Governments, False Religions, and Immorality shall all receive their just punishment in the judgment. Only Satan is left to be punished in the revelations.

*I Cor 15:24,25
When does Christ reign again?
mt. 22
marriage feast*

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REVELATION 20:

1. An angel has the key of the abyss (pit), undoubtedly received from God who has the power to chain Satan. In what way is Satan bound? Deceive the nations no more. How long? "Until the 1000 years should be finished!" After this, what must happen? Satan must be loosed for a little time.
2. To answer the question, "When is 'the 1000 years'?" answer first these questions: Matt. 8:29, Lk. 8:31: where did the demons expect to go when they saw Christ? ^{torment} abyss (pit) Matt. 12:28, 29, Lk. 11:20-22: what did Jesus say He must do before he could spoil Satan's house? Bind the strong man. Lk. 10:17-19: what did Jesus say happened to Satan in connection with the disciples casting out demons? I beheld Satan fallen as lightning from heaven. Jn. 12:31-33: with what event did Jesus connect the casting out of Satan? His death on cross. Rev. 12:7-12 pictures Satan as cast down when "is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God.... because of the blood of the Lamb." All these came in connection with Christ's death Jude 6; 11 Pet. 2:4: who is said to be bound? wicked angels Is the Devil an angel? yes Then the 1000 years begin approximately at the beginning of the: (a) church (b) World War I (c) Judgment. The 1000 years represents simply a long, but fixed period--almost all the Christian Age.
3. Who sat on thrones, vs. 4? ^{SOULS OF THOSE WHO} had been beheaded Do souls live and reign now? Lk. 16:22-25; Rev. 6:9-11; Rev. 4:4. yes Where? Paradise-Abraham's bosom
4. "The rest of the dead" would be the: (a) wicked (b) righteous.
5. The 5th Beatitude: who are "blessed", "holy", "priests", and "reign" during our present Age? Christians Have they had part in a "first resurrection"? yes What? baptism cf. Rom. 6:3-5; 1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 5:9,10; Rom. 8:37.
6. When Satan is loosed (cf. 11 Thess. 2:1-12) the nations attack the camp of the saints, the beloved city, which is the church (cf. Heb. 12:22,23.) In Rev. 16:12-16 this was called the battle of Armageddon. Satan goes to hell. Har-Maged-on
7. The dead are judged by the books (representing the Bible) and the book of life according to their works. Death and Hades, the abode of the souls of the dead, are cast into Lake of Fire (Hell).

SUMMARY: "The 1000 years" is now as Christians reign with Christ, before the judgment. No "bodies" on thrones on "earth" are mentioned, as in Pre-Millennialism.

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REVELATION 21:

1. John saw a new heaven and a new earth; not the present one made over. What had happened to the present heaven and earth? passed away
What about the sea? is no more This is also called the holy
city, new Jerusalem. From where does it come? coming
down out of heaven from God. Heb. 12:22,23: what is
"heavenly Jerusalem?" the church Jn. 14:23: does God dwell with
Christians now? yes II Cor. 6:16; I Pet. 2:9: are Christians God's people
now? yes There shall be no tear, death, mourning, crying,
pain any more.
2. Who is the Alpha and Omega here? God Who shall inherit? He that
overcomes In which section was this term for the faithful used so often?
Chapters 1 through 3
3. Of those in the lake of fire, the first two groups are fearful and
unbelieving. The last group was liars.
4. The city has 12 gates; each was a pearl with names of the 12
tribes of Israel; 12 foundations of precious stones with names
of 12 apostles of the Lamb. The city is a (square, cube),
12,000 furlongs, or about 1,500 miles in each direction;
(2,250,000 sq. miles) (U.S. 3,615,210 sq. miles)
This is 3,375,000,000 cubic miles even if just literal.
5. The streets were pure gold, pure as transparent glass.
What was noticable by its absence in a city named Jerusalem? temple
Why was there none necessary? The Lord God the Almighty and the
Lamb are the temple The city needed neither sun, moon,
nor lamp, having God and the Lamb. Does the word "nations" of verse
24 refer to the wicked? no Why did ancient cities have to shut their
gates at night and often at other times? To protect the residents from
invading armies, robbers, thieves, etc. (None in Heaven)

SUMMARY: We would not expect the eternal reward of spiritual living to be a physical city, but men can only understand spiritual truths in terms of their physical understanding. The new Jerusalem may not be a literal city, but it is surely a place or state of supreme joy and beauty where the righteous shall be blessed eternally in the presence of God and Christ. Rom. 8:18-25

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REVELATION 22:

1. From what source came the river of life? proceeding out of the throne of God & Lamb On both sides of the river was the tree of life, bearing 12 kinds of fruit, yielding fruit every month. The leaves were for healing of the nations. Obviously this last term applies to the Christians for they are the only ones there. There shall be no curse (accursed one or there. Who shall be there before the thrones? Servants ^{thing.} with his name on their foreheads. They shall reign for ever.
2. Verse 5 seems to be the end of the revelations given to John. Now we read some closing material. The Sixth Beatitude: "Blessed is he who keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book." The coming of the Lord is always at hand; He says, "Behold, I come quickly ASV." "soon" RSV
3. Verse 10 indicates the prophecy should not be sealed. After a man has had these words available to warn him, yet is unrighteous, "let the evildoer still do unrighteousness," the angel says.
4. The Seventh Beatitude indicates those who enter the city have washed their robes. Who is the Alpha and Omega here? Christ
5. The invitation to drink of the water of life freely is made by the Spirit and the bride (church) to those who are He that is athirst
6. Men are warned not to add to or take from the words of this book. Would this be true of all God's Word? yes
7. The letter was obviously addressed to the saints to encourage them.

SUMMARY: The whole book shows that Satan and the followers of wickedness may appear at times to overcome the church of the Lord, but ultimately they will face destruction while the righteous will be "more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

REVIEW: Chaps. 1 - 3: the Letters to Seven Churches; Chaps. 4 - 7: Seven Seals; Chaps. 8-11: Seven Trumpets of Warning; Chaps. 12-14: The Woman, Man-child, Dragon, & his Helpers; Chaps. 15,16: Seven Bowls of Wrath; Chaps. 17-19: The Fall of Babylon & the Beasts; Chaps. 20-22: Judgment and New Jersusalem.