



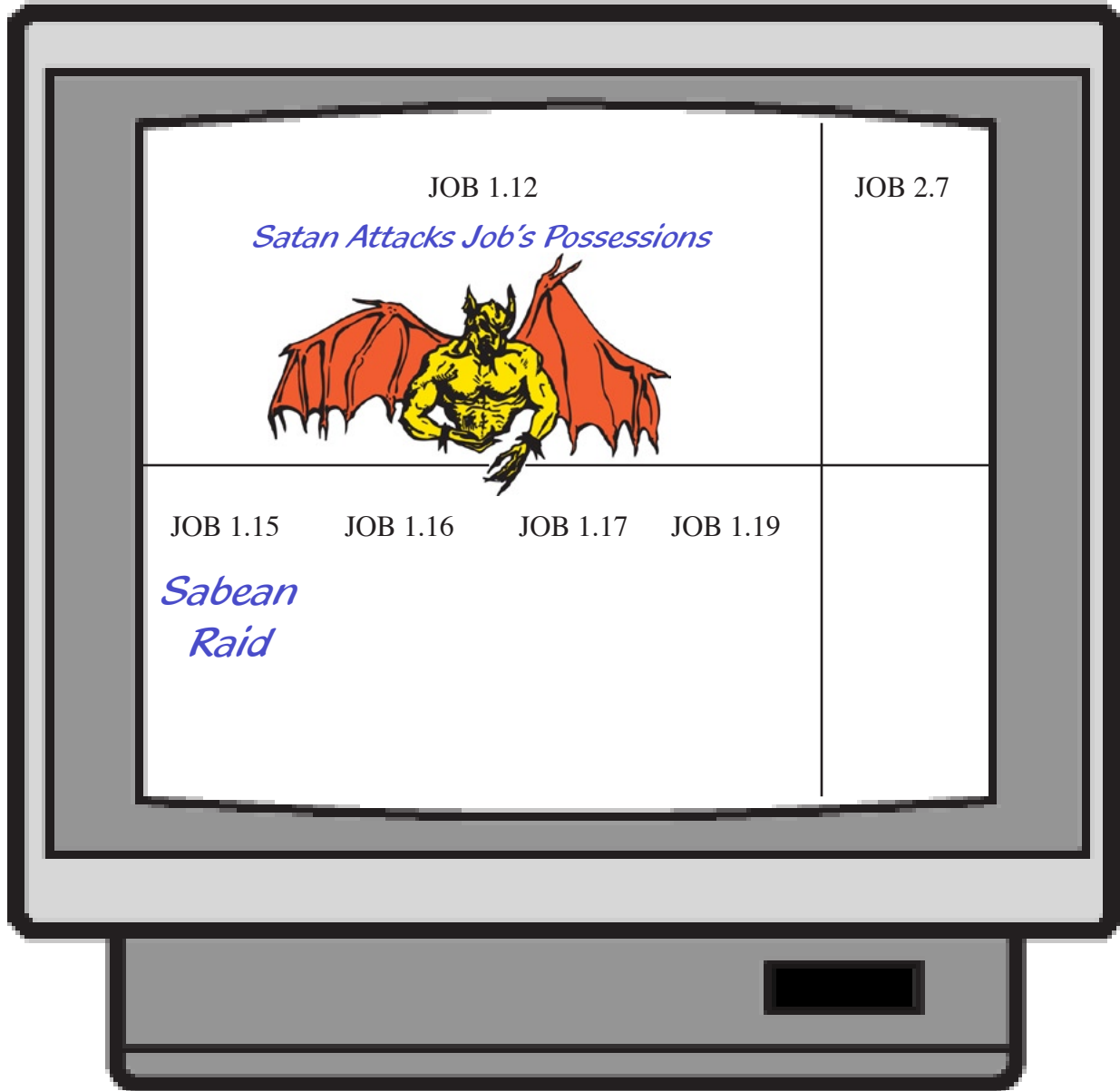
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KEY QUESTION:

Should we include warnings of judgment in our evangelism?

By divine revelation, the Bible sometimes allows us to glimpse *the connection* between occurrences in the heavens and the events they set in motion on earth. In effect the Bible allows us to view some events on a split screen: in the top window we see an event or situation in the heavenly/spiritual realm, and in the bottom window we see its effect in the earthly/material realm. In 2 Kings 6.15-18, for example, we get to glimpse the fiery chariots of God in the heavens (top window) *and* the blinding of the Aramean army on earth (bottom window). The soldiers of Aram had no idea how the blindness had come upon them; perhaps they suspected a disease, or something in the water. Thanks to Elisha’s prayer for his servant, however, we get the split-screen view and see the connection between the heavenly host and the earthly blindness.

One of the most dramatic split-screen views in the Bible is in Job, chs. 1 and 2. Complete the diagram below that shows the connection between heavenly (spiritual, demonic) events and earthly (material, human) events:



HOMEWORK

Please color The Woman Clothed in the Sun on p. D-25.

1. Read Revelation chapters 8, 9 and 11.15-19.
2. Are all angels good? (Rev 1.1; 12.7)
3. What does the existence of the angel king of Rev 9.11 imply?
4. Will people see these horrible locusts?
5. What is the significance of the Euphrates location of Rev 9.14?

John's first-century audience thought of the Euphrates as the boundary between the Roman and Parthian empires. Turbulence at the Euphrates implied _____ from the region of _____, feared for its mounted archers.

6. Will 200 million troops really invade the Mediterranean world?

What John saw were the 200 million _____ (top screen) behind the earthly _____ (bottom screen).

7. What is the fallen star of Rev 9.1,2?
8. If John is writing about demons, why doesn't he call them demons?

He is revealing their powerful and horrible _____ by describing them as blazing stars, deadly horses, etc.

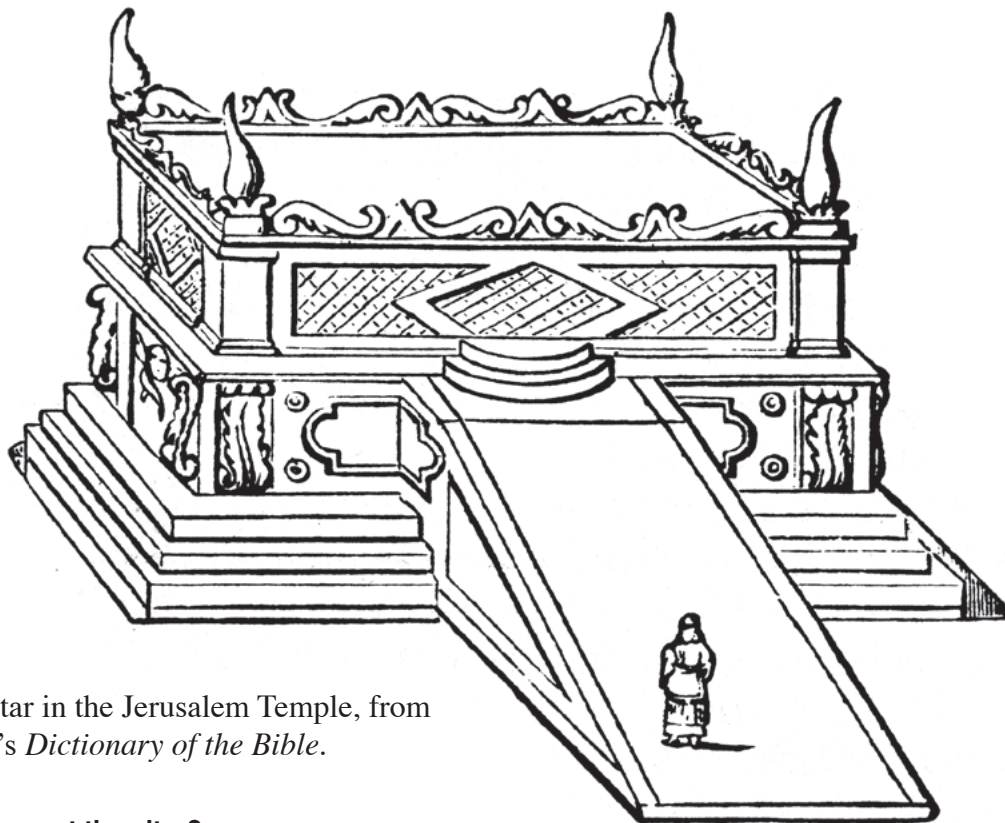
9. What is the *character* of the demonic forces from the Euphrates?
10. Who or what is the talking eagle of Rev 8.13 (see the 4th cherub in Rev 4.7)?



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FAMILY PROJECT

Construct a horned altar using using p. D-21 or other materials.



The altar in the Jerusalem Temple, from Smith's *Dictionary of the Bible*.

What happens at the altar?

It all points to Messiah!

Isaiah 6.7

Exodus 29.21

1Co 9.13,14

1Co 10.18

Rev 8.3

Exo 21.12-14;

1Ki 1.50; 2.28

Leviticus 3.16

John 1.29

Revelation 1.5,6

John 6.35

1Co 10.16,17

Rom 8.34; Heb 7.25

John 6.39

Mat 19.21; Heb 12.1,2

1. Why do the martyrs crowd under the altar (Rev 6.9-11)?
2. What is unusual about the altar in Revelation?
3. What then does the altar represent?
4. What is the significance of the angel hurling altar fire down upon the earth (Rev 8.3-5)?

The judgments that follow:

a.

b.

c.

5. Joel said, “The sun will be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes (Joel 2.31).” How does Revelation explain this darkening?
6. What happens at the blowing of the 7th trumpet (Rev 11.15-19)?

Responses to the Key Question:

Work Sheet 10a

The Mighty Angel



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KEY QUESTION:

When should we exhort people who don't wish to hear our message?

1. Read Revelation, ch. 10 and ch. 11.1-14.
2. Who is the mighty angel of Rev 10?

HOMEWORK

Please color Michael & the Dragon on p. D-19.

The cloud, the rainbow above his head, his face like the sun, his fiery legs, and his leonine shout all point to his identity with _____ (cf. Rev 4.3; 1.7, 15, 16).

3. What is the significance of the clouds associated with Christ's coming?

Not that He is returning to the Seattle area, but that He is returning wrapped in the _____, with His _____ openly manifest (see Exo 40.34-37; Mat 17.5).

4. What is the "little scroll" of Rev 10.2?

Probably the _____ (Gk. biblion) of Rev 5.1, _____ . Though the document in Rev 10 is repeatedly called "little scroll" (biblaridion), it is also called simply "the scroll" (biblion) in verse 8.

5. What is the little scroll's significance?

6. Why does the scroll turn bitter in John's stomach? (See Ezekiel 21.6,7.)

7. What is the "mystery of God" previously shown to the prophets (10.7)?

*_____ (Eph. 1.9)
which includes the mysteries of the kingdom (Mark 4.11),
the incarnation (1 Tim. 3.16), the rapture (1 Cor. 15.51), etc.*

Work Sheet 10b: Testimony of Two Witnesses

1. What is the significance of measuring the temple but not the outer court (Rev 11.1,2)?

Gentiles will trample _____ (Romans 2.28,29) like grapes (cf. Rev 14.19,20), but God will save a remnant of _____ from the Jewish nation (Rom. 9.27).

2. How long will the Great Tribulation of Matthew 24.15-25 last?

Jesus said it would begin with the abomination of desolation. Daniel 12.11-12 says, "...from the time that the ...abomination of desolation is set up" to the time of blessedness there will be _____ Therefore, the longest possible duration of the Tribulation is _____. However, see p. C-41.

3. Where then does the ministry of the Two Witnesses fit into the Olivet Outline of page B-17?

Perhaps just _____ of Daniel's 70th week. It's hard to conceive of the earth's population celebrating their deaths at the end of the final 1260 days when Jerusalem is besieged and the wrath of God is being poured out.

4. Who then are these Two Witnesses?

They are unnamed, but they are individuals who stood "before the Lord" in John's day (11.4; cf. Zec 4), and they perform the same signs as _____ (cf. Matthew 17.3,4).

5. What will the Two Witnesses' testimony be about? (Compare Rev 11.7 & 19.10.)

Their Lord who was crucified in the city of their testimony (11.8). Their message, however, will emphasize _____.

6. From whence does the Beast arise?

Work Sheet 10c

The Temple Courts

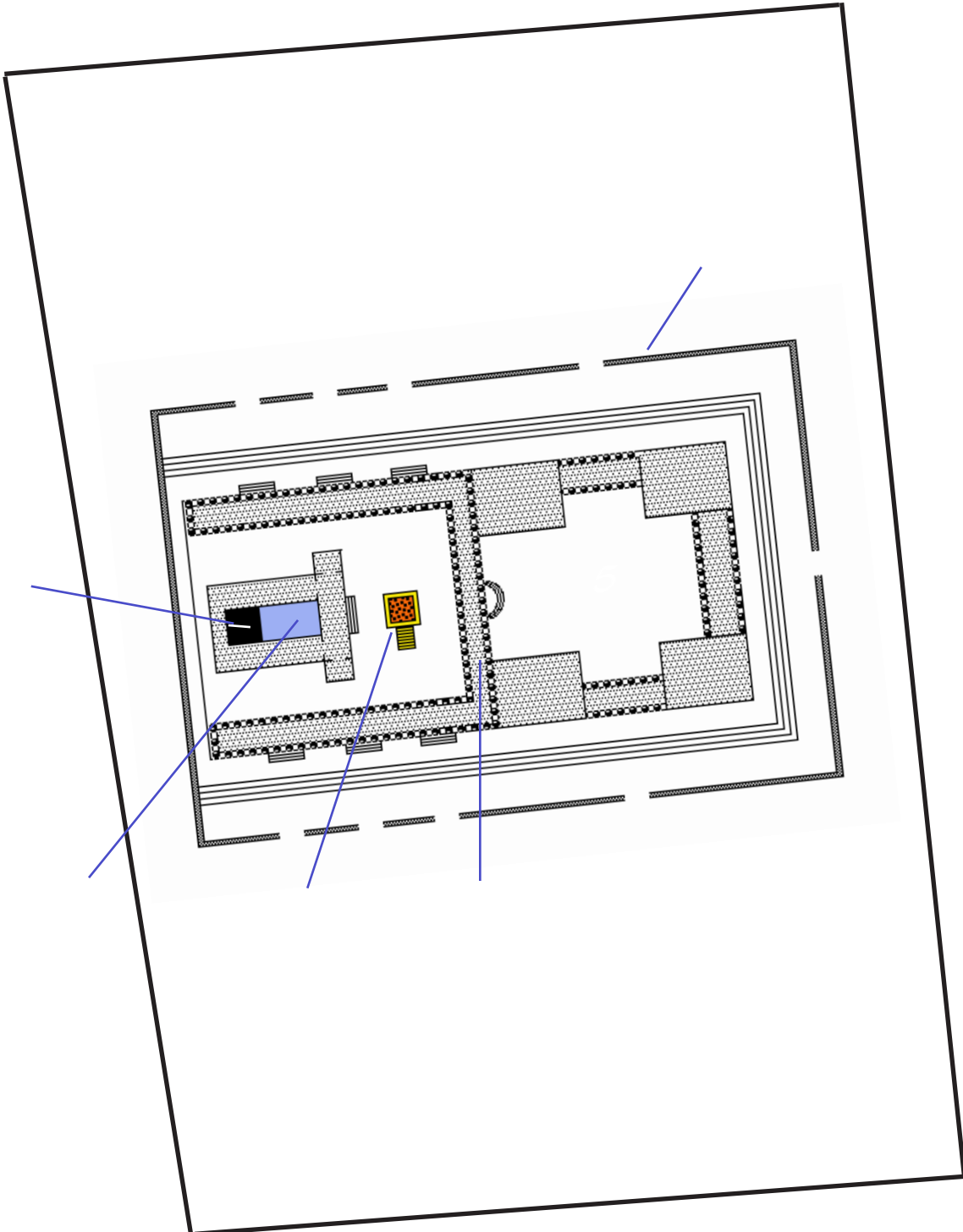


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INSTRUCTIONS:

Label the diagram below to review the arrangement of temple courts.

Please label: (1) Holy of Holies, (2) Holy Place, (3) Altar, (4) Men's Court, (5) Women's Court, (6) the Wall of Partition, and (7) Court of the Gentiles.



INSTRUCTIONS:

When to Exhort...

Complete the diagram below in response to the key question.

Effective exhortation requires the exercise of discernment. The following diagram can help us know when to speak and when to keep our mouths shut:

	Recipient Willing to Hear	Recipient Unwilling to Hear
Issue of Eternal Importance	<i>Fruitful Exhortation</i>	
Issue of Secondary Importance	<i>Good Teamwork</i>	<i>The Exhorter becomes known as judgmental & arrogant.</i>

Measuring the Temple



What do we need to discern?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



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KEY QUESTION:

Beauty & The Beasts

What helps the saints endure tribulation?

1. Read Revelation, chs. 12, 13 and ch. 14.6-12.

2. Who is the Dragon of Rev 12?

3. Who is the Man-Child of Rev 12?

The One who _____, and Who will rule the nations with a rod of iron (12.5; see 19.15,16).

4. Who is the Woman clothed with the sun of Rev 12?

The symbols of the sun, moon and twelve stars identifies this woman as _____ (see Genesis 37.5-10).

5. Who are the "stars of heaven," a third of which are cast down to the earth by the dragon? (See Daniel 8.10-12, 24 and Rev 12.1.)

In the language of Daniel, the stars of heaven "thrown down" represent _____ (cf. Dt. 28.9).

6. Place the time of the woman's "nourishment" on the Olivet Outline on p. B-17.

7. The Greek of the final clause of Rev 12.6 is in the active voice and reads: "so that there *they may* nourish her [for] 1,260 days." Who are the "they" that nourish the woman?

Good question! The Bible does not identify those who feed the woman, but at the time of the end the country of _____ may become a haven from Antichrist (see Dan. 11.41).

8. What is the water the Dragon spews out at the woman (Rev 12.15,16)?

Perhaps a literal flood or a flood of _____ aimed at stirring up political action against Israelis.

9. Whom does the Dragon persecute once the woman is beyond his grasp?

Those who...hold to the _____ (Rev 12.17).

1. What do the seven heads of the Beast represent (Rev 13.1; 17.9,10)?

Historical kings, one of whom was John's _____, and also _____ which identify the great whore.

2. So is the Beast an individual or a federation of nations?

_____. The statue of the Beast (13.14) and the fact that the beast's number is that of a man (13.18) imply an _____.

3. Why would people worship Satan (the dragon, Rev 13.4)?

Because Satan energizes a political ruler who forcefully takes charge, is militarily intimidating and begins eliminating those troublesome "_____."

4. Place the time of the Beast's reign on the Olivet Outline on p. B-17.

5. Were the names of the elect "written...from the foundation of the world" or was the Lamb "slain from the creation of the world"? (Rev 13.8.)

_____. Note Rev 17.8 though. Whichever way we read this verse, it underscores the biblical doctrine of predestination. Peter made it clear that the crucifixion of Jesus was predestined (Acts 2.23), and Paul makes it clear that the salvation of Christians is predestined (Ephesians 1.4-6).

6. Who is the second Beast of Rev 13?

Rev 19.20 calls him "the false prophet." He is the _____ (Beast 1).

7. So what does 666 stand for?

A name, the letters of which have numerical values adding up to 666. Those with insight are _____ the number-name of the Beast.

Responses to the Key Question:



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KEY QUESTION:

A. Read Rev, chapter 14 and chapter 19.11-21. B. Who are the 144,000 of Revelation 14?

C. In what sense are the 144,000 “virgins” (Rev 14.4, Gk. text)?

D. In what sense are the 144,000 “firstfruits”?

“Firstfruits” implies “more to follow.” This group of 144,000 Israelites represents the first of many nations to be converted _____ . (Zec 12.10-13.1).

E. Aren’t all non-Christians destroyed when Christ comes?

No, the Lord will deal specifically with at least 12 groups:

1. <i>Deceased Christians</i>		1Th 4.13-18
2. <i>Christians Still Living</i>		1Co 15.51,52
3. <i>False Christians (Hypocrites)</i>		Mat 13.24-30,36-43; 24.51
4. <i>Antichrist & False Prophet</i>		Rev 19.20
5. <i>Anti-Christians</i>		Rev 14.9-11;19.21; 2Th 2.12
6. <i>The 144,000</i>		Zec 12.10-13.1; Isa 66.19
7. <i>The Diaspora (Woman clothed in the Sun)</i>		Isa 66.20,21; Zec 14.16-19; Rev 12.6,14
8. <i>Armageddon Survivors</i>		Zec 14.16-19
9. <i>Unevangelized Gentiles</i>		Zec 8.20-23
10. <i>Satan</i>		Rev 20.2
11. <i>Gospel Rejecters</i>		Mat 12.41; Joh 3.36;12.48; Rom 1.18; 2.8
12. <i>Children</i>		Mat 18.3; Mar 10.14-15

F. Do the 144,000 in Revelation 14 stand on the heavenly Zion (Hebrews 12.22) or on the earthly Zion (Isaiah 31.4,5)?

*(bottom screen),
(top screen).*

G. What do we learn from the gospel being called “eternal” (Rev 14.6)?

That there is only one message of salvation (Galatians 1.8,9), and it is unchanging. There is only one means by which people have ever or will ever be saved:_____.

H. Whom does the “son of man” (of Dan. 7.13,14) harvest in Rev 14.16?

Probably the wheat (Mat 3.12; 13.30,40-43), i.e.,

_____.

I. Who then does the other angel of Rev 14.17 gather?

The “grapes of wrath” (Rev 14.19), the chaff and the weeds (Mat 3.12; 13.30), i.e., _____.

J. Who is the rider on the white horse of Rev 19?

_____ *(19.13) whom John had described as becoming flesh and dwelling among us (John 1).*

K. Why is His robe “dipped in blood” (Rev 19.13)?

(cf. Isaiah 63.1-6 and Joel 3).

L. What will be the character of Messiah’s future reign?

While He will rule firmly with a “rod of iron,” the word for his rule is the verb “to shepherd” (Rev 12.5; 19.15). He will always rule with _____.

Responses to the Key Question:



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KEY QUESTION:

How does Armageddon mirror our own souls?



1. Read Revelation, chapters 15 and 16.
2. On pages C-42 to C-45 circle matching elements between the 7 trumpets and the 7 bowls. Connect those matching elements with a line as in the example.
3. Do the bowls describe the same events as the trumpets?
4. How do the bowl judgments differ from the trumpet judgments?

5. What is the chronological relationship between the bowls and the trumpets?

*They seem to have a _____
that becomes _____ (p. C-46).*

6. The trumpet and bowl judgments remind us of what previous divine intervention?

7. Read Joel, ch. 3, verses 1-3 and 9-16.

8. Joel prophesied around 800 BC, long before Judah's exile in 586. How do we know Joel is looking to a later time than the restoration of Israel under Ezra and Nehemiah?

He is looking to that return of Israel to the land which will be followed by the apocalyptic battle, i.e. the battle when:

(Joel 3.14,15).

9. Where is Joel's "Valley of Jehoshaphat"?

No actual valley has been known to go by that name in biblical times, although after AD 400 the _____ Valley was so dubbed. Jehoshaphat means "_____."

10. Where then is Armageddon (Rev 16.16)?

Armageddon, i.e., "the Mountain of Megiddo" is a real place overlooking the vast Plain of Esdraelon, inland from _____.

11. What did Napoleon say about the Plain of Esdraelon?

(Quoted in Crow, p. 179.)

12. Is the apocalyptic battle actually fought at Armageddon then?

This is only the gathering place (Rev 16.16), the staging area. The battle occurs around _____ (Zec 12.2-9).

13. Compare Psalm 2 to Rev 19.19. How is the apocalyptic battle like the parting of the Red Sea?

It will be the 2nd (and next-to-last time) in history when an army will attack a nation protected by

_____.

14. Why does man attack God and His Messiah?

15. How can demonic spirits mobilize armies?

(see 2 Chronicles 18.18-21).

Responses to the Key Question:

Mystery Babylon



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KEY QUESTION:

What does "Come out of Babylon" mean for us today?

- 1. Read Revelation 16.17 to 19.10.
- 2. In this passage, the "great prostitute" contrasts with what?

3. According to the text, *what* is the "great prostitute" that John saw as a woman on a beast?

(Rev 17.18)

4. What city ruled in that way in the apostle John's day?

The same city known since ancient times as "the city of seven hills" (Rev 17.9), namely _____.

5. Why then is the prostitute city called *Babylon the Great*?

*She is the western _____,
and the _____ of ancient Babylon
who destroyed the temple and exiled the Jews.*

6. What is the nature of this Mystery Babylon's idolatry; what is the great idolatry of the End Time?

7. Revelation 9.20 describes the idols of the last days as "idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood." How are these last-days idols described in connection with Mystery Babylon?

HOMEWORK

Please color The New Jerusalem on page D-15.

8. Circle these five idols in Rev 18.12.

9. What is meant by the woman sitting on the Beast (& on "many waters")?

The Beast (and many nations— 17.18) _____ the Great Prostitute by their commerce, but she _____.

10. Why do the Beast and the ten kings hate the Prostitute?

_____ *(see Rev 13.16,17).*

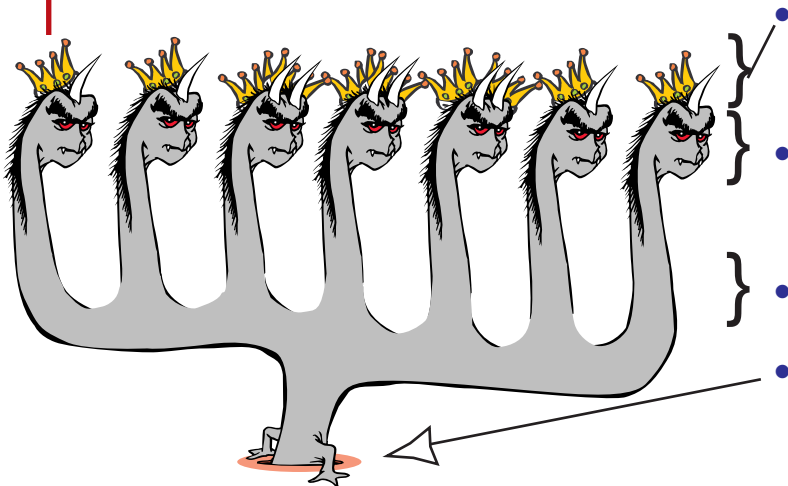
11. Is it possible, as some expositors say, that two different Babylons (a spiritual and a literal) are in view in Rev 17 and 18 respectively? To answer this question, compare the Babylons of chapters 17 and 18:

<i>17.5: Prostitute marked "Babylon the Great"</i>	<i>18.2:</i>
<i>17.2: "kings of the earth committed adultery with her"</i>	<i>18.3:</i>
<i>17.16: burned "with fire"</i>	<i>18.8:</i>
<i>17.6: "drunk with the blood of the saints"</i>	<i>18.24:</i>

12. But doesn't Mystery Babylon represent the Roman Catholic or apostate Christian church?

This is medieval propaganda. The text, however, overwhelmingly presents Mystery Babylon as a _____ not an ecclesiastical one. The Beast will hate competing religions (2Th 2.4), but Revelation emphasizes his resentment of _____.

13. Label the parts of the Beast (Rev 17.8-12) :



Work Sheet 14c

Mystery Babylon, cont.



14. What does the 7-branched neck of the Beast remind you of?

15. Please summarize what this complex vision of Mystery Babylon means!

A. *A beastly king will arise from the spiritual heritage of the _____.*

B. *This beastly king will head a federation of ten other kings who rule _____.*

(See Dan 7.7,23-25, and the ten toes of the image in Dan 2.)

C. *The Federation will resent the _____ of Rome, Europe's commercial capital, and will finally destroy the city in a sudden holocaust.*

16. Are there any current signs of Rome's economic rise?

While an Italian occasionally serves as president of the EU, trend-watchers have no reason to expect Italy's rise to commercial preeminence.

Europe as a whole, however, is _____.

For further discussion:

What does the list of Rome's imports in Rev 18.11-12 imply about Europe's End-Time commerce?

17. What makes us think this vision of Mystery Babylon is yet to be fulfilled?

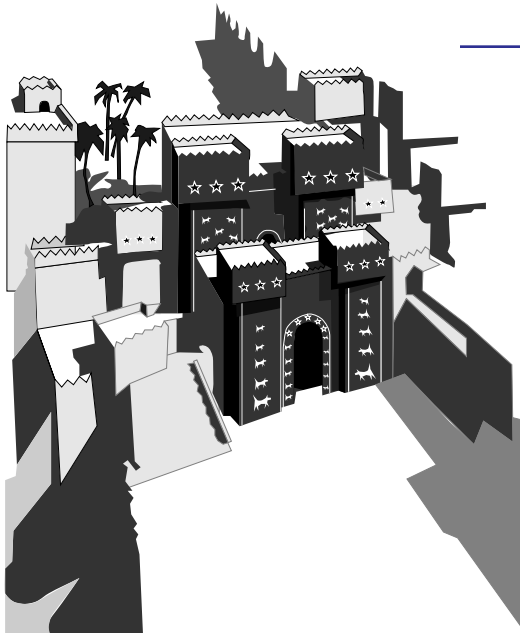
Rev 18.21 says that when this vision is fulfilled Mystery Babylon will "never be found again." This complete annihilation has yet to occur for either _____.

18. Speaking of ancient Babylon, are you sure Revelation 18 isn't talking about Nebuchadnezzar's city?

Though ancient Babylonia was a land of merchants (Eze 16.29), the capital city was not a _____ (cf. Rev 18.17-19). Also, ancient Babylon was on a flood plain not on _____.

19. But isn't Iraq rebuilding the actual city of Babylon?

Yes, Iraq has been rebuilding Babylon since the 60s as a tourist attraction. This rebuilt city and its region will be Antichrist's _____ (see Isaiah 13)!



20. How can a merchant carry a cargo of human bodies and souls (Rev 18.13)?

"Bodies and souls" is idiom from biblical times for "slaves"; this passage points to the End-Time boom in _____, already underway.

Responses to the Key Question:

How can we tell if we're already living in the spirit of Mystery Babylon (see 2 Timothy 3.1-5)?

How can we guard against "sharing in her sins"?



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KEY QUESTION:

Reigning With Christ

Why will God release Satan having once bound him?

1. Read Revelation 19.11 to 20.15.

2. Why do some doubt that there will be a literal thousand-year reign of Christ on earth?

In part because the "thousand years" (Millennium) is only mentioned explicitly in _____.

3. Does little mention mean an idea should be taken metaphorically?

Not if we take other biblical predictions as examples: Only Micah 5.2 predicts Christ's _____.

4. True there's only one mention of that specific detail of Christ's birth, but there are many predictions of the greater idea of His advent, right?

Yes, just as there are many other predictions of the elect _____:

Psalms 149.5-9

Luke 19.11-19

Isaiah 31.4-32.5

1 Corinthians 6.2,3

Daniel 7.9-27

2 Timothy 2.12

Matthew 19.28

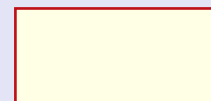
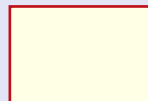
Rev 2.26,27; 4.4; 5.10; 11.16

5. What's the point?

The "thousand years" is not a _____, but only a further clarification (detail) of a greater, well-established idea:

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

EARTHLY
REIGN OF CHRIST
WITH HIS ELECT



6. What is the “first resurrection”?

- *The resurrection that includes _____*
- *The resurrection of those who will be _____*
- *The resurrection contrasting with a second one at the end of _____*
- *The first _____ mentioned in Revelation*

7. Whom will the saints rule over?

8. If we are destined to become ruler-priests, what should we do now?

We should grow in the disciplines & qualities of:

- _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
- (see B-36, no. 12)*

9. How do we know the binding of Satan (Rev 20.2) is yet future and not just a metaphor for Christ’s victory over the devil at Golgotha?

10. What does the “Gog and Magog” invasion prove?

11. Who will sit on the Great White Throne and what will be written in the books opened on Judgment Day?

: Acts 17.31

: Mat 12.36;

: Rom 2.16; Deeds: Rev 20.12

Responses to the Key Question:

Work Sheet 16

The Bride of Christ



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KEY QUESTIONS:
Who is Jesus?
Who are you?
What will you do?

1. Read Revelation 21 and 22.

2. How does Rev 21.1 connect to the preceding context?

3. Review the symbolism of the “sea” on page B-5/6. What is the significance of there being no more sea on the new earth?

There will be no more need for _____; the new earth will be completely free of “everything that causes sin and all who do evil” (cf. Mat 13.41).

4. The NAB correctly translates the plural pronoun at the beginning of Rev 21.6: “They are accomplished,” but still misses the perfect tense of the verb: “*have come to pass*.” What has “come to pass,” and what earlier event does the perfect tense point to?

The words, “I am making everything new” have come to pass, by virtue of the earlier victory of the “one seated on the throne,” accomplished when He said,

(John 19.30)

5. List the ingredients of your ideal Heaven:

6. What do we learn from Augustine’s thought experiment about man’s deepest desires? (p. E-7)

(see Rev 22.4).

7. Who is the Bride of Christ?

The _____ of the redeemed, depicted as a city.

8. Fill in the dimensions relating to the New Jerusalem on page D-17.

9. What is implied about New Jerusalem by the fact that “the nations will walk by its light” (Rev 21.24)?

Perhaps that the city replaces the sun in our solar system, but certainly that it provides the _____ for the nations.

10. Whom will God’s servants rule over in the New Earth? (See Rev 22.5.)

Good question! See 1Co 2.9; 6.2; Gen 1.26.

11. Why does the scripture say, “Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong...” (Rev 22.11)?

This is an _____ that should strike fear into the heart of any sinner who understands it.

12. Why is it significant that the “Spirit and the bride” together invite the thirsty to come (Rev 22.17)?

*The actual work of evangelism is a _____
(cf. John 16.7,8 and Romans 10.13,14).*

13. Having read a little about God’s plans for the ages, can you summarize His “top priority” in one word?

Responses to the Key Question (Refer to pages B-3, B-4 and B-14):