

**7 Things We Need To Know
About The Book Of Revelation**



“His bride has made herself ready.” — Rev 19.7

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Study Project 1: Read Revelation, chapter 1. Make color swatches on the picture of The Glorified Christ on page D-1, and finish coloring the picture during the week.

Study Project 2: Begin recording your notes for the Textual Portrait Of Jesus beginning on p. D-3.

Study Project 3: Begin recording the applicable commands of Revelation on p. D-11.

The Christology Of Revelation 1.8

Ἐγώ εἰμι
I AM

τὸ Ἄλφα
the Alpha

καὶ τὸ Ὠ,
and the Omega,

λέγει κύριος, ὁ θεός,
says the Lord God,

ὁ ὢν
who is

καὶ ὁ ἦν
and who was

καὶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος,
and who is to come,

ὁ παντοκράτωρ.
the Almighty.

Jesus Christ Is:

Important Terms:

Apocalypse

Syncretism

Apostasy

Theophany & Christophany

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Work Sheet 2a
How Jesus Sees His Body



“a name ... which no one knows but he who receives it.”

Read Revelation, chapter 2.

Study Project 4: Fill in the information from the 7 letters on pages D-5 and D-6.

1. What groupings does Jesus address in Revelation 2?

A.

B.

C.

D.

2. Why are the letters addressed to an individual “angel” as though he is responsible for the state of his city’s church?

A.

B.

3. To whom do the messages to the seven churches of Revelation apply?

4. What factions and faction leaders did Jesus see in the churches of Revelation 2?

A.

B.

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D.

5. What was the great temptation for the early Christians of Asia Minor?

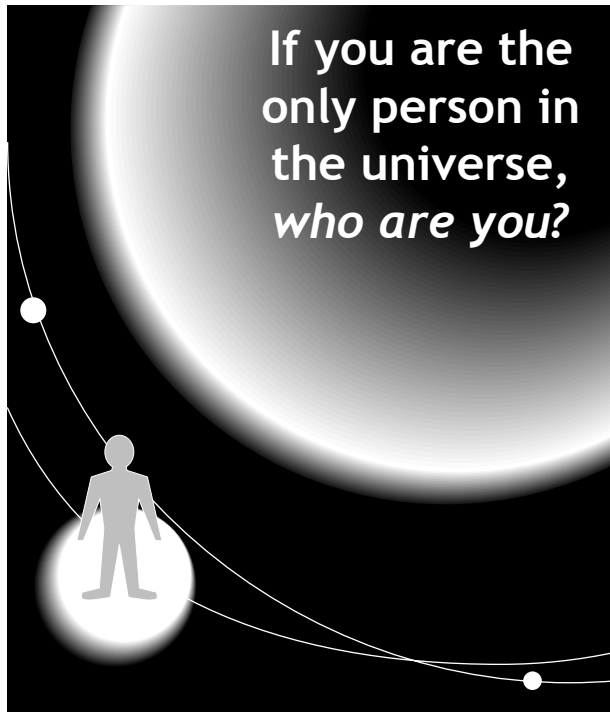
6. To what kinds of stones, familiar to people of the first century, does the White Stone allude?

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B.

C.

7. Let's explore *meaningful, personal identity* in connection with the White Stone:



A. Imagine you are the only person in a universe with no other persons, gods or angels, and you are mortal: who are you?

B. Imagine you are in a universe with one other mortal person with whom you are in proximity: who are you?

C. Imagine you are in a universe with one other person but that person dies: who are you?

D. Imagine you live in a universe populated only with perfect clones, of which you are one, who think and act in lockstep unison: who are you?

E. Who is the White Stone?

F. What is implied by possession of the White Stone of identity?

Ministering To Jesus



“I will come in ... and dine with him, and he with Me.”

Read Revelation, chapter 3.

Study Project 4: Continue filling in the information from the 7 letters, pages D-5 & D-6.

1. We have learned that our Lord relates to churches first as corporate entities while also relating to the individuals within the congregations. Harking back to Rev 2.4, what does a *corporate* loss of “first love” look like?
2. How might a local church develop a reputation in its city for being alive, while the Lord sees that congregation as dead and in danger of being erased from the book of life (Rev 3.1-5)?
3. How does the church of Philadelphia illustrate aspects of the ideal bride?

4. Based on the historical situation in Laodicea, the call to coldness or hotness is a call to outward-looking usefulness instead of disgusting self-sufficiency. But what was the church doing in the Lord's mouth in the first place (Rev 3.16)?

5. The Lord counsels the church of Laodicea to *buy* refined gold, white garments and eye salve (Rev 3.18). These items are metaphors for spiritual goods (as in Isaiah 55.1), but how can one *buy* intangible things?

6. How can a church that is spiritually destitute (Grk πτωχός) *buy* anything?

7. The language shifts to address individual believers in Rev 3.19. Then, Jesus presents Himself in His humanity for mutual fellowship. He acknowledges our authority over our own living space; he knocks (continually) on our door and does not enter until we open. If we open, He enters to nourish us *and to be nourished by us*. We must ask, therefore, What nourishes the heart of the perfect Man?

Important Terms:

Type

A person, thing or event in the Bible that foreshadows a greater person, thing or event. A sort of three-dimensional prophecy.

The Rapture

Literally a catching up, based on the Latin word used in the Vulgate version of 1 Thessalonians 4.17. It refers to the catching up to the clouds of Christians who are alive at the coming of Christ.

The Great Tribulation

A period of unparalleled hardship (Dan. 12.1) and Satanic persecution directly preceding the Coming of Christ. It is also called the "Time of Jacob's Trouble" (Jeremiah 30.7) since Israel will endure much of the brunt of the persecution.



“... fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ” — 1 Peter 1.13

Read Revelation, chs. 4 & 5.
Study Project 5: As we read, use crayons or colored pencils to make color swatches on the Throne Room picture of page D-13. Finish coloring the picture during the week.

1. Who are the “seven spirits before the throne” (Rev. 1.4) and why are they “sent out into all the earth” (Rev 5.6)?
2. How do we know the phrase “seven spirits” doesn’t refer to “the sevenfold Spirit of God,” i.e., the Holy Spirit?

A.
B.
C.

3. People in the Roman provinces would have recognized a scroll with “seven seals” as a legal scroll of great importance, such as a will, deed or certificate of redemption. The scroll in Revelation helps us understand that this narrative is a prophecy of *redemption*. List the eschatological parallels between the Old Testament kinsman-redeemer scenario (Leviticus 25.24-34; Ruth; Jeremiah 32.1-15) and the ultimate redemption:

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| A. A man receives a property as a perpetual inheritance. | • Adam receives dominion of the _____, Gen. 1.26 |
| B. He sells his inheritance and does not have the means of redeeming it. | • Adam & Eve “sell” their domain to _____, Gen. 3.6 |
| C. A near relative buys (redeems) the property to keep it in the family. | • _____ pays man’s debt at the _____, Rev 5.9 |
| D. A public deed is produced; a copy of the deed is sealed and witnessed. | • Redemption sealed by the _____, Eph. 1.13-14 |
| E. If the redemption is contested, the sealed deed is brought forth. | • The sealed scroll held forth in _____, Rev. 5.1 |
| F. The Redeemer takes physical possession of the property. | • _____ takes possession of the _____, Rev. 11.15 |
| G. Widow without heir is married to redeemer (see book of Ruth). | • Humanity, widowed from the law, married to the _____, Rom 7.4; Rev 19.7-9. |
| H. The original family line once again has dominion over the property. | • Holy humanity once again _____ the _____, Rev. 5.10 |

5. What are the four Living Creatures of Revelation (seen before in Ezekiel chapters 1 and 10)?
6. What do the four Living Creatures do?
7. For what do the four Living Creatures give thanks?
8. What does a full and abundant human life look like?
9. What qualities of Jesus are reflected in the characteristics of the four living creatures?
10. What does the full life that Jesus lived reveal about the abundant life He offers us (John 10.10)?

The Throne Room (Review)



“... and before the throne, *something appearing as a glassy sea, like crystal.*”

Review Revelation, chs. 4 & 5.

Study Project 6: Record the symbolic entities of the Revelation, and their meanings, on the chart that begins on p. D-7.

1. How does the throne room vision that John saw remind us of the earthly tabernacle or temple?

2. How does the throne room vision that John saw remind us of the theophany at Mt. Sinai?

3. If the throne room vision that John saw was his Mt. Sinai experience, what does that imply about the following narrative of the Revelation?

Study Project 7: Begin recording the parallels between the Exodus and the Revelation, on p. D-15. Continue recording parallels as we study the rest of Revelation.

The City Motif Of The Revelation

4. How have the first five chapters of the Revelation drawn our attention to the “city” idea?
5. What or who are the twenty-four elders?
6. What two great cities oppose one another in the Revelation, and how does the narrative characterize them?
7. What does the city motif of the Revelation teach us about the Christian life?

HOMEWORK

Please use crayons or colored pencils to color The Riders of Revelation 6 on page D-19 for our next session.

Work Sheet 6a

The Olivet Apocalypse



“... keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.”

1. Read Matthew, chapter 24. ☐
2. What is the odd thing about the disciples' question in Mat. 24.3, and what is its explanation?

A.

B.

3. What will constitute the “beginning of birth pangs”?

4. What will constitute the “hard labor”?

5. What will constitute the birth?

A.

B.

C.

6. What will immediately precede the end (Matthew 24.14)?

Study Project 8

During the next month, construct a “Horned Altar.” You may choose your own materials or print pp. D-21 & 23 on card stock, and follow the printed instructions.

7. Where precisely will the “abomination of desolation” be set up (Matthew 24.15), and what does this imply about the time of Christ’s coming?

8. Who are the “elect” in Matthew’s gospel (as in Matthew 24.31)?

But the people of the church in Jerusalem had been commanded by a revelation, vouchsafed to approved men there before the war, to leave the city and to dwell in a certain town of Perea called Pella. And when those that believed in Christ had come thither from Jerusalem, then, as if the royal city of the Jews and the whole land of Judea were entirely destitute of holy men, the judgment of God at length overtook those who had committed such outrages against Christ and his apostles, and totally destroyed that generation of impious men. But the number of calamities which every where fell upon the nation at that time; the extreme misfortunes to which the inhabitants of Judea were especially subjected, the thousands of men, as well as women and children, that perished by the sword, by famine, and by other forms of death innumerable, — all these things, as well as the many great sieges which were carried on against the cities of Judea, and the excessive sufferings endured by those that fled to Jerusalem itself, as to a city of perfect safety, and finally the general course of the whole war, as well as its particular occurrences in detail, and how at last the abomination of desolation, proclaimed by the prophets, stood in the very temple of God, so celebrated of old, the temple which was now awaiting its total and final destruction by fire, — all these things any one that wishes may find accurately described in the history written by Josephus.

—Eusbeius, Ecclesiastical History 3.5. See also Josephus, Wars bk. 6, chs. 4-6.

9. Is there an explicit statement in Scripture that provides the basis for belief in a post-tribulational rapture?

10. Doesn’t Mat. 24.34 mean that this prophecy would be fulfilled in the lifetime of the disciples?

11. Much of Mat. 24 seems to have been fulfilled by the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 (see insert at left). Why do we believe that Mat. 24 speaks of a yet future time?

Key Question: Why did Jesus provoke His disciples interest in His coming?



“And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals ... ” — Rev 6.1

The Olivet Eschatological Outline

Witness & Persecution
Luk 21.12-18

Beginning of Travail
Mat 24.5-8

Daniel's Final Week
Mat 24.15-25

Christ's Parousia
Mat 24.27-31

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Witness to Governors & Kings • Betrayal • Persecution • Martyrdom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • False Christs • Wars • Famines • Pestilence • Earth-quakes • Terrors • Signs in Heaven 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abomination of Desolation • Unequalled Distress • Flight from Judea • False Christs • False Signs & Miracles • Deception 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun & Moon Darkened • Christ Appears in Clouds • Nations Mourn • Elect Gathered

As we read through the Revelation, list passages in the appropriate columns below as you find correlations with the outline above.

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1. Read Revelation, chapter 6.1 to chapter 8.1. ☐
2. What does the word *earth* (Greek: γῆ) mean in the book of Revelation?
3. What are the implications of the meaning of *earth* in the Revelation?
4. Who are the four horsemen of Revelation 6?
5. Which column on page B-13 (*Olivet Eschatological Outline*) do the four horsemen fit into?
6. Which column of the *Olivet Eschatological Outline* does the 5th seal fit into on page B-13?
7. Which column of the *Olivet Eschatological Outline* does the 6th seal fit into on page B-13?

Key Question: Is there any such thing as a victim of circumstances?



“Do no harm ... until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God ...”

1. Read Zechariah, chapter 12. ☐
2. Who are the 144,000 sealed in Revelation 7?

Does the number 12,000 ring a bell?

In the OT 12,000 is a military number designating numbers of soldiers, war horses or battle fatalities (Numbers 31.4-5; 1 Kings 4.26; Joshua 8.25).

3. What does the sealing on their foreheads point to?
4. Does the designation “servants of our God” imply that the 144,000 will be evangelists during the tribulation or the millennium?
5. Why are the 144,000 sealed before the land, sea or trees are harmed?

The Great Multitude

6. Trace the semantic evolution of the word church (ἐκκλησία ; *ekklesia*):



Deuteronomy
4.10; 9.10;
18.16; etc.

Psalms 89.5;
107.32; *Lam.*
1.10; *Micah* 2.5;
Acts 7.38

Joel 2.16

Matthew
18.17; James
2.2

1 Timothy
3.15; *Rev.* 2.9;
3.9

7. How does Paul characterize “The Church”?

A. 1 Tim. 3.15; & see 1 Pet. 4.17:

B. Ephesians 1.22-23:

C. **Acts 20.28**; Ephesians 5.25; *Rev* 7.9-14; see Hebrews 10.1-4:

8. Who are the “Great Multitude” of Revelation 7.9-14?

9. How did Jesus and the apostles refer to members of “The Church”?

A. Luke 18.7; Romans 8.33:

B. 1 Cor. 1.2; Col. 3.12:

C. 1 Peter 2.9:

Revelation refers often to the saints

10. Does Revelation mention The Elect (= The Chosen)?

11. If the Church remains present during the tribulations described in the Revelation, will God protect believers?

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8.3,4
11.18
13.7,10
14.12
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17.6
18.20,24
19.8
20.9

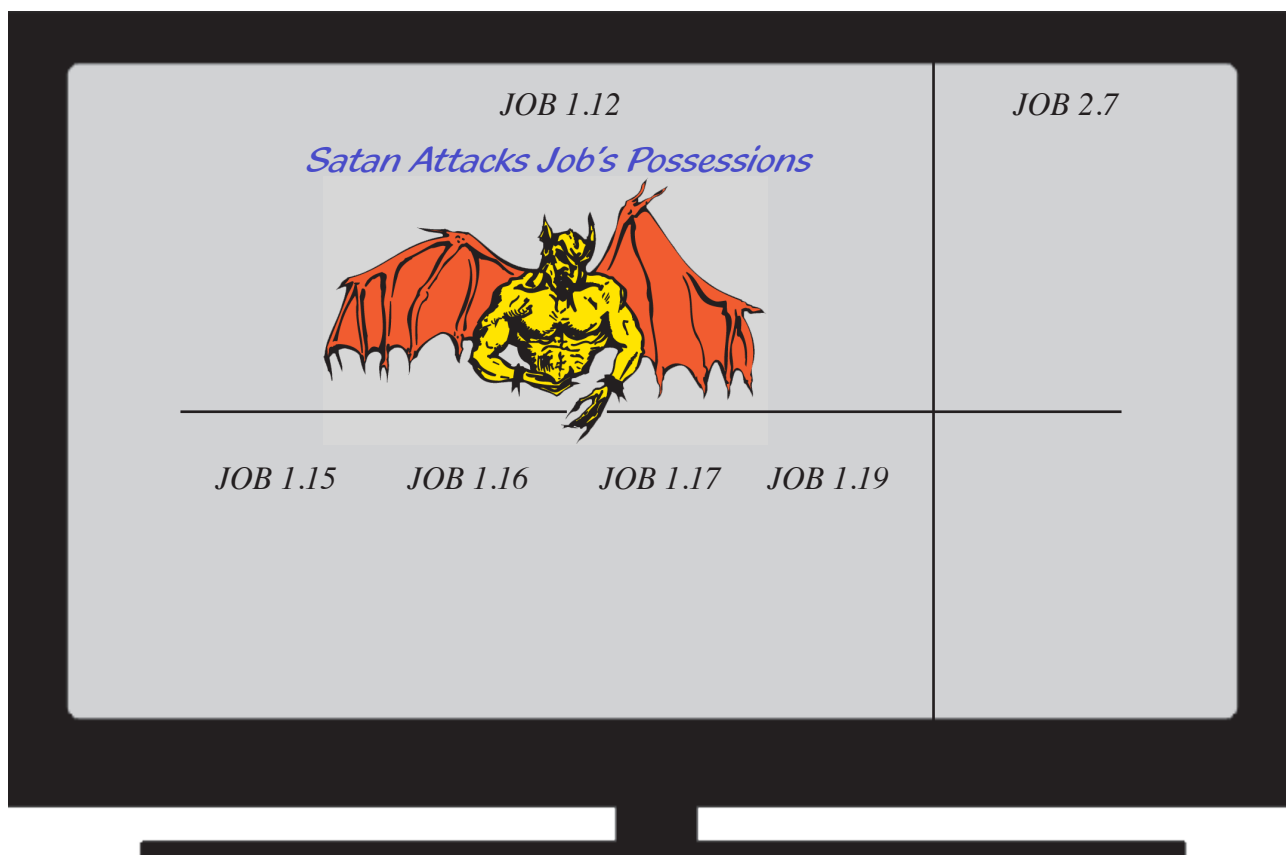


"We give You thanks, O Lord God ... because you have ...begun to reign."

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, Scripture 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 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.

Here's an important thing to observe, though: the biblical text does not always warn us when a change of setting occurs. It is up to the reader to discern whether a passage is describing a top-screen or bottom-screen phenomenon.

One of the most dramatic split-screen views in the Bible is in Job, chapters 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-27.

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 Revelation 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 _____.

6. Will 200 million troops really invade the Holy Land?

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

7. What is the fallen star of Revelation 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?

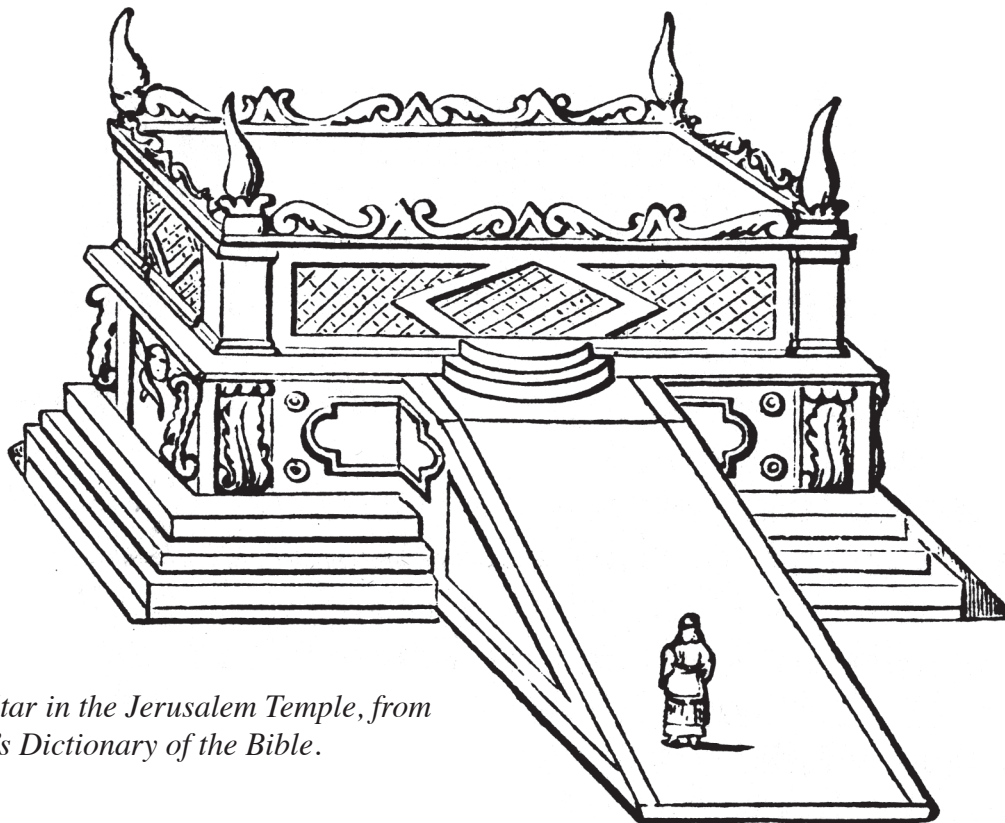
10. Who or what is the talking eagle of Rev 8.13 (compare the 4th cherub in Rev 4.7)?

(Rev. 12.14; Deut. 32.9-13; Exod. 19.4; Psa. 36.7).

Work Sheet 10a **The Golden Altar**



“...they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him...” — Rev 20.6



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

What happens at the altar?

It all points to Christ!

Isaiah 6.7

Exodus 29.21

1Co 9.13-14

1Co 10.18

Rev 8.3

Ex 21.12-14;
1Ki 1.50; 2.28

Leviticus 3.16

John 1.29

Rev 1.5-6; 5.10; 20.6

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. “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; Rev 6.12). What might explain this darkening?
6. What happens at the blowing of the 7th trumpet (Rev 11.15-19)?

What does it look like for us to give our “fat” to God?

The Mighty Angel



“You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.”

1. Read Revelation, ch. 10 and ch. 11.1-14. ☐

2. Who is the mighty angel of Rev 10?

The cloud, the rainbow above his head, his face like the sun, his fiery legs, and his leonine shout all point to his identity as _____ (cf. Rev 4.3; 1.7, 15-16; cf. 14.14).

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” (βιβλαρίδιον) of Rev 10.2?

The _____ (βιβλίον) of Rev 5.1, _____. Though the document in Rev 10 is repeatedly called “little scroll,” it is also called simply “the scroll” (βιβλίον) 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 11b: Testimony of Two Witnesses

8. What is meant by the measuring the temple but not the court of the Gentiles (Rev 11.1-2)?

9. 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-11.

10. Where then does the ministry of the Two Witnesses fit into the Olivet Outline of page B-13?

Perhaps just _____, in the first half 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.

11. 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).

12. 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 _____.

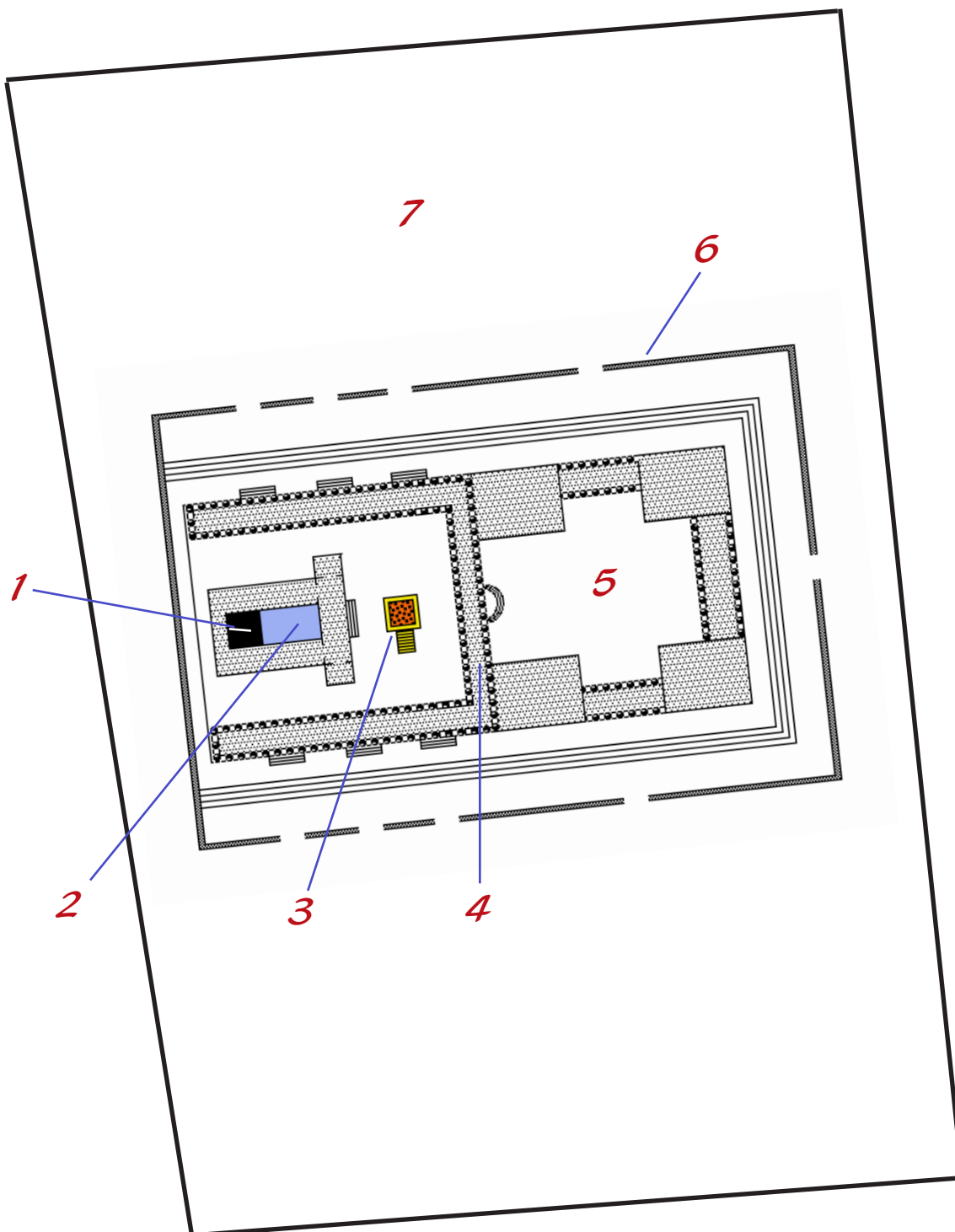
13. From whence does the Beast arise?

The Temple Courts



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>	<i>The Prophetic Reproof</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.

Beauty & The Beasts



“they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and ... the word of their testimony”

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 (Rev 12.5; cf. 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. **Note the verb “to throw” and its cognates in Rev 12.1, 4, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16.** Who are the “stars of heaven,” a third of which are “thrown down” to the earth by the dragon? See Daniel 8.10-12, 24, and Rev 12.1. See also Deuteronomy 10.22 and 28.62.

According to Daniel, the stars of heaven “thrown down” represent _____.

6. Place the time of the woman’s “nourishment” on the Olivet Outline on p. B-13. ☐

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).

10. 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.

11. 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 _____.

12. 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 "_____."

13. Place the time of the Beast's reign on the Olivet Outline on p. B-13. ☐

14. 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 predestina-
tion. 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).

15. Who is the second Beast of Rev 13?

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

16. So what does 666 stand for?

A name, the letters of which have numerical values add-
ing up to 666. We are _____ the num-
ber-name of the Beast (Rev 13.18).

What does the nourishing of the woman in the wilderness tell us about our heavenly Bridegroom?



"... if another comes in his own name, you will receive him." — John 5.43

Who is this man in Prophecy?



**He once was, now is not,
and yet will come.**

**He will appear from the midst of the
Middle Eastern population.**

**He will gain power by intrigue,
military action and supernatural signs.**

**He will claim spiritual & political authority over the
world.**

**A mighty prophet will
validate his claims.**

His rule will last 7 years.

Answer:

Refer to the Hadith, Book 36, No. 4272, narrated by AbuSa'id al-Khudri; Hadith, Sunan Abu-Dawud, Book 36, No. 4273; Hadith Sahih Muslim Book 1, Nos. 156, 225 293;

The Biblical Parallels:

Revelation 17.8 (NIV)

**Daniel 8.9, 22,23;
2 Thessalonians 2.6,7**

**Daniel 11.21;
2 Thessalonians 2.9**

Revelation 13.7

Revelation 13.11,12; 19.20

Daniel 9.27



Titles:

Work Sheet 13

Harvest of the Earth



These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. — Rev 14.4

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” (παρθένοι, Rev 14.4, Greek text)?

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

“First fruits” implies “more to follow.” This group of 144,000 Israelites will be the first of “new born” Israel (and other nations) to be converted at the _____. (Isaiah 66.8; Zec 12.10 and following).

E. Won't Christ glorify all believers and destroy all unbelievers when He comes?

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

1.	Resurrected, raptured, rule	1Th 4.13-18; Isa 32.1-5
2.	Changed, raptured, rule	1Co 15.51-52; Rev 22.3-5
3.	Thrown into the fire	Mat 13.24-30,36-43; 24.51
4.	Thrown into Lake of Fire	Rev 19.20
5.	Killed & tormented	Rev 14.9-11;19.21; 2Th 2.12
6.	Brought to repentance, Sent to evangelize	Zec 12.10-13.1; Isa 66.19
7.	Protected in wilderness, then brought to Jerusalem	Isa 66.20,21; Zec 14.16-19; Rev 12.6,14
8.	Woship King YHVH	Zec 14.16-19
9.	Accompany Jews to seek YHVH in Jerusalem	Zec 8.20-23
10.	Bound for 1,000 years	Rev 20.2
11.	Suffer God's wrath	Mat 12.41; Joh 3.36;12.48; Rom 1.18; 2.8
12.	Enter the kingdom	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)?

John's vision is still focused on the earth (Rev 13, bottom screen), but _____ (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?

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

_____.

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

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 1.14).

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?

He will rule firmly with a "rod of iron," but as a shepherd (see verb ποιμαίνω, Rev 12.5; 19.15). He will always rule with _____.

What investments in this age will pay dividends in the next?

Work Sheet 14

Bowls of Wrath



"Righteous and true are your ways ... You alone are holy" — Rev 15.3-4



1. Read Revelation, chapters 15 and 16. ☐
- 2a. On pages C-12 to C-15 circle matching elements between the 7 trumpets and the 7 bowls. Connect those matching elements with a line as in the example. ☐
- 2b. Now go back through the Trumpets & Bowls texts on pages C-12 to C-15 and highlight all the words and phrases that allude to the Exodus under Moses. ☐
3. Do the bowl judgments describe the same events as the trumpet judgments?

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

They have a _____
that becomes _____ (p. C-6).

5. What do the trumpet and bowl plagues have to do with the Bride of Christ?

6. Read Joel, ch. 3, verses 1-3 and 9-17. ☐

7. 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).

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

No valley has that name in the Bible. Joel does not use "Jehoshaphat" as a proper name, but to speak of the valley where "_____"; i.e., the _____ (Zec 12.2-3).

9. Where then is Armageddon (Rev 16.16)?

Armageddon, i.e., "the Mountain of Megiddo" overlooks the vast Plain of Esdraelon, inland from_____.

10. Is the apocalyptic battle actually fought at the plain of Esdraelon then?

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

11. Compare Psalm 2 to Rev 19.19. How is the apocalyptic battle like the crisis at the Red Sea?

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

_____.

12. Why does man attack God and His Messiah?

13. How can demonic spirits mobilize armies (Rev 16.13-14)?

_____ (2 Chronicles 18.18-21).

What warnings should we take from the battles of *Armageddon* and *Gog & Magog*?

Work Sheet 15

Mystery Babylon



“Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins...”

1. Read Revelation 16.17 to 19.10. ☐
2. “Mystery Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots” is the antithesis of what (Rev 19.7-9)?

3. *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 time (the first century)?

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?
(Rev 18.3,7).

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-23.

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).

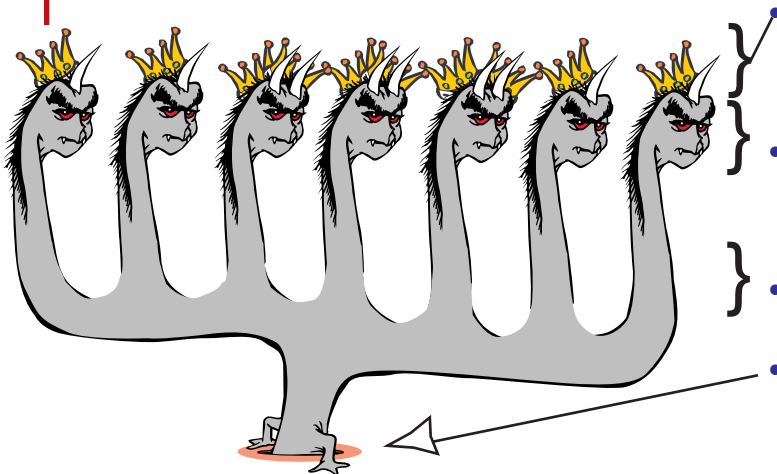
11. Are two different Babylons (a spiritual and a literal) in view in Rev 17 and 18 respectively, as some expositors say? To answer this question, compare the Babylons of chapters 17 and 18:

17.5: Prostitute marked "Babylon the Great"	18.2: Fallen is "Babylon the Great" (cf. v.21)
17.2: "kings of the earth committed adultery with her"	18.3: "kings of the earth committed adultery with her"
17.16: burned "with fire"	18.8: "consumed by fire"
17.6: "drunk with the blood of the saints"	18.24: guilty of "the blood of ... the saints"

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

That 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) :



Mystery Babylon, cont.



14. What does the seven-branched neck of the Beast remind us 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 Beast's Federation will resent the _____ of Rome, Europe's End-Time commercial capital, and will utterly destroy the city.

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

While an Italian occasionally serves as president of the EU, trend-watchers do not expect Italy's rise to commercial preeminence. However, Italy is 11th on the Elcano Global Presence Index, and will grow in importance with _____ .

For further discussion:

What does the list of Rome's imports (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?

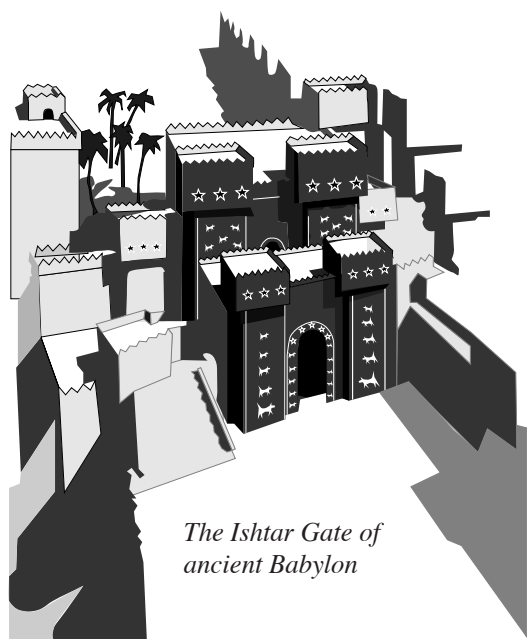
Rev 18.21 says that when this vision is fulfilled Mystery Babylon will “never be found again.” This complete annihilation has yet to occur for either _____.

18. Are we sure Revelation 18 isn’t talking about Nebuchadnezzar’s city?

Ancient Babylonia was a land of merchants (Eze 16.29), but Babil, Iraq, is about 350 miles from the sea (cf. Rev 18.17-19; Rome is 18 miles from the sea). Also, it is on a flood plain not on _____.

19. Isn’t Iraq rebuilding the actual city of Babylon?

Yes, Iraq has been rebuilding Babylon since the 1960’s as a tourist attraction. This rebuilt city and its region will be Antichrist’s _____ (see Isaiah 13.1-14.27)!



*The Ishtar Gate of
ancient Babylon*

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.

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”?

Reigning With Christ



He ... is called Faithful and True ... and His name is called The Word of God.

1. Read Revelation 19.11 to 20.15. ☐ How many times is “thousand years” mentioned?

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 _____ in the Bible, but a clarification of a greater, well-established idea:

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

THE DAY OF THE LORD
& EARTHLY
REIGN OF CHRIST
WITH HIS ELECT

SATAN
BOUND

SATAN
RELEASED

1,000
YEARS

FINAL
REBELLION

6. What is the “first resurrection”?

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

7. Over whom will the saints rule?

8. If we will become ruler-priests, what qualities and disciplines should we grow in now?

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;

: Rev 20.12-13

Why will God release Satan having once bound him?



I saw the holy city ... made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

1. Read Revelation 21 and 22. ☐

2. What seven things will no longer exist or occur in the new heaven and earth?

3. Why is it significant that there “is no longer any sea” in the new earth?

It indicates a new hydrosphere, and a return to
_____ (cf. Gen 2.5-6, 10-14).

4. In the Greek of Rev 21.6, the Lord says, “*They* have come to pass.” What has “come to pass,” and what earlier declaration does this saying echo?

The words, “I am making everything new” have come to pass, by virtue of the work accomplished by the Lord when He said, _____ (John 19.30)

5. Why are the names of the twelve tribes of Israel on Heavenly Jerusalem’s gates, and the names of the twelve apostles on her foundations?

6. Why is it significant that the heavenly city is cubical?

It is the abode of God reflected in
the cubical _____ of the temple (1Ki 6.20).

7. Fill in the dimensions relating to the New Jerusalem on page D-25. ☐

How can a city be a bride?

The heavenly Bridegroom has made
an eternal _____ this community.

8. Marriage being the most intimate of relationships, what sense is there in a corporate Bride?

9. How can we Christian men ever get used to the idea of being part of a Bride?

10. Regarding New Jerusalem, what does it mean that “the nations will walk by its light” (Rev 21.24)?

The city may replace the sun in our solar system, but it will certainly provide the _____ for the nations.

11. 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.

12. In what sense are God Himself and the Lamb the temple (Rev 21.22)? I thought we were the temple (1Co 3.16; cf. Rev 3.12)!



"It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

REVELATION IDENTITIES & SYLLOGISMS

The Revelation is a strongly Trinitarian book, dramatically setting forth the identity and essential unity of Jesus with the Almighty God. The deity of Jesus is revealed in the following equations:

"The Alpha & Omega"
=
"The First & The Last"
=
"The Beginning & The End."

(Revelation 22.13)

"The First & Last" = "The One Who was dead and came to life" (1.17,18; 2.8)

"The One Who was dead and came to life" = Jesus Christ

Therefore, Jesus Christ = "_____"

Jesus Christ = "The First & Last"

"The First & Last" = "The Alpha & Omega" (22.13)

Therefore, Jesus Christ = "_____"

Jesus Christ = "The Alpha & Omega"

"The Alpha & Omega" = "Lord God ... Almighty" (1.8)

Therefore, Jesus Christ = "_____"

Jesus Christ = The Pierced Coming One (1.5-7)

The Pierced Coming One = YHWH, the LORD (Zechariah 12.1,10)

Therefore, Jesus Christ = _____

1. How can Jesus be both the *root* and *descendant* of David (Rev 22.16)?
2. Why is it significant that the “Spirit and the bride” *together* invite the thirsty to come (Rev 22.17)?

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

3. Why will Jesus reward people according to what they have *done* (Rev 22.12)? Aren't we saved by grace?
4. How did Jesus characterize *Himself* in these passages:
 - Matthew 9.12
 - Matthew 9.15
 - Matthew 13.57
 - Matthew 25.31-34; 27.29
5. What does it mean that the Lord's servants will “see His face” (Rev 22.4)?

6. In the box below, list the ingredients of your ideal heaven:

Things I Look Forward To In Heaven