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Bible Study Questions on the Book of Revelation

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Assignment: Introduction to Revelation

Read the **whole book** of Revelation at least once (or more). **Before reading the book**, look over the following questions and then answer the questions as you read.

1. Who wrote the book (give **b/c/v**)?
2. To whom was the book addressed?
3. Make a list of references containing phrases or words that indicate that the message of the book is largely symbolism (include verses that use words such as “like,” “as,” “sign,” “signify,” etc.).
4. Make a list of references that describe or refer to the circumstances/situation faced by the Christians to whom the book was written (include **b/c/v**).
5. Make a list of references discussing conflict between the forces of good and evil and especially those describing the victory of Christ and good over Satan and evil (include **b/c/v**).
6. Begin a list of **passages** that indicate who the enemy is that Christians were facing – who was persecuting them, with whom did they have conflict, etc.? (Note: as we study the book add to this list and to the lists in the above assignments.)
7. Summarize the theme of the book. (What value do you expect to receive from the book?)
8. Based on the above information, make a list of principles or guidelines that would help us in our study of this book.

9. **Special Assignment:** From whatever sources you may consult, make a list of alternative general viewpoints (“interpretations”) of Revelation.

10. **Special Assignment:** Summarize the doctrine of premillennialism and list Scriptural objections to it.

Note: While you may wish to consult commentaries or similar sources as we study, such human sources should **not** be accepted as **authority** in class (“don’t even think about it”). This is a study of the **Bible**. However, we may refer to such materials briefly from time to time in order to understand what different views people hold or to refute them.

Assignments on Revelation 1

Please read Revelation 1 and answer the following questions.

1. **Define** “revelation.” (Note the word is singular, not plural.) (Think: In what sense is this book a revelation?)

2. From whom did the message come, and what is the purpose of the message?

3. **Special Assignment:** List expressions elsewhere showing the message is about things “shortly” or soon to occur. Lessons?

4. What inspired author recorded the message? Where else is he named in the book?

5. How did he receive the message, and what did he do with it (vv 1,2)? (Note the claim to inspiration.)

6. **Special Assignment: Define** “signify.” List other places where the word is used. Where is “sign” used in Revelation? Lessons?

7. To whom is the message addressed, and what should they (and we) do with it (vv 3,4)? (Note: “the time is near.”) (Think: Why address only 7 churches?)

8. How is God described in v4? List similar **b/c/v**.

9. List other **passages** regarding the seven spirits. (Think: What is the significance of the number 7?)

10. Where else is God mentioned in chap. 1? Where else is Jesus mentioned in chap. 1? (Think: What is the significance of “seven Spirits”?)

11. How is Jesus described in v5? In what sense is He the firstborn from the dead?

12. List other *passages* showing He is above all kings.

13. What has He done for us (vv 5,6)? List other *passages* regarding the importance of His blood.

14. In what sense are we priests? Give other *b/c/v*.

15. What will happen when He comes (v7)? (Think: Does this coming refer to the final judgment or coming in some other sense? Proof?)

16. How is the Lord described in v8? Explain the phrases used (see other *b/c/v*). (Think: Does this refer to the Father, the Son, or Deity in general?)

17. What did John share in common with those to whom he wrote (v9)?

18. **Special Assignment:** List other *passages* showing Christians in the first century were in the kingdom. How does this disprove premillennialism?

19. Where was John when he wrote (see a MAP)? Why was he there?

20. When did he receive the Revelation? What does this mean? (Think: In what sense was he “in the Spirit”?)

21. What did John hear (v10)? What did the voice say (v11)?

22. List the churches to whom Revelation is addressed. (Think: Did John and other Bible writers write just because they thought it was a good idea? Lessons?)
23. Where did the One like the Son of Man stand? What do the lampstands represent?
24. Describe His personal appearance. What is the point?
25. How did His voice sound (cf. vv 10,15)? Explain.
26. What was in His hand? What does this represent?
27. What came from His mouth? Give other **b/c/v** and explain.
28. Describe the appearance of His face. Give similar **b/c/v** and explain the significance.
29. How did this affect John? What reassurance was he given?
30. How did the speaker describe Himself (vv 17,18)? Explain each phrase and compare to other similar **passages**. (Think: Who does this prove the Speaker to be, and what does it prove about Him?)
31. What was John to write about (v19)?
32. Explain the 7 lampstands. In what way is this a helpful illustration?
33. Explain the 7 stars. What is the significance of churches having angels (messengers)?

Assignments on Revelation 2

Please read Revelation 2 and answer the following questions.

1. **Special Assignment:** Skim chap. 2&3. Write a summary of the general pattern Jesus followed in addressing each of the churches.

2. How does Jesus describe Himself to the first church?

3. **Special Assignment:** List some things we know from other *passages* about the city and the church of Ephesus.

4. What did Jesus know about the church? What does this show about them and about Him?

5. List other *passages* regarding false teachers. What is our duty toward them?

6. What had the Ephesians done for Jesus? List other *passages*.

7. What did Jesus have against the church? What must they do about it, and what were the consequences? Explain lessons for us.

8. Whose specific error had the Ephesian church opposed? Where else is this error mentioned?

(Think: What did this error involve?)

9. **Case Study:** Suppose someone claims that God is satisfied with us so long as we simply do not personally participate in sin, and nothing more is required. How should you respond?

10. Explain the concept of overcoming as used in Revelation.

11. What reward did Jesus promise overcomers? Give other **b/c/v** and explain.
12. How does Jesus describe Himself to Smyrna? Give other **b/c/v**.
13. What else do we know about the city and church of Smyrna?
14. What did Jesus know about the church? Explain “poverty” and “rich” as used here.
15. Describe the suffering they had and would face. From whom did this come? Explain the description of these people. (Think: What is the significance of the 10 days?)
16. What is required of those who suffer for Christ (v10)? Explain.
17. What reward is offered to overcomers (v11)? Give other **b/c/v** and explain.
18. What criticism did Jesus have of the Smyrna church? What can we learn?
19. How did Jesus describe Himself to the church at Pergamos?
20. What do we know about the city and church at Pergamos?
21. What external problems did the church there face?
22. How did they respond to these problems?

23. Tell the story of Balaam, and give **b/c/v**.
24. What application did this have to the church at Pergamos? What can we learn? (Think: What does this show about the external problems the church faced?)
25. What other false doctrine did Pergamos face? What do we know about it?
26. What did Jesus expect them to do about these doctrines? What were the consequences?
27. What can we learn about our responsibilities toward doctrines the lead people into sin?
28. What blessings are promised to overcomers? Explain them (check other **b/c/v**, if possible).
29. How did Jesus identify Himself to the church in Thyatira? What do we know about this city and church?
30. What did Jesus know about them? Specifically, what did He know about their works? (Think: What previous church does this contrast to? What can we learn?)
31. What problem did Thyatira have? What other church is this like?
32. What do we know about Jezebel? How was she like this case?

33. **Special Assignment:** How might modern churches have similar problems to Thyatira?

34. What had God done about her, and what did he intend to do? (Think: What can we learn about God's grace, longsuffering, and justice?)

35. What can we learn about God's judgment of our lives?

36. What message did Jesus give those who had not accepted these doctrines?

37. **Case Study:** How should you respond to someone who says: "You people are hung up on doctrine. We don't major in patterns and authority, but at least we are accomplishing great work for the Lord"?

38. What did Jesus promise to overcomers? What **passage** did He quote? How does that help explain His promise? (Think: What is the morning star? Cf. other **b/c/v.**)

Assignments on Revelation 3

Please read Revelation 3 and answer the following questions.

1. How did Jesus introduce Himself to Sardis? What is known about the church and city there?

2. What problems existed at Sardis?

3. Explain “dead” and “alive” as used here. Give other **b/c/v**. (Think: Other churches faced persecution. What persecution is mentioned regarding this church? Lessons?)

4. What did He command them to do about their problems (vv 2,3)?

5. What would happen if they did not repent?

6. What is meant by coming as a thief? Give other **b/c/v**.

7. Was everyone at Sardis guilty? What promise is given to the faithful?

8. **Special Assignment:** Must we always leave a congregation where sin exists? Why could some at Sardis be accepted, yet other whole congregations are rebuked?

9. What is promised to overcomers? Explain the significance of white garments.

10. What is the Book of Life? Give other **b/c/v**. What is the significance of being blotted out of the book?

11. Give other **passages** about being confessed before God.

12. What do we know about the church and city of Philadelphia?
13. How did Jesus describe Himself to them? In what sense is He holy? True?
14. What key did Jesus have? What verse is referred to here? Explain the significance.
15. What had Jesus opened for Philadelphia? Explain.
16. In what way did He commend them?
17. Where have we read of a synagogue of Satan? What would God make them do? Explain. What can we learn? (Think: Would they worship the Christians or worship God in their presence? Cf. Isaiah 45:14; 49:23.)
18. What command had they kept, and what would result?
19. What criticism did Jesus have of them? What other church was similar? Lessons?
20. What should they do to be ready for His coming?
21. What reward is promised overcomers? What is the significance of being a pillar in the temple?
22. What would be written on them? Give other **b/c/v**. Explain.

23. How did Jesus describe Himself to Laodicea? What else do we know about the city and church of Laodicea?

24. **Special Assignment:** In what sense is Jesus the beginning of creation? Was He the first thing created or the source of creation? Give other **b/c/v**. (Think: What are the consequences of this question?)

25. What problem did Laodicea have (vv 15,16)? Explain “cold” and “hot” as used here.

26. What conclusion did Jesus reach regarding this problem? What applications can we make?

27. What did the Laodiceans think of themselves? What were they really like? What other church does this compare to?

28. What did Jesus offer to do for them? What blessings could He give them? Explain. (Think: What can we learn regarding nakedness - v18? What does this word mean in the Bible?)

29. Why did Jesus speak as He did to them? What must they do to correct their problems?

30. **Special Assignment:** What should we learn about rebuke and chastening? Do we ever need it? Should we ever practice it?

31. Explain the illustration of Jesus at the door. (Think: Does this apply to alien sinners or also to church members?)

32. What blessing is offered to overcomers? Where else are similar ideas expressed? Explain.

Assignments on Revelation 4

Please read Revelation 4 and answer the following questions.

1. What did John see next? (Think: What is the significance of an open door?)
2. What did he hear? What did it sound like (cf. other similar examples)? What was said?
3. What did He see in Heaven (v2)? Who is the One on the throne (note v8)? (Think: What have we learned about “in the Spirit”?)
4. List other *passages* that describe God on His throne.
5. How is the One on the throne described? What is known of these stones? What is the point?
6. What surrounded the throne? Who sat there? Where else are they mentioned?
7. Describe their appearance. Explain the significance. (Think: What do these represent?)
8. What came from the throne? Give other *b/c/v* and explain the significance.
9. What was before the throne in v5? What did they represent? Where else have we read of them?
10. What else was before the throne (v6)? Give other *b/c/v*. (Think: What does the sea represent?)

11. What did John see in the midst and around the throne? Where else are these creatures mentioned?

12. What kinds of creatures were there? What is the significance of being full of eyes?

13. What do these creatures do? What does this show about God?

14. **Special Assignment:** Discuss alternative views of what these creatures represent.

15. What do the 24 elders do when the creatures worship God? (Think: What is the significance of casting their crowns?)

16. What does God deserve to receive? Explain the terms used.

17. List other **passages** about creation and discuss why creation proves God deserves worship.

18. **Special Assignment:** What lessons should we learn from this context about the purpose and importance of worship?

19. What lessons can we learn about the overall theme and purpose of the book of Revelation?

Assignments on Revelation 5

Please read Revelation 5 and answer the following questions.

1. **Special Assignment:** Read Daniel chap. 7 (see also Dan. 2; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:6-12). As you study, list as many parallels as you can between Dan. 7 and Rev. 4&5.

2. What was in the hand of the One on the throne? (Think: What is the significance of being in His right hand and being written on both sides?)

3. Why could it not be read? Give **b/c/v** and explain the significance of seals. (Think: What does the scroll contain? I.e., what is the significance of its contents?)

4. What problem was raised by a strong angel? Who responded at first to the call (v3), and how did this affect John?

5. What information did one of the elders give John?

6. Explain the expressions used to describe the person in v5, and give **b/c/v** for other such verses.

7. When John looked what did He see (cf. to the description of v5)? List other **passages** similarly describing Jesus. (Think: How can Jesus be both a lion and a lamb?)

8. What had happened to the Lamb? Yet was it dead or alive? Explain the significance.

9. Explain the 7 horns and 7 eyes.

10. Where does the Lamb stand? What does this prove?

11. Explain what this scene refers to. How does it fit God's overall plan.
12. What did the Lamb do (v7)? What is the significance of this compared to vv 2-5?
13. What happened when He did this?
14. What do the elders have? What do the bowls of incense represent?

15. **Case Study:** List other references to harps in Revelation. If someone argued that this proves we can use instrumental music in worship on earth, how would you respond?

16. Describe the song they sing. Why was the blood of the Lamb important?
17. **Define** "redeem." Give other **b/c/v** about redemption by the blood.
18. Who can be redeemed by the blood? Lessons?
19. Who then joined in the song of praise?
20. **Define** each thing the Lamb is worthy to receive (v12).
21. Who then joins the chorus (vv 13,14)? Summarize in your own words the significance of the chapter.

Assignments on Revelation 6

Please read Revelation 6 and answer the following questions.

1. Describe what John saw when the first seal was opened. What other *passages* may be similar?
2. Explain the significance of the symbols: white horse, bow, crown.
3. What could this rider represent?
4. Describe what John saw when the second seal was opened.
5. Explain what this rider represents.
6. Describe what John saw when the third seal was opened.
7. Explain the significance of the symbols: black horse, scales, denarius.
8. What would this rider represent?
9. Describe what John saw when the fourth seal was opened.
10. Who rode this horse, and what methods did it use? What does Hades refer to?
11. Explain the significance of this rider.

12. What did John see when the fifth seal was opened? (Think: What would be the significance of the slain souls being at the base of the altar? Cf. Old Testament sacrifices.)

13. What did they request? List other similar *passages*. (Think: Why would they call God “holy and true”?)

14. Explain how this relates to the theme of Revelation. (Think: Is this what people would naturally expect to follow after the glorious visions of chap. 4,5?)

15. What was given to them? Explain the significance.

16. What were they told? What lessons and conclusion does this lead to? Are God’s promises failing? (Think: Does this help explain the significance of seals 2-4?)

17. What happened when the sixth seal was opened? List other *passages* with similar expressions. (Think: Do such expressions necessarily refer to the final end of the whole earth? Explain.)

18. What effect did these events have on people (v15)? Explain.

19. What did they want the mountains and rocks to do (v16)? Why? Give similar *b/c/v*.

20. Special Assignment: Explain the main point of chap. 6 and its relationship to chap. 4&5. How does v17 help us understand this?

Assignments on Revelation 7

Please read Revelation 7 and answer the following questions.

1. Where were the four angels standing whom John saw next? What were they doing?
2. What power had been granted to these angels (v2)? List other *passages* where wind refers to God's punishment on evil people.
3. When an angel came from the east, what did he have? What have we learned about the significance of a seal (*b/c/v*)?
4. What was going to be sealed and where? Give similar *passages* about the identification of people in Revelation or elsewhere.
5. What had to wait till this seal was applied? Explain the significance of sealing here. How does it fit with chap. 4-6, especially 6:17?
6. How many were sealed? What did this number consist of? Where else are they mentioned?
7. What is the significance of the numbers 12 and 1000 in Bible symbols? Examples? (Note that 144,000 = 12x12x1000.)
8. Is this number literal? List other symbols in the context. Are the children of Israel literal here?
9. **Case Study:** What do Jehovah's Witnesses claim the 144,000 and the great multitude represent? How can you disprove their view?
10. Explain the significance of the 144,000 in contrast to the great multitude of vv 9ff.

11. Describe the characteristics of the great multitude. Where did they stand? How were they clothed?
12. Explain the symbols used in the description.
13. Contrast the great multitude to the 144,000.
14. What did the great multitude do? List similar **b/c/v**.
15. Who joined in the praise? Where else have they praised God?
16. What question did an elder ask? How did he answer his question?
17. List other verses about the Lamb's blood. (Think: What is the great tribulation?)
18. Where was the great multitude and what did they do according to v15?
19. What blessings did they receive (v16)? Give other **b/c/v**.
20. What did the Lamb and God do for them (v17)? Give other **b/c/v**.

21. **Special Assignment:** What conclusions do you reach about who the great multitude may be? Defend your answer.

Assignments on Revelation 8

Please read Revelation 8 and answer the following questions.

1. What happened when the 7th seal was first opened? What is the significance?
2. What were 7 angels given? What is the significance of trumpets?
3. What did the angel with the golden censer do? What purpose did the golden altar serve in the Old Testament?
4. Where else have we read of prayers of saints? How does this relate to the events of chap. 8?
5. What did the angel do with the fire from the altar? What was the result? Explain.
6. What happened when the first trumpet sounded? What harm followed? (Think: What is the significance of 1/3?)
7. What happened when the 2nd trumpet sounded? What harm followed? (Think: What is the significance of mountains in prophecy?)
8. What happened when the 3rd trumpet sounded? What is wormwood? What harm followed? (Think: What is the significance of stars in prophecy?)
9. What happened when the 4th trumpet sounded?
10. What message did a flying angel deliver? **Define** “woe.” What is the significance of repeating it? To what did the woes refer?

Assignments on Revelation 9

Please read Revelation 9 and answer the following questions.

1. What happened when the fifth trumpet sounded? What do stars often represent? Where else do we read of something/someone falling from heaven?

2. What power was given to him? What does a key represent? What is the abyss (bottomless pit) – give other **b/c/v**?

3. **Special Assignment:** What does this star represent? Who has the key of the bottomless pit? Note v11. Explain the significance.

4. What happened when he opened the pit? Give similar **b/c/v**. Explain. (Think: Note in this section the numerous words expressing symbolism: “like,” “as,” etc.)

5. What came from the smoke? Give similar **b/c/v**. What could they hurt and not hurt? (Think: Who is the source of this harm? Lessons?)

6. What harm did they do? For how long? Explain.

7. What is a scorpion? How does it do damage? How did this affect the people?

8. Describe the appearance of the locusts. Explain the symbols.

9. **Special Assignment:** What significance is there that: (1) Their crowns are “like” gold (but not real gold); and (2) Their hair is like women’s hair?

10. Describe their breastplates and tails and the sound they made. Explain.

11. Who led them? **Define** “Abaddon”/”Apollyon.” Explain.

12. Which woe is this? How many woes are there? Give other **b/c/v**.

13. **Special Assignment:** What is the meaning of this woe and the locusts, etc.? To what does this all refer, and what application can we make?

14. What did John hear when the sixth angel sounded? Where have we read about the golden altar, and what is its significance here?

15. Where are the four angels? Where else do we read of this river? What great empires from this area attacked Old Testament Israel?

16. What happened when the four angels were released? What is the significance of 1/3? (Think: Where else have we read of four angels that withheld destruction till the proper time?)

17. What did John see and hear coming? How many were there? (Think: What is the significance of this number?)

18. Describe the horsemen. Consider the colors of their breastplates (cf. NKJV & NASB), and compare them to the destruction from the horses' mouths.

19. How else did the horses cause harm? What was the end result on the people?

20. What happened to those who were not killed? How is their worship described?

21. List and explain the sins they committed. (Think: Would this describe Jews or more likely Gentiles?)

22. **Special Assignment:** Consider what evil people are here referred to. Where did they live, when did this happen, etc.?

Assignments on Revelation 10

Please read Revelation 10 and answer the following questions.

1. Describe the angel John saw next. Study cross-references and explain the significance of the description.

2. What did he have in his hand? Where did he stand? Explain the symbols.

3. What happened when he cried out? What is implied by a lion roaring and by thunder sounding?

4. What was John told to do with the message the thunders gave? (Think: What did the thunders say (be careful!)? What can we learn?)

5. By Whom did the angel swear? What is the significance of this description of God?

6. What was the oath he swore? (Think: What delay does he refer to – note v7? What lessons should we learn?)

7. What would happen when the seventh angel was about to sound?

8. **Special Assignment:** Give **b/c/v** regarding the mystery of God. What is it? In what sense was it declared to the prophets?

9. What was John next told to do? What was he to do with it?

10. What effects did it have on him? Give similar **b/c/v**. Explain the significance. (Think: Does God's message have this effect today?)

11. What was John to do then?

Assignments on Revelation 11

Please read Revelation 11 and answer the following questions.

1. What was John given, and what was he to do with it? Find similar **b/c/v**.
2. What does the “temple” refer to (remember this is symbolism)? What is the significance of measuring it, etc.?
3. What was **not** to be measured? Why?
4. What does the “holy city” refer to in Revelation? Where else do we read about 42 months (1260 days, 3 1/2 years)?
5. What power is given to two witnesses? For how long? Give other **passages** about the significance of two or three witnesses. (Think: What is the significance of sackcloth?)
6. What are the two witnesses compared to in v4? Give other **b/c/v**. What is symbolized in the Bible by light (lamps)?
7. What power do they have to deal with those who seek to harm them?
8. What powers do they have according to v6?
9. **Special Assignment:** What do these two witnesses represent? What fits the description (remember it is symbolic)? Consider: plurality of witnesses, power to prophesy and do miracles, light (lamps), fire, etc.
10. Who opposes the witnesses? Where does he come from, and what does that tell you (see other references)?

11. When does this happen? Meaning? What does the beast do to the witnesses?

12. What happened to the bodies of the two witnesses? Where was this done?

13. **Special Assignment:** Run cross-references and list **passages** that refer to “the great city,” especially in Revelation. What is the significance?

14. Where else are Sodom and Egypt used as symbols to refer to other places? What is the significance?

15. What else happened in this city (v8)? Does the Bible ever refer to Jesus’ crucifixion in a sense that is not literal or physical? Give **b/c/v**. (Think: Is this city literally Sodom and Egypt? Is it necessarily the place where Jesus was literally crucified?)

16. How were the dead bodies viewed and treated? How did people react? What is the point?

17. What happened to the two witnesses after 3 1/2 days (v11)? What Bible event(s) is this like? What does this symbolize?

18. Where did they go then (v12)? What event(s) does this remind you of? Lessons?

19. What happened then? What effects followed? What “city” is referred to, and what is the significance?

20. Where does the story stand at this point regarding the three woes (v14)?

21. What did voices say when the 7th angel sounded? What are the kingdoms of the world and the kingdom of the Lord? In what sense do they become the same?

22. What have we read about the 24 elders? What do they do here? Compare this to other *passages* regarding them.

23. How do they describe God (give other **b/c/v**)? For what reason do they praise God? Explain.

24. What is meant by the nations' anger (cf. vv 5-7)? Who was victorious (cf. vv 11-13,15,17)?

25. Who is judged? What dead people are these? Is this the final judgment? What dead people have been discussed in context?

26. Who was rewarded? Where else has Revelation referred to these people? In this the final judgment? Proof?

27. In what sense may people destroy the earth? What will happen to them?

28. Where else in Revelation have we read of God's temple? What is the significance of the fact it is open? Give other **b/c/v**.

29. What events follow? Where else do such events occur in Revelation?

30. What conclusions do you reach about where the message of Revelation stands at this point? What has and has not been accomplished? How does this related to chap. 12?

Assignments on Revelation 12

Please read Revelation 12 and answer the following questions.

1. What sign appeared next (vv 1,2)? How is the woman described?
2. Explain the symbols describing the woman. What is she about to do?

3. **Special Assignment:** Give **b/c/v** regarding the significance in God's plan of woman bearing a special child. Explain what the woman represents.

4. What sign appears next? How is he described?
5. Explain the symbols describing the dragon. What does the dragon represent? Proof?
6. What does he do to the stars? What does this represent?
7. What does the dragon do to the woman and her child? How does this help identify the woman and the child?
8. When the Child is born, how is He described? Give **b/c/v** and prove Who the Child is.
9. What happened to prevent the dragon from destroying the child? What does this represent (cf. vv 7-11)?
10. Where did the woman go? Why, and for how long? Where else have we read of a similar time period?
11. What great event followed? Who is Michael? Is this a literal war? Explain it.
12. What was the outcome? What produced this outcome (v11)?
13. How is the dragon here described? What is the significance of the dragon's being cast down to earth?

14. What did a loud voice then state (v10)? Explain how salvation came (note v11).

15. Give other **passages** showing when Christ's kingdom came to power. How does this relate to the casting down of Satan?

16. In what sense is Satan an accuser of the brethren? Give examples.

17. **Case Study:** Some claim the book of Revelation proves that Jesus will begin to reign at some future time when He returns to earth. How does the teaching about the kingdom we have learned so far in the book compare to that view?

18. Who else overcame Satan (v11)? List three elements v11 shows were involved in that victory.

19. What role did the blood of the Lamb have in victory over Satan? Give **b/c/v**.

20. What is the word of their testimony? In what sense is this word necessary to their victory? What sacrifice did they have to make?

21. While heaven rejoiced, what danger did the inhabitants of earth face? Explain.

22. Whom did the dragon then try to persecute? What happened to her? Explain.

23. How did the dragon next try to defeat her? What happened instead? Explain.

24. Toward whom did the dragon then turn his anger? Who are these people, and what is the point?

Assignments on Revelation 13

Please read Revelation 13 and answer the following questions.

1. Describe what John saw rising from the sea. Where else is this animal mentioned? How does it compare to the dragon?

2. **Special Assignment:** Reread Daniel 7 and compare to Daniel 2. What conclusion does this lead to regarding the identity of this beast?

3. What animals is this beast compared to? (How does this compare to Daniel 7?)

4. Where did the beast get its power? Explain.

5. **Special Assignment:** What evidence can you find to explain the head that had the deadly wound, etc.?

6. What did the people do according to v4? What does this tell you?

7. What did the beast do (vv 5,6)? Explain the significance?

8. How long did this continue? Where else have we read of this time period?

9. What did he do to the saints? How does this fit our previous study?

10. Over whom did the beast have authority? Who would this fit in the first century?

11. Who worshipped him? What does this show about the Christians and the circumstances they faced?

12. Explain the significance of v10.

13. What did John see next? What term is later used to describe it (cf. 16:13; 19:20; 20:10)?

14. How is this beast described? How does this fit false prophets?

15. What power does this beast have (v12)? What does he do?

16. **Special Assignment:** Based on the evidence, what does the second beast represent, and how does it relate to the first beast?

17. What signs can he do? Where else do we read of such signs?

18. Are his signs legitimate? What does he tell people to do?

19. What happens to those who will not worship the image? What does this show regarding the dangers Christians faced and their need for encouragement?

20. What form of identification were people given? Why was this identification important?

21. Is this mark literal/physical? What other marks in Revelation have identified people? Are those marks literal?

22. What number does the beast have? Is this number literal? Are numbers in Revelation generally literal?

23. **Special Assignment:** What attempts have been made to identify the name by assigning numeric value to the letters? Observations?

24. What is the symbolic significance of the number 6 (note it is the “number of [a] man”)? What is the significance of repeating it (666)? What conclusion do you reach regarding the meaning of the number of the beast?

Assignments on Revelation 14

Please read Revelation 14 and answer the following questions.

1. What did John see then? Where else have we read of this animal, and to whom does it refer?

2. Where did He stand? To what does this refer? Give **b/c/v**.

3. Who stood with Him and where else have we read of them? What was written on them, and what did this mean?

4. What did a voice from heaven sound like? Explain the symbols? Are the sounds literal? Proof?

5. **Case Study:** Some claim the harps justify use of instrumental music in church worship today. Where else in Revelation do we read of harps? Are they literal? Proof? How would you respond to this argument?

6. Who else was present before the throne? What song was sung, and who sang it?

7. List other information given here about the 144,000. Are these descriptions literal? Explain them.

8. Who had a message to preach, and to whom was it preached? Explain.

9. What did he tell people to do? How is God described? (Think: What judgment is referred to, and when would it come?)

10. Specifically, on whom did downfall come (v8)? Why did she fall? Explain.

11. **Special Assignment:** Study references to Babylon in the Old Testament and in Revelation. What “great city” would fit the context of Revelation 13&14?

12. What would happen to those who worship the beast and have his mark? Give other **passages** regarding drinking the wine of God’s wrath. Explain the meaning.

13. Give other **passages** where fire (and/or brimstone) describe the punishment of wicked people. (Think: How and when would this be fulfilled?)

14. In contrast to the wicked, what is said regarding the destiny of those who die in the Lord? List other **passages** showing the righteous will receive this blessing.

15. What is required of the saints in order to have this blessing (v12)?

16. Who came then (v14)? Describe Him. List other **passages** in which someone comes like this to judge.

17. What is He told to do with His sickle? List other similar **passages** regarding harvesting. Explain what harvest this could refer to.

18. Who appeared then (v17), and what was he told to do? How does this differ from vv 15,16?

19. What happened to these “grapes”? Give other similar **passages**.

20. How severe is their punishment (v20)? Explain the point.

Assignments on Revelation 15

Please read Revelation 15 and answer the following questions.

1. What did John see in the next sign? What is the significance of the number 7?
2. Where else have we read of the sea of glass? Who stood on the sea?
3. What is the significance of the beast, image, and mark? In what sense have these people won a victory over them?
4. Where else have we read of harps (review our study of this)? What do these do with their harps?
5. What is the song of Moses? What did those who sang in Revelation say? Why should people glorify God?

6. *Special Assignment:* Explain how Revelation demonstrates that God is just, true, and holy. What judgments have been manifested?

7. What did John see then? What is the significance of the temple in heaven being open?
8. What came out of the temple? Describe their clothing. What is the significance?
9. What was given to the angels? What do the golden bowls (vials) represent?
10. What filled the temple? Where did similar events occur? What is the significance?

Assignments on Revelation 16

Please read Revelation 16 and answer the following questions.

1. What were the seven angels told to do? Where have we read of these bowls, and what do they represent?
2. What happened when the first bowl was poured out? What does this represent? (Think: What does this remind you of?)
3. Upon whom did these plagues come? Where have we read before about this? What does it represent?
4. Upon what was the second bowl poured? What happened, and what does this remind you of?
5. What happened when the third bowl was poured out? What do bowls 2 and 3 represent?
6. What did this angel then say to God? Why was this judgment just and righteous?
7. Where else have we read that these judgments relate to the fact these people persecuted the righteous?

8. **Case Study:** Some people claim God is too good and loving to punish evil men. How would you respond, especially based on our study of Revelation?

9. The fourth bowl was poured out on what? What happened as a result? What does this remind you of?
10. How did people react? What does this tell you?
11. On what was the fifth bowl poured? What happened as a result?

12. What is the throne of the beast? What does this plague represent?
13. Where was the sixth bowl poured and what happened as a result?
14. Where else have we read of the Euphrates, and what was the significance? (Think: What might the “kings of the east” refer to? Note vv 14ff.)
15. From where did three unclean spirits come? What are they compared to? Meaning?
16. What do these spirits do? What is the purpose of this? What kings would this refer to?
17. How would God come, and where else is such language used? What does it mean?
18. What should people do to be prepared? Explain.
19. Where did the kings of earth gather? What place is this (cf. Megiddo)? Where else do we read of it, and what happened there?
20. Where did the seventh angel pour his bowl, and what followed? What do these things signify?
21. What would the earthquake symbolize (cf. vv 19-21)? What is the meaning of such a great one?
22. What did Babylon represent (cf. 14:8)? What happened to Babylon?
23. Explain the significance of the islands, mountains, and hail. How did men react?
24. **Special Assignment:** Explain the significance of Armageddon. Is it a literal battle? What forces are involved? Is it the final battle when Jesus comes to reign on earth 1000 years as premillennialism teaches? (Note the continued discussion through chap. 17-20.)

Assignments on Revelation 17

Please read Revelation 17 and answer the following questions.

1. What did an angel say he would show John? Where does she sit (cf. v15)? (Note: consider the following verses and especially v18 in identifying the harlot.)

2. What was her relationship with kings? Where else have we read such ideas? Explain the meaning.

3. On what did she sit? Where else have we read of this beast? Proof? How does this help identify the harlot?

4. Describe her appearance, and explain the significance.

5. What is in her hand, and what does it mean?

6. What name does she wear? Where have we read of Babylon? In what sense is this a mystery (see v7)? How does this help identify her?

7. What does she do to God's people? Where else have we read of such things?

8. What did the angel offer to do for John?

9. How is the beast described? Where have we read a similar idea?

10. What did people think of the beast? Yet where did he come from and where will he go?

11. What do the 7 heads of the beast refer to (v9)? How does this help identify the harlot?

12. What else are there 7 of (v10)? What are we told about them?

13. **Special Assignment:** The identification of these kings is a source of difficulty and controversy. What views are held of their meaning?

14. What is the eighth king, and what is the point? What is the destiny of this king?

15. What do the ten horns represent? What is their relationship to the beast? Explain.

16. What do these do, and what is the outcome? How does this relate to the theme of our study?

17. What is represented by the waters on which the harlot sits (cf. v1)? How does this confirm who the harlot represents?

18. What will the ten horns (kings – vv 12-14) do to the harlot? How does this fit our view of who the harlot is?

19. What does the woman represent according to v18? What city would this be?

20. **Special Assignment:** Summarize the evidence and state your conclusion regarding who the harlot represents.

Assignments on Revelation 18

Please read Revelation 18 and answer the following questions.

1. Who made the next announcement to John? What did he predict would happen? (Remember: Babylon refers to whom?)

2. How did he describe her condition? List other similar *passages*. What is the point?

3. What reason is given for her fall (v3)? Give similar *b/c/v*. Explain the meaning.

4. What warning is then given to God's people? What reason is given why they should heed the warning?

5. **Special Assignment:** List other *passages* about fellowship with sin. What is the consequence of such fellowship? What lessons should we learn?

6. How did God view Babylon's sins (v5)? What can we learn about how God views sin?

7. To whom had she rendered evil (cf. v5 and give other references)? How would God repay her?

8. How had she lived, and how did she view herself (v7)? Explain the point.

9. What plagues would come on her (v8)? Explain.

10. Explain the Old Testament connection between harlotry and burning with fire. Give *b/c/v*. Who would bring such a punishment on Babylon?

11. How would kings react to the harlot's downfall? Why?

12. Where would they stand? Why? What is the significance of "in one hour"?

13. Who else would mourn her fall (v11)? Why?

14. **Special Assignment:** What can we learn about businesses that market products for immoral or sinful purposes?

15. What would be lost according to v14? (Think: To whom is this spoken?)

16. Where will the merchants stand? What will they say?

17. Who else will be amazed at the city's fall? Why?

18. How did they express grief (v19)?

19. How did the apostles and prophets differ in reaction from the others mentioned? Why? Where else is this mentioned?

20. How did an angel symbolize the city's fall?

21. What practices would cease in the city (vv 22,23)? What does this mean?

22. Why did this trouble come on the city? How does this relate to the theme of the book?

Assignments on Revelation 19

Please read Revelation 19 and answer the following questions.

1. What sound did John hear? Where else have we read such things?
2. What had God done to deserve such praise? Why was such conduct worthy of praise?
3. How were God's servants involved in this (v2)? Where else have we read about this?
4. **Define** "alleluia." Who joined in this praise?

5. **Special Assignment:** Why is the punishment of the wicked an act worthy of praise? Should we rejoice in the downfall of wicked people?

6. Who was told to join the praise (v5)? (Think: Should Christians prefer to do other things while leaving praise of God for others?)
7. What sound did John hear then? How is the sound symbolically described?
8. What event was cause for joy in v7? (Think: What does the "marriage" refer to?)
9. Who is the "wife" and in what sense would she "marry" the Lamb? (Think: When did this actually occur?)
10. How is the bride dressed? Give other **b/c/v**. Explain the point.
11. V9 promises a blessing on whom? (Think: Who would this refer to?)

12. **Special Assignment:** Explain what we can learn from “these are true words of God.”

13. What did John do to the angel? How did the angel respond, and what reason did he give?

14. **Special Assignment:** List other similar **passages** regarding whom we should or should not worship. What lessons should we learn?

15. What did John see next? Read the context, state who this is, and give your evidence.

16. What is He called in v11? Explain. What does this prove regarding His judgments and war?

17. How are His eyes and head described? Explain. (Think: Who knew His name? Can you explain why?)

18. How is His robe described? Meaning?

19. What name does He have in v13? Explain.

20. Who followed Him, and how are they described? What is the significance of white garments and white horses (cf. v11)?

21. What comes from His mouth? What will He do with it? Give other **b/c/v**.

22. What will He do with a rod of iron? Give similar **b/c/v** and explain.

23. Explain the significance of treading the winepress. Give other **b/c/v** and explain the symbol. (Note: “Winepress” is literally a press for wine – the word “wine” is used. Would this “wine” be alcoholic or unfermented?)

24. What is written on the One who rode the white horse? Give similar **b/c/v**. How does this identify Him?

25. Note John 18:36. Since Jesus is now king, what does this tell about the nature of the battles in Revelation 19?

26. Who is given an invitation in v17? What are they going to eat?

27. Give other similar **b/c/v** to v18. Explain the meaning.

28. Who gathered for war? Describe the two opposing forces. Where else have we read of this?

29. Who lost (v20)? What happened to them?

30. **Special Assignment:** Where did we first read of the beast and false prophet? What do they represent? What is the point of their defeat?

31. Where else do we read of the lake of fire? What is its significance?

32. What happened to the rest of the defeated army? How were they defeated?

33. **Special Assignment:** Explain the significance of this battle and its conclusion in light of the context of chap. 13-19 and in light of the theme of Revelation.

Assignments on Revelation 20

Please read Revelation 20 and answer the following questions.

1. Summarize the enemies that have been defeated in chap. 18 & 19. Who remains to be defeated?

2. **Special Assignment:** Summarize the premillennial teaching regarding the 1000 years (review our introduction of Revelation). What errors does it involve?

3. What did John see in v1? What did the angel have?

4. What did the angel do to Satan? Why? Explain the relationship to the fall of the beast and false prophet.

5. **Special Assignment:** List things in vv 1-3 that are symbols, not literal. Is the 1000 years literal? Prove your answer. (Think: What is the significance of the 1000 years?)

6. **Special Assignment:** Read vv 4-6, then list aspects of premillennial theory that are **not** mentioned anywhere here.

7. Give other **passages** regarding saints judging or reigning on thrones. Is this physical or spiritual? Explain it.

8. Who here reigned with Christ? Is this literal? Would it include people today?

9. What blessings were granted to those who took place in the first resurrection? Does the Bible teach there will be two separate literal resurrections separated by 1000 years? Proof?

10. Is the resurrection of vv 5,6 literal? Explain its significance.

11. **Special Assignment:** Based on context and other **passages**, explain what the 1000-year reign of Revelation 20 refers to. (Note: Is the 1000-year reign the main point of vv 1-10? Explain your answer.)

12. What will happen to Satan after the 1000 years? What will he do?

13. Who gathers for battle? Where else are they mentioned? (Think: Explain the significance.)

14. **Special Assignment:** - Answer the following aspects of premillennial teaching and prove your answers:

a) Was the battle before the 1000 years (chap. 19) the last great battle?

b) Is this battle literal and physical?

c) Does anything here prove we can know when this will happen?

15. What did Satan and his servants do to God's people? What happened to them (v9)?

16. What is done to the devil? Who else is there?

17. What happened to them there? Is this conscious or unconscious suffering?

18. What did John see in v11?

19. What happened to earth and heaven at that time? List other related **passages**. Explain the significance.

20. List other **passages** regarding the final judgment and Jesus' final coming to judge all men.

21. **Special Assignment:** We have read of several of God's judgments in Revelation. Study other passages and take a position whether or not Rev. 20:11-15 is the final judgment. As you study, list evidence for your view.

22. What is the significance of the throne? Explain the meaning of its color.

23. Who will judge men? Who will come to be judged?

24. On what basis will people be judged? List other similar **passages**.

25. Explain the books that are mentioned. What especially do we know about the Book of Life?

26. What is Hades? List other **passages** that help explain it.

27. What is meant by death and Hades giving up their dead? List other **passages** that explain how this will happen. (Think: How can the sea give up its dead?)

28. What will happen to death and Hades? Explain the significance, and list other **passages** if you can. (Think: What does this reveal about the basic nature of death and Hades?)

29. What is the destiny of those not found in the Book of Life? List other similar **passages**.

30. **Special Assignment:** In what sense is this a second death? What lessons should we learn?

Assignments on Revelation 21

Please read Revelation 21 and answer the following questions.

1. **Special Assignment:** Revelation 21,22 describe the new heaven and new earth. As we study, decide what these refer to and make a list of evidence for your view.

2. What did John see in v1? What had happened to the first heaven and earth?

3. Give other **passages** regarding the destruction of the first heaven and earth. (Think: Explain the significance. What about there is “no more sea”?)

4. Give other **passages** regarding the new heaven and new earth. Give possible explanations of its meaning.

5. What did John see next? List other **passages** regarding the symbolic significance of Jerusalem.

6. What is the significance of a bride prepared for her husband? Give other **b/c/v**.

7. **Special Assignment:** Be prepared to take a stand regarding what the New Jerusalem represents. As we study, list evidence for your view.

8. What is the significance of God’s tabernacle being with men and God will be their God, etc. (v3)? (Think: What does this show about when/where these things occur?)

9. What blessings will the people receive (v4)? Explain the significance of these points.

10. What was the cause of the problems that are removed according to v4? What is the relationship of v4 to the overall theme of Revelation?

11. What has God done according to v5? How does this relate to v4?
12. What assurances are given that all this will really happen?
13. What did Jesus promise to give to the thirsty? Give other **b/c/v** and explain.
14. Who will receive these blessings? What will be their relationship to God?
15. Who will **not** receive these blessings? What will they receive instead? Where else have we read of this destiny?
16. List the sins of v8, **define** each, and list other **passages** regarding each.
17. Who then spoke, and what did he show John? Where else is this mentioned?
18. Where did he carry John, and what did he show him?
19. What did the city have (v11)? Explain.
20. How is the light there described? Explain.

21. How are the city wall and gates described? What purpose would a wall serve, and what did this wall symbolize? (Think: How are the gates named? What is the meaning?)
22. What directions do the gates face? Explain.
23. How is the foundation described? What names do they wear? Explain.
24. What did the angel have, and what was he to do with it (v15)? Where else have we read of something similar? (Think: Why use a gold reed?)
25. What are the dimensions of the city? Explain how large this would be. What is the point?
26. What are the dimensions of the wall? Meaning?
27. What substances were used to make the wall and city? Give other *passages* and explain.
28. How were the wall foundations decorated? Meaning?
29. What were the gates made of? How is the street described? Meaning?
30. What temple does the city have? How does this differ from Old Testament Jerusalem? Meaning?
31. How will the New Jerusalem **not** be lighted? How will it be lighted? Explain.

32. Who will benefit from this light? Explain the significance of the glory and honor of kings being brought there.

33. When will the gates be shut? Explain the significance.

34. What cannot enter the city? Give other *passages*. Explain.

35. Who can enter the city? Where else have we read of this Book?

Assignments on Revelation 22

Please read Revelation 22 and answer the following questions.

1. What came from God's throne? Give other *passages* and explain water of life.
2. What grows along the river? Give other *b/c/v*.
3. Describe its fruit and leaves. Explain its significance. (Think: How can it bear twelve fruits?)
4. What will not be there (v3)? Explain.
5. What will be there? What relationship will people have with God? Give other *b/c/v*.
6. Explain the significance of God's name on the forehead. Give other *b/c/v*.
7. Why is no night there? Explain. (Think: Compare v5 to 20:4-6. Explain the difference in the length of time people reign.)
8. What assurance is given in v6? How was the message revealed?
9. When were these things to take place? Give similar *b/c/v*.
10. What did Jesus say He would do, and when? Give other *b/c/v*. (Think: What coming does this refer to? Proof?)
11. What blessing (beatitude) is expressed in v7? (Think: Was the book meant to be authoritative?)

12. What mistake did John repeat? Where else had he done it? What should we learn?

13. What was John not to do in v10? List other **passages** regarding sealing a book. Explain the lesson.

14. What does v11 grant people power to do? Note Ezek. 3:27. Does this mean these practices are acceptable to God? Proof?

15. Explain the meaning of v11. What lesson would this give us for our teaching work?

16. What promise is repeated in v12? Where else is it stated? What does He promise to do?

17. How does the speaker describe himself in v13? Where else are such terms used?

18. What is the significance of the terms in v13? Who is speaking here? Proof? What does this teach us about the speaker?

19. Who may enter this city? What privilege will they have there, and where else have we read of this?

20 Case Study: Many groups deny obedience is necessary to receive eternal life. How would you respond?

21. Who will be outside the city? Where else have we read a similar statement?

22. What is the meaning of “dogs”? Why would anyone “love” or practice a lie?

23. Who revealed this message? How does He describe Himself in v16? Explain the expressions and give other *passages*.

24. What invitation is offered in v17? Where else have we read of water of life?

25. Who extends this invitation? Explain who this is. (Think: How do they extend this invitation?)

26. Who may answer the invitation? What does this teach regarding free moral agency?

27. What warning is given in vv 18,19? Where else are such warnings found? (Think: Does this principle apply only to the book of Revelation or to the whole Bible? Proof?)

28. **Special Assignment:** Give some examples of how people may violate the principle of vv 18,19.

29. What promise does Jesus give to close the book? Give other *b/c/v*. (Think: What coming is here referred to?)

30. How did John end the book?

Special Assignment: Be prepared to summarize the lessons you have learned from our study of Revelation.

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