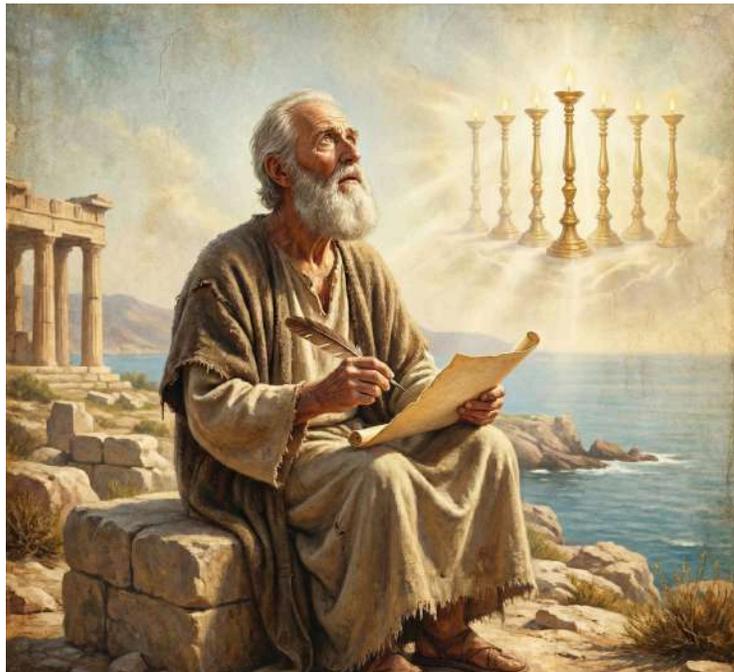




Revelation Bible Study for Beginners

Module 1 of 24 : Introduction



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Introduction to the Book of Revelation

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Why Revelation Matters

The book of Revelation brings the entire Bible together and shows how God brings mankind and all creation back to a close relationship with Him. It is Jesus revealing important truths to His church. Yet at times, it can feel like we are not really listening.

Many believers think Revelation is too difficult to understand, so they leave it to experts to explain. But would you ever ask someone else to chew your food for you? Others avoid it because it seems strange or confusing. Some stay away because Revelation often causes disagreement among Christians who interpret it differently.

For these reasons, it becomes easy to ignore this book. But when we do, we are choosing to ignore part of God's inspired Word.

Why Many Christians Avoid Revelation

Some people avoid Revelation because they believe only experts can understand it. That raises an important question: who decides who an expert is?

Revelation does not begin with a warning that says, "Stop here if you don't have a Bible degree." In fact, it comes with a guaranteed blessing to everyone who reads it (Revelation 1:3).

Everyone starts as a beginner. No one becomes knowledgeable without first taking that initial step.

If you convince yourself that you must fully understand Revelation before reading it, you will never begin. In doing so, you will miss something truly remarkable—as well as your blessing.

A God Who Is Bigger Than Our Understanding

Maybe we avoid this book because it feels strange. But do we really want to worship a God we have completely figured out?

You cannot be amazed by something you fully understand. True humility means admitting that we will never know everything about Jesus. Instead of being frustrated by that truth, we should praise God for His greatness and mystery.

When you look closely, Revelation is not as strange as it first appears. In fact, it connects beautifully and consistently with the rest of Scripture.

Disagreements Don't Have to Stop Us

Others stay away from Revelation because it often leads to arguments. But it does not have to be that way.

This study does not claim to have all the answers. As Christians, we need greater humility when discussing theology. Humility does not say, "I'm right, and everyone else is wrong." It says, "Let's keep learning about God together."

My goal is to help us move past fear and pride so that we can learn. We can listen to those who know more than we do, but that should never stop us from studying on our own. Even if we do not understand everything in Revelation, that should not keep us from understanding something.

A Word of Warning

The Revelation of Jesus Christ might challenge some of your existing beliefs. You may be forced to choose between the comfortable "what I've always thought" and the challenging reality of what the Word of God actually says.

Are you ready for that? Will you hold tightly to an existing viewpoint, or allow the Word of God to challenge it?

A Personal Disclaimer

I am not an expert with advanced biblical degrees. I am learning as I go, and you are welcome to come along on the journey.

If you understand every mystery of Revelation by the end of this study, it will not be because you learned it from me. I do not have that breadth of knowledge to give. However, it is very possible that you will know more about Revelation than you do now, and that alone makes the journey worthwhile.

Why Revelation Still Matters Today

Many Christians have avoided Revelation for far too long. Whether it seems too complex or too controversial, it is still the Word of God.

Let's get started!

Background of the Book of Revelation

Author

Likely, but not definitively, the Apostle John

Date Written

Around the mid-90s A.D.

Location

The island of Patmos in the Mediterranean Sea, where John was exiled

Audience

Seven churches in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). Although Revelation was written specifically to these churches, it also applies to believers today. In the same way we benefit from Paul's letter to the Romans, we can benefit from the letters to the seven churches.

What Type of Book Is Revelation?

1. Apocalyptic Literature

Revelation uses symbolism to reveal the spiritual forces working behind the physical world. This style of writing is also found in Ezekiel, Daniel, and Zechariah.

In apocalyptic literature, God gives a prophet direct access to spiritual realities so humans can better understand His nature. Since some truths are too complex to explain plainly, God compares what we do not understand to things we do understand. Jesus did this in the gospels when he told the disciples parables.

Think of it like a brilliant scientist explaining complex ideas to a child. Instead of using technical language, they might say, “It’s kind of like this...”

2. Revelation Is Also Prophetic Literature

This includes both foretelling and forth-telling.

- **Foretelling:** Revealing future events
- **Forth-telling:** Revealing God’s evaluation of what is currently happening—what He encourages and what He calls us to change

Expectations

Revelation is filled with references to other Scriptures from both the Old and New Testaments. These passages are the “Roots” of Revelation. That is why I named the series Roots of Revelation. While this study focuses on Revelation itself, we will also spend time examining these root Scriptures to better understand its message.

Main Theme

God reveals Jesus Christ as the victorious Lord of history, calling His people to faithfulness, endurance, and hope as He brings His plan to completion.

The book of Revelation is not meant to confuse or frighten believers. It is not a secret code book meant only to predict future events. It was given to reveal Jesus to us. It shows that God is in control, warns the world of coming judgment, and encourages believers to remain faithful.

Revelation shows us the ongoing battle between good and evil and the final victory of Christ.

1. The Purpose of Revelation: Revealing the Nature of Jesus and the Plan of God

Revelation 1:1-3

Summary

Revelation begins by explaining its purpose. God gave this message to Jesus, who shared it with His servants. The book reveals what must soon take place and promises a blessing to those who read, hear, and obey it.

Revelation is meant to strengthen our faith and resolve, not create fear. It shows that history is moving forward according to God's plan.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why was Revelation given to God's people?

Answer verses:

- Daniel 2:28 - God reveals what will happen in the future.
- Amos 3:7 - God shares His plans with His servants.
- John 16:13 - The Spirit guides believers into truth.

2. Why is there a blessing for reading and obeying Revelation?

Answer verses:

- Joshua 1:8 - Obeying God's Word leads to blessing.
- Psalm 1:1-3 - Those who delight in God's Word are blessed.
- Luke 11:28 - Blessed are those who hear and keep God's Word.

3. What does this teach about how Revelation should be approached?

Answer verses:

- Proverbs 2:1-5 - Seek understanding with humility.
 - James 1:22 - Be doers of the Word, not hearers only.
 - Matthew 7:24 - Wisdom comes from obeying God's teaching.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does knowing Revelation is meant to bless you change your attitude toward it?
 - What fears or misunderstandings about Revelation do you bring to this study?
 - How can obedience shape how you read Scripture?
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2. The Central Focus of Revelation: Jesus Christ as Lord

Revelation 1:4-8

Summary

Revelation is centered on **Jesus Christ**. It is the most complete picture of Him in the Bible. This is because the picture is pieced together from all of the rest of the Bible, plus new divine revelations not seen previously. He is the faithful witness, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Jesus loves His people, freed them from sin by His blood, and made them part of God's kingdom. This book consistently points to Jesus as both Savior and King.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why is Jesus the main focus of Revelation?

Answer verses:

- Colossians 1:16- 20 - Jesus is supreme over all creation.
- Hebrews 1:1-3 - God speaks to us through His Son.
- John 5:39 - Scripture points to Jesus.

2. What does it mean that Jesus is “ruler of the kings of the earth”?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 2:1-6 - God establishes His King over all nations.

- Daniel 7:13-14 - The Son of Man receives an eternal kingdom.
- Matthew 28:18 - All authority belongs to Jesus.

3. How does Revelation present Jesus differently from the Gospels?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 9:6-7 - The Messiah rules forever.
 - Philippians 2:9-11 - Jesus is exalted above every name.
 - Revelation 19:16 - Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords.
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Reflection & Journaling

- Do you usually think of Jesus as Savior, King, or both?
 - Why is it important to see Jesus as ruler over history?
 - How does Christ's authority affect your trust in the future?
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3. The Message of Revelation: Conflict, Endurance, and Hope

Revelation 1:9-20

Summary

Revelation was written during a time of persecution. John himself was suffering for his faith. The book shows that believers will face opposition, deception, and hardship. However, God is present with His people. Jesus stands among the churches, fully aware of their struggles. Revelation calls believers to endure, remain faithful, and live with confidence in Christ's final victory.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why is suffering an important background for Revelation?

Answer verses:

- John 16:33 - Jesus promises trouble but also victory.
- 2 Timothy 3:12 - All who follow Christ face persecution.
- 1 Peter 4:12-13 - Suffering tests faith and produces joy.

2. What does Revelation teach about spiritual conflict?

Answer verses:

- Ephesians 6:12 - Our struggle is against spiritual forces.
- Daniel 10:12-13 - Spiritual battles affect earthly events.
- 1 John 4:4 - God's Spirit is greater than the enemy.

3. How does Revelation offer hope instead of fear?

Answer verses:

- Romans 8:18 - Present suffering cannot compare to future glory.
 - John 14:1-3 - Jesus prepares a place for His people.
 - Revelation 21:4 - God will remove sorrow, pain, and death.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does knowing Revelation was written during persecution change how you read it?
 - What struggles do we have today that this book addresses?
 - How does God's promise of victory encourage perseverance?
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Final Thought

The book of Revelation is a message of hope, truth, and victory. It reveals Jesus Christ as the Lord of history, calls believers to faithful endurance, and assures us that evil will not win.

This introduction prepares us to see Revelation not as a code book, a puzzle, or something to fear. It is a promise from Jesus that if we endure in trust and obedience to Him, He will reward us.

The book of Revelation will unfold more clearly as we study each chapter. However, our goal is not to master its concepts. Instead, we must allow the Word of God to master us. We are not seeking to learn the future, but to know more about Jesus, who holds the future in His mighty hand.



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Revelation Chapter 1 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 1

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Main Theme

Jesus Christ is revealed as the risen, glorified, and sovereign Lord who rules over history and His church.

Revelation begins by showing that this book is not mainly about future events, but about **Jesus Himself**. God gives this revelation to show His servants what must soon take place. John sees Jesus in glory, alive forever, and in full authority. This chapter reminds believers that Christ is present, powerful, and in control.

1. The Purpose and Blessing of the Revelation

Revelation 1:1-8

Summary

The book of Revelation is given by God through Jesus Christ to show His servants what must soon happen. It is meant to be read, heard, and obeyed. A blessing is promised to those who read it and take it seriously. Jesus is described as the faithful witness, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. God declares Himself as the **Alpha and the Omega**, the beginning and the end.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why was the book of Revelation given to God's people?

Answer verses:

- Daniel 2:28 - God reveals what will happen in the future.
- Amos 3:7 - God reveals His plans to His servants.
- John 16:13 - The Spirit guides believers into truth.

2. Why is there a blessing for reading and obeying this book?

Answer verses:

- Joshua 1:8 - Blessing comes from obeying God's Word.
- Psalm 1:1-3 - Those who delight in God's Word are blessed.
- Luke 11:28 - Blessed are those who hear and keep God's Word.

3. What does it mean that God is the Alpha and the Omega?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 1:1-3 & 26- God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit were all involved in creation.
 - John 1:1-5: Jesus is God the Son and was with God the Father at creation.
 - Isaiah 44:6 - The Lord is the first and the last.
 - Isaiah 48:12-13 - God declares His eternal nature.
 - Revelation 1:8 & 21:6 - God the Father is the beginning and the end of history.
 - Revelation 2:8 & 22:13 - Jesus is also the beginning and the end of history.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does knowing this book is a blessing change how you approach it?
 - What does it mean to you that God is in control of history?
 - How can you be more intentional about hearing and obeying God's Word?
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2. Christ Among the Churches

Revelation 1:9-11

Summary

John explains that he is writing from the island of Patmos, where he was exiled because of his faith. This shows that Revelation was written during suffering and that Jesus cares deeply about His churches.

On the Lord's Day, he hears a loud voice telling him to write what he sees and send it to seven churches. There were more than 7 churches in existence at this time. The number 7 often symbolizes completeness. It is likely that this means it is to be given to all churches everywhere both in the first century and also in the future.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why was John on the island of Patmos?

Answer verses:

- Acts 14:22 - Believers must endure hardship.
- 2 Timothy 3:12 - Those who follow Christ will face persecution.
- 1 Peter 4:16 - Suffering for Christ brings honor to God.

2. Why are the messages sent to churches?

Answer verses:

- 1 Corinthians 1:2 - God speaks to churches through His servants.
- Colossians 4:16 - Letters were meant to be shared among churches.
- Revelation 2-3 - Jesus addresses the needs of each church.

3. What does this show about Jesus' concern for His people?

Answer verses:

- Matthew 18:20 - Jesus is present where believers gather.
 - John 10:14 - Jesus knows His people.
 - Hebrews 13:5 - God promises never to leave His people.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does John's faithfulness during suffering encourage you?
 - What challenges do churches face today that need Christ's guidance?
 - How can you remain faithful when following Christ is difficult?
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3. The Vision of the Risen Christ

Revelation 1:12-20

Summary

John turns and sees the glorified Jesus standing among seven golden lampstands. Jesus is dressed in a robe, with white hair, blazing eyes, feet like glowing bronze, and a voice like rushing waters. He holds seven stars and speaks with authority. Jesus tells John not to be

afraid. He said that He is alive forever and holds the keys to death and Hades. The lampstands represent the churches, and the stars represent their angels or messengers.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What do the details of Jesus' appearance reveal about Him?

Answer verses:

- Daniel 7:9-14 - A glorious vision of the Son of Man.
- Matthew 17:2 - Jesus shines with glory at the transfiguration.
- Hebrews 1:3 - Jesus is the radiance of the glory of God.

2. Why does Jesus tell John not to be afraid?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 41:10 - God tells His people not to fear.
- Matthew 28:5-6 - Fear is replaced with hope because Jesus is alive.
- John 14:19 - Jesus lives forever.

3. What does it mean that Jesus holds the keys of death and Hades?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 22:22 - Authority is shown by holding keys.
 - John 11:25 - Jesus is the resurrection and the life.
 - Hebrews 2:14-15 - Jesus defeats the power of death.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does this picture of Jesus differ from how people often imagine Him?
 - Why is it comforting to know Jesus holds authority over death?
 - How does this vision strengthen your trust in Christ?
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Final Thought

Revelation 1 sets the foundation for the entire book by revealing **who Jesus is**. He is alive, powerful, and present with His people. He rules over history, cares for His churches, and holds victory over death itself. This chapter calls believers to worship Christ, trust His authority, and follow Him faithfully no matter the circumstances.

Revelation Chapter 2 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 2

Messages from Jesus to the Churches

Main Theme

Jesus knows the spiritual condition of His churches and calls His people to faithfulness, repentance, and endurance.

In Revelation 2, Jesus speaks directly to **four churches** in Asia Minor: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, and Thyatira. Each message shows that Jesus sees the true condition of each church. He encourages believers to **love God and each other, to remain faithful, warns them against sin and false teaching, and promises eternal rewards to those who overcome.**

1. The Church That Lost Its First Love (Ephesus)

Revelation 2:1-7

Summary

Jesus praises the church in Ephesus for its **hard work, patience, and rejection of false teachers**. However, He warns them that they have lost their first love, which was their deep devotion to Him. Jesus calls them to remember, **repent, and return to their earlier love**, or their lampstand (their church) will be removed. A promise is given to those who overcome: access to the tree of life.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does it mean to lose one's "first love"?

Answer verses:

- Deuteronomy 6:4 - Love the LORD with all your heart.
- Jeremiah 2:2 - God remembers Israel's early devotion.
- Matthew 22:37 - Love the Lord with all your heart.

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 – Good works without love are empty.

2. Why is repentance necessary even when good works exist?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 51:10 - A renewed heart is needed.
- Isaiah 29:13 - Worship without heart devotion displeases God.
- Luke 15:17-20 - Returning to God restores relationships.

3. What does the promise of the tree of life represent?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 2:9 - The tree of life in Eden.
 - Proverbs 3:18 - Wisdom as a tree of life.
 - Revelation 22:2 - The tree of life in eternity.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How would you describe your love for Christ today compared to the past?
 - What can cause devotion to fade over time?
 - What steps help you return to a deeper love for Jesus?
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2. The Church That Remained Faithful in Suffering (Smyrna)

Revelation 2:8-11

Summary

Jesus encourages the church in Smyrna, which faces poverty, slander, and **coming persecution**. Though **they appear poor**, **Jesus says they are rich**. He warns of suffering but urges them to **remain faithful**, even to death. Those who **overcome** will receive the **crown of life** and will not be harmed by the second death.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why does Jesus say the suffering church is rich?

Answer verses:

- Matthew 5:10-12 - The persecuted are blessed.
- 2 Corinthians 6:10 - Poor, yet making many rich.
- James 2:5 - God chooses the poor to be rich in faith.

2. Why does God allow His people to face persecution?

Answer verses:

- John 15:18-20 - The world hates believers as it hated Christ.
- 1 Peter 4:12-13 - Trials test faith as we share in Christ's sufferings.
- Romans 8:17 - Suffering with Christ leads to being glorified with Him.

3. What is the "crown of life"?

Answer verses:

- James 1:12 - God rewards those who endure trials.
 - 2 Timothy 4:8 - A crown awaits faithful believers.
 - 1 Peter 5:4 - An unfading crown of glory.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does God measure success differently than the world?
 - How can suffering strengthen faith instead of destroying it?
 - What helps you stay faithful during hard times?
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3. Churches Compromising with False Teaching (Pergamum & Thyatira)

Revelation 2:12-29

Summary

Jesus warns the churches in Pergamum and Thyatira about **compromise**. Pergamum **tolerates false teaching** that leads to sin, while Thyatira **allows a false prophetess to deceive believers**. Jesus calls both churches to **repentance** and promises authority, life, and closeness with Him to those who **overcome** and **remain faithful**.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why is false teaching so dangerous to the church?

Answer verses:

- Galatians 1:6-9 - A false gospel brings judgment.
- 2 Peter 2:1-3 - False teachers secretly destroy faith.
- Matthew 7:15 - False prophets appear harmless but are dangerous.

2. What does compromise with sin lead to spiritually?

Answer verses:

- James 1:14-15 - Sin grows and leads to death.
- Romans 12:2 - Conforming to the world harms faith.
- 1 Corinthians 10:21 - God's people cannot serve both God and evil.

3. What rewards are promised to those who overcome?

Answer verses:

- Daniel 7:27 - God's people share in His kingdom.
- Matthew 25:21 - Faithful servants are rewarded.
- Galatians 6:9 - Don't become weary in doing good. We will reap a harvest if we don't give up.

Reflection & Journaling

- What kinds of compromises challenge believers today?
- How can you guard yourself against false teaching?
- What does remaining faithful look like in everyday life?

Final Thought

Revelation 2 shows that Jesus deeply cares about the spiritual health of His churches. He encourages faithfulness, corrects sin, and offers rich promises to those who overcome. This chapter reminds believers that **Jesus sees all, calls for repentance, and rewards endurance**. Following Christ means loving Him deeply, standing firm in truth, and remaining faithful no matter the cost.

Revelation Chapter 3 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 3

Jesus' Messages to the Last Three Churches

Main Theme

Jesus calls His churches to wake up, remain faithful, and rely fully on Him rather than comfort or reputation.

In Revelation 3, Jesus speaks to **three churches**: Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. These messages show that outward appearance does not always match spiritual reality. **Jesus warns against spiritual deadness and self-sufficiency, encourages perseverance, and promises eternal rewards to those who overcome.**

1. The Church That Was Spiritually Dead (Sardis)

Revelation 3:1-6

Summary

Jesus tells the church in Sardis that they have a reputation for being alive, but they are actually **spiritually dead**. Their actions are incomplete before God. Jesus calls them to **wake up, strengthen what remains, remember His Word, and repent**. A few believers remain faithful, and they are promised white garments and eternal life.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does it mean to be spiritually dead while appearing alive?

Answer verses:

- Matthew 23:27 - Looking clean outside but being dead inside.
- 2 Timothy 3:5 - Having a form of godliness but denying its power.
- Isaiah 29:13 - Honoring God with words but not with the heart.

2. Why does Jesus call the church to “wake up”?

Answer verses:

- Romans 13:11 - It is time to wake up from spiritual sleep.
- Ephesians 5:14 - Wake up, and Christ will shine on you.
- Matthew 24:42 - Stay awake and be ready.

3. What do the white garments represent?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 61:10 - Garments of salvation and righteousness.
 - Revelation 7:14 - Robes washed in the blood of the Lamb.
 - Revelation 19:8 - Fine linen represents righteous acts.
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Reflection & Journaling

- Are there areas where faith looks alive on the outside but weak inside?
 - What helps you stay spiritually alert?
 - How can repentance renew your spiritual life?
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2. The Church That Remained Faithful (Philadelphia)

Revelation 3:7-13

Summary

Jesus praises the church in Philadelphia for keeping His Word and not denying His name, even though they have little strength. Jesus places before them an **open door** that no one can shut. He promises protection, honor, and a permanent place in God’s kingdom for those who remain faithful.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does the “open door” represent?

Answer verses:

- 1 Corinthians 16:9 - An open door for ministry.
- Colossians 4:3 - God opens doors for sharing the gospel.
- Acts 14:27 - God opens doors of faith.

2. Why does Jesus value faithfulness more than strength?

Answer verses:

- Zechariah 4:6 - Victory comes by God's Spirit, not power.
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 - God's power works best in weakness.
- Matthew 25:21 - Faithfulness is rewarded.

3. What does it mean to become a pillar in God's temple?

Answer verses:

- 1 Kings 7:21 - Pillars represent strength and permanence.
 - Galatians 2:9 - Leaders described as pillars of the church.
 - Revelation 21:22 - The Holy City won't have a temple because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb **ARE** its temple. God Himself dwells with His people forever. We will be permanently in their presence forever!
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Reflection & Journaling

- How do you respond when you feel weak in faith?
 - What doors might God be opening in your life right now?
 - How does God's promise of permanence encourage you?
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3. The Lukewarm Church (Laodicea)

Revelation 3:14-22

Summary

Jesus strongly rebukes the church in Laodicea for being **lukewarm**. It was neither hot nor cold. They believe they are rich and self-sufficient, but Jesus says they are spiritually poor, blind, and naked. Jesus calls them to repent and invites them to fellowship with Him. Those who overcome will sit with Him on His throne.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does it mean to be lukewarm in faith?

Answer verses:

- Matthew 6:24 - You cannot serve two masters.
- Romans 12:11 - Be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.
- James 1:8 - A double-minded person is unstable.

2. Why is self-reliance spiritually dangerous?

Answer verses:

- Proverbs 16:18 - Pride leads to destruction.
- Jeremiah 9:23-24 - Do not boast in wealth or strength.
- John 15:5 - Apart from Christ, we can do nothing.

3. What does Jesus mean when He says He stands at the door and knocks?

Answer verses:

- Luke 12:35-36 - Be ready to open the door for the Master.
 - Song of Songs 5:2 - A beloved knocking at the door.
 - John 14:23 - Jesus comes to live with those who love Him.
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Reflection & Journaling

- What signs of lukewarm faith should believers watch for?
 - How can repentance restore closeness with Christ?
 - What does true fellowship with Jesus look like in daily life?
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Final Thought

Revelation 3 shows that Jesus sees beyond appearances. **He calls the spiritually asleep to wake up, encourages the faithful to keep going, and urges the comfortable to repent.** This chapter reminds believers that **faithfulness matters, dependence on Christ is essential, and eternal rewards await those who overcome.**

Revelation Chapter 4 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 4

The Throne of God in Heaven

Main Theme

God is revealed as the holy, sovereign King who rules over all creation and is worthy of eternal worship.

Revelation 4 shifts the focus from earth to heaven with the phrase “after this” in 4:1. John is invited into God’s throne room, where he sees God seated on the throne, surrounded by heavenly beings who worship Him day and night. This chapter shows that before judgment, suffering, or victory, **God is already reigning**, and all of creation responds with worship.

1. The Throne in Heaven: God’s Absolute Authority

Revelation 4:1-3

Summary

John sees an open door in heaven and is invited to “come up.” He immediately sees a **throne** with God seated on it. God’s appearance shines with brilliant colors like precious stones, showing glory and majesty. A rainbow surrounds the throne, reminding us of God’s glory, mercy, and faithfulness. This scene shows that God is in control before anything else happens in Revelation.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. How is God’s throne described in Scripture?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 47:8 – God reigns over the nations from His throne.
- Isaiah 6:1 – The Lord is seated on a high and exalted throne.
- Daniel 7:9 – God’s throne represents judgment and authority.

- Ezekiel 1:26-28- The glory of God on His throne is amazing.

2. Why is the throne shown before future events are revealed?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 103:19 - God has established His throne over all.
- Proverbs 16:9 - God directs every step.
- Romans 8:28 - God works all things for His purpose.
- Ephesians 1:11- God works all things according to His will.
- Isaiah 45:7-9- God makes both well-being and calamity. He is the LORD, who **does all these things**.

3. Where else in scripture do we find a rainbow closely related to or around God?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 9:13-16 - The rainbow as a sign of God's covenant mercy. He left Noah and his family as a remnant that could carry on humanity. He promised not to destroy the Earth again by water.
- 2 Peter 3:10- As a follow up to Genesis 9:13-16, there will be a coming day of the Lord in which heavenly bodies will be burned up rather than destroyed by water. However, Like with Noah, who God saved by the Ark, we have been given a way to be saved through Christ.
- Ezekiel 1:28 - A rainbow is the expression of God's glory.

Reflection & Journaling

- How does knowing God is already on the throne bring peace?
- When life feels uncertain, how can this vision help you trust God?
- What does God's authority mean for your daily decisions?

2. The Elders and Living Creatures: Continuous Worship

Revelation 4:4-8

Summary

Around God's throne are **twenty-four elders** seated on thrones, wearing white robes and crowns. There are also **four living creatures**, full of eyes and with different appearances. They

never stop saying, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.” This scene shows that heaven is filled with constant worship, recognizing God’s holiness and eternal nature.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. The twenty-four elders seem mysterious. What are possibilities about who they are?

Answer verses:

- 1 Chronicles 24:4-19 - Priestly divisions represented leadership.
- Daniel 7:9-10 - Multiple lesser thrones were placed in God’s presence for His heavenly court.
- Matthew 19:28 - God’s people given authority in His kingdom.
- Revelation 5:9-10 - The redeemed reign and worship God.
- Revelation 21:12-14 - The 12 gates and 12 foundations of the Holy City show unity of God’s people from the Old Covenant and New Covenant. Are the 24 Elders 12 the heads of 12 tribes and the 12 apostles?
- Sometimes it is okay to admit we aren’t sure.

2. Who are the living creatures who continually proclaim God’s holiness?

Answer verses:

- Exodus 15:11 - No one is holy like the Lord.
- Isaiah 6:1-4 - God is the King, the LORD of hosts. His throne is high and lifted up. Seraphim with six wings cry “Holy, holy, holy.”
- Psalm 99:1-3 - God reigns. He sits enthroned upon the cherubim. The earth quakes before Him. He is great and exalted. His name is great and holy.
- Ezekiel 1:4 and also all of chapter 10- Living Creatures and cherubim surround the glory of God.
- Revelation 4:8-10- seem to be hybrids of the cherubim and seraphim.
- Again, it’s okay to be humble before God and admit when we don’t fully understand. We wouldn’t want to worship a God we could completely understand. No matter how much we study some things will remain mysterious about Him. That’s a good thing because it shows how amazing He is.

3. What does God’s holiness mean for believers today?

Answer verses:

- 1 Peter 1:15-16 - Be holy because God is holy.
 - Hebrews 12:14 - Holiness is essential to see the Lord.
 - Romans 12:1 - Offer your life as worship to God.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does heaven's worship compare to your worship of God?
 - What does God's holiness reveal about His character?
 - How can worship become a daily part of your life?
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3. God Worthy of All Worship: Creator of Everything

Revelation 4:9-11

Summary

Whenever the living creatures worship God, the elders fall down and lay their crowns before the throne. They declare that God is worthy of glory, honor, and power because He created all things. This shows that worship is the correct response to who God is and what He has done. Everything exists because of God's will.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why do the elders lay their crowns before God?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 115:1 - Glory belongs to God alone.
- 1 Corinthians 4:7 - Everything we have comes from God.
- Isaiah 42:8 - God does not share His glory.

2. Why is God worthy of worship as Creator?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 24:1 -The earth belongs to the Lord.
- Colossians 1:16 - All things were created through Christ.
- Nehemiah 9:6 - God gives life to everything.

3. How does creation point people to worship God?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 19:1 - Creation declares God's glory.
- Romans 1:20 - God's power is seen in what He made.

- Job 38:4-7 - Creation reveals God's wisdom.
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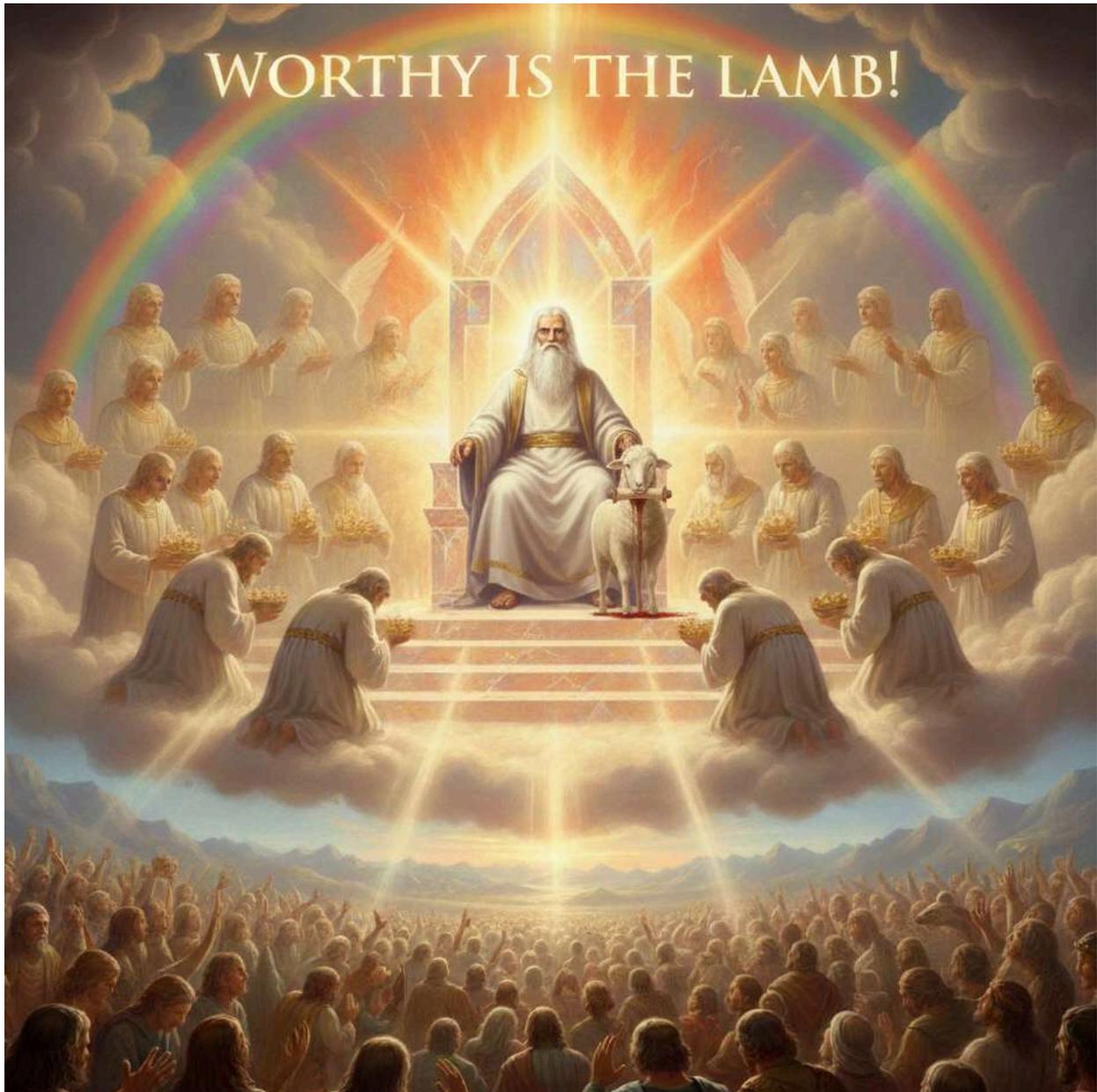
Reflection & Journaling

- What “crowns” (achievements, abilities, pride) can you lay before God?
 - How does seeing God as Creator affect your view of life?
 - In what ways can your life give glory to God?
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Final Thought

Revelation 4 lifts our eyes to heaven and reminds us that **God is already reigning**. Before judgment begins, before history unfolds, God is on the throne. He always was. He is now. He always will be. He is holy, powerful, and worthy of all worship. This chapter calls believers to trust God's sovereignty, respond with worship, and live each day for His glory.

Revelation Chapter 5 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 5

The Lamb Who Is Worthy

Main Theme

Jesus Christ alone is worthy to carry out God's plan because He was slain and redeemed people for God.

Revelation 5 continues the scene in heaven. God holds a scroll that represents His plan for judgment and salvation, but no one is found worthy to open it-until Jesus appears as the Lamb. This chapter shows that **Jesus is central to God's plan**, and all of heaven worships Him for His sacrifice and authority.

1. The Sealed Scroll: God's Plan Waiting to Be Revealed

Revelation 5:1-4

Summary

John sees a scroll in God's right hand, sealed with seven seals. The scroll represents God's purposes for the future. A mighty angel asks who is worthy to open it, but no one in heaven or on earth is able. John weeps because it seems God's plan cannot move forward. This moment shows the seriousness of the problem and humanity's inability to save itself.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does the scroll represent in Scripture?

Answer verses:

- Daniel 12:4 - God's plan is sealed until the right time.
- Ezekiel 2:9-10 - A scroll contains God's words of judgment and hope.
- Isaiah 46:10 - God declares the end from the beginning.

2. Why is no human or heavenly being found worthy to open the scroll?

Answer verses:

- Romans 3:10-12 - No one is righteous on their own.
- Psalm 49:7-8 - No one can redeem another person.
- Ecclesiastes 7:20 - Everyone sins and falls short.
- Hebrews 1:1-4 - Jesus is superior to angels

3. Why does John weep so deeply when it seemed that no one could open the scroll and carry out God's plan?

Answer verses:

- Lamentations 3:31-33 - God's justice being carried out is crucial.
 - Habakkuk 1:2 - God's people long for His plan to move forward.
 - Romans 8:22-23 - Creation waits for God's redemption.
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Reflection & Journaling

- Why is it important that God's plan for judgement against mankind and heavenly beings is carried out by the only person who has ever lived a perfect life who was also God the Son?
 - Would it be fair for our judge to be God the Father or God the Holy Spirit, neither of which had ever experienced temptations and trials that come to human beings?
 - Would it be right for mankind to be judged by someone who was as flawed as they were?
 - Can you see why the only choice for justice to be done would be if mankind was judged by a man who had lived a life with the same or more difficult challenges that we have, yet did it perfectly?
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2. The Lion and the Lamb: Jesus Alone Is Worthy

Revelation 5:5-7

Summary

One of the elders tells John to stop crying because the **Lion of Judah** has overcome. However, instead of a Lion, John sees a **Lamb that looks slain**, standing at the center of the throne.

Jesus takes the scroll from God's hand. This shows that Jesus conquers not through force, but through sacrifice. His death and resurrection make Him worthy to carry out God's plan.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why is Jesus called both a Lion and a Lamb?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 49:9-10 - The Messiah comes from Judah like a lion.
- Isaiah 53:7 - The suffering servant is led like a lamb.
- John 1:29 - Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away sin.

2. What does the Lamb's sacrifice accomplish?

Answer verses:

- Hebrews 9:12 - Jesus secures eternal redemption.
- 1 Peter 1:18-19 - We are redeemed by Christ's blood.
- Romans 5:8-9 - Christ dies for sinners and saves them from wrath.

3. Why is Jesus worthy to take the scroll?

Answer verses:

- Philippians 2:8-11 - Jesus is exalted because of His obedience.
 - John 17:2 - God gives Jesus authority over all people.
 - Matthew 28:18 - All authority belongs to Christ.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does Jesus' sacrifice shape your understanding of true power?
 - Why is humility central to God's plan?
 - How does knowing Christ is worthy build confidence in the future?
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3. The Worship of Heaven: Praise to the Lamb

Revelation 5:8-14

Summary

When Jesus takes the scroll, all of heaven falls down in worship. They sing a new song, praising the Lamb for redeeming people from every nation. The 24 elders, the living creatures, the angels, and every creature in heaven and earth join in, declaring that Jesus is worthy of power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and praise. This scene shows that **Jesus receives the same worship as God**, proving His divine authority. Just as they worshipped God the Father in chapter 4 they now worship God the Son.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Are there other scriptures that prophesy that in heaven there would be a “new song”?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 96:1-2 - A new song celebrates God’s saving work.
- Isaiah 42:10 - Praise rises because of redemption.
- Revelation 14:3 - The redeemed sing a new song.

2. What does redeeming people from every nation show about God’s plan?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 12:3 - All nations are blessed through God’s promise.
- Matthew 28:19 - The gospel is for all nations.
- Galatians 3:28 - All believers are one in Christ.

3. Why is Jesus worshiped alongside God the Father?

Answer verses:

- John 5:23 - Honor the Son just as the Father is honored.
 - Colossians 1:15-20 - Christ is supreme over all creation.
 - Hebrews 1:6 - Angels worship the Son.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does heaven’s worship shape how you view Jesus?
 - What does it mean to worship Christ in daily life?
 - How can your life reflect gratitude for redemption?
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Final Thought

Revelation 5 shows that **Jesus Christ is the center of God's plan and heaven's worship**. When no one else is worthy, Jesus steps forward as the Lamb who was slain. Because of His sacrifice, God's plan moves forward, and all creation responds in praise. This chapter calls believers to trust Christ fully, worship Him sincerely, and live with confidence, because the future is in the hands of the Lamb.

Revelation Chapter 6 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 6

The Opening of the Seven Seals

Main Theme

Jesus begins to carry out God's judgment on the world, showing that history moves forward under His authority.

In Revelation 6, the Lamb opens the first six seals of the scroll. As each seal is opened, events unfold on the earth: conquest, war, famine, death, persecution, and great fear. This chapter teaches that **Jesus is in control of judgment**, human suffering is not random, and God is moving history toward justice and restoration.

1. The First Four Seals: The Four Horsemen

Revelation 6:1-8

Summary

As Jesus opens the first four seals, four horsemen ride out. They represent **conquest, war, famine, and death**. These events bring widespread suffering to the earth. Even though they are frightening, they only act when the Lamb opens the seals, showing that these judgments are under Christ's authority.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What do the four horsemen represent?

Answer verses:

- Matthew 24:6-7 – Wars, famine, and trouble before the end.
- Ezekiel 14:21 - God's four severe judgments: sword, famine, plague, and wild beasts.
- Zechariah 6:1-5 - Horses sent out to patrol the earth. They are executing judgement on the enemies of God. Only then can peace be achieved for Israel.

2. Why does Jesus allow suffering to come as the breaking of the seals reveals judgements contained in the scroll?

Answer verses:

- Romans 8:20-22 – Creation suffers because of sin.
- Isaiah 24:5-6 - The earth suffers because people break God's laws.
- Hebrews 12:6 - God disciplines to correct and awaken people. The judgements get tougher from the seals (Chapter 6) to the trumpets (Chapter 8) to the bowls of wrath (Chapter 16). Could this be because God is trying to push them to repent of their sins and turn back to Him? However, there will come a time when this is no longer possible (maybe 16:16?).

3. How does this section show that Jesus is in control?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 46:10 - God is exalted over the nations.
 - Daniel 2:21 - God controls times and seasons.
 - Matthew 28:18 - All authority belongs to Jesus.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How do these seals change how you view suffering in the world? Could it be a way to draw some to repentance while bringing judgement on those who refuse to do so?
 - Why is it important to know that Jesus is in control, even in chaos?
 - How should believers respond when they see hardship around them?
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2. The Fifth Seal: The Cry of the Martyrs

Revelation 6:9-11

Summary

When the fifth seal is opened, John sees the souls of believers who were killed for their faith. They cry out to God, asking when justice will come. God tells them to wait a little longer until His plan is complete. They are given white robes, showing honor and victory. This shows that God sees suffering believers and promises justice.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why are the martyrs crying out for justice?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 94:1-3 - God is the Judge who brings justice.
- Luke 18:7-8 - God will bring justice for His people.
- Genesis 4:10 - Innocent blood cries out to God.

2. What do the white robes represent?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 61:10 - Garments of salvation and righteousness.
- Revelation 7:14 - Robes washed in the blood of the Lamb.
- Revelation 19:8 - Fine linen represents righteous deeds.

3. Why does God ask them to wait?

Answer verses:

- Habakkuk 2:3 - God's plan will come at the right time.
- 2 Peter 3:9 - God is patient, not wanting any to perish.
- Ecclesiastes 3:11 - God makes everything beautiful in its time.

4. Does Prayer matter?

- Revelation 6:9-11- Martyrs pray for justice
- Revelation 8:3-5 - The prayers of the martyrs are the starting point for the trumpets. God gives the martyrs justice in an extremely powerful way.

Reflection & Journaling

- How does this passage comfort believers who suffer for their faith?
- What does it teach about God's timing?
- How can you trust God when justice seems delayed?

3. The Sixth Seal: The Fear of God's Judgment

Revelation 6:12-17

Summary

When the sixth seal is opened, there is a great earthquake, the sky darkens, and those who reject the Lamb will panic. Kings, rich and poor alike, hide and call for the mountains to fall on them. They recognize that the **day of God's wrath** has come and realize they cannot stand before Him. This shows that God's judgment is unavoidable and that human power cannot protect anyone from Him. However, in the next chapter we will see that those who worship God and the Lamb will stand before Him and rejoice!

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why does nature react so strongly during this judgment?

Answer verses:

- Joel 2:10-11 - The earth trembles at the day of the Lord.
- Haggai 2:6 - God shakes heaven and earth.
- Psalm 97:4-5 - Mountains melt before the Lord.

2. Why do all people react the same way, regardless of status?

Answer verses:

- Romans 14:11 - Every knee will bow before God.
- Proverbs 11:4 - Wealth does not help on the day of wrath.
- Isaiah 2:10-12 - Human pride is humbled before the Lord.

3. What does this scene teach about the “wrath of the Lamb”?

Answer verses:

- John 3:36 - Rejecting the Son brings God's wrath.
 - Nahum 1:6 - No one can stand against God's anger.
 - Hebrews 10:31 - It is fearful to fall into God's hands.
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Reflection & Journaling

- Why is it important to have a right view of God's holiness and justice?
 - How does this passage challenge the idea that judgment is avoidable?
 - What hope do believers have in contrast to this fear?
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Final Thought

Revelation 6 shows that **Jesus controls the course of history**, even when judgment and suffering unfold. The opening of the seals reveals that God is in control and will bring judgement on a world full of evil. This chapter calls believers to trust Christ, remain faithful in hardship, and remember that God's justice will come at the right time. In the next chapter we will see the answer to the question "who can stand?" before the wrath of God and the Lamb. The people of God will stand before God and the Lamb and rejoice for all eternity!

Revelation Chapter 7 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 7

God Seals and Protects His People

Main Theme

God protects His people during judgment and promises a great future for those who remain faithful to Him.

Revelation 7 is a pause between judgments. Before more trouble comes to the earth, God shows that He knows who belongs to Him and that He will protect them. This chapter reveals both God's **care on earth** and the **hope of eternal joy in heaven** for believers.

1. The Sealing of the 144,000

Revelation 7:1-8

Summary

John sees four angels holding back destructive winds so that no harm comes to the earth. Another angel seals **144,000 servants of God** from the twelve tribes of Israel. This seal shows ownership and protection. Before judgment continues, God makes it clear that His people are known and kept safe according to His plan.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does it mean to be “sealed” by God?

Answer verses:

- Ezekiel 9:4-6 - God marks those who belong to Him for protection.
- Ephesians 1:13 - Believers are sealed with the Holy Spirit.
- 2 Timothy 2:19 - The Lord knows those who are His.

2. Why does God pause judgment to seal His people first?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 91:7-10 - God protects those who trust Him.
- Nahum 1:7 - The Lord knows those who take refuge in Him.
- John 10:28-29 - No one can snatch God’s people from His hand.

3. What do you notice about twelve tribes represented in this passage compared to Genesis 35:22-26?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 35:22-26 - The tribes of Israel listed.
 - Revelation 7:1-8- Shows the Genesis list has been edited. It has a few names added in and some deleted. Some of the names are in different order. Is there a message in this? Dan and Ephraim are missing. Are there Old Testament references to actions by the tribes of Dan and Ephraim that might explain why?
 - Hebrews 7:14 and Genesis 49:10- Reuben was listed first in Genesis 35:22 because he was the firstborn. However, Jesus was from the tribe of Judah so it is listed first in Revelation.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does knowing God seals His people give you peace?
 - What fears are eased by trusting in God's protection?
 - How does belonging to God shape your identity?
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2. The Great Multitude in Heaven

Revelation 7:9-12

Summary

John then sees a **great multitude** from every nation, tribe, and language standing before God's throne. They wear white robes and hold palm branches, praising God for salvation. This shows that God's plan includes people from all over the world and that worship unites all believers in heaven.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why is the multitude from every nation important?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 12:3 - All nations will be blessed through Abraham.
- Matthew 28:19 - The gospel is for all nations.
- Galatians 3:8 - God planned salvation for all people.

2. What do the white robes symbolize?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 1:18 - Sins washed white as snow.
- Revelation 3:5 - The faithful are dressed in white.
- Revelation 19:8 - White linen represents righteousness.

3. Why do they praise God together?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 100:1-2 - All the earth worships the Lord.
- Philippians 2:10-11 - Every tongue confesses Jesus as Lord.
- Hebrews 12:22-24 - Believers join a heavenly gathering.

Reflection & Journaling

- How does heaven's diversity reflect God's heart?
 - What does worship teach about unity among believers?
 - How does praising God change your focus?
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3. The Promise of Comfort and Eternal Care

Revelation 7:13-17

Summary

An elder explains that the great multitude came out of great suffering. Their robes are washed in the blood of the Lamb. God now shelters them, meets every need, and wipes away every tear. Jesus, the Lamb, becomes their Shepherd. This passage gives strong hope that suffering will not last forever.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does it mean that their robes are washed in the Lamb's blood?

Answer verses:

- Hebrews 9:14 - Christ's blood cleanses our conscience.
- 1 John 1:7 - The blood of Jesus cleanses all sin.
- Romans 5:9 - We are justified by His blood.

2. How does God care for His people in eternity?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 23:1-2 - The Lord shepherds His people.
- Isaiah 49:10 - God protects His people from hunger and thirst.
- John 10:11 - Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

3. Why does God wipe away every tear?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 25:8 - God removes tears and death forever.
 - Revelation 21:4 - No more sorrow, pain, or death.
 - Matthew 5:4 - Those who mourn will be comforted.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does God's promise of comfort encourage you now?
 - What suffering do you trust God to one day heal?
 - How does Jesus as Shepherd shape your hope for eternity?
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Final Thought

Revelation 7 reminds believers that **God never forgets His people**. Even in times of judgment and trouble, God protects those who belong to Him and promises eternal joy. This chapter shifts our focus from fear to hope, from suffering to salvation, and from earth's trials to heaven's victory.

Revelation Chapter 8 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 8

Silence in Heaven and the First Trumpet Judgments

Main Theme

God responds to the prayers of His people and begins a new phase of judgment meant to warn the world and call people to repentance.

Revelation 8 marks a turning point in the book. After the seventh seal is opened, heaven grows silent, showing the seriousness of what is about to happen. God loves His people and hears the prayers of those who have died serving Jesus. In response to their prayers for justice, angels blow trumpets that begin judgments against those who oppressed them. These judgments are limited but powerful. Jesus wants the world to repent and turn to Him before it is too late.

1. Silence in Heaven and the Prayers of the Saints

Revelation 8:1-5

Summary

When the Lamb opens the seventh seal, there is silence in heaven for about half an hour. This silence shows awe, expectation, and the seriousness of God's judgment. An angel offers burning incense mixed with the prayers of God's people before the altar. God responds by having the angel throw the burning incense upon the earth. This shows that God hears and answers prayers.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why is there silence in heaven before the judgments begin?

Answer verses:

- Habakkuk 2:20 - All the earth is silent before the Lord.
- Zephaniah 1:7 - Be silent before the Lord's day of judgment.

- Psalm 76:8-9 - God rises to judge the earth and save those who are humble before Him.

2. What does the incense mixed with prayers represent?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 141:2 - Prayer rises like incense before God.
- Luke 1:10 - People pray while incense is offered.
- Revelation 5:8 - Prayers of the saints are held before God.

3. How does God respond to the prayers of His people?

Answer verses:

- Luke 18:7-8 - God brings justice for those who cry to Him.
- Exodus 3:7-8 - God hears the cries of His people and acts.
- James 5:16-18 - Prayer is powerful and effective.

Reflection & Journaling

- How does this passage change how you think about prayer?
- Why is silence sometimes an important part of worship?
- What prayers do you trust God is hearing right now?

2. The First Four Trumpets: Judgments on the Earth (4+3 pattern)

Revelation 8:6-12

Summary

Seven angels prepare to blow their trumpets. The first four trumpets affect the **earth, sea, rivers, and sky**. Hail and fire burn part of the earth, the sea turns to blood, water becomes bitter, and light from the sun, moon, and stars is darkened. These judgments are severe but limited, showing both God's power and His mercy. He is trying to motivate people to turn back to Him before it is too late.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why do the trumpet judgments affect creation?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 3:17-19 - Creation suffers because of human sin.
- Romans 8:20-22 - Creation groans under the weight of sin.
- Jeremiah 4:23-26 - Judgment brings devastation to the land.

2. Why are only one-third of things destroyed?

Answer verses:

- Lamentations 3:22 - God's mercy limits judgment.
- Ezekiel 5:12 - God uses partial judgment as warning.
- 2 Peter 3:9 - God is patient, giving time to repent.

3. How do these trumpets compare to the plagues of Egypt?

Answer verses:

- Exodus 7-10 - God sends plagues as warnings to Pharaoh.
 - Psalm 105:27-36 - God's signs and wonders in Egypt.
 - 1 Corinthians 10:11 - Past events serve as warnings.
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Reflection & Journaling

- What do these judgments teach about God's power over creation?
 - Why do you think God warns before bringing final judgment?
 - How should people respond when God gives warnings?
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3. The Last Three Trumpets (Woes): Cosmic Judgements (4+**3** pattern)

Revelation 8:13

Summary

John sees an eagle flying overhead, calling out, "Woe! Woe! Woe!" to the people on earth. This warning announces that the next trumpet judgments will be even more severe. God gives a warning, showing His desire for people to turn back to Him before judgment increases even further.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does the cry of “woe” mean in Scripture?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 5:8-23 - “Woe” announces coming judgment.
- Ezekiel 16:23 - Woe follows continued rebellion.
- Matthew 23:13-36 - Jesus warns with repeated “woes.”

2. Why does God give warnings before stronger judgment?

Answer verses:

- Ezekiel 18:23 - God desires repentance, not destruction.
- Amos 4:6-11 - God warns repeatedly before judgment.
- Jonah 3:4-10 - Warning leads to repentance.

3. What does this teach about God’s character?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 103:8 - God is slow to anger and full of mercy.
- Nahum 1:3 - The Lord is slow to anger but great in power.
- Romans 2:4 - God’s kindness leads people to repentance.

Reflection & Journaling

- How do warnings show God’s mercy rather than cruelty?
- What warnings from God do people ignore today?
- How can you respond quickly when God corrects you?

Final Thought

Revelation 8 reminds us that **God hears the prayers of His people** and acts at the right time. His judgments are serious, but they are also measured and filled with mercy. It calls believers to pray faithfully and worship with reverence. It also calls those who do not follow the Lamb to take God’s warnings seriously and turn to Jesus before it is too late. God wants everyone to come to Him because He is both just and compassionate.

Revelation Chapter 9 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 9

God's Divine Judgment By His Unleashing of Evil Forces

Main Theme

God's judgment is revealed through terrifying spiritual and physical forces on the earth.

In this chapter, the **fifth and sixth trumpets** are sounded. Evil forces are **allowed by God and Jesus the Lamb** to rise from the Abyss, bringing pain and destruction to those who have rejected God. Those who had accepted Jesus were sealed by God and protected. These events show both the **reality of spiritual warfare** and the **seriousness of rebelling against God**. Even after great suffering, many people still refuse to repent and turn to Him.

1. The Release of Demonic Locusts

Revelation 9:1-12

Summary

When the fifth trumpet sounds, a "star", a fallen angel, falls from heaven to Earth and opens the **Abyss**, and smoke rises like a great furnace. From the smoke come **locust-like creatures** that torment people who don't have God's protective seal. These creatures represent **evil forces** that God allows to act for a time as part of His judgment.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does the "bottomless pit" or "Abyss" represent?

Answer verses:

- Luke 8:31 - Demons beg Jesus not to send them into the abyss.
- 2 Peter 2:4 - Angels who sinned are kept in chains.
- Jude 1:6 - Fallen angels are held for judgment.

2. Who is the "angel of the Abyss," called Abaddon or Apollyon (means Destroyer)?

Answer verses:

- John 10:10 - The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy.

- Luke 10:18 - Jesus saw him fall like lightning from heaven
- Revelation 12:9 - Satan is the deceiver of the world.

3. Why are only those without God's seal tormented?

Answer verses:

- Revelation 7:3 - God's servants are sealed for protection.
 - Ezekiel 9:4 - A mark protects those who grieve over sin.
 - Ephesians 1:13 - Believers are sealed with the Holy Spirit.
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Reflection & Journaling

- What does it mean to be "sealed" by God today?
 - Have you ever seen or felt the reality of spiritual warfare?
 - How can you find peace in knowing God's people are protected?
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2. The Release of the Four Angels at the Euphrates

Revelation 9:13-19

Summary

When the sixth trumpet sounds, **four bound angels** at the river **Euphrates** are released. They lead an enormous army of **two hundred million horsemen** that brings death to one-third of humankind. This terrifying vision shows the power of judgment and the destructive results of sin and rebellion.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why are the angels bound at the Euphrates?

Answer verses:

- Daniel 10:13 - Angelic battles delayed by the "Prince of Persia."
- Jeremiah 46:10 - The Lord's day of vengeance at the Euphrates.
- Revelation 16:12 - The Euphrates dries up for the kings of the East.

2. The angels release 200 million troops on horses that had heads like lions and tails like snakes. How much of mankind are they allowed to kill? Why not all of mankind at once?

Answer verses:

- Joel 2:1-4 - A mighty army like war horses.
- Nahum 3:1-4 - Violent images of invasion and destruction of Nineveh in Assyria because of its extreme violence, idolatry, and corruption. It is just like “the nations” and “Babylon” in Revelation.
- Psalm 91:13 - The horses have heads like lions and tails like serpents but God’s people can tread on both

3. What does it mean that one-third of mankind is killed?

Answer verses:

- Ezekiel 5:12 - A third perish by sword and plague.
 - Revelation 8:7-12 - A third of creation is struck in earlier judgments.
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Reflection & Journaling

- What does this section teach you about God’s control over all things including destroying the works of the devil?
 - How does knowing that God’s plan includes both justice and mercy affect your faith?
 - In what ways do you see spiritual or physical “battle” happening today?
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3. Humanity’s Refusal to Repent

Revelation 9:20-21

Summary

Even after all this suffering and warning, people **still refuse to repent**. They keep worshiping idols and continue in violence and immorality. This shows the **hardness of the human heart** and reminds us that real repentance must come from within—a change of heart, not just fear of punishment.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why do people refuse to repent even after judgment?

Answer verses:

- Romans 1:21-25 - People worship creation instead of the Creator.

- Exodus 9:34-35 - Pharaoh hardens his heart after each plague.
- John 3:19 - People love darkness rather than light.

2. What sins are listed here, and how are they condemned elsewhere?

Answer verses:

- 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 - The immoral and idolaters won't inherit God's kingdom.
- Galatians 5:19-21 - The works of the flesh include sorcery and idolatry.
- Exodus 20:13-17 - The Ten Commandments forbid murder, theft, and idolatry.

3. What does the Bible teach about true repentance?

Answer verses:

- 2 Corinthians 7:10 - Godly sorrow leads to salvation.
 - Acts 3:19 - Repent so your sins may be wiped away.
 - 2 Peter 3:9 - God is patient, wanting everyone to come to repentance.
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Reflection & Journaling

- Why is repentance such an important part of faith?
 - How can you keep your heart soft toward God?
 - What idols or habits might you need to turn from today?
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Final Thought

Revelation 9 gives a sobering picture of judgment and rebellion.

It shows that **even when people face great suffering, true change only comes through repentance and faith in Christ**. Evil is real, but God is sovereign. His goal is not destruction, but redemption for those who turn to Him.

Revelation Chapter 10 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 10

The Mighty Angel and the Little Scroll

Main Theme

God's mystery will soon be completed. His Word brings both sweetness and sorrow.

In this chapter, John sees a **mighty angel** descending from heaven, holding a **small scroll**. The angel's voice roars like thunder, and John is told to **eat the scroll**, symbolizing taking in God's Word and prophecy. This moment between the sixth and seventh trumpets reminds us that **God's plan is still unfolding**, and His message brings both **joy and responsibility**.

The Mighty Angel's Appearance

Revelation 10:1-4

Summary

John sees a **mighty angel** coming down from heaven. The angel is clothed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head. His face shines like the sun, and his legs look like pillars of fire. He stands with one foot on the sea and one on the land, showing **authority over the whole earth**. When he speaks, **seven thunders** sound, but John is told not to write down what they said.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does the angel's stance over land and sea with a hand in the air symbolize?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 24:1-2 - The earth and sea belong to the Lord.
- Revelation 7:1-3 - Angels hold back the winds of the earth by God's authority.
- Matthew 28:18 - Jesus says all authority in heaven and on earth is His.

2. Why is John told not to write what the seven thunders said?

Answer verses:

- Deuteronomy 29:29 - The secret things belong to the Lord.
- Daniel 12:4 - Daniel is told to seal up part of his vision.

- 2 Corinthians 12:1-4 - Paul hears words too sacred to tell.
 - The simplest answer might be in verse 6....
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Reflection & Journaling

- What does this angel's power and beauty reveal about God's glory?
 - How do you respond when God chooses not to reveal everything to you?
 - Are there "mysteries" in your faith that you've had to trust God with?
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2. The Oath and the Announcement

Revelation 10:5-7

Summary

The angel raises his hand to heaven and **swears an oath** by the Creator that there will be **no more delay**. The mystery of God will soon be finished. This mystery refers to God's final plan of salvation and judgment, revealed through His prophets and completed in Christ. It reminds believers that **God's promises will be fulfilled**.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why does the angel raise his hand and make an oath?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 14:22 - Abram raises his hand in oath to the Lord.
- Deuteronomy 32:40 - God swears by His own life.
- Hebrews 6:13 - God swears by Himself because there is none greater.

2. What does "there will be no more delay" mean?

Answer verses:

- Habakkuk 2:3 - God's vision will come at the appointed time.
- 2 Peter 3:9 - God is patient, not wanting anyone to perish.
- Revelation 6:10-11 - The martyrs ask how long until justice comes.

3. What is the "mystery of God" that will be completed?

Answer verses:

- Ephesians 1:9-10 - God's plan to unite all things under Christ.
 - Colossians 1:26-27 - The mystery is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
 - Romans 16:25-26 - The revealed mystery is salvation for all nations.
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Reflection & Journaling

- What does God's timing teach you about patience and faith?
 - How does knowing that His plan will be completed give you hope?
 - What part of God's "mystery" has been made clear to you through Jesus?
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3. The Little Scroll and John's Commission

Revelation 10:8-11

Summary

John is told to take the **little scroll** from the angel's hand and **eat it**. It tastes sweet like honey, but turns bitter in his stomach. This shows that **God's Word is both sweet and hard**. It is sweet because it brings truth and hope for those who follow Jesus the Lamb. It is bitter because it includes judgment and sorrow for those who reject him. John is told that he must **prophesy again** about many peoples, nations, and kings.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why is John told to eat the scroll?

Answer verses:

- Ezekiel 2:8-3:3 - Ezekiel also eats a scroll filled with God's words.
- Jeremiah 15:16 - God's words were found, and I ate them with joy.
- Matthew 4:4 - We live by every word that comes from God.

2. Why is the scroll sweet and bitter at the same time?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 19:9-10 - God's words are sweeter than honey.
- Lamentations 2:11 - Prophets grieve over judgment on their people.
- John 16:20 - Sorrow will turn to joy through God's plan.

3. What does it mean that John must “prophesy again”?

Answer verses:

- Jeremiah 1:9-10 - God puts His words in the prophet's mouth.
 - Acts 1:8 - Believers are witnesses to all nations.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How do you “take in” God’s Word in your own life?
 - When has the truth of Scripture felt both joyful and challenging to you?
 - How might God be calling you to share His message with others?
 - As you read Revelation are you taking the importance of sharing your faith with others more seriously than you have in the past?
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Final Thought

Revelation 10 is a pause between judgments. It is a moment of **divine reminder** that God’s plan is sure, His timing perfect, and His Word powerful. It invites us to **receive God’s message deeply**, even when it’s difficult, and to trust that His promises will soon be fulfilled.

Revelation Chapter 11 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 11

The Two Witnesses, the Seventh Trumpet, and God's Final Victory

Main Theme

In this chapter, God raises up witnesses who share the powerful testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ with the world. It is the same gospel that John was told to share at the end of Chapter 10. It is sweet to believers but brings judgment on those who refuse to repent and turn to Jesus. This sweet and bitter message is part of bringing God's kingdom to come to earth as it is in heaven.

1. The Temple Measured

Revelation 11:1–2

Summary

John is given a measuring rod and told to measure the **temple**. The temple is not the physical temple that has been destroyed, but it symbolizes the people of God. The measure represents God's protection and ownership. But the outer court is left out and given to the nations, who will trample the holy city for 42 months (3 ½ years showing that the time is limited by God). This shows both **God's care** for His people even through the suffering they will face.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does measuring the temple symbolize?

Answer verses:

- Ezekiel 40:1–4 – A temple is measured as part of God's plan.
- Zechariah 2:1–5 – God measures Jerusalem to show protection.
- Hebrews 8:13-The old covenant and temple are obsolete and removed
- John 2:19-21- Jesus's body is the new temple
- I Corinthians 12- believers are part of body of Christ
- 1 Corinthians 3:16 – Believers are part of God's temple. He lives in our hearts.

- Hebrews 10:12-18- Christ is the ultimate sacrifice, doing away with the need for a temple building in Jerusalem. He gives the Holy Spirit to seal us. The Holy Spirit writes God's law on our hearts and in our minds.
- Revelation 21:22- no temple in the new heaven and new earth because God the Almighty and the Lamb are the true temple. **We will be able to commune with God EVERYWHERE in the new creation, not just in one unique building!!!!**

2. What is the meaning of the “outer court” , the Court of the Gentiles, being left out?

Answer verses:

- Luke 21:24 – Jerusalem will be trampled by nations.
- Revelation 13:7 – The beast is allowed to attack God's people.
- Psalm 125:2 – God surrounds His people even in trouble.

3. What does the time period “42 months” refer to?

Answer verses:

- Daniel 7:25 – God's people face hardship for “a time, times, and half a time.”
- Revelation 12:6 – The woman is protected for 1,260 days (3 ½ years since the Hebrew calendar had 30 days for each month).
- Revelation 13:5 – The beast is given authority for 42 months. This symbolizes a time limitation that God allows this. It is not forever.

Reflection & Journaling

- What does it mean to you that God "measures" or protects His people?
- How do you handle times when God allows difficulty?
- Where do you trust God's protection in your own life?
- If even your physical life is threatened will you still trust Jesus with your eternal life?

2. The Two Witnesses

Revelation 11:3–14

Summary

God gives power to **two witnesses**. The witnesses prophesy for a time God limits to **1,260 days (3 ½ years)**. They perform miracles like Moses and Elijah did. They call down fire, stopping rain (Elijah called down fire from heaven, God caused it to not rain for 3 ½ years until

Elijah announced the drought's end), and bringing plagues (like Moses). They likely represent the witness of all of God's people to the world.

Their message is bittersweet. They give the gospel message that John was told to prophesy about at the end of Chapter 10. It is salvation to those who follow the Lamb but fiery judgement to those who reject him. This is why fire is said to come from their mouths.

When they finish their message, the beast kills them, and the world celebrates their deaths. But after three and a half days, God raises them to life, and they ascend to heaven. A great earthquake follows, and many people give glory to God. This passage shows **the power of faithful testimony** and **God's victory over evil**. People did not repent after the earlier plagues but now **do** repent because of the faithful testimony of the witnesses!

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Who do the two witnesses resemble?

Answer verses:

- 1 Kings 17:1 – Elijah stops the rain.
- Exodus 7–12 – Moses brings plagues on Egypt.
- Mark 9:4 – Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus.
- Revelation 2:13- Do we see other “faithful witnesses” in the letters to the churches in Revelation chapters 2-3?
- Do you see any faithful witnesses today?

2. Why does God allow the beast to kill them?

Answer verses:

- Daniel 7:21 – A horn makes war on the saints.
- John 16:33 – Believers will have trouble, but Christ overcomes.
- Revelation 6:9–11 – God's witnesses may suffer but will be rewarded.

3. What is the meaning of their resurrection and ascension?

Answer verses:

- 1 Corinthians 15:52–54 – The dead will be raised in victory.
 - Romans 8:11 – God gives life to mortal bodies.
 - Revelation 20:4 – Faithful witnesses live and reign with Christ.
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Reflection & Journaling

- What do these two witnesses teach you about courage and faithfulness?

- When has God asked you to speak the truth, even when it was hard to say and hard for others to hear?
 - How does the resurrection of the witnesses give you hope?
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3. The Seventh Trumpet

Revelation 11:15–19

Summary

The seventh angel blows his trumpet, and loud voices in heaven announce:

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.”

The twenty-four elders worship God, thanking Him for taking His power and beginning His reign.

God judges the wicked, rewards His servants, and reveals the **ark of the covenant** in heaven.

This trumpet marks the beginning of God’s final work to bring His kingdom fully to earth.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Does the seventh trumpet represent the second coming of Christ?

Answer verses:

- 1 Corinthians 15:52 – At the last trumpet the dead are raised.
- Matthew 24:31 – Angels gather God’s people with a great trumpet.
- Revelation 8–11 – The seven trumpets show God’s unfolding plan.

2. How could this be the second coming of Christ if battles are still happening in later chapters?

- Does the gospel of Mark follow directly after where Matthew ends or does it recap or retell the same story in a slightly different way? Is “recapitulation” used the same way with Luke and John? Same story, different way of talking about it?
- Do Jesus’s Parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19) and the Parable of the Leaven/Yeast (Matthew 13:33; Luke 13:20-21) sound like similar stories recapping the same idea in a little bit different way?
- Could the the Seals (6:1-17, 8:1-5), Trumpets (8:6-9:21, 11:15-19), and Bowls of Wrath (16:1-21) be separate visions given to John that recap the same story of God’s judgement on those who reject Jesus in a slightly different way?
- Could the multiple visions given John in the book of Revelation overlap but not be strictly straight ahead in time?

3. What does it mean that “the kingdom of the world” becomes Christ’s?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 22:28 – The kingdom belongs to the Lord.
- Daniel 7:14 – The Son of Man receives all authority.
- Philippians 2:10–11 – Every knee will bow to Jesus.

3. What does the ark of the covenant symbolize?

Answer verses:

- Exodus 25:10–22 – The ark represents God’s presence.
 - Hebrews 9:3–5 – The ark holds reminders of God’s faithfulness.
 - Revelation 15:5 – The heavenly temple is opened.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does the seventh trumpet give you hope for the future?
 - What does it mean in your life that Jesus will rule over all things?
 - How do you see God rewarding faithfulness today?
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Final Thought

Revelation 11 shows that **God protects His people in the next life even if their lives are in danger in this one, gives power to their witness, and will bring His kingdom to earth.** Even in times of suffering or confusion, God’s plan is moving forward. He calls us to be faithful, courageous, and full of hope as we wait for His final victory.

Revelation Chapter 12 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 12

The Woman, the Dragon, and the War in Heaven

Main Theme

A picture of spiritual warfare: God protects His people while Satan fights against them, but God's victory is certain.

Revelation 12 shows a symbolic story of a **woman**, a **dragon**, and a **male child**. The woman gives birth to a child who is taken up to God, and the dragon tries to destroy both her and the child. War breaks out in heaven, and Satan is thrown down to earth. This chapter teaches that even though believers face attacks from the enemy, **God protects the eternal lives of His people**, and **Christ has already won the final victory**.

1. The Woman and the Dragon

Revelation 12:1–6

Summary

John sees a **great sign** in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and a crown of twelve stars. She is pregnant and crying out in labor. Then another sign appears: a large red **dragon** with seven heads and ten horns. The dragon waits to destroy her child, but the child is taken up to God and His throne. The woman escapes into the wilderness, where God protects her for **1,260 days**.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Who does the woman represent?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 37:9–10 – Sun, moon, and stars symbolize Israel, the people of God, just as in Joseph's dream.
- Isaiah 66:7–9 – A woman gives birth to God's people.
- Micah 5:2–3 – A woman gives birth to the Messiah.

- Matthew 2:13- Mary seems to carry the mother of the people of God theme from the Old Testament into the New Testament. She was the mother of Jesus the Messiah. She and Joseph were warned by an angel to flee to Egypt because Herod was trying to kill the baby Jesus.

2. Who is the red dragon?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 3:2-13- The serpent tempts Eve
- Revelation 12:9 – The dragon is Satan.
- John 8:44 – Satan is a murderer from the beginning.
- 1 Peter 5:8 – The devil is like a roaring lion seeking to devour.

3. Who is the male child?

Answer verses:

- Exodus 1:15-22- Pharaoh killing Hebrew baby boys in Egypt. Moses escapes
- Matthew 2:16- Herod (the new Pharaoh figure), tries to kill baby Jesus (who would lead his people where Moses failed) by killing all the baby boys under 2 years old in Bethlehem. When Herod found that Jesus had escaped to Egypt he was was “furious” just like the dragon is said to be “furious”
- Psalm 2:7–9 – The Messiah rules the nations with a rod of iron.
- Revelation 19:15 – Christ rules with a rod of iron.
- Luke 1:31–33 – Jesus receives an everlasting kingdom.

Reflection & Journaling

- What does this passage teach you about God's protection?
- How does the image of the dragon help you understand spiritual warfare? Read Ephesians 6:12 as you think about your answer.
- What does it mean that Christ rules the nations?

2. The War in Heaven

Revelation 12:7–12

Summary

A war breaks out in heaven. **Michael and his angels** fight against the dragon and his angels. The dragon is defeated and thrown down to earth. A loud voice in heaven announces that

salvation and God's kingdom have come because the accuser has been cast out. Believers overcome him through **the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony**, and their willingness to follow God even to death. Heaven rejoices, but the earth is warned because the devil has come down with great anger.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Who is Michael the archangel?

Answer verses:

- Daniel 10:13 – Michael fights spiritual battles.
- Daniel 12:1 – Michael protects God's people.
- Jude 1:9 – Michael contends with Satan.

2. How do believers overcome the enemy?

Answer verses:

- Revelation 12:11- they conquered the enemy by being faithful witnesses to Jesus even if it cost them their lives.
- Ephesians 6:10–18 – Believers fight with spiritual armor.
- Romans 8:37 – We are more than conquerors through Christ.
- James 4:7 – Resist the devil, and he will flee.

3. Why does heaven rejoice but the earth face trouble?

Answer verses:

- John 12:31 – The ruler of this world is cast out.
- 1 John 3:8 – Jesus destroys the works of the devil.
- 1 Peter 5:8 – The devil is like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour
- Revelation 12:17- The devil can't defeat the Lamb so he becomes furious and attacks the followers of Jesus because he knows his time is short.

Reflection & Journaling

- How does Revelation 12:11 encourage you in spiritual battles?
 - What does it look like to “overcome by the blood of the Lamb” in daily life?
 - How can you stand firm when you face spiritual pressure?
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3. The Dragon Pursues the Woman

Revelation 12:13–17

Summary

After being thrown to earth, the dragon chases the woman. But God gives her **wings** to escape into the wilderness, where she is kept safe. The serpent pours water like a river to sweep her away, but the earth helps her by swallowing the flood. Angry, the dragon goes off to make war against the **rest of her children**—those who obey God’s commands and hold to the testimony of Jesus. This shows that **Satan continues to attack believers**, but **God still protects His people’s eternal lives**.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does the woman’s escape symbolize?

Answer verses:

- Exodus 19:4 – God carries His people “on eagle’s wings.”
- Psalm 91:1–4 – God shelters His people.
- Matthew 2:13–15 – God protects Jesus from danger.

2. Who are the “rest of her children”?

Answer verses:

- Romans 9:6–8 – God’s true children are those, from every ethnic group, who have faith in Him.
- Galatians 3:26 – Believers are God’s children through faith in Christ.
- Revelation 14:12 – Saints keep God’s commands and stay faithful.

3. Why does Satan continue to attack God’s people?

Answer verses:

- Ephesians 6:12 – Our battle is not actually against flesh and blood but against the spiritual forces of evil who are influencing the people who persecute the followers of Jesus.
 - John 15:18–20 – The world hates believers as it hated Christ.
 - Revelation 20:10 – Satan knows his end is coming.
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Reflection & Journaling

- Where do you see spiritual opposition in your life?
 - How has God protected or strengthened you during difficult seasons?
 - What spiritual practices help you stand firm?
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Final Thought

Revelation 12 shows us that **the spiritual battle is real**, but **God is in complete control**. Satan attacks, but he is defeated by Christ. God protects His people, strengthens their testimony, and leads them toward final victory. We can live with confidence knowing that **Christ has already won**, and His people will share in His victory.

Revelation Chapter 13 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 13

Main Theme:

The rise of two evil powers—the Beast from the Sea and the Beast from the Earth—and the world’s deception during the end-times.

Revelation 13 shows how satanic power works through human kingdoms and false religion. It warns believers that the world will follow a false savior, but God calls His people to remain faithful and stand firm in their allegiance to Christ.

1. The Beast from the Sea: Worldly Power Opposing God

Revelation 13:1–10

Summary

John sees a beast rising out of the sea with ten horns and seven heads. It receives power from the dragon (Satan), and the whole world follows it. The beast blasphemes God, fights against believers, and is allowed to rule for 42 months.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Who is the Beast from the Sea and how does it receive its power and authority?

Answer verses:

- Daniel 7- Daniel sees a vision of four beasts who represent powerful kingdoms with horns that represent their kings. The beasts are a lion, leopard with 4 heads, a bear, and the fourth was made of iron. They had a total of 7 heads and 10 horns.
- Revelation 13- The Beast from the Sea is part lion, leopard, bear, and something else that was mysterious and very strong. It had 7 heads and 10 horns. This shows that it was a combination of all the beasts in Daniel chapter 7. It received its power from the Dragon who is Satan.
- Revelation 12:9 – Satan deceives the whole world.

- Luke 4:5–7 – Satan claims authority over earthly kingdoms.
- 1 John 5:19 – The whole world lies under the control of the evil one.

2. Why does God allow the beast to fight against believers?

Answer verses:

- John 16:33 – Believers face trouble, but Christ has overcome the world. Christians overcome violence by showing the love of Christ even if it costs them their lives.
- Revelation 6:9–11 – God allows suffering until the full number of His servants is complete.

3. How should believers respond to the beast's power?

Answer verses:

- Revelation 14:12 – Saints must endure and remain faithful.
 - Matthew 24:13 – The one who stands firm to the end will be saved.
 - James 1:12 – God blesses those who stay faithful under trial.
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Reflection & Journaling

- What does this teach you about the dangers of trusting earthly power?
 - How can you stay faithful when facing pressure or opposition?
 - What does “endurance” mean in your spiritual walk?
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2. The Beast from the Earth: Deception and False Worship

Revelation 13:11–15

Summary

John sees another beast rising from the earth. It looks like a lamb but speaks like a dragon. It performs miracles, deceives the world, and forces people to worship the first beast. This beast represents false religion, spiritual deception, and counterfeit truth.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. How does the second beast deceive the world?

Answer verses:

- Matthew 24:24 – False christs and prophets perform signs to deceive.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:9–10 – Satan uses false signs and wonders to mislead people.
- 1 Timothy 4:1 – Some will follow deceiving spirits and false teachings.

2. Why do miracles not always prove something is from God?

Answer verses:

- Deuteronomy 13:1–3 – False prophets may perform signs but lead people away from God.
- 2 Corinthians 11:13–14 – Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.
- Exodus 7:11–12 – Egyptian magicians copied Moses' signs.

3. Why is worship such a central issue in Revelation 13?

Answer verses:

- Exodus 20:3–5 – Worship belongs only to God.
- Matthew 4:10 – Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.
- Revelation 14:7 – Fear God and give Him glory.

Reflection & Journaling

- How do you guard yourself from spiritual deception?
 - What false “voices” compete for your loyalty today?
 - What habits help you stay centered on true worship?
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3. The Mark of the Beast: Loyalty and Allegiance Tested

Revelation 13:16–18

Summary

The beast forces people to receive a **mark** on their right hand or forehead. This is a sick and twisted copy of God's command for His people to keep his word on their foreheads and hands. Without the mark of the Beast, no one can buy or sell. The mark represents loyalty to the beast and rejection of God. The number **666** symbolizes human imperfection raised to its fullest.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does the “mark” symbolize?

Answer verses:

- Deuteronomy 6:6–8 – God's law on hands and foreheads as a sign of loyalty.
- Ezekiel 9:3–6 – God's people marked for protection.
- Ephesians 1:12-14- Christians are sealed with the Holy Spirit who is the guarantee of their inheritance
- Revelation 7:2-4- the sealing of the people of God on their foreheads
- Revelation 13:16- The First Beast mimics Christ in a sick and twisted way by causing those who have rejected Christ to be marked on their hands or forehead with the mark of the Beast which is the number 666.
- Revelation 14:1 – Shows that the people of God have His name on their foreheads.

2. Why does the beast control buying and selling?

Answer verses:

- Matthew 6:24 – You cannot serve both God and money. Money is a tool that can be used for both good and bad. However, the love of money can become a form of idolatry. When our view of money shifts to idolatry it can exhibit strong control over people and push them away from serving God.
- 1 Timothy 6:9–10 – The love of money leads people into destruction.
- Hebrews 10:34 – Believers accepted loss of possessions for Christ.

3. What is the meaning of the number 666?

Answer verses:

- Romans 3:23 – All fall short of God's glory. God is often described by the number 7 due to it symbolizing his completeness of the trait being mentioned. Six is one less than the number seven, so it symbolizes incompleteness. Six is a number often associated with mankind and all men have fallen short of the glory of God.

- Revelation 4:8- repeating a number three times stresses the intensity of whatever it is. Angels sing Holy, Holy, Holy to God showing His intense holiness. Repeating the number 6 three times means falling short of God's glory and completeness in an especially intense way. It is a rejection of God.
 - Revelation 13:18- The number of a man opposed to God is 666. In a Hebrew method of interpreting texts called Gematria the number 666 spells Nero Caesar who persecuted Christians.
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Reflection & Journaling

- What does true loyalty to Christ look like in everyday decisions?
 - How would you respond if following God cost you comfort or security?
 - Are there areas where you feel pressured to compromise your faith?
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Final Thought

Revelation 13 reveals that **spiritual deception, false power, and pressure to conform** will rise at the end of the age. But it also reminds us:

Faithful believers will overcome by staying loyal to Christ.

We must guard our hearts, trust God's Word, and recognize that Christ—not any earthly power—is our true King.

Revelation Chapter 14 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 14

Main Theme:

God warns the world, protects His faithful people, and announces the final harvest of judgment and salvation.

Revelation 14 gives a strong contrast between those who follow the Lamb and those who follow the beast. It contains messages of warning, calls for endurance, and visions of God's final harvest. This chapter shows God's mercy, His justice, and His care for His people.

1. The Lamb and the 144,000: God's Faithful People Preserved

Revelation 14:1–5

Summary

John sees the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him are 144,000 believers who have the name of God written on their foreheads. They sing a new song that only they can learn. They are described as faithful, devoted to God, and truthful. This scene shows **God's protection and reward** for those who stay loyal to Him.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does the seal on the 144,000 represent?

Answer verses:

- Revelation 7:3 – God seals His servants for protection.
- Ephesians 1:13 – Believers are sealed with the Holy Spirit.
- Ezekiel 9:4 – God marks those who grieve over sin.

2. Why are they described as pure and faithful?

Answer verses:

- 2 Corinthians 11:2 – Believers are presented as pure to Christ.
- Psalm 24:3–4 – Only those with clean hands and pure hearts may stand before God.
- James 1:27 – True religion keeps one unpolluted by the world.

3. Why can only they learn the new song?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 40:3 – God gives His people a new song.
 - Revelation 5:9 – The redeemed sing a new song to the Lamb. The song belongs only to those redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.
 - Isaiah 35:10 – The ransomed return with singing and joy.
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Reflection & Journaling

- What does being “sealed by God” mean in your life?
 - What helps you stay faithful when the world pressures you?
 - How does worship shape your relationship with Jesus?
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2. The Three Angels’ Messages: Warnings and Calls to Faithfulness

Revelation 14:6–13

Summary

Three angels give messages to the whole world.

1. The first calls all people to fear God, give Him glory, and worship the Creator.
 2. The second announces the fall of Babylon, the sinful world system.
 3. The third warns that anyone who worships the beast will face God’s eternal judgment. This section shows both **God’s mercy** (warning people) and **God’s justice** (judgment for rebellion). It encourages believers to endure.
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Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why does the first angel call people to worship the Creator?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 96:4–5 – The Lord is greater than all gods.
- Acts 14:15 – Turn from idols to the living Creator.
- Romans 1:20–23 – People are without excuse when they reject God.

2. What does the fall of Babylon symbolize?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 21:9 – Babylon falls because of sin.
- Revelation 18:2 – Babylon becomes a dwelling place for evil spirits.
- 1 John 2:15–17 – The world and its desires will pass away.

3. Why is judgment so severe for those who follow the beast?

Answer verses:

- Hebrews 10:26–27 – Deliberate rejection leads to judgment.
- Galatians 6:7–8 – People reap what they sow.
- Matthew 25:41 – Eternal fire prepared for the devil and his followers.

Reflection & Journaling

- How do these warnings help you stay faithful to God?
 - What temptations of “Babylon” do you see around you today?
 - How does knowing God is both merciful and just affect your faith?
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3. The Harvest of the Earth: God’s Final Judgment and Salvation

Revelation 14:14–20

Summary

John sees someone like the **Son of Man** with a crown, holding a sharp sickle. He gathers the earth’s harvest. Then another angel gathers grapes of wrath and throws them into the winepress

of God's judgment. This shows Christ's final separation of the righteous and the wicked—**salvation for believers** and **judgment for those who reject God**.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does the harvest of the righteous represent?

Answer verses:

- Matthew 13:24-30, 37-43 – Jesus gathers His people at the end of the age.
- John 4:35-38 – The harvest is ready for God's workers.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 – The faithful are gathered to Christ.

2. What does the winepress of wrath symbolize?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 63:2-4 – God treads the winepress in judgment.
- Joel 3:13 – The winepress is full; the harvest of judgment is ripe.
- Revelation 19:15 – Jesus treads the winepress of God's fury.

3. Why is it important to understand both salvation and judgment?

Answer verses:

- Acts 17:31 – God will judge the world with justice.
 - John 3:16-18 – Salvation is offered, but rejection brings judgment.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:10 – Everyone appears before Christ's judgment seat.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does the image of harvest help you understand eternity?
 - What does it mean to you that Christ is both Savior and Judge?
 - How can you live today with the final harvest in mind?
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Final Thought

Revelation 14 shows God calling all people to choose whom they will follow. The faithful stand with the Lamb. The world is warned. And Christ prepares the final harvest. It reminds us to live with **faithfulness, urgency, and hope**, knowing that God will bring justice and reward His people.

Revelation Chapter 15 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 15

Main Theme:

God prepares to pour out His final judgments, while His redeemed people worship Him for His righteousness and power.

Revelation 15 shows heaven getting ready for the last seven plagues. Before these judgments fall, John sees believers praising God for His justice and holiness. This chapter teaches that God's judgments are not random or cruel—they are **holy, deserved, and perfectly timed**.

1. The Song of Moses and the Lamb: Worship Before Judgment

Revelation 15:1–4

Summary

John sees a sign in heaven: seven angels with the last plagues. Before judgment begins, he sees believers standing beside a sea of glass, worshiping God. They sing the **song of Moses** and the **song of the Lamb**, praising God's mighty works, justice, and holiness. This shows that God's people respond to His righteous judgments with worship and trust.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why do the redeemed sing the “Song of Moses and the Lamb”?

Answer verses:

- Exodus 15:1–18 – Moses sings after God saves Israel at the Red Sea. God used Moses to bring the people out of bondage in Egypt. The Lamb now frees God's people from the sin stained world and the persecution of the Dragon.
- Psalm 98:1 – God's marvelous works cause His people to sing.
- Revelation 5:9 – The Lamb is worthy because He redeemed people by His blood.

2. What do the songs teach about God's character?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 145:17 – God is righteous in all His ways.
- Deuteronomy 32:4 – God is perfect and just.
- Revelation 16:5–7 – God’s judgments are true and righteous.

3. Why will the nations one day fear and worship God?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 86:9 – All nations will worship the Lord.
 - Philippians 2:10–11 – Every knee will bow to Jesus.
 - Isaiah 66:23 – All flesh will come to worship God.
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Reflection & Journaling

- Why do worship and judgment appear together in Revelation?
 - How does praising God strengthen you during hard or confusing times?
 - What part of God’s character do you find most comforting?
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2. The Heavenly Temple Opened: God’s Holiness Revealed

Revelation 15:5–6

Summary

John sees the **temple in heaven opened**—the place where God’s presence dwells. Seven angels come out wearing pure white linen and golden sashes, showing the holiness and purity of their mission. Before pouring out the final plagues, God reveals His holiness to the world.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does the opening of the heavenly temple mean?

Answer verses:

- Revelation 4:1, 8:1, 11:19- Each vision cycle begins in God's sanctuary.
- Hebrews 8:5 – Earthly temples reflect heavenly realities.
- Revelation 11:19 – God's temple opens before judgment.

2. Why are the angels described in pure, holy clothing?

Answer verses:

- Daniel 10:5 – A heavenly being dressed in linen appears.
- Revelation 19:8 – Fine linen represents righteous acts.
- Isaiah 6:3 – God is perfectly holy.

3. How does God's holiness relate to His judgment?

Answer verses:

- Habakkuk 1:13 – God's eyes are too pure to look on evil.
- 1 Peter 1:15–16 – God calls His people to holiness.
- Romans 2:5 – Judgment comes because of a stubborn, unrepentant heart.
- 1 John 3:8- Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.

Reflection & Journaling

- How does understanding God's holiness change the way you think about judgment?
- What does God's holiness invite you to do or change?
- How can you develop a deeper awareness of God's presence?

3. The Bowls of Wrath Prepared: Judgment Is Set in Motion

Revelation 15:7–8

Summary

One of the four living creatures gives the seven angels **seven golden bowls** filled with God's wrath. The temple fills with smoke from God's glory and power, and no one can enter until the judgments are complete. This shows that God's final judgments are unstoppable and must be carried out fully.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What do the bowls of wrath represent?

Answer verses:

- Revelation 14:10 – The cup of God’s wrath is poured out.
- Jeremiah 25:15 – Nations drink the cup of God’s judgment.
- Psalm 75:8 – God pours out judgment on the wicked.

2. Why is the temple filled with smoke so no one can enter?

Answer verses:

- Exodus 19:18 – God descends on Sinai in smoke and fire.
- Exodus 40:34–35 – God’s glory fills the tabernacle. Even Moses was not allowed to enter because God’s presence is so holy. Now, in chapter 15, no one can enter until the plagues are complete.
- 1 Kings 8:10–11 – The temple fills with God’s glory so priests cannot enter.
- Isaiah 6:4 – Smoke fills the temple during Isaiah’s vision of God’s holiness.

3. Why must God’s judgments be completed?

Answer verses:

- Revelation 6:10–11 – Justice must be fulfilled for the persecuted.
- Acts 17:31 – God has fixed a day to judge the world.
- Romans 3:25–26 – God must judge sin to be righteous.

Reflection & Journaling

- How does this passage deepen your understanding of God’s justice?
- Why is it important that God brings final judgment?
- In what ways does God’s justice bring you hope?

Final Thought

Revelation 15 shows that **God's judgment is holy, righteous, and completely under His control**. Before He brings the final plagues, He reveals His glory and allows His people to worship Him. This chapter calls believers to trust God's character even when the world faces judgment, knowing His justice is perfect and His salvation is sure.

Revelation Chapter 16 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 16

Main Theme:

God pours out His final judgments on the earth, revealing His justice, His power over evil, and the certainty of Christ's final victory.

Revelation 16 describes the **seven bowls of God's wrath**, which are the final and complete judgments before Christ returns. These judgments show that God is righteous, even when punishing evil, and that every rebellious power will be brought down.

1. The First Five Bowls: God Judges a Hardened and Unrepentant World

Revelation 16:1–11

Summary

The first five bowls bring painful sores, seas and rivers turning to blood, scorching heat, and darkness. Instead of repenting, people curse God and continue in rebellion. These judgments reveal how sin hardens the heart and how just God is in His actions.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why do the first bowls target the earth, sea, and sky?

Answer verses:

- Exodus 7:17–21 — Plagues strike Egypt's water as judgment.
- Romans 8:22 — Creation suffers because of human sin.
- Revelation 8:7–12 — Earlier trumpet judgments strike creation as warnings.

2. Why do people refuse to repent even under judgment?

Answer verses:

- Exodus 9:34–35 — Pharaoh hardens his heart after the plagues.

- Romans 1:21–25 — People reject God and choose idols instead.
- John 3:19 — People love darkness rather than light.

3. How does God show justice in these judgments?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 49:26- Those who oppress God’s people will be forced to drink their own blood. The same happens in chapter 16. We are told by the angel that it is what they deserve.
 - 2 Thessalonians 1:6 — God repays those who do evil.
 - Psalm 19:9 — God’s judgments are true and righteous.
 - Revelation 15:3–4 — God’s ways are just and holy.
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Reflection & Journaling

- Why is it important to see God as both loving and just?
 - How do people today respond to God’s warnings?
 - What does this passage teach you about the danger of a hardened heart?
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2. The Sixth Bowl: The Gathering for the Final Battle

Revelation 16:12–16

Summary

The river **Euphrates dries up**, preparing the way for the kings of the earth. Three evil spirits—like frogs—go out to deceive the nations and gather them for the world’s final battle at **Armageddon (at Megiddo in Northern Israel)** . Jesus interrupts this scene with a warning to His followers to stay awake and be ready.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What is the significance of the Euphrates drying up?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 11:15 — God dries up rivers to make way for His plan.
- Jeremiah 50:38 — Babylon’s waters dry up before judgment.
- Revelation 9:14 — Angels are bound at the Euphrates until the end.

2. How do evil spirits gather the nations for war?

Answer verses:

- 1 Kings 22:20–23 — A lying spirit influences leaders to destruction.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:9–11 — God allows deception for those who reject truth.
- Ephesians 6:12 — Spiritual forces influence earthly powers.

3. What does Jesus mean when He says, “Blessed is the one who stays awake”?

Answer verses:

- Matthew 24:42 — Stay awake because you do not know the hour.
- 1 Peter 5:8 — Be alert because the devil seeks to destroy.
- Revelation 3:3 — Wake up, or Jesus will come like a thief.

Reflection & Journaling

- What does it look like to “stay awake” spiritually?
 - How can you guard your heart against deception?
 - What helps you stay faithful and alert in your daily life?
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3. The Seventh Bowl: The Final Shaking of the Earth and the Fall of Babylon

Revelation 16:17–21

Summary

The final bowl brings lightning, thunder, the greatest earthquake in history, and huge hailstones. The seals ($\frac{1}{4}$ destruction) and the trumpets ($\frac{1}{3}$ destruction) were limited. The destruction brought about by the bowls is complete and total. It is the end. Babylon, the world system

opposed to God, is judged and brought down. A loud voice from the throne declares, “**It is done!**” signaling the completion of God’s wrath and the nearness of Christ’s return.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why is the earthquake so significant?

Answer verses:

- Haggai 2:6 — God will shake heaven and earth in the last days.
- Matthew 27:51- 52 — Immediately after Jesus' death the earth shook and rocks were split. Tombs were opened and many of the saints who had died were raised.
- Hebrews 12:26–27 — God removes what can be shaken so only the eternal remains.
- Revelation 6:12 — Another great earthquake marks God’s judgment.

2. What does Babylon represent in Scripture?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 11:4–9 — The Tower of Babel symbolizes human pride.
- Isaiah 47:8–11 — Babylon trusts in pleasure and self-reliance.
- Revelation 17:5 — Babylon is the mother of spiritual corruption.

3. What does the phrase “It is done!” mean?

Answer verses:

- John 19:30 — Jesus says, “It is finished,” completing salvation.
 - Revelation 21:6 — God says, “It is done,” at the renewal of all things.
 - Psalm 46:10 — God declares His ultimate authority over the earth.
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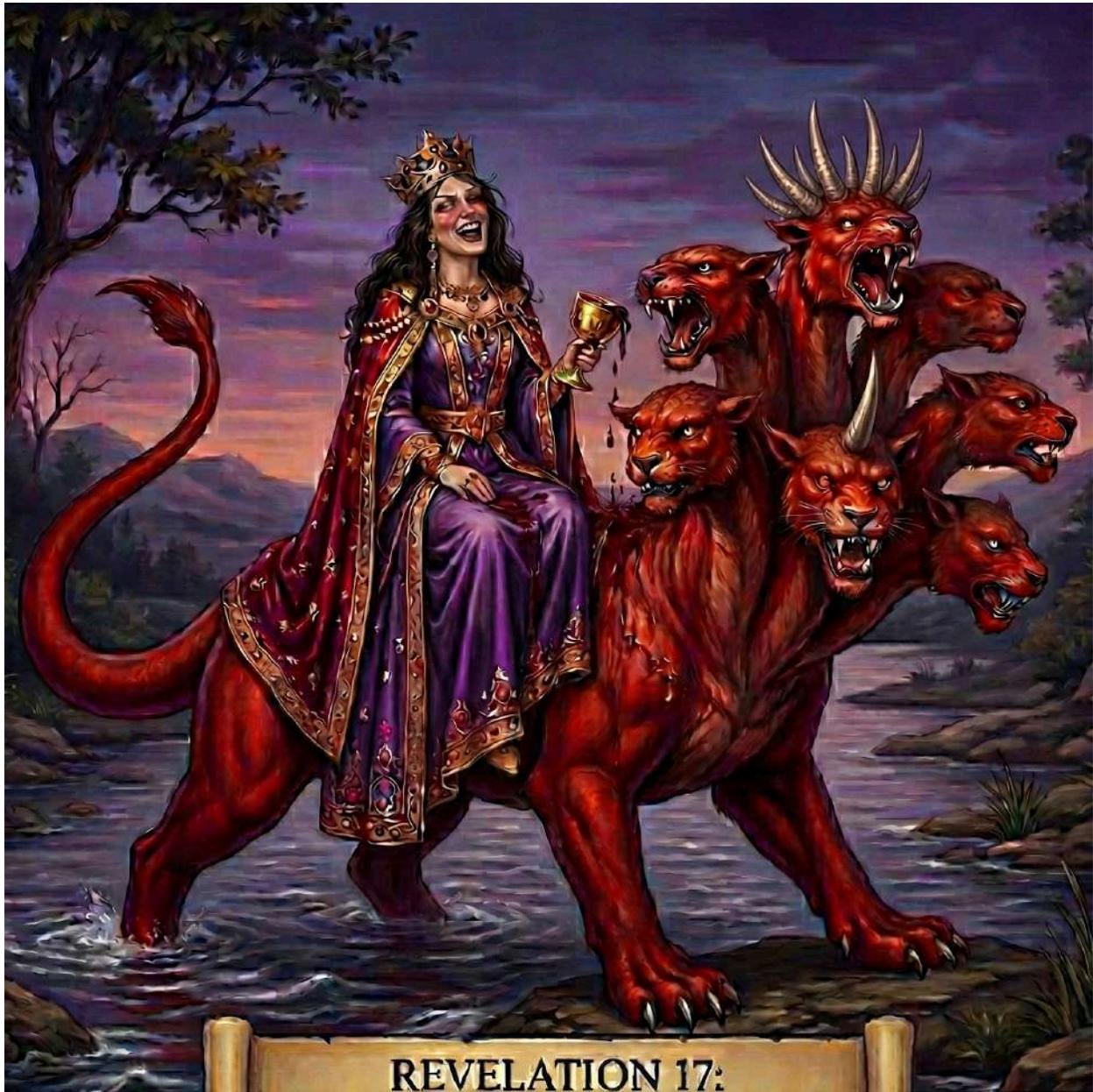
Reflection & Journaling

- How does knowing God’s justice will one day be complete give you hope?
 - What “Babylon-like” influences do you see in the world today?
 - How can you live with confidence knowing God will finish His work?
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Final Thought

Revelation 16 shows that **God's final judgments are deliberate, righteous, and unstoppable**. Evil will not last forever. God warns, God acts, and God finishes His plan. For believers, this chapter is not a message of fear but of confidence. Christ's victory is certain, and His kingdom is near.

Revelation Chapter 17 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 17

Main Theme:

God reveals the fall of Babylon, the corrupt world system that mixes spiritual rebellion, political power, and deception.

Revelation 17 shows a symbolic picture of a powerful yet sinful woman called *Babylon the Great* riding a scarlet beast. She represents a world economic and political system built on spiritual and sexual immorality, pride, greed, materialism, lust, sensual pleasure, and lack of any restraint. She has been persecuting and murdering God's people for thousands of years. Keep this image in mind for later lessons as we contrast her with the Bride of Christ who represents God's Holy City. Though Babylon is powerful, God announces her certain judgment and destruction.

1. The Woman on the Beast: A Picture of Spiritual Corruption

Revelation 17:1–6

Summary

John is shown a vision of a woman dressed in purple and scarlet, holding a golden cup filled with evil and impurity. She rides a beast covered in blasphemous names. She is called "Babylon the Great," and "The Great Prostitute". She is drunk with the blood of God's people. This shows how the world's system looks attractive on the outside but is filled with sin and rebellion against God.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why is the woman described as "Babylon the Great"?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 11:4-9 - Babel represents human pride and rebellion.
- Isaiah 47:7-9 - Babylon is proud and self-reliant.
- Revelation 14:8 - Babylon leads nations into sin.

2. Why is she dressed in wealth but filled with evil?

Answer verses:

- 1 Samuel 16:7 - People look at outward appearance; God looks at the heart.
- Matthew 23:27 - The Pharisees look beautiful outside but are unclean inside.
- 1 John 2:16 - The world's desires lead away from God.
- Proverbs 7- Sin can disguise itself to look tempting but it leads to death.

3. Why is she drunk with the blood of the saints?

Answer verses:

- Matthew 5:10-12 - God's people are persecuted for righteousness.
 - Hebrews 11:35-38 - The faithful have suffered persecution throughout history.
 - Revelation 6:9-11 - The martyrs cry out for justice.
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Reflection & Journaling

- What worldly attitudes or values tempt people away from God today?
 - How can you recognize spiritual deception behind attractive appearances?
 - What strengthens you to stay faithful even when the world opposes your beliefs?
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2. The Beast and Its Kingdom: Human Power Under Satan's Influence

Revelation 17:7-14

Summary

The beast the woman rides represents kings and kingdoms influenced by Satan. These kings and kingdoms have military power and use violence to get what they want. They don't care who they hurt while enforcing their control. Since the people of God will not serve the beast they often become its victim. Despite the power of the beast Christ will defeat him because He is Lord of lords and King of kings.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why do kingdoms follow the beast?

Answer verses:

- 1 John 5:19 - The whole world lies under the devil's power.
- Daniel 7:23-25 - Earthly kingdoms often oppose God.
- 2 Corinthians 4:4 - Satan blinds the minds of unbelievers.

2. Why does Christ easily defeat all rebellious rulers?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 2:1-9 - The nations rage, but God installs His King.
- Revelation 19:16 - Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords.
- Colossians 2:15 - Christ triumphs over all spiritual powers.

3. The kings hand their power over to the Beast by being of one mind. Why is that dangerous?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 11 - God confuses the language of those trying to be like gods themselves. They were of one mind and purpose to build a tower that went up to the sky because of their pride and vanity.
 - Mark 5:9-13 - Jesus casts out many demons from one man. One demon talks for all of them
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Reflection & Journaling

- What does it mean to belong to Christ's kingdom instead of the world's?
 - How does knowing the Lamb wins change the way you face challenges?
 - What helps you stay "faithful" when culture moves the other direction?
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3. The Fall of Babylon: God Judges the Corrupt World System

Revelation 17:15-18

Summary

The angel explains that the waters the woman sits on are many peoples and nations. The ten kings turn against the woman and destroy her. This shows that evil eventually destroys itself. God uses even rebellious nations to bring judgment on Babylon. Her fall is certain because God has decided it.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why do the nations turn against Babylon?

Answer verses:

- Obadiah 1:7 - Allies betray a proud nation.
- Jeremiah 51:13 - Babylon's pride brings her downfall.
- James 1:15 - Sin eventually destroys the sinner.

2. How does God use nations to bring judgment?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 10:5-7 - God uses Assyria to punish, even though they have evil motives.
- Habakkuk 1:6 - God raises up nations to bring justice.
- Revelation 17:17 - God puts His purpose into their hearts.

3. What does Babylon's fall teach us about the end result of evil?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 37:1-2 - The wicked fade like grass.
 - Proverbs 11:21 - Evil will not go unpunished.
 - Revelation 18:2 - Babylon's fall is complete and final.
 - Revelation 18:4 - Stay away from her or you might get mixed up in her sins and experience her plagues!
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Reflection & Journaling

- What "Babylon-like" influences do you see in today's world?
- Where might God be calling you to separate from sinful patterns?

- How does God's judgment of evil give you hope for the future?
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Final Thought

Revelation 17 shows that the world's corrupt systems may look powerful and attractive for a time, but God sees their true nature and will judge them. Christ wins, evil falls, and God's faithful people stand with Him. This chapter calls us to depend on God, resist spiritual deception, and stay loyal to the Lamb.

Revelation Chapter 18 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 18

Main Theme:

The complete fall of Babylon shows that God judges worldly pride, greed, and corruption, and He calls His people to separate from it.

Revelation 18 describes the final destruction of *Babylon*, the sinful world system built on wealth, power, immorality, and rebellion against God. An angel announces her fall. The world mourns their own losses caused by her destruction. God's people are told to separate themselves from Babylon. Heaven rejoices because God's justice has been carried out in Babylon's destruction.

1. The Fall of Babylon Declared: God's Judgment Is Certain

Revelation 18:1-8

Summary

An angel announces that Babylon has fallen and become a place of darkness and corruption. Her sins are piled high, and God remembers them. Babylon says she is safe and powerful, but destruction comes suddenly. This shows that no sinful system can stand against God's judgment.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why does Babylon fall so suddenly?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 47:7-9 - Babylon claims security but falls suddenly.
- Proverbs 16:18 - Pride comes before destruction.
- Luke 12:19-20 - The rich fool believes he is secure, but judgment comes.

2. What does it mean that God remembers Babylon's sins?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 6:5-8 - The world became so wicked God sent a flood but saved Noah and his family.
- Genesis 18:20–21 - God responds when sin reaches its full measure.
- Jeremiah 51:9 - Babylon's sins reach the heavens.
- Romans 2:5 - Storing up wrath by refusing to repent.

3. What does Babylon's pride reveal about worldly power?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 49:16-20 - Wealth cannot save a person.
 - Obadiah 1:3-4 - Pride leads to downfall.
 - James 4:13-16 - Boasting about the future ignores God.
 - Revelation 3:17- The Laodicean church was trying to follow Babylon and Christ at the same time. This does not work and leads to ruin.
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Reflection & Journaling

- Where do you see pride and false security in today's world?
 - How does God's judgment challenge the idea that success equals safety?
 - What reminds you to depend on God instead of worldly strength?
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2. The World Mourns Babylon: The Cost of Loving Wealth

Revelation 18:9-19

Summary

Kings, merchants, and shipmasters mourn Babylon's fall. This is not because they care about Babylon, but because they have lost their own wealth and comfort. They stand at a distance, afraid of sharing in her judgment. This shows how deeply people can love money and luxury instead of righteousness.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why do the kings and merchants mourn Babylon?

Answer verses:

- Matthew 6:19-21 - Treasures on earth do not last.
- 1 Timothy 6:9-10 - Love of money leads to destruction.
- Ezekiel 27:27-36 - Merchants mourn the fall of a wealthy city.

2. Why do they stand far away from Babylon?

Answer verses:

- Proverbs 13:20 - They want her benefits with none of their consequences but it doesn't work. Companions of fools suffer harm.
- Luke 16:25 - Earthly comfort does not last.
- Revelation 18:4 - God's people are called to come out and avoid judgment.

3. What does this mourning reveal about worldly values?

Answer verses:

- Philippians 3:18-19 - Some live as enemies of the cross, focused on earthly things.
- Ecclesiastes 5:10 - Wealth never satisfies.
- Mark 8:36 - What good is it to gain the world but lose the soul?

Reflection & Journaling

- What does this passage teach about the danger of loving money?
 - How can wealth distract people from God?
 - What helps you keep eternal priorities?
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3. God's People Rejoice and Are Called to Separate

Revelation 18:20-24

Summary

Heaven rejoices because God has judged Babylon for harming His people. God calls His people to come out of her so they do not share in her sins or punishment. Babylon is judged for violence, deception, and leading others away from God. Her fall is final and complete.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why does heaven rejoice at Babylon's fall?

Answer verses:

- Revelation 6:10, 11:8, 17:6 - Martyrs cry out for justice against their oppressors. Now it has come.
- Psalm 58:10-11 - God's justice brings joy to the righteous.
- Revelation 19:1-2 - Heaven praises God for judging evil.
- Luke 18:7-8 - God brings justice for His people.

2. What does it mean to "come out" of Babylon?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 19- Lot and his family were rescued from Sodom before its destruction. They were told to not even look back.
- 2 Corinthians 6:17 - Separate from what is unclean.
- Romans 12:2 - Do not conform to the world.
- James 4:4 - Friendship with the world is hostility toward God.

3. Why is Babylon's fall final and complete?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 13:19-20 - Babylon will never rise again.
 - Jeremiah 51:64 - Babylon sinks and does not rise.
 - I John 3:8 - Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.
 - Revelation 21:4 - God removes all evil and suffering forever.
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Reflection & Journaling

- What areas of life require separation from sinful influences?
- How can believers live in the world without becoming like it?

- How does God's final justice give you hope?
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Final Thought

Revelation 18 reminds us that **worldly systems built on pride, greed, and sin will not last**. God sees every injustice and will judge it in His perfect time. He calls His people to live differently to trust Him instead of wealth, to pursue holiness instead of comfort, and to rejoice in His righteous judgment.

Revelation Chapter 19 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 19

Main Theme:

Heaven celebrates God's justice, Christ is revealed as the victorious King, and evil is defeated once and for all.

Revelation 19 moves from judgment to victory. Heaven rejoices over the fall of Babylon, Christ is revealed as the conquering King, and the final defeat of evil rulers begins. This chapter shows that **God's justice leads to worship, and Jesus returns as righteous Judge and King.**

1. Heaven Rejoices: Praise for God's Justice

Revelation 19:1-6

Summary

A great crowd in heaven praises God for judging Babylon and avenging the blood of His servants. The elders and living creatures worship God, and heaven rejoices because the Lord now reigns openly. This shows that God's justice is not something to fear for believers—it is something to celebrate.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why does heaven rejoice over God's judgment?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 96:11-13 - Creation rejoices because God comes to judge righteously.
- Revelation 18:20 - Heaven rejoices over the fall of Babylon. It is justice being done.
- Luke 18:7-8 - God brings justice for His chosen ones.

2. What does "Hallelujah" mean, and why is it repeated?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 146:1-2 - "Praise the Lord" (Hallelujah).
- Psalm 150:6 - Everything that has breath praises the Lord.
- Jeremiah 20:13 - Praise God for deliverance from evil.

3. What does God's reign mean for the future?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 97:1 - The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice.
 - Daniel 7:27 - God's kingdom is everlasting.
 - Revelation 11:15 - The kingdom belongs to Christ forever.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does God's justice lead people to worship instead of fear?
 - What does it mean to praise God even when judgment is involved?
 - How does knowing God reigns give you peace today?
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2. The Wedding of the Lamb: Christ and His People United

Revelation 19:7-10

Summary

Heaven announces the **wedding of the Lamb**. The bride, representing God's people, is dressed in clean white linen, symbolizing righteous living. This picture shows the joyful future of believers in full union with Christ. An angel reminds John that worship belongs only to God.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Who is the bride of the Lamb?

Answer verses:

- Ephesians 5:25-27 - Christ loves and cleanses the church.
- 2 Corinthians 11:2 - Believers are promised to Christ as a bride.
- Revelation 21:2 - The New Jerusalem appears as a bride.

2. How long has God been planning the marriage supper of the Lamb?

Answer verse:

- Isaiah 25:6-8- Isaiah prophesied about it with great detail hundreds of years before Christ was born. He has wanted to bless his people for a very long time.

3. What does the white linen represent?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 61:10 - God clothes His people with righteousness.
- Matthew 22:11-14 - Proper wedding garments matter.
- Revelation 3:4-5 - Faithful believers wear white garments.

4. Why is worship directed to God alone?

Answer verses:

- Exodus 20:3 - Worship no other gods.
- Matthew 4:10 - Worship the Lord and serve Him only.
- Colossians 2:18 & Revelation 19:10 - Do not worship angels.

Reflection & Journaling

- What does it mean to you to be part of Christ's bride?
 - How does living righteously prepare believers for eternity?
 - What keeps your worship focused on God alone?
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3. The Rider on the White Horse: Christ Defeats His Enemies

Revelation 19:11-21

Summary

John sees heaven opened and Jesus riding a white horse. He is called **Faithful and True, The Word of God, and King of kings and Lord of lords**. He defeats the beast and false prophet, who are thrown into the lake of fire. This shows that Jesus returns not as a suffering servant, but as a conquering King who brings final justice.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why is Jesus called “Faithful and True”?

Answer verses:

- Deuteronomy 7:9 - God is faithful and keeps His promises.
- Isaiah 11:4-5 - The Messiah judges with righteousness.
- John 14:6 - Jesus is the truth.

2. What does the sword from His mouth represent?

Answer verses:

- Hebrews 4:12 - God’s Word is sharp and powerful.
- Isaiah 49:2 - The servant’s mouth is like a sharp sword.
- Ephesians 6:17 - The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit.

3. What does the defeat of the beast and false prophet show?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 2:9 - Christ breaks rebellious rulers.
 - Isaiah 63:1-6- Christ shows up to the battle in Revelation 19 a robe already dipped in his own blood. However, as he treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God it reminds us of Isaiah. Isaiah 63 shows that as he tramples His foes their blood also stains His garments.
 - Daniel 7:26 - Evil kingdoms are destroyed.
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:8 - Christ destroys the lawless one with His coming.
 - 1 John 3:8 - Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does seeing Jesus as victorious King strengthen your faith?
- What fears disappear when you remember Christ wins?
- How can you live today in loyalty to the true King?

Final Thought

Revelation 19 shows the complete victory of Christ. Heaven rejoices, the bride is prepared, and Jesus returns as King and Judge. Evil does not win. Justice is done. God's people are united with Christ forever. This chapter calls believers to worship, faithfulness, and confidence in the final victory of Jesus.

Revelation Chapter 20 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 20

Main Theme:

God brings Satan's power to an end, rewards the faithful, and carries out final judgment before restoring all things.

Revelation 20 describes the binding of Satan, the reign of Christ with His people, the final rebellion, and judgment before God's **great white throne**. This chapter shows that evil has a limit, justice is certain, and God's authority is final.

1. Satan Bound and Christ's Reign: God Limits Evil

Revelation 20:1-6

Summary

An angel binds Satan for a thousand years in the abyss so he can no longer deceive the nations. The abyss is not to be confused with the Lake of Fire. The abyss is a prison. The Lake of Fire is eternal death. During this time, Christ reigns, and faithful believers share in His rule. This period shows that God controls evil and rewards those who stay loyal to Him. Those who belong to Christ experience the **first resurrection** and are blessed.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why is Satan bound for a period of time?

Answer verses:

- Job 1:12 - Satan can act only within limits God allows.
- Luke 8:31 - Demons fear being bound before their time.
- Romans 16:20 - God will soon crush Satan under His people's feet.
- Jude verse 6 - Evil angels were kept in chains awaiting judgement.

2. What does reigning with Christ mean for believers?

Answer verses:

- Daniel 7:27 - God's people share in Christ's kingdom.
- Matthew 5 - God's people will be sons of God and inherit the earth
- 2 Timothy 2:12 - If we endure, we will reign with Christ.
- Revelation 5:10 - Believers are made a kingdom and priests.

3. What is the “first resurrection”?

Answer verses:

- John 5:28-29 - Resurrection leads to life or judgment.
- Colossians 1:18 - Christ is the firstborn from among the dead.
- Luke 24:35-43 - Jesus ate with the disciples. His body was tangible, not a spirit.
- John 20:19-26 - Jesus could suddenly appear within a locked room yet had breath to breathe on the disciples so they could receive the Holy Spirit.
- Acts 1:6-11 - Jesus' resurrected body could exist both on earth and in heaven. He showed that by ascending to heaven in front of the believers.
- Acts 13:33-37 - Jesus' resurrected body does not decay.
- 1 Corinthians 15:22-23 - Those who belong to Christ are raised.
- 1 Corinthians 15:50-54 - Our mortal bodies will be changed into immortal resurrection bodies.
- 1 John 3:2 - When Christ appears we will be made like him.
- Philippians 3:10-11 - Paul hopes to share in the resurrection.

Reflection & Journaling

- How does knowing God limits Satan encourage your faith?
- What does it mean to live now as someone who will reign with Christ?
- How does the promise of resurrection give you hope?

2. Satan Released and Defeated: Evil's Final Attempt Fails

Revelation 20:7-10

Summary

After the thousand years, Satan is released and deceives the nations one last time. He gathers them for battle, but fire from heaven destroys them. Satan is then thrown into the lake of fire forever. This shows that even after every chance, evil still rebels—and God finally ends it completely.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why is Satan released after being bound?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 6:5 - Human hearts naturally turn toward evil.
- Deuteronomy 30:19 - People are given a choice between life and death.
- James 1:14-15 - Sin begins with temptation and desire.

2. Why does Satan's final rebellion fail so quickly?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 2:1-6 - God laughs at rebellious nations.
- Zechariah 4:6 - Victory comes by God's power, not human strength.
- Revelation 19:20 - Evil is defeated by God's authority.

3. What does Satan's final punishment show about God's justice?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 14:15 - Satan is brought down in judgment.
 - Matthew 25:41 - Eternal fire is prepared for the devil.
 - Ezekiel 28:18-19 - God brings the enemy to a complete end.
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Reflection & Journaling

- Why do you think evil continues to rebel even after clear defeat?
 - How does Satan's final end give you peace?
 - What reminds you that God's justice will fully prevail?
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3. The Great White Throne: Final Judgment of All People

Revelation 20:11-15

Summary

John sees the **great white throne**, where all the dead stand before God. Books are opened, including the **Book of Life**. Everyone is judged according to their deeds. Anyone whose name is not written in the Book of Life is thrown into the lake of fire. This is the final judgment, showing God's perfect justice and the importance of belonging to Christ.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why are books opened during judgment?

Answer verses:

- Daniel 7:10 - Heavenly books are opened for judgment.
- Ecclesiastes 12:14 - God brings every deed into judgment.
- Matthew 12:36 - People give account for every word spoken.

2. What is the Book of Life?

Answer verses:

- Exodus 32:32-33 - God records the names of His people.
- Philippians 4:3 - Believers' names are written in the Book of Life.
- Revelation 3:5 - Faithful believers are not erased from it.

3. What does the "second death" mean?

Answer verses:

- Romans 6:23 - The wages of sin is death.
 - John 5:29 - Resurrection leads to life or condemnation.
 - 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 - Eternal separation from God for the disobedient.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does knowing there will be a final judgment affect the way you live?
 - Why is it important to trust Christ rather than personal achievements?
 - How does God's justice bring both warning and hope?
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Final Thought

Revelation 20 shows that **evil has an end, Satan is defeated, and God's justice is final**. Christ reigns, the faithful are rewarded, and judgment is carried out fairly and completely. This chapter calls believers to live with hope, endurance, and confidence, knowing that God's victory is sure and eternal.

Revelation Chapter 21 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 21

Main Theme:

God creates a new heaven and new earth where He lives with His people forever, removing sin, sorrow, and death completely.

Revelation 21 shows the final hope of God's plan. After judgment is complete, God renews everything. He lives with His people, wipes away every tear, and makes all things new. This chapter reveals God's promise of eternal life, peace, and perfect fellowship with Him.

1. A New Heaven and a New Earth: God Makes All Things New

Revelation 21:1-8

Summary

John sees a new heaven and a new earth because the old ones have passed away. God comes to live with His people, and there is no more death, sorrow, crying, or pain. God promises that everything is made new. Those who trust Him inherit eternal life, while those who reject Him face separation from God.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why does God create a new heaven and a new earth?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 65:17 - God promises to create new heavens and a new earth.
- 2 Peter 3:13 - God prepares a new home where righteousness lives.
- Romans 8:21 - Creation will be set free from decay.

2. What does it mean that God lives with His people?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 3:8-10- God walked through the Garden of Eden he made for Adam and Eve.
- Leviticus 26:11-12 - God promises to dwell among His people.
- John 1:14 - God lives among us through Christ.
- 2 Corinthians 6:16 - Believers are God's dwelling place.

3. Why are tears, death, and pain removed forever?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 25:8 - God swallows up death and wipes away tears.
 - 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 - Death is defeated through Christ.
 - John 16:22 - Sorrow turns into lasting joy.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does the promise of a new creation give you hope today?
 - What does it mean to you that God will live with His people forever?
 - How does this future change the way you face suffering now?
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2. The New Jerusalem: God's Holy City Revealed

Revelation 21:9-21

Summary

John sees the **New Jerusalem** coming down from heaven, prepared like a bride. The city shines with God's glory and is built with precious stones and gold. Its design shows beauty, order, and perfection. This city represents the eternal home of God's people, filled with His presence and glory.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does the New Jerusalem represent?

Answer verses:

- Hebrews 11:10 - God prepares a city for His people.
- Galatians 4:25-26- The heavenly Jerusalem is free.
- Revelation 3:12 - Believers belong to God's city forever.

2. Why is the city described with such beauty and detail?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 54:11-14 - God promises a city built with precious stones.
- 1 Kings 6:20-22 - God's temple was built with great care and beauty.
- Psalm 48:1-2 - God's city is beautiful and full of joy.

3. Why does the city have strong walls and foundations?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 26:1 - God's salvation is a strong wall.
 - Matthew 7:24-25 - A firm foundation stands against all storms.
 - Hebrews 12:28 - God's kingdom cannot be shaken.
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Reflection & Journaling

- What part of the New Jerusalem description stands out to you most?
 - How does knowing God prepares an eternal home strengthen your faith?
 - What does living as a citizen of God's kingdom look like now?
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3. God's Glory and Light: Eternal Life Without Darkness

Revelation 21:22-27

Summary

There is no temple in the city because God Himself is present everywhere. There is no sun or moon because God's glory lights everything. Nothing sinful or unclean can enter the city. Only those whose names are written in the **Book of Life** belong there. This shows perfect holiness, security, and joy in God's presence forever.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why is there no temple in the New Jerusalem?

Answer verses:

- I Corinthians 6:16-17 - No temple is needed because we will have true fellowship with God all the time.
- Ezekiel 37:26-28 - The whole city will function like a giant temple where we meet with God continually.
- Revelation 7:15 - God lives among His people forever.

2. Why is God's glory the only light needed?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 27:1 - The Lord is my light and salvation.
- Isaiah 60:19-20 - God is the everlasting light.
- John 8:12 - Jesus is the light of the world.

3. Why can nothing sinful enter the city?

Answer verses:

- Habakkuk 1:13 - God is too holy to tolerate evil.
 - 1 John 1:5- God is light, and there is no darkness in Him at all.
 - 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 - God cleanses and changes His people.
 - Psalm 15:1-2 - Only the righteous may dwell with God.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does the promise of eternal light encourage you today?
 - Why is holiness important for eternal life with God?
 - What does it mean to live now as someone written in the Book of Life?
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Final Thought

Revelation 21 gives the clearest picture of Christian hope. God renews creation, lives with His people, removes all suffering, and fills everything with His glory. This chapter reminds believers that pain is temporary, sin will end, and eternity with God will be full of joy, peace, and light.

Revelation Chapter 22 Study Guide



Revelation Chapter 22

Main Theme:

God invites His people to eternal life with Him, confirms the truth of His Word, and calls everyone to be ready for Christ's return.

Revelation 22 is the final chapter of the Bible. It completes God's story by showing eternal life with Him, a final invitation to salvation, and a strong reminder that Jesus is coming soon. This chapter brings hope, warning, and encouragement to all who hear God's Word.

1. The River of Life and the Tree of Life: Eternal Healing and Fellowship

Revelation 22:1-5

Summary

John sees the **river of the water of life**, flowing from God's throne. On both sides is the **tree of life**, bearing fruit every month, and its leaves bring healing to the nations. There is no curse, no night, and no need for light because God Himself shines on His people. This shows eternal life, complete healing, and perfect fellowship with God.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What are the properties of the river of life?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 2:8-10- The original river of life in the Garden of Eden
- Psalm 23:1-3- God leads us beside still waters to restore our souls.
- Psalm 36:8-9 - God is the source of life and joy.
- Isaiah 44:3-4- God will give us peace like a river.
- Ezekiel 47:1-12 - A life-giving river flows from God's presence.
- Zechariah 14:8- Living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem.

- John 4:10-13- Jesus gives us a spring of living water welling up to eternal life.
- John 7:37-38 - Jesus offers living water that will flow within us, by this He meant the Holy Spirit.

2. Describe the Tree of Life

Answer verses:

- Genesis 2:9 - The tree of life was in the Garden of Eden.
- Proverbs 3:18 - Wisdom is a tree of life.
- Ezekiel 47:1-12 - Ezekiel's vision showed very many trees on both sides of the river of life

3. Why is there no curse anymore?

Answer verses:

- Genesis 3:17-19 - The curse entered because of sin.
 - Galatians 3:13 - Christ became the curse to redeem us.
 - Romans 8:1 - There is no condemnation for those in Christ.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does the promise of eternal healing comfort you today?
 - What does living forever in God's presence mean to you?
 - How does knowing the curse is gone give you peace?
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2. The Promise of Christ's Return: Be Ready and Faithful

Revelation 22:6-11

Summary

The angel confirms that these words are true and trustworthy. Jesus promises that He is coming soon. Believers are warned not to delay obedience and not to add to or take away from God's Word. People must choose whether to live in righteousness or rebellion. This section calls for urgency and faithfulness.

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why does Jesus repeat, “I am coming soon”?

Answer verses:

- Matthew 24:44 - Be ready, for the Son of Man comes unexpectedly.
- Hebrews 10:37 - Christ will come without delay.
- James 5:8 - The Lord’s coming is near.

2. Why is God’s Word not to be changed or ignored?

Answer verses:

- Deuteronomy 4:2 - Do not add to or take away from God’s Word.
- Proverbs 30:5-6 - God’s words are pure and complete.
- Jeremiah 36:23-32- King Jehoiakim of Judah burned the scroll of the word of God given to Jeremiah in a fire. He lost his kingdom because of this.
- Matthew 5:18 - God’s Word will never pass away.

3. What does it mean to choose righteousness now?

Answer verses:

- Joshua 24:15 - Choose whom you will serve.
- Matthew 5:6- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
- Romans 6:16 - You are a slave to what you obey.

Reflection & Journaling

- How does the promise of Jesus’ return affect your daily choices?
 - What helps you stay faithful while waiting for Christ?
 - Are there areas where God is calling you to obey more fully?
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3. The Final Invitation and Warning: Come to Jesus

Revelation 22:12-21

Summary

Jesus declares that He is the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. He promises to reward everyone according to what they have done. A final invitation is given: “Let the one who is thirsty come.” Those who reject God remain outside, but all who come to Christ receive eternal life. The Bible ends with the prayer: “**Come, Lord Jesus.**”

Three Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does Jesus mean by rewarding each person?

Answer verses:

- Matthew 16:27 - Christ rewards each person according to their deeds.
- Matthew 25:14-30 - Each servant was rewarded to the level of his obedience to the master.
- 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 - Believers are rewarded for faithful work.
- 2 Corinthians 5:10 - Everyone appears before Christ’s judgment seat.

2. Is the invitation to salvation open to everyone?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 55:1 - Come, all who are thirsty, and receive freely.
- John 3:16 - God offers salvation to the world.
- Romans 10:13 - Everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved.

3. Why does the Bible end with a warning and a promise?

Answer verses:

- Ezekiel 33:11 - God desires repentance, not destruction.
 - Hebrews 9:28 - Christ will return to bring salvation.
 - John 14:3 - Jesus promises to come back for His people.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How do you respond to Jesus' invitation to "come"?
 - What does living ready for Christ's return look like for you?
 - How does the promise of eternity shape your hope?
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Final Thought

Revelation 22 brings God's story to a close with hope, warning, and invitation. Eternal life is offered freely. Jesus is coming soon. God's Word is complete and trustworthy. The final call is simple: **Come to Christ, stay faithful, and live ready.**

The Bible ends not with fear, but with hope. **"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."**

Revelation Study Guide- Summary



Summary of the Book of Revelation

The Victory of Jesus Christ and the Completion of God's Plan

Main Theme

Jesus Christ reigns over both the physical and spiritual realms. He rules over all of history. He defeats evil completely, and brings God's people into eternal life with Him.

The book of Revelation shows the full story of God's plan. It is shown through present suffering, through judgment and spiritual conflict, to final victory and restoration. It reveals that Jesus is in control at every stage and calls believers to remain faithful, worship God, and live with hope as history moves toward its promised end.

1. Christ Rules History: The Present and Coming Kingdom

Revelation 1-5

Summary

Revelation begins by revealing the glorified Jesus Christ standing among His churches and ruling over the world. Jesus speaks directly to the churches, encouraging faithfulness and repentance. John then sees God's throne in heaven, where Jesus, the Lamb who was slain, is found to be the only one worthy to carry out God's plan. This section shows that **history is not controlled by chaos or evil, but by Christ.**

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. Why does Revelation begin by focusing on Jesus and the churches?

Answer verses:

- Matthew 28:20 - Jesus is always with His people.
- Colossians 1:18 - Christ is the head of the church.
- Hebrews 13:5 - God never abandons His people.

2. What does the throne room reveal about God's authority?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 103:19 - God's throne rules over all.
- Isaiah 6:1 - God reigns in holiness and power.
- Daniel 7:9-10 - God judges from His throne.

3. Why is Jesus the only one worthy to move God's plan forward?

Answer verses:

- John 1:29 - Jesus is the Lamb who takes away sin.
 - Hebrews 9:12 - Christ secures eternal redemption.
 - Philippians 2:9-11 - God exalts Jesus above all names.
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Reflection & Journaling

- How does knowing that Jesus rules history shape your confidence?
 - What can churches in the present day learn from the letters to the churches?
 - How does heaven's worship shape your view of Jesus?
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2. Conflict and Judgment: Evil Is Exposed and Limited

Revelation 6-18

Summary

Jesus the Lamb opens the 7 seals of the scroll, which bring about the 7 trumpets, which lead to 7 bowls of God's wrath. They all bring about God's judgment. These judgments reveal the seriousness of sin and God's justice. Satan, the beast, the false prophet, and worldly power of Babylon oppose God but are repeatedly limited and eventually destroyed. God protects His people, calls the world to repentance, and shows that evil's power is temporary.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What can we learn about God's purpose for bringing about justice?

Answer verses:

- Ezekiel 18:23 - God desires repentance, not destruction.
- Romans 2:4 - God's patience leads to repentance.
- Revelation 6:10 - God hears the prayers of the innocent who were harmed by unjust.
- 1 John 3:7-9 - There is a point where judgement is no longer about desiring repentance, or even justice, but moves into sheer removal from existence. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.

2. What does Revelation teach about the power of evil?

Answer verses:

- Job 1:12 - Evil operates only within God's limits.
- 1 John 4:4 - God's power is greater than the enemy's.
- Colossians 2:15 - Christ disarms evil powers.

3. How does God protect His people during this time?

Answer verses:

- Psalm 91:1-4 - God shelters those who trust Him.
- John 10:28 - No one can snatch believers from Christ's hand.
- Revelation 7:3 - God seals His servants.

Reflection & Journaling

- How does God's patience shape how you view judgment?
- What comforts you when evil seems so strong in the world?
- How does God's protection encourage faithful living?

3. Final Victory and Restoration: God Dwells with His People

Revelation 19-22

Summary

Jesus returns as victorious King. Evil is defeated, Satan is judged, and God brings justice fully and finally. God creates a new heaven and new earth where He lives with His people forever. There is no more death, pain, or sorrow. Revelation ends with an invitation to come to Christ and a promise that Jesus is coming soon.

Study Questions & Cross-References

1. What does Christ's return accomplish?

Answer verses:

- Matthew 24:30-31 - Jesus returns in power and glory.
- 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 - Justice is brought at Christ's coming.
- 1 Corinthians 15:24-26 - All enemies, including death itself, are defeated.

2. Why is the new creation central to God's plan?

Answer verses:

- Isaiah 65:17 - God promises a new creation.
- Romans 8:21 - Creation is set free from decay.
- 2 Peter 3:13 - A new home of righteousness is prepared.

3. Why does Revelation end with an invitation instead of just a conclusion?

Answer verses:

- Matthew 11:28 - Come to Jesus and He will give you rest.
- John 3:16 - Salvation is offered to the world.
- 2 Peter 3:9 - God desires all to repent.

Reflection & Journaling

- How does the promise of eternity with God affect your daily life?
- What does living in hope of Christ's return look like?
- How do you personally respond to God's invitation?

Final Thought

The book of Revelation is the story of **Jesus Christ in victory!** It reveals that God is in control, evil will not last, and faithful endurance leads to eternal joy. What begins with Jesus walking among His churches ends with God dwelling with His people forever. Revelation does not call believers to fear the future, but to trust Christ, remain faithful, and live in hope. **The Lamb wins!**