
THE REVELATION SERIES

DESTINY OF THE WORLD

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Destiny of the World: Revelation Series

Lesson 1 - Revelation 1:1-3

(44:15 minutes)

Introduction: Is something broken? Out of order? Does something need to be set right? Indeed, because of the fall and the work of Satan. We should be looking for the One who can restore order; who can make all things new.

“And He who sits on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’” - Revelation 21:5

“After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.’” - Revelation 4:1

We've been given a unique opportunity to look upon things future ... fixing our eyes upon details which up until the time of John's writing were known only to God.

“There is a need for symbolism because the reality of the scenes revealed and recorded is transcendental in character. Vistas of eternity and infinity cannot be fully described by our human language, which is finite and bound by time.” - P.E. Hughes, *The Book of Revelation*

Some people will not understand Revelation.

“He said, ‘Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time. Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.’”
- Daniel 12:9-10

“But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.” - 1 Corinthians 2:14

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. As we study Revelation we are about to open a door which will allow us to gaze into the very _____ of _____. (4:1)
2. Why does the book of Revelation have all this symbolism?
 - a) It hindered Roman officials from using these words as _____ against the believers.
 - b) It prevented the recorded text from being _____ by time.
 - c) Its graphic nature provided an _____ understanding of the truths recorded. (Example, 17:2)
3. You must understand the _____ in order to really understand the _____.
4. The meaning of nearly all the symbols used in Revelation are _____ / _____ elsewhere in Scripture. (Example, 1:20)

Unbelievers find the book very hard to comprehend. It was not intended for them; it was intended for the church (for believers).

Authorship: John is the last surviving apostle. Most had been executed for the sake of Jesus. John is a very old man by this point in time. He was on the island of Patmos, which was a Roman prison colony.

“I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you hold fast my name, and did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas, my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.”

- Revelation 2:13

Credibility:

“And if any one will devote a close attention to those things which are stated by the prophets with regard to the time of the end, and those which John the disciple of the Lord saw in the Apocalypse, he will find that the nations are to receive the same plagues universally, as Egypt then did particularly.” - Irenaeus 125 AD

“But we do confess that a kingdom is promised to us upon the earth, although before heaven, only in another state of existence; inasmuch as it will be after the resurrection for a thousand years in the divinely-built city of Jerusalem, let down from heaven, which the apostle also calls ‘our mother from above; This both Ezekiel had knowledge of and the Apostle John beheld.” - Tertullian 200 AD

Historical Setting: The seven churches of Asia Minor were experiencing great persecution, and it was about to break out in full wrath.

Though evil seems chaotic, perverse and rampant, God is on his throne and in control.

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ,” - Revelation 1:1

apokalupsis, *ap-ok-al'-oop-sis*; Greek; *disclosure*: -appearing, manifestation, be revealed, unveiling. Does not mean “catastrophe.”

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

5. Apocalypse, in the context of Revelation, means to unveil or _____ in full view what was formerly _____.
6. Revelation is about to unveil the _____ of the world.

Instructions to Daniel:

“...close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.” - Daniel 12:4

Opposite instructions to John:

“And he said to me, ‘Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.’” - Rev. 22:10

God has ushered in the “last days.” Revelation contains truths that had been concealed but are now revealed.

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ...” - Revelation 1:1

“He is not incidental to its action; He is its chief Subject.” - Dr. Merrill Tenney

The Gospels showed Jesus in his humiliation;
Revelation shows him in his exaltation.

“...which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants,”
- Revelation 1:1

Doulos (bond-servant) “slaves” - special type - one who serves out of love/devotion to his master: - voluntary; frequently in a qualified sense of *subserviency*.

“But if the slave plainly says, ‘I love my master, my wife and my children; I will not go out as a free man,’ then his master shall bring him to God, then he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him permanently.” - Exodus 21:5-6

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7. A bond servant, like John, is one who _____ voluntarily out of love and _____ to his master.

“...the things which must soon take place;”
- Revelation 1:1

en tachei, *en takh'-os*; a brief space (of time), in haste:
- +quickly

“Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.’” - 2 Peter 3:3

What “things”?

“...the things which must soon take place;”
- Revelation 1:1

The judgments of God are never hidden in the book of Revelation. They are played out very clearly: what you will experience in heaven, what people on earth will experience, and the wrath of God’s judgment.

A brighter day is to come...but the THUNDER OF GOD’S VOICE shaking the earth must be heard once more before the dawn.

“...and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John,” - Revelation 1:1

The message of Revelation came from God, the Father, to the Son to an angel to John and to the church.

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." - Revelation 22:16

“...who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.” - Revelation 1:2

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8. In verse 1:1, “soon” means that action and events will be _____ when they come, not that they will occur _____ . Once the trigger is pulled and the events begin they will occur in _____ .

9. The things revealed in Revelation are things that John actually _____ .

“But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.” - 2 Peter 1:20-21

To neglect the Book of Revelation is to neglect the very **Word of God**.

“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it;” - Revelation 1:3

heed = Tereo, *tay-reh'-o*; a *watch*; to *guard* - keeping *the eye* upon

Assignment: Throughout the study of this series, keep a list of the things that you discover that we are to heed, to obey.

“...for the time is near.” - Revelation 1:3

kairos, *kahee-ros'*; an *occasion*, or *proper time*: - season, short while

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

10. The two elements in this book that are of chief importance are the _____ of God and the _____ of Jesus Christ.

11. This book is primarily written for _____ to understand and be _____ if they read, hear and _____ the things written (1:3)

12. In verse 3, the phrase the “time is near” refers to an _____ / _____ and refers to the time of the _____.

ANSWERS:

1. portals, heaven
2. evidence, weakened, enhanced
3. Old Testament, New Testament
4. defined / explained
5. expose, hidden
6. destiny
7. serves, devotion
8. sudden, immediately, rapid succession
9. saw
10. Word, Testimony
11. believers, blessed, heed
12. age / epoch, end

Reflecting on the Text

1. On a scale of 1–10, with 1 representing “very little” and 10 signifying “very good” how would you rate your current understanding of the Book of Revelation and what it teaches about end-times events?
2. When in your life have you had the most profound experience with the living God? What happened? How were you affected?
3. How would your life be different if you lived daily with a continual expectancy of Christ’s return?
4. What questions do you hope to have answered as a result of this study?

Passage to consider this week:

“Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.’ For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.” - 2 Peter 3:3-7

Throughout the Series ...

Keep a list of the things that you discover that we are to heed, to obey.

Outline of Revelation

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Lesson 2 - Revelation 1:4-20

(54:13 minutes)

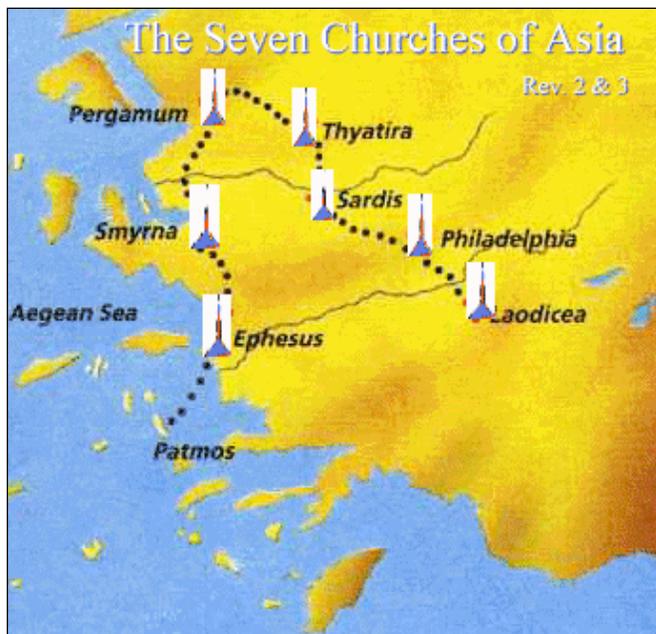
“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” - Hebrews 4:12

The sword of God performs surgery on the soul. Today’s study is about finding balance between the wonder and majesty of God in contrast to having too much emphasis on the academic.

“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it.”
- Revelation 1:3

Esher – to guide along a path; to sort out the wrong and the right

“John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come ...” - Revelation 1:4



Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. The number 7 appears several times in Revelation. It is a key number that indicates _____ and _____.
2. (1:4) “Who is, who was, and who is to come” is a description for us to indicate that He is _____.

Grace - undeserved favor of God

Peace - the result of grace - so believers can face difficult circumstances

"Who has performed and accomplished it, calling forth the generations from the beginning? 'I, the LORD, am the first, and with the last. I am He.' " - Isaiah 41:4

"... and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne," - Revelation 1:4

This is the Spirit of God in His fullness - one Spirit with seven characteristics. This phrase "seven Spirits" is parallel to Isaiah 11:2 – the Spirit coming upon the Messiah:

"The Spirit of the Lord (1) will rest on Him, the Spirit of wisdom (2) and of understanding (3), the Spirit of counsel (4) and of power (5), the Spirit of knowledge (6) and the fear of the Lord (7)."

"... and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood ..." - Revelation 1:5

"For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth" - John 18:37

"... and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father -- to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen." - Revelation 1:6

(Note: The playing of the Doxology is not included on the recording.)

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

2. (1:5) a) "first born from the dead" indicates firstborn in _____;
b) "ruler of the kings of the earth" indicates His absolute _____ over this world; and c) "He who loves us (present tense) and released us (past tense) from our sins by _____."
3. (1:6) As priests, believers have the right to enter _____.

“Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.” - Revelation 1:7

Behold = pay attention, get ready.

Parousia, *par-oo-see'-ah*; a being near, (return; especially of Christ); physical *aspect*:- presence

“He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters; He makes the clouds His chariot; He walks upon the wings of the wind;” - Psalm 104:3

His glory will be VISIBLE to the entire human race.

“For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.” - Matthew 24:27

"But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory." - Matthew 24:29-30

"I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem..." - Zechariah 12:10-11

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

5. This verse is speaking of the _____
_____ not the rapture. Christ's
second coming will be _____
to the entire world including unbelievers.
6. All the tribes of the earth will be plunged into
mourning because He comes to _____
His enemies and set up His kingdom.
Believers _____ _____ mourn at His
coming.

A breathtaking promise such as this requires more than John's signature. There is a change of the one speaking – a most impressive thing. As though God takes a pen, and with His own hand signs this book with His own name.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."
- Revelation 1:8

- 1.) Alpha and Omega: emphasizes omniscience & eternity
- 2.) Who is and who was and who is to come: God is not confined by space or time
- 3.) The Almighty: affirms His omnipotence. Since He is all powerful, nothing can hinder Him from carrying out His sovereign will.

"I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus." - Revelation 1:9

Hupomonē, (perseverance) literally "to remain under"

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,"
- Revelation 1:10

"So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound..." - Exodus 19:16

"...saying, 'Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.'" - Revelation 1:11

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

7. (1:10) In scripture, especially Revelation and Exodus, a loud sound/voice indicates the _____/
_____ of what is about to be revealed.
8. (1:11) John is supposed to do two things with what he sees. He is to _____ it down in a book and _____ it to the seven churches.

“Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands;”
- Revelation 1:12

“I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
- Matthew 28:20

“... and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash.”
- Revelation 1:13

“His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire.”
- Revelation 1:14

“I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold of Uphaz. His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult.” - Daniel 10:5-6

“There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.” - Hebrews 4:13

“His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters.” - Revelation 1:15

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9. (1:12) The seven lampstands are representative of _____ the churches.
10. (1:13) The images of “one like a son of man” in the midst of the lampstands gives us knowledge that our High Priest moves in our midst to _____ for and _____ His own.
11. (1:14-16) In the descriptions of His head and hair, His eyes, His feet, His voice, His right hand, His mouth, and His face, we clearly see that Jesus Christ is supremely _____ to _____ the seven churches.

“In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.” - Revelation 1:16

rhomphaia - a large broad-bladed sword - *sharp two-edged sword*

“When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.”
- Revelation 1:17-18

“Therefore, write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things. As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.” - Revelation 1:19

eido, i'-do; to know :- be aware, (have) know (-ledge), perceive

KEY FOR US: The primary purpose of this study is for us to perceive and understand this King of Kings, to collapse out of the wonder and worship and majesty of our God.

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12. (1:17-18) John upon seeing such a sight fell with fear; however, the Living One comforted John and verified that He possessed the keys of death and of Hades indicating that Christ decides who _____, who _____, and when.
13. (1:19-20) Therefore, John is commanded to write the things he had _____, the things which _____, and the things that will _____ after these things.

ANSWERS:

1. totality, completeness
2. YHVH/Eternal/Judge & Redeemer
3. preeminence, authority, his blood
4. God's presence
5. 2nd coming, visible
6. judge, will not
7. critical nature/importance
8. write, send
9. all of
10. care, protect
11. qualified, judge
12. lives, dies
13. seen, are, take place

Reflecting on the Text

1. In Revelation 1:4-6 how did John describe who Jesus is and what he does?
2. How did John describe the future second coming of Christ?
3. Read Revelation 1:7-8. Why do you think many will mourn at Christ return?
4. As you read the description of Jesus in the Revelation 1:12-16, make a list of at least eight of John's observations. How does this imagery of Jesus impact your view of Him?
5. In Revelation 1:17-19, what was John's reaction to his vision of Jesus, and what was the reaction of Jesus to John?
6. What effect did this vision of the risen Christ have on John? (Consider: Genesis 17:3; Numbers 16:22; Isaiah 6:1-8; Ezekiel 1:28; Acts 9:4)

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Lesson 3 - Revelation 2:1-7

(45:12 minutes)

Revelation reminds us: the Lamb is on His throne; victory, judgment and final vindication are assured.

“Then all men shall look upon Him as He really is. They shall see Him holding in His hands the title-deed to the Universe... the Authority of all creation.”
-W. A. Criswell

“Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.” - Revelation 1:19

1. **The things which you have seen** - the vision John had just seen
2. **The things which are** - the letters to the seven churches in chapters 2-3
3. **The things which will take place after these things** - future events in chapters 4-22

“As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.”
- Revelation 1:20

Musterion - Greek for mystery; means “the secret things” - a secret truth not grasped by the human mind but revealed by God

lampstands = the churches; the light-bearers

light = the truth of Jesus

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;" - Matthew 5:14

It's the business of the church to tell **truth** to the world.

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. From the beginning of Revelation the church is found in the _____ trenches of the battle.
2. The church is expected to exercise tremendous _____ in the world.
3. (1:20) Churches are called _____. They are not the light, but they are to _____ the light to a dark world.

The first letter is addressed to the church in Ephesus.

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:
The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand,
the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands,
says this:” - Revelation 2:1

What do we know about Ephesus?

- well-educated
- patronized the arts
- very large city at that time
- center of manufacturing and government
- morally corrupt



The library in Ephesus



The theater in Ephesus

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4. (2:1) The Lord wants to impress upon His church that He's in their _____ and _____ among the lampstands.



Temple to Diana

“...that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord” - Acts 19:10

The letter starts with a commendation of the church in Ephesus.

“I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false;” - Revelation 2:2

eido, (Greek) *i'-do*; properly to *see*; to *know*:- be aware, (have) know (-ledge), look (on), perceive

Kopos, (Greek) *kop'-os*; (as *reducing* the strength), by implication *pains*:- labor, + trouble, weariness; physically, mentally, and emotionally.

"I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard!" - Acts 20:29-31

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5. (2:2) “eido” (know) refers to _____
 _____ knowledge about the church.

6. (2:2-3) The church at Ephesus is commended for their _____ / _____
 and for their knowledge and ability to _____ / _____ doctrine.
 They would not allow _____
 to exist among them.

“and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary.”
- Revelation 2:3

However ...

“But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.” - Revelation 2:4

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the great and foremost commandment.”
- Matthew 22:37-38

What we do for Christ is very important, but **why** we do it is so much more important.

“Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first;”
- Revelation 2:5

Or else ...

“...or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place - unless you repent.”
- Revelation 2:5

OUR primary responsibility: to tell truth to the world.

“Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.” - Revelation 2:6

“...lived lives of unrestrained indulgence” - Irenaeus

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7. (2:2-3) Basically this church was a _____ church, busy doing the works of the Lord, a _____ church, “toiling to the point of exhaustion”, and a _____ church, enduring under trials. Could probably give them a grade of _____ based on observation.
8. (2:4) However, all was not well, they had lost their _____.
9. (2:4) John MacArthur suggests 3 symptoms for evaluating the loss of one's first love.
a) the loss of the _____ and _____ of Christian living; b) the loss of one's ability to _____ others, and c) a loss of a _____ of ourselves.
10. (2:5) However, one can recapture this lost love by _____ from which one has fallen, by _____ (changing what has taken the place of Jesus in one's life), and by _____ / _____ to do the deeds done originally.
11. (2:5) If one doesn't recapture this lost love, the lampstand will be removed meaning that the church would lose her ability to _____ the light of _____. She would stop shining.

“Nicolaitans abandon themselves to pleasure like goats ... leading a life of self-indulgence” - Clement of Alexandria

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.”
- Revelation 2:7

Nikao, (Greek) *nik-ah'-o*; (nike); to *subdue*:- conquer, prevail, get the victory

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”
- 1 John 5:4-5

“Then the Lord God said, ‘Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.’” - Genesis 3:22

“You are the light of the world...” - Matthew 5:14

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

12. (2:6) The Ephesian church and the Lord hated the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which means they hated the doctrine that taught that immoral conduct does not affect the _____.
13. (2:7) An overcomer is one who believes that Jesus is the _____.
14. An overcomer will be blessed and have access to (and eat of) the _____, thus never dying. This promise is not a reward for only a special group of believers, but should be a normal _____ for all believers.

ANSWERS:

1. front-line
2. influence
3. lampstands, hold or bear
4. midst, observing
5. complete and full
6. works/deeds, define/defend, heresy
7. serving, sacrificing, patient, A+
8. first love
9. joy and glow, love, healthy perspective
10. remembering, repenting, returning / beginning again
11. shed, truth
12. spiritual life
13. Son of God
14. tree of life, expectation

Reflecting on the Text

1. According to I John 5:4-5, who is “he who overcomes”?
2. Imagine that the worldwide Christian Church underwent a performance review. How do you think Christ would rate modern Christianity? On a scale of 1-10 (10 being the best), rate the following:
 - Evangelism _____
 - Loving one another _____
 - Demonstrating unity among believers _____
 - Doctrine _____
 - Faithfulness to the Word _____
3. What if Jesus conducted a performance review of your Christian life? How would you stand up under the scrutiny of an all-knowing God?
4. Do you remember your love for the Lord at a previous time in your life as being more intense and sincere than it is now? If yes, what has affected the change you may have experienced?
5. Are your current attitudes and actions greater, lesser, or the same as when you first came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ?
(circle one) Greater Lesser The same

Destiny of the World: Revelation Series

Lesson 4: Revelation 2:8-11

(49:08 minutes)



Historical Background: Jerusalem had fallen, and Israel was ravaged by the Romans. Christianity became an outlawed religion.

“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:”
- Revelations 2:8

What do we know about Smyrna?

- Beautiful city; crown of Asia
- Financially successful
- Contributed much to science and medicine
- Won the right to build a temple to Caesar Tiberius
- Worship of Caesar was pervasive and annual sacrifices were required

“The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this:” - Revelation 2:8

Jesus is the first and the last, the supreme ruler over history, the possessor of eternity.

Jesus died and came back to life again. He could identify with everything these people might experience.

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1. (2:8) “I am the First and the Last. I am the one who died and who lives.” Those are extremes – death and life. Jesus presents Himself as the Lord of the extremes. He encompasses all the forces and events _____ these two extremes.
2. (2:8) No matter what experiences God’s people may have, our Lord _____ with us.

Letter written by someone living in Smyrna, requesting a certificate of compliance:

To those who have been appointed to preside over the sacrifices, from Inares Akeus, from the village of Theoxenis, together with his children, who reside in the village of Theadelphia, we have always sacrificed to the gods, and now, in your presence, according to the regulations, we have sacrificed and offered libations, and tasted the sacred things, and we ask you to give us a certification that we have done so. May you fare well.

Response from the Emperor:

We, the representatives of the Emperor, have seen you sacrificing.

“Eighty and six years have I served Christ, and he has never done me wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?” - Polycarp

‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.’

- Revelation 2:9

thlipsis, (Greek) *thlip'-sis*; *pressure* (literal or figurative):- afflicted (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.

ptocheia, (Greek) *pto-khi'-ah*; *beggary*, i.e. *indigence* (literal or figurative):- poverty

“For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one.” - Hebrews 10:34

blasphemia, *blas-fay-me'-ah*; *vilification* (especially against God):- blasphemy, evil speaking, railing

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

- (2:8) Christians in Smyrna were confronted with the need annually to choose between saying “_____ is lord,” or “_____ is Lord.”
- (2:9) “Thlipsis” is a picture of crushing, unending _____ on them.
- (2:9) The church in Smyrna was rich – they lived for _____ that would never change; riches that could never be taken away.
- (2:9) Even though the church was being pressured to conform, facing opposition they were comforted by the fact that Jesus said; “I _____ your afflictions and your poverty. He knows our _____, our _____, and the _____.”

Satan, *saw-tawn'*; Hebrew (*satan*); *opponent*; especially the arch-enemy:- adversary, one who withstands

'Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold [pay attention], the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days.' - Revelation 2:10

Diabolos, (Greek) *dee-ab'-ol-os*; a *traducer*; specially *Satan*:- false accuser, slanderer

What is happening to them is within God's will.

"So Pilate said to Him, 'You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?' Jesus answered, 'You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.'" - John 19:10-11

'Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.' - Revelation 2:10

stephanos, (Greek) *stef'-an-os*; a prize in the public games or a symbol of honor; conspicuous and elaborate; literal: crown

"Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."
- James 1:12

"I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer." - Revelation 6:2

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7. (2:10) The first mention of the devil in the book of Revelation here means _____, not Adversary.
8. (2:10) Suffering is anticipated – even expected for ungodly people, but why should the godly suffer? Scripture gives several reasons. It could be:
 - a) _____ (I Corinthians 11:30-32; Hebrews 12:3-13)
 - b) _____ (2 Corinthians 12:7)
 - c) a demonstration of _____ (Hebrews 5:8, Romans 5:3-5)
 - d) for the provision of a better _____ (Acts 9:16)
9. (2:10) Believers can be rewarded with at least five different crowns:
 - a) A crown of _____
- for those who win others to Christ (1 Thessalonians 2:19)
 - b) A crown of _____
- for those who look forward to the coming of Christ (II Timothy 4:6-8)
 - c) A crown of _____ - for those who endured persecution, even to death (James 1:12, Revelation 2:10, 3:11, 4:4)
 - d) A crown of _____
- for those who run the race of life well; (I Corinthians 9:25)
 - e) A crown of _____ - for those who lead the church with humility (I Peter 5:4)

“Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand.”
- Revelation 14:14

God assures us: He knows Satan’s schemes, and He is in complete control of the situation.

‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.’ - Revelation 2:11

nikao, (Greek) *nik-ah'-o*; (nike); to *subdue*:- conquer, overcome, prevail, get the victory

“I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!” - Luke 12:4-5

“Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power...” - Revelation 20:6

“Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”
- Revelation 20:14-15

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?’” - John 11:25-26

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10. (2:10) If one faces persecution, these three things should strengthen you. Know that the persecution is to _____ us, it is only for a _____ time, and we will receive the crown of life if we are _____ even to the point of death.

11. (2:11) The motivation to be an _____ is that the _____ are eternal.

12. (2:11) He says, those of you who are real believers will never be hurt by the second death. That’s the one to worry about. The first death is only physical; the second is the _____.

13. (2:11) Jesus is saying, “If you listen to what this letter is saying to you, if you trust me in times of pressure and persecution, I will give you the gift of eternal life and you will have nothing to fear from the judgment of God. You will be kept safe forever from the second _____.”

“Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” - Romans 8:38b-39

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14. Remember, it is those who _____ what is written in this book that will be blessed.

ANSWERS:

1. between
2. identifies
3. Caesar, Jesus
4. pressure
5. values
6. know, tribulation, poverty, blasphemy
7. accuser
8. disciplinary, preventive, obedience, testimony
9. exaltation, righteousness, life, imperishability, glory
10. test, limited, faithful
11. overcomer, consequences
12. death of the soul
13. second death
14. heed

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Lesson 5 ~ Revelation 2:12-17

(43:12 minutes)

What would Jesus have to say to the church of the United States?

“...do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy [adversary] of God.” - James 4:4

“The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition...”
- 2 Timothy 2:24-25

“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.” - 1 John 2:15-17

Today, worldliness is rampant in the church. Churches, even entire denominations, have departed from the truth and embraced worldly morality.

"And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write:"
- Revelation 2:12

What do we know about Pergamum?

- 20 miles inland from Smyrna (lesson 4)
- Had a major university with an enormous library with 200,000 volumes
- Leading manufacturer of parchment
- Prosperous city
- Adverse to Christian life

“...by far the most distinguished city in Asia” - Pliny

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. Worldliness is defined as any preoccupation with or interest in the temporal system of life that places anything _____ before that which is eternal.
2. One who wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an _____ of God.
3. The church at Pergamum, like much of today's church, had failed to heed the biblical warnings against worldliness. It had drifted into _____ and was in danger of becoming one with the world.

“The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this:” - Revelation 12:2

oxus, (Greek) *ox-oos'*; *keen*; by analogy *rapid*, lit- sharp, swift

rhomphaia, (Greek) *hrom-fah'-yah*; a *sabre*, a long and broad *cutlass*

“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” - Hebrews 4:12

“...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” - Ephesians 6:17

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.” - Revelation 19:11-14

“From His mouth comes a sharp sword, [rhomphaia] so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." - Revelation 19:15-16

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4. (2:12) The sharp, two-edged sword represents the _____ . The fact that it is two-edged indicates the Word's potency and power in _____ and _____ the innermost thoughts of the human heart.

5. (2:12) The Jesus in Revelation is not known by the world. They see Him in a manger. But the reality in the book of Revelation is that when He returns, He returns as on who carries out the fierce _____ .

“I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.”
- Revelation 2:13

Katoikeo, *kat-oy-keh'-o*; to house permanently, reside (literal) inhabitant



“Satan’s Throne,” taken from Pergamum and reconstructed in Berlin, Germany.

martus, (Greek) *mar'-toos*; martyr - a witness, record

“But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality.” - Revelation 2:14

Assignment: Read the story of Balaam and Balak in Numbers 22-25.

skandalon, (Greek) *skan'-dal-on*; (“scandal”); a trap-stick (bent sapling), i.e. snare (cause of sin):- occasion to fall (of stumbling), thing that offends

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6. (2:13) Christ recognized the difficulty of the church at Pergamum. He knew that they lived with _____ in their midst.

7. (2:13) Believers at Pergamum had been true to God, even under severe testing, but still they had _____ their witness.

8. (2:14) The Lord is actually accusing the believers in Pergamum of committing _____ because of their compromises that made them more acceptable to the world.

9. (2:14) The congregation or individual that compromises with the world just to avoid suffering or achieve success is committing _____ and being unfaithful to the Lord.

Some people in this church believed they could live immorally during the week - the same as those who didn't know Christ.

"...do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."
- James 4:4

"So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans." - Revelation 2:15

"Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth." - Revelation 2:16

Jesus addressed the whole congregation because the church failed to address heresy. They became tolerant of false teaching.

"The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will."
- 2 Timothy 2:24-26

It is the objective of the church to be a place where all can hear Truth clearly proclaimed.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it." - Revelation 2:17

Nikao, *nik-ah'-o*; Greek (nike); to *subdue*:- conquer, prevail, get the victory

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10. (2:14) Many in the church at Pergamum, as well as believers today, make light of Biblical truth and doctrine. Jesus holds it against any in His church who hold to error. Instead of tolerating heresy, one is to _____ (not in a hostile manner) those who teach and promote such false doctrine.
11. (2:15) - It is impossible to live life so closely associated with those of the world in such a way as to be indistinguishable from non-believers. This is impossible because "friendship with the world" is _____ toward God.
12. (2:15) - What Satan could not accomplish at Smyrna or Pergamum through intimidation, suffering, and death from outside the church, he achieved from _____.
13. (2:16) - Jesus told them or repent or else. After a warning not heeded, He would come soon, meaning He would come _____.
14. (2:16) - Antipas felt the sword of Rome, but the church at Pergamum would feel the _____ (the Word) if they did not repent.

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.” -1 John 5:4-5

Why does all this come before the Revelation of Future things? God wants His church at peak performance, unhindered, to carry the message of His intentions and what He has done.

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15. (2:17) The promise to the one who overcomes is _____.

ANSWERS:

1. perishable
2. enemy
3. compromise
4. Word of God, exposing and judging
5. wrath of God
6. Satan
7. compromised
8. spiritual fornication
9. spiritual adultery
10. confront
11. hostility
12. within
13. suddenly
14. sword of Christ
15. victory

Reflecting on the Text

1. If your co-workers, fellow students, and/or friends outside of church were asked if you are a Christian, how would they answer?
2. What about business associates, the guy who works on your car, the person who serves your meals at the local restaurant?
3. Are there areas in your thinking or behavior where worldliness has crept in or taken over?
4. Are there doctrines or Biblical truths that you think are not really that important or significant, and the church should not keep making a big deal about them?

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Lesson 6 - Revelation 2:18-29

(39:42 minutes)

chadash, (Hebrew) *khaw-dawsh'*; new:- fresh, new thing

miqveh, (Hebrew) something *waited* for, (*confidence*):-
abiding, gathering together- *expectancy*

“New Hope” – not just hoping in hope, but hope because of the confidence we have in Jesus Christ.

“Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.”
- Jude 1:3

What do we know about Thyatira?

- 35 miles SE of Pergamum
- Military outpost - first line of defense
- Manufacturing center with many trade unions
- Participation in the unions was mandatory in order to do business
- Apollos was named the god of the city

“large quantities of scarlet cloth are sent weekly to Smyrna” - (from an inscription)

Image of Apollos appears on the imperial coins from Thyatira:



Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. Jude 1:3 “I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend _____ for the faith.

“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:”
- Revelation 2:18

Significant shift:

- Son of Man (Ch. 1) - He sympathizes with the needs, trials, and temptations of those who belong to Him.
- Son of God (Ch. 2) - He is deity; He is of one essence with the Father; he exercises the authority of the Ancient of Days in judging.

“I kept looking until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before Him; thousands upon thousands were attending Him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; the court sat, and the books were opened.”
- Daniel 7:9-10

“I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.” - Revelation 2:19

“But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality.” - Revelation 2:20

eo, (Greek) *eh-ah'-o*; to let be, permit or leave alone:- let (alone)

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

2. (2:18) Jesus is identified as having “eyes like a flame of fire” which means that He sees all and nothing can be _____
_____ or _____
from Him.
3. (2:18) Jesus is also identified as having “feet like burnished bronze” meaning that He will _____ sin and severely punish and bring _____.
4. (2:20) The church at Thyatira was guilty of tolerating the woman Jezebel. Even if believers were not participating in her deception, they were guilty of tolerance – _____ by acquiescence.

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“Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord more than all who were before him. It came about, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he married Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went to serve Baal and worshiped him.”

- 1 Kings 16:30-31

“In the long roll of human infamy there is not a blacker name than that of Jezebel... her name became the synonym of all that is debasing, symbolical of some self-important, self-constituted authority on religion... persecuting, haughtily vaunting claims of superior religious piety and Theo-logic intelligence.”

- *Source Unknown*

planao, (Greek) *plan-ah'-o*; to (*cause to*) *roam* (from safety, truth, or virtue) :- go astray, deceive, err, seduce

“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.” - 2 Peter 3:9

“...we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him...” - Ephesians 4:14-15a

“...guilds met frequently, and they met for a common meal. Such a meal was, at least in part, a religious ceremony. It would meet in a pagan temple, and it would begin with a libation to the gods, and the meal itself would largely consist of meat offered to idols. The position of the church meant that a Christian could not attend such a meal.” - William Barclay

5. (2:21) Even Jezebel was given time to repent, but she didn't want to. Literally, she did not want to come out of her _____.
6. (2:20-21) No amount of love, good deeds, or sacrifice can compensate for _____. Rather than permitting such false teaching, a godly church must speak the _____ in love.

“Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.”
- Revelation 2:22-23

“If these men die the death of all men or if they suffer the fate of all men, then the Lord has not sent me. But if the Lord brings about an entirely new thing and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that is theirs, and they descend alive into Sheol, then you will understand that these men have spurned the Lord.”
- Numbers 16:29-30

nephros, (Greek) *nef-ros'*; a *kidney* (plural); (figurative) the inmost *mind*:- reins

kardia, (Greek) *kar-dee'-ah*; the heart, the center of physical life —(figurative) the *thoughts* or *feelings*; the seat of one's personal life (both physical and spiritual)—the seat of one's entire mental and moral activity, containing both rational and emotional elements.

“But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you. Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.” - Revelation 2:24-25

krateō, (Greek) *krat-eh'-o*; to hold fast, to hold with a grip

“He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received authority from My Father;” - Revelation 2:26-27

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7. (2:22) Since Jezebel refused to repent, her destiny is a “bed of sickness” which likely refers to _____.
8. (2:22) The good news is that God always gives an opportunity for _____.
9. (2:23) This warning of tolerance is to _____ churches, not just to the church at Thyatira.
10. (2:25) Those in the church at Thyatira not tolerating the teachings of Jezebel were told to hold fast; in other words don't let go from your _____. Excellence in Christ requires a _____ on truth and resistance from evil.
11. (2:26-27) Christ promises believers who are faithful will have authority and will join Him in His millennial _____/_____.

poinaino, (Greek) *poy-mah'ee-no*; to *tend* as a shepherd (or figurative *supervisor*):- feed (cattle), rule

“and I will give him the morning star.”
- Revelation 2:28

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.” - Revelation 22:16

“He (singular) who has an ear, let him (singular) hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” - Revelation 2:29

Revelation 2:7 - “To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life...”
Revelation 2:11 - “He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.”
Revelation 2:17 - “To him who overcomes... I will give a new name”
Revelation 2:26 - “He who overcomes... to him I will give authority over the nations;”

epagonizomai, (Greek) *ep-ag-o-nid'-zom-ahee*; to *struggle* for:- earnestly contend for

“Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints. For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.” - Jude 1:3-4

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12. (2:28) “I will give him the morning star;” that is, I will give unto him _____, so that reflecting My perfect brightness, he shall shine like Me, the Morning Star, and share my kingly glory.
13. (2:29) False doctrine and sin must not be _____ in the church today; even under the banner of love, toleration and unity. Immorality and false doctrine will bring _____.

ANSWERS:

1. earnestly
2. disguised, covered, hidden
3. trample, judgment
4. endorsement
5. behavior
6. false teaching, truth
7. death (2nd death - hell)
8. repentance
9. all
10. grasp, tight grip
11. kingdom/reign
12. myself
13. allowed, judgment

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Lesson 7 - Revelation 3:1-6

(44:31 minutes)

“But now, if You will, forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me out from Your book which You have written!”
The Lord said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.”
- Exodus 32:32-33

“May they be blotted out of the book of life and may they not be recorded with the righteous.” - Psalm 69:28

“A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before Him; thousands upon thousands were attending Him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; the court sat, and the books were opened.”
- Daniel 7:10

What do we know about Sardis?

- 30 miles south of Thyatira
- Commercially prosperous
- People were wealthy, complacent, and had time on their hands
- Militarily strategic



Gymnasium in Sardis

“the tender-footed Lydians, who can only play on the cithara, strike the guitar, and sell by retail”
- Herodotus (5th century B.C.)



Temple to Diana (Artemis)



Inside Jewish synagogue in Sardis

“To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: ‘I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.’” - Revelation 3:1

“The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him,
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and strength,
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”
- Isaiah 11:2

“Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.” - Revelation 3:2

gregoreuo, (Greek) *gray-gor-yoo'-o*; to *keep awake*, i.e. *watch* (literal or figurative):- wake, be vigilant, (be) watch (-ful).

“So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.” - Revelation 3:3

mnemoneuo, (Greek) *mnay-mon-yoo'-o*; to *exercise memory*, i.e. *recollect*; to *rehearse*:- make mention, be mindful.

“But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.” - Revelation 3:4

“Then the righteous will shine forth as the Sun in the Kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.” - Matthew 13:43

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- (3:1) The “seven spirits” are a symbol of the _____ in His fullness.
- (3:1) To the church at Sardis Jesus said, “I know your deeds, that you have a name, that you are alive, but you are _____.”
- (3:1) A church is dying when it:
 - is _____ to rest on its past, rather than looking ahead to God’s calling;
 - focuses on curing _____ troubles rather than changing people’s hearts by teaching Bible truth;
 - is more concerned with _____ things than spiritual things;
 - is more concerned with what _____ than what God directs;
 - loses its _____ that every word of the Bible is the _____ of God Himself.
- (3:2) The need of the Sardis church was to _____ and face her failure; to feel the dullness of her services; and smell the deadness of her life.
- (3:3) The church at Sardis needed to:
 - wake up
 - strengthen the _____ (the spiritual realities) that remain;
 - remember what they had _____ and _____;
 - keep (_____) the truths of Scripture;
 - _____ - confess and turn away from their sins.

“He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” - Revelation 3:5

“But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” - Romans 8:39

“Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.” - Luke 10:20

And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.” - Revelation 20:12

“And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” - Revelation 20:15

homologeō, (Greek) *hom-ol-og-eh'-o*; to assent, i.e. *covenant, acknowledge*

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6. (3:3) If the church didn't wake up, the Lord would come like a thief and administer special _____.
7. (3:4) Some are considered worthy to walk with Jesus and wear white garments. They were not worthy because they _____ good moral lives, but because their sins were _____ in the blood of the Lamb.
8. (3:5) The Lord promised three things to overcomers:
 - We will wear _____ representing purity and holiness;
 - Our names will never be _____ from the Book of Life
 - Our names will be confessed before the _____.

ANSWERS:

1. Holy Spirit
2. dead
3. content, social, material, men think, conviction, word
4. wake up
5. things, received, heard, obey, repent
6. judgment
7. lived, washed
8. white garments, erased, Father

Reflecting on the Text

Compare our church to the five churches studied so far in Revelation. Are there any parallels?

CHURCH	DESCRIPTION	PRAISED FOR	WARNED ABOUT
Ephesus (2:1-7)	The Loveless Church	Labor, patience, not bearing those who are evil, testing false apostles, perseverance, hating the deeds of the Nicolaitans	Leaving their first love
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Thyatira (2:18-29)	The Corrupt Church	Love, service, faith, patience	Allowing Jezebel to teach and seduce to immorality and idolatry. Holding fast and overcoming
Sardis (3:1-6)	The Dead Church	A few faithful people	Dead, even though they had a reputation for being alive

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Lesson 8 - Revelation 3:7-13

(45:01 minutes)

“The deepest thought a person can ever have is his conception of God’s character.”

- Dan DeHaan, *The God You Can Know*

“God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent; has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”

- Numbers 23:19

What do we know about Philadelphia?

- Located 25 miles SE of Sardis
- Known as the “Gateway to the East”
- Permeated by Greek culture
- Prone to earthquakes and volcanic activity
- Devastated by earthquake in 17 AD and rebuilt by Rome

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:” - Revelation 3:7

“...and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’” - Revelation 6:10

HOLY

“...I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst,” - Hosea 11:9

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“Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called out to another and said,

“Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts,
The whole earth is full of His glory.”

And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke.” - Isaiah 6:2-4

“And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.” - Revelation 4:8

hagios, (Greek) *hag'-ee-os*; (an *awful* thing); sacred (physical *pure*, moral *blameless - consecrated*) :- (most) holy (one)

“Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying, “What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!” - Mark 1:23-24

TRUE

And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. 1 John 5:20

HAS THE KEY OF DAVID

“I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David. What he opens, no one can shut, and what he shuts, no one can open.” - Isaiah 22:17

1. (3:7) Holy means separate, and He is utterly separate from _____, utterly unlike us. He CANNOT / WILL NOT _____ in His presence.

2. (3:7) Whenever you see the word “key” in scripture you can equate it with _____. Whoever has the key has control.
3. (3:7) There are two meanings to, “who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens.”
 - It can refer to the _____
 - and it can refer to doors of _____ for His people/ church.

“I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.” - Revelation 3:8

“Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you.” - Revelation 3:9

A day will come when all Israel will be saved. Read Romans 11:25-29 and Zechariah 12:10.

“...at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
- Philippians 2:10-11

exomologeō, (Greek) *ex-om-ol-og-eh'-o*; to *acknowledge* or *agree fully*:- profess

“Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.” - Revelation 3:10

“For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.” - Matthew 24:21

megas, (Greek) *meg'-as*; big :- (+ fear) exceedingly, great (-est), high, large, mighty, + (be) sore (afraid), strong, × to years.

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4. (3:8) A door of opportunity is given when a church/biblical community discovers the _____ of the _____. This is _____ power that the Lord is talking about.
5. (3:8) The presence of the Spirit is in each church without any condition. But the _____ of the Spirit is given to those churches who learn to keep His _____ and to not _____ His Name.
6. (3:8) The two central things in the ministry of every church are:
 - There must be the _____ . It must be preached, taught, studied, and known.
 - There must be a clear _____ of the Truth of salvation through Christ alone.
7. (3:9) Those Jews who are of the synagogue of Satan are there because of their _____ of Jesus as the Messiah. However, in some future day _____ Israel will be saved.
8. (3:10) The hour of testing clearly is a reference to the _____ .

thlipsis, (Greek) *thlip'-sis*; pressure :- afflicted (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.

tereo, (Greek) *tay-reh'-o*; to guard from *loss* or *injury*, properly by keeping *the eye* upon; by extension to *withhold*:- hold fast, keep (-er), (pre-, re-) serve

“The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

“I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.” - Revelation 3:11

“He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” - Revelation 3:12-13

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9. (3:10) Several aspects of the tribulation are noted in the text.
- The test is yet _____.
 - The test is for a definite, _____ time.
 - It is a test that will _____ people for what they really are.
 - The test is _____ in scope.
 - Its purpose is to test _____.
10. (3:11) The phrase “so no one will take your crown” refers to _____, not to _____.
11. (3:12-13) He who overcomes will be made a _____ in the temple, meaning he will have a place of stability, permanence, and immovability. Also, three names will be written on the overcomer:
- the name of my _____,
 - the name of the _____ where you belong (the City of God)
 - a _____ name.

ANSWERS:

1. sin, tolerate sin
2. authority
3. kingdom of Heaven, opportunity
4. power, Spirit, spiritual
5. power, Word, deny
6. Word of God, proclamation
7. rejection, all
8. great tribulation
9. future, limited, expose, worldwide, unbelievers
10. reward, salvation
11. pillar, God, location, new

Reflecting on the Text

1. Jesus is described as holy and true. How would you define these attributes? Why are they often paired together?
2. How do you view God's character? What difference does it make in your life?
3. What "open doors" has God put before you?
4. Have you made the most of the opportunities He has opened up for you, or have you ignored them? How have you used your gifts and talents wisely for His glory?
5. What do you learn about God's character from His promises here?

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Lesson 9 - Revelation 3:14-22

(40:03 minutes)

“Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?” - Luke 6:46

kurios; (Greek) *supremacy; supreme* in authority:- God, master

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’”
- Matthew 7:21-22

What do we know about Laodicea?

- Part of a tri-city area
- Noted for its medical practice
- Recognized as a strategic banking center
- Known for flourishing clothing industry - raised black sheep that had unique wool
- Built on a plateau; water had to be piped in via aqueducts



Map of the region

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. The church at Laodicea represents _____ churches that have existed throughout history.

“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:” - Revelation 3:14

arche, (Greek) *ar-khay'*; a *commencement*, or *chief* (in order, time, place or rank):- beginning (at the), first, power, principality, rule.

"if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation..."
- II Corinthians 5:17

“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.” - Revelation 3:15-16

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”
- Colossians 1:15-17

Those people or churches who are spiritually hot:

- seize opportunities for advancing the Kingdom
- have a passion for understanding more of God's Word
- have a sensitivity to Worship in a variety of forms – giving, serving, arts
- maintain an imagery of what it means to have salvation in Christ

Those people or churches who are spiritually cold:

- have no spiritual response/no pulse
- have no interest in Christ
- are not impacted by His Word/His church
- make no pretense about it—not hypocrites

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2. (3:14) The emphasis of “Amen” in this verse is as a _____ of God to man.
3. (3:14) The description of Jesus as, “the faithful and true Witness” emphasizes that He does not hide anything and reveals the _____.
4. (3:14) The description of Jesus as the “beginning” means that Jesus is the _____ / _____ of God's creation.
5. (3:15-16) The denial of Jesus authority / position as God takes away all _____ and _____ of a church.
6. (3:15-16) Spiritually cold churches are those who have _____ Jesus.

Those who are spiritually lukewarm:

- fit into neither category
- attend church and don't openly reject the gospel
- privately reject the concept of the God of Scripture
- believe in the "God of affirmation"

"...holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; avoid such men as these."

- II Timothy 3:5

"Because you say, 'I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,' and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked..." - Revelation 3:17

"I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see." - Revelation 3:18

"Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent." - Revelation 3:19

"Repentance means that you realize that you are a guilty in the presence of God... that you realize this thing called sin is in you... you long to get rid of it, and that you turn your back on it in every shape and form."

- D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me." - Revelation 3:20

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7. (3:15, 16) _____ is what creates the condition of being lukewarm.
8. (3:17) The difference between "you say" and "you are" is the measuring standard used. "You say" uses the standards of the _____. "You are" uses the standard of what Jesus says He _____ His church to be.
9. (3:18) Jesus says to the apostate church that they should buy from Him _____, refined by fire, free of impurities, representing the priceless riches of true _____.
10. (3:19) Reprove means to _____ - a general term for God's dealings with sinners.
11. (3:19) Discipline refers to _____ with a purpose.
12. (3:20) The door on which Christ is knocking is not just the door to a single human heart, but the door to His _____.

“He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”
- Revelation 3:21-22

"He sat down at the right hand of the throne of God,"
- Hebrews 12:2

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13. (3:21) Christ offers us a _____ on His throne thus reminding us that we will _____ with Him.
14. Judgment is coming to this world, but it first begins at God's _____.

ANSWERS:

1. apostate
2. final word
3. whole truth
4. source / origin
5. passion, power
6. rejected
7. compromise
8. world, intends
9. gold, salvation
10. expose
11. punishment
12. church
13. seat, reign
14. house

Reflecting on the Text

Compare your church to the seven churches studied in Revelation. Are there any parallels?

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Ephesus (2:1-7)	The Loveless Church	Labor, patience, not bearing those who are evil, testing false apostles, perseverance, hating the deeds of the Nicolaitans	Leaving their first love
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Sardis (3:1-6)	The Dead Church	A few faithful people	Dead, even though they had a reputation for being alive
Philadelphia (3:7-13)	The Faithful Church	A little strength, keeping Christ's word, not denying Christ's name, perseverance	Holding fast what they had and overcoming during coming tribulations
Laodicea (3:14-22)	The Lukewarm Church		Being lukewarm, pretending to be well off spiritually when they were impoverished, need for repentance and overcoming

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Lesson 10 - Revelation 4:1-11

(48:37 minutes)

Jesus instructed John to write:

“Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.” - Revelation 1:19

Promises made to overcomers:

- the privilege of eating from the tree of life (2:7)
- the crown of life (2:10)
- protection from the second death (2:11)
- the hidden manna (2:17)
- a white stone with a new name written on it (2:17)
- authority to rule the nations (2:26-27)
- the morning star (2:28)
- new wardrobe - white garments (3:5)
- will not blot our name out of the book of life (3:5)
- the honor of having Christ confess our names before God (3:5)
- to be made a pillar in God’s temple (3:12)
- to write on us the name of God, the new city, and Christ (3:12)
- seated at the Throne of the King of Kings (3:21)

exousia, (Greek) *ex-oo-see'-ah*; *force, competency, freedom, (concrete magistrate, superhuman, potentate), delegated influence*:- jurisdiction, liberty, power, strength

Semikhah (Hebrew) *“leaning of the hands”* -to be authorized

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

“When He entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him while He was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.’” - Matthew 21:23-24

“And answering Jesus, they said, ‘We do not know.’ He also said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.’” - Matthew 21:27

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“After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.’” - Revelation 4:1

“...I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.” - Isaiah 6:1

“...and he said, ‘Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.’” - Acts 7:56

“In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.” - John 14:2

“Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne. And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.”
- Revelation 4:2-3

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. Chapter 4 begins the section of Revelation that steps into _____.
2. After Chapter 3 the _____ is never spoken of again throughout Revelation.
3. (4:1) God is _____ and is a God of _____. Everything has a purpose.
4. (4:1) There is something very important here. John is actually taken into _____.
5. (4:2) Here we get a glimpse of God's throne, _____ because God's sovereign rule is fixed, _____, and unshakable.
6. (4:2) The fact that there is a throne means there are _____ which cannot/will not be _____.

hedraios, (Greek) *hed-rah'-yos*; (by implication) *immovable*
:- steadfast

“...and there was a radiance around Him. As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell on my face...”
-Ezekiel 1:27-28

“Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.”
- Revelation 4:4

“Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;” - Revelation 4:5

“...the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning.”
- Revelation 8:5

“...and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.’” - Revelation 4:6-8

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7. (4:2) The sovereign, omnipotent Creator of the Universe is sitting on His throne as _____. This means He is reigning because _____ is about to take place.
8. (4:4) The golden crowns give evidence that the 24 elders appear to be _____.
9. (4:5) The flashes of lightning and sounds of thunder are associated with God’s _____ and with God’s _____ during the coming tribulation.

“...and they [elders] saw the God of Israel; and under His feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, as clear as the sky itself.” - Exodus 24:10

“Now over the heads of the living beings there was something like an expanse, like the awesome gleam of crystal, spread out over their heads.” - Ezekiel 1:22

zoon, (Greek) *dzo'-on*; a *live* thing

“And the living beings ran to and fro like bolts of lightning.” - Ezekiel 1:14

“Then the cherubim rose up. They are the living beings that I saw by the river Chebar.” - Ezekiel 10:15

“And one called out to another and said,
‘Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts,
The whole earth is full of His glory.’”
- Isaiah 6:3

“He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth; and no one can ward off His hand or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’”
- Daniel 4:35

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10. (4:6-7) The four living beings described in this verse are _____. They could be cherubim or seraphim.

11. (4:8) The threefold repetition of Holy calls attention to _____ - the unlimited _____ of God.

“And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ‘Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.’” - Revelation 4:9-11

Axios, (Greek) *ax'-ee-os*; *deserving*, (as if *drawing* praise):-
due reward

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12. (4:9-10) The praise from the living creatures triggers a response from the 24 elders. They will _____ down before Him and they will _____ Him.
13. (4:9-11) The elders stated their praise:
“ _____ are You, our Lord and our God, to receive _____ and _____ and power.” He was being praised for His creation, and He alone is worthy to _____ His creation.
14. The main point in this chapter is that God is on His _____ and is eminently prepared to _____ His _____ over creation.

ANSWERS:

1. future things
2. church
3. purposeful, order
4. heaven
5. standing, permanent
6. absolutes, altered
7. ruler, judgment
8. human
9. presence, judgment
10. angels
11. character, holiness
12. fall, worship
13. worthy, glory, honor, judge
14. throne, carry forth, judgment

Reflecting on the Text

1. How does getting a glimpse of God on His throne enhance your view and worship of Him?
2. How does realizing that God is imminently prepared to carry forth His judgment on creation affect the way you live?
3. Is God on the throne at the center of your life?
4. If you'd like to talk more about these issues, please contact New Hope Church at (517) 339-9000.

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Lesson 11 - Revelation 5:1-14

(45:39 minutes)

“And He said to them, ‘I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.’” - Luke 10:18

“Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.” - John 12:31

“For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.” - Romans 8:19-22

Revelation Chapter 5 is a continuation of John’s vision in Chapter 4.

“I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.” - Revelation 5:1

“As for me, I heard but could not understand; so I said, ‘My lord, what will be the outcome of these events?’ He said, ‘Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time.’” - Daniel 12:8-9

“And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, ‘Who is worthy (Axios) to open the book and to break its seals?’” - Revelation 5:2

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. (5:1) The scroll in the hand of God is the title deed to the earth and records the descriptive details of how He will _____ His creation.
2. The scroll is not only about judgment, it also contains the detailed information about the _____ of all of history – how things will end for all people.

“And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it.” - Revelation 5:3-4

klaiō, *klah'-yo*; to sob, - *wail* aloud

“[John’s tears] represent the tears of all God’s people through all the centuries. Those tears of the Apostle John are the tears of Adam and Eve, driven out of the Garden of Eden, as they bowed over the first grave, as they watered the dust of the ground with their tears over the silent, still form of their son, Abel. Those are the tears of the children of Israel in bondage as they cried unto God in their affliction and slavery. They are the tears of God’s elect through the centuries as they cried unto heaven. They are the sobs and tears that have been wrung from the heart and soul of God’s people as they looked on their silent dead, as they stand beside their open graves, as they experience the trials and sufferings of life, heartaches and disappointments indescribable. Such is the curse that sin has laid upon God’s beautiful creation; and this is the damnation of the hand of him who holds it, that usurper, that interloper, that intruder, that stranger, that dragon, that serpent, that Satan. Failure to find a Redeemer meant that earth in its curse is consigned forever to death. It meant death, sin, damnation and hell should reign forever and ever and the sovereignty of God’s earth should remain forever in the hands of Satan.” - W. A. Criswell

“...and one of the elders said to me, ‘Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.’” - Revelation 5:5

“He couches, he lies down as a lion, and as a lion, who dares rouse him up? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.” - Genesis 49:9–10

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3. (5:3-4) No human or angel could step forward in this search. No one was _____ or had the virtue or authority for such a task.

4. (5:5) John’s grief was unnecessary because there was One worthy to take the scroll. It was Jesus,
 - because of _____ He is: the rightful King – the root of David;
 - because of _____ He is: the Lion from Judah’s tribe;
 - because of what He has _____: He has overcome.

5. He has overcome by defeating _____, _____, and the forces of _____.

“And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.”
- Revelation 5:6

Arnion, (Greek) *ar-nee'-on*; (Lamb), refers to a little lamb, or a pet lamb.

“The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’” - John 1:29

sphazo, (Greek) *sfa-d'-zo*; to *butcher* (especially an animal in sacrifice) or to *slaughter* - (violently) :- kill, slay, wound

Horns = symbolize strength and power

Seven = the number of perfection

Seven horns = perfect power, fullness of power

Seven eyes = perfect omniscience, complete understanding

Seven Spirits of God = seven characteristics of the Spirit, His fullness (see Isaiah 11:2)

“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, ‘All **authority** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.’” - Matthew 28:18

exousia, (Greek) *ex-oo-see'-ah*; (in the sense of ability); *force, capacity, competency, freedom*:- delegated *influence* :- jurisdiction, liberty, power

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6. (5:6) Instead of the mighty Lion (all conquering King) John saw a _____.

7. He is _____, alive, on His _____... yet looking as if He had been slain.

“And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.” - Revelation 5:7-8

“...behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.” - Daniel 7:13

“And they sang a new song, saying, ‘Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.’” - Revelation 5:9-10

agorazō (Greek) *ag-or-ad'-zo*, purchase (buy to set free)

Four terms encompass all of humanity:

- tribe = descent
- tongue = language
- people = race
- nation = culture

“Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, ‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.’” - Revelation 5:11-12

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8. (5:7-8) Jesus, the Worthy One, has arrived to take back what is _____ His (creation) and the basis for this authority to redeem the world by taking and opening the seven-sealed scroll is His _____ and _____.

9. (5:9) The movement and praise of these verses picture God about to _____ Satan and take back His _____.

10. (5:11-12) The great choir of a myriad of angels, four living beings and 24 elders all join together to shout out a sevenfold praise indicating the worthiness of Jesus in His _____, wealth, wisdom, _____, _____, glory and _____.

11. Because of the redeeming death of Jesus, he has the _____ to take the title deed to the earth.

“And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, ‘To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.’” - Revelation 5:13

“And the four living creatures kept saying, ‘Amen.’ And the elders fell down and worshiped.”
- Revelation 5:14

“...knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold... but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.” - 1 Peter 1:18-19

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12. (5:7-8) The great hymn and praise in heaven reaches a crescendo. The praise continues, and, lost in the wonder of the event, the four living creatures could only say _____.

ANSWERS:

1. take back
2. consummation
3. worthy
4. who, what, done
5. sin, death, hell
6. lamb
7. standing, feet
8. rightfully, death, resurrection
9. judge, creation
10. power, strength, honor, blessing
11. authority
12. Amen

Reflecting on the Text

“God has highly exalted him and given him the Name that is above every other name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” - Philippians 2:9-11

1. The entire universe will unite in acknowledging the Lordship of Jesus. Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father. To which group of worshippers will you belong?

Those who gladly confess He is Lord because they have understood and appropriated the death and resurrection of Christ for themselves?

OR

Those who will reluctantly acknowledge that He is Lord and in sadness will admit they have wasted their lives?

2. Read Romans 8:19-23. Who waits eagerly for the freedom that will come in the future?

3. If you belong to God, what is your “Destiny” according to Revelation 5:10?

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Lesson 12 - Revelation 6:1-8

(40:50 minutes)

“As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?’ And Jesus answered and said to them, ‘See to it that no one misleads you.’”
- Matthew 24:3-4

Consider: If every Old Testament prophecy of Jesus’ first coming was fulfilled to the letter, why should the prophecies regarding his second coming be any different?

“When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the Lord your God and listen to His voice.”
- Deuteronomy 4:30

tsar, *tsar* (Hebrew); *narrow*; a *tight* place:- adversary, afflicted, anguish, close, distress, enemy, sorrow, tribulation

“For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.” - Matthew 24:21

megas, *meg'-as*; (Greek) big :- (+ fear) exceedingly great, high, large, mighty, + (be) sore (afraid), strong

thlipsis, *thlip'-sis*; (Greek) pressure (literal):- affliction, anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation

Our God is a God of purpose and order. Everything he does, he does for a reason, to accomplish His purposes.

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1. Old Testament names for the tribulation are:
 - the Time of Jacob’s trouble, (Jeremiah 30)
 - the _____ week of Daniel,
 - the Day of _____,
 - the Tribulation. (Deuteronomy 4:30)
2. New Testament names for the tribulation are:
 - the Day of the _____,
(I Thessalonians 5:2)
 - the _____ of God,
(Revelation 15:1)
 - the hour of _____,
(Revelation 3:10)
 - and the Great Tribulation.
(Matthew 24:21)
3. The three purposes of the Great Tribulation are:
 - to make an end of wicked _____ and evil ones.
(Isaiah 13:9)
 - to bring about a worldwide _____.
 - too _____ the will of the Holy people (Jews).

“Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, cruel, with fury and burning anger, to make the land a desolation; and He will exterminate its sinners from it.” - Isaiah 13:9

“The earth is broken asunder, the earth is split through, the earth is shaken violently. The earth reels to and fro like a drunkard and it totters like a shack, for its transgression is heavy upon it, and it will fall, never to rise again.” - Isaiah 24:19-20

“You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.” - Matthew 24:6-8

“Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, ‘Come.’”
- Revelation 6:1

“I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.” - Revelation 6:2

“The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.” - 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

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- The seven year period of tribulation described in Revelation is referring to the _____ of Daniel’s prophecy of seventy sevens or seventy “weeks.”
- The Bible teaches that the world is headed inevitably toward a final, cataclysmic _____, the battle of Armageddon
- As each of the 7 seals is opened, new terrors are unleashed on the earth. If we see only the impact of those judgments on mankind, we are likely to criticize God’s _____; however, it is only after millennia of grace that God unleashes the _____.
- (6:1-2) The one riding the white horse appears to be someone like Christ, but is _____ Christ. He is the _____ also called the Man of _____ and the _____ One.
- (6:1-2) The antichrist's appearance on the world scene will bring about the world’s desperate desire for _____. This will be brought about by words, deception and _____ accompanied by signs and wonders. The world will be convinced that he can provide _____.

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“When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, ‘Come.’ And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.”

- Revelation 6:3-4

“For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.” - Matthew 24:7-8

“...A king will arise, insolent and skilled in intrigue. His power will be mighty, but not by his own power, and he will destroy to an extraordinary degree and prosper and perform his will; he will destroy mighty men and the holy people.” - Daniel 8:23-24

“When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, ‘Come.’ I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, ‘A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.’”

- Revelation 6:5-6

“For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.” Matthew 24:7

And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.” - Revelation 13:16-17

9. (6:1-2) The Antichrist will promise a golden age of peace and prosperity. In gratitude, the world will _____ him and elevate him to the position of _____ leadership.
10. (6:3-4) The one riding the red horse depicts _____.
11. (6:3-4) The Antichrist’s false peace will dissolve into _____, assassination, rebellion, _____ and massacre.
12. (6:5-6) The one riding the black horse represents _____.
13. (6:5-6) The Antichrist will eventually be able to control the _____.

“When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, ‘Come.’ I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.”
- Revelation 6:7-8

chloros, *khlo-ros'*; (Greek): *ashen*, from which the English words “chlorophyll” and “chlorine” derive, refers to a sickly, pale, yellow-green color.

“How will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?”
- Hebrews 2:3

Reality: All that God has spoken will come to pass.

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14. (6:7-8) The one riding the ashen or pale horse depicts _____.
15. (6:7-8) During the “ride” of the pale horse, _____ of the world’s population will die. Death will be by:
- the _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - wild _____ of the earth

ANSWERS:

1. 70th, vengeance
2. Lord, wrath, trial
3. behavior, revival, break
4. 70th week
5. war
6. actions, punishment
7. not, antichrist, sin, lawless
8. international peace, delusion, hope
9. honor, supreme
10. war
11. battles, revolt
12. famine
13. economy
14. death
15. 1/4, sword, famine, pestilence, beasts

Reflecting on the Text

1. Given the coming judgments and given that we have the potential of reigning with Christ, why do you think believers choose to “live only for their own sense of ‘happiness’” rather than living with judgment and eternity in mind?

What about you?

2. Hebrews 2:3 says, “How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?” Do you need the personal salvation provided by Christ? If you would like to talk with someone about this, please contact New Hope Church, (517) 339-9000.

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Lesson 13 - Revelation 6:9-17

(47:40 minutes)

The first four seals of the scroll studied so far:

1st seal = brief, false peace (Matthew 24:4–5)

2nd seal = worldwide war (Matthew 24:6–7)

3rd seal = famine (Matthew 24:7)

4th seal = death by pestilence/plagues (Matthew 24:7)

If we see only the impact of these judgments, we're likely to criticize God's actions. However, it is only after millennia of GRACE that God unleashes punishment.

“Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things? And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.”
- II Thessalonians 2:3-7

katecho, *kat-ekh'-o*; (Greek) to hold down:- hold (fast), possess, retain, seize on, withhold (handcuffs)

“Then the Lord said, ‘My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.’”
- Genesis 6:3

'adown, *aw-done'*; (Hebrew) (to rule); *sovereign, controller* (Adoni) by implication to *judge* (as umpire); *strive* as at law:- contend

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If a minute represents a measure of God's grace and patience:

- 1440 minutes in a day
- 525,600 minutes in a year
- 5,256,000 minutes in 10 years
- 52,560,000 minutes in 100 years
- 525,600,000 minutes in 1000 years
- 5,256,000,000 minutes in 10,000 years

“Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and **gracious**, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth...” - Exodus 34:6

““For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies,” declares the Lord God. “Therefore, repent and live.” - Ezekiel 18:32

“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is *patient* toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.” - 2 Peter 3:9

With the opening of this scroll, God begins His final call across the whole earth.

““**As I live!**” declares the Lord God, “I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked **turn from** his way and live. **Turn back, turn back** from your evil ways!”” - Ezekiel 33:11

The tribulation takes place in three successive judgments:

Seals Revelation 6:1–17

➔ **Trumpets** Revelation 8:1–9:21

➔ **Bowls** Revelation 16:1–17

1. This time about which we are learning, in which He finally brings a conclusion to man's rebellious existence upon planet earth, should not lead you to the conclusion that God is taking _____ in bring about _____ upon the earth.

Chronology: The fifth seal stretches across the midpoint of the tribulation.

“...because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.” - Luke 21:22

“When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;” - Revelation 6:9

sphazo, *sfad'-zo*; (Greek) to butcher (especially in sacrifice) to slaughter, or (special) to maim (violently):- kill, slay, wound

“And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand.” - Revelation 20:4

“Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.” - Matthew 24:9

“[He will] make war with the saints and ... overcome them” - Revelation 13:7

“The whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast [Antichrist]; they worshiped the dragon [Satan] because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?’” - Revelation 13:3-4

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2. (6:9) The fifth seal reveals those who have been _____.

3. The fifth seal is different from the previous four. It reveals the _____ that is about to take place.

“... and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’” - Revelation 6:10

krazo, krad'-zo; (Greek) to *call* aloud, *exclaim* :- cry (out)

“And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.” - Revelation 6:11

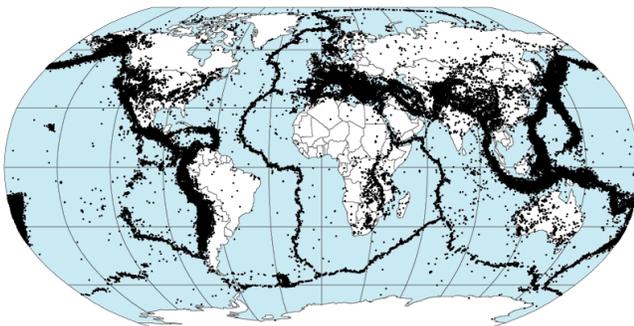
“Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness...” - Acts 17:30-31

“I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.” - Revelation 6:12-13

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- (6:10) The cry of those martyred to bring vengeance on the guilty was an appeal based on God's attributes. Because God is holy, He must _____ sin. Because God is true, He must be _____ to His word. God's justice will be considered _____ if He _____ punish sin.
- (6:11) The martyrs received brilliant white robes – a _____, God's gift of righteousness that they inherited through Jesus.

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“The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.” - Revelation 6:14

“The host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll;” - Isaiah 34:4

“Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;’” - Revelation 6:15-16

These individuals would know the **grace** of God if they were not hiding from the **wrath** of God.

“...for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?” - Revelation 6:17

“Mountains quake because of Him and the hills dissolve; indeed the earth is upheaved by His presence, the world and all the inhabitants in it. Who can stand before His indignation? Who can endure the burning of His anger? His wrath is poured out like fire and the rocks are broken up by Him.” - Nahum 1:5-6

Histemi, *his'-tay-mee*; (*Greek*) to *stand*:- abide, continue, present

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6. (6:12-14) The sixth seal unleashes earthly and heavenly physical upheaval. There will be:
 - a great _____
 - _____ affecting the sun and moon
 - Stars _____
 - Every mountain and island moved out of their _____

7. (6:15, 16) God, who would gladly receive those who are hiding, finds them deceived by Satan, even at this moment of earthly and heavenly physical upheaval. If they would but turn and recognize Him, He would give them _____.

8. (6:17) John makes a declarative statement after seeing all these incredible insights. He cries out on behalf of all of us and says, “Who can _____ in the presence of the _____?”

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.” - II Peter 3:10

“The Lord ... is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance...”
- II Peter 3:9

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ANSWERS:

1. delight, retribution
2. martyred
3. action
4. judge, faithful, unjust, does not
5. reward
6. earthquake, storms, falling, places
7. salvation
8. stand, Almighty

Reflecting on the Text

1. Overview of the first six seals:

- 1st seal false peace
- 2nd seal world-wide war
- 3rd seal famine
- 4th seal death of 1/4 world population by pestilence /plague
- 5th seal revelation of martyrs
- 6th seal physical upheaval of earth and sky

2. Whether or not you are “able to stand” against the trials of this world depends on who stands with you. If the events we have studied so far in Revelation were to begin today, would you be prepared?

3. God is patient and gracious, but there will come a time when He will no longer withhold His judgment on those who reject Him. There will come a day when grace will end and judgment will fall on everyone. How does this TRUTH impact you?

4. Even though great judgments will take place in the future, let us reflect and give thanks for the AWESOME patience of God.

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Lesson 14 - Revelation 7:1-8

(37:36 minutes)

“You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.”
- Matthew 10:22

miseo, *mis-eh'-o*; (Greek) to *detest* (especially to *persecute*)

“And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.” - Genesis 12:3

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Artist's rendition of the assault on Jerusalem



Arch of Titus in Rome (victory arch)



Symbol of victory over the Jewish people: Carrying the Menorah back to Rome after capturing Jerusalem.

“Who has heard such a thing?
 Who has seen such things?
 Can a land be born in one day?
 Can a nation be brought forth all at once?”
 - Isaiah 66:8

“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: ‘I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land.’” - Ezekiel 37:21

“After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree.” - Revelation 7:1

“This verse has long been derided as reflecting a naive ‘pre-scientific’ concept of earth structure, one that supposedly viewed the earth as flat with four corners. ... In terms of modern technology, it is essentially equivalent to what a mariner or geologist would call the four quadrants of the compass, or the four directions. This is evident also from the mention of the ‘four winds’ which, in common usage, would of course be the north, west, south, and east winds.” -Dr. Henry M. Morris

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1. Israel’s very existence today is undeniable _____ of the infallibility of God’s Holy Word. God will not let the world forget Israel because He has a _____ for the Jewish people.

2. (7:1) The four angels are standing at the four corners of the earth (an idiom for the four _____ of North, South, East and West) restraining a great _____ that is about to burst on the world.

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krateo, *krat-eh'-o*; (Greek) to *use strength*, i.e. seize, grasp (literal):- hold (fast), lay (hold) on, obtain, restrain

“And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, ‘Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads.’” - Revelation 7:2-3

sphragis, *sfrag-ee'*; (Greek) a *signet* (as *fencing* in or protecting); by implication the *stamp* impressed (as a mark of genuineness):- seal

“Then Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand...” - Genesis 41:42

“Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him. He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit. Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.”
- Revelation 9:1-4

“In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise...” - Ephesians 1:13

3. (7:2-3) The seal of God is an indication of _____ and _____.
Every believer in Christ is sealed by the _____.
4. (7:2-3) The 144,000, who are to be sealed, are being protected so they can _____ to proclaim the Word of God.

“And he [antichrist] causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead ...” - Revelation 13:16

charagma, *khar'-ag-mah*; (Greek) a *scratch* or *etching*, i.e. *stamp* (as a badge of servitude)

“Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.” - Revelation 14:1

“And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:” - Revelation 7:4

“I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.”
- Zechariah 12:10

“...from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand, from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand were sealed.” - Revelation 7:5-8

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5. (7:2-3) These 144,000 are men, not angels, but men who become:
- _____ warriors of God (not servants of the beast)
 - NOT _____ believers, but believers with an identifiable name written on their foreheads.
6. (7:4) Since the church has been removed by this point (through the rapture), who are these witnesses for God? These 144,000 are believing _____ and part of a much larger group who would turn to God during the Tribulation.
7. (7:5-8) The Church, the believers in Christ now, is the witness to the nations. After the rapture of the church, the 144,000 will be the “_____.”

ANSWERS:

1. evidence, great future
2. quadrants, storm
3. ownership, protection, Holy Spirit
4. continue
5. invincible, secret service
6. Jews
7. witness nation

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Lesson 15 - Revelation 7:9-17

(38:12 minutes)

“However, as it is written: ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him,’ but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.” - 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

“Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’” - Genesis 12:1-3

“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count ...” - Revelation 7:9a

Who is able to stand? Revealed here:

“...from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands;” - Revelation 7:9b

Histemi, *his'-tay-mee*; (Greek) to stand:- abide, continue, present...*have a purpose-not just standing in line*

Leukos, *lyoo-kos'*; (Greek) from Luke (“light”); dazzling, brilliant, shining :-white

Stolē- long, full-length robe

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. God’s saving work during the Tribulation will be twofold:
 - It will be the time of Israel’s _____ salvation;
 - It will be the time of _____ evangelism and repentance on a scale not previously seen.
2. (7:9) The details in this verse suggest that this group is part of that earlier group of _____ believers.

“...and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.’”
- Revelation 7:10

“Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing.”
- Psalm 100

Soteria, *so-tay-ree'-ah*; (Greek) rescue, safety (physical or morally) :- deliver, deliverance, health, preservation

Soterion, *so-tay'-ree-on*; (Greek) noun; defender or (by implication) defense:- salvation

“And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,” - Revelation 7:11

“...in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.” - 1 Peter 1:12

“In the same way, I tell you, there is joy [*chara*] in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” - Luke 15:10

“...saying, ‘Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.’” - Revelation 7:12

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3. (7:9) John himself did not know who they were; but, he gave the following beautiful description of them.
- _____ - They stand before God’s throne and the Lamb. They were rejected on earth (because they stood for truth at a time when Satan was in charge).
 - _____ - They sing praises to the Father and to the Lamb; and their worship was joined by all those who surrounded the throne.
 - _____ - They had the privilege of wearing the robes of righteousness before God’s throne.
 - _____ - They recognize fully what has been done for them.
4. (7:10) Salvation is the focus of _____.
5. (7:11) The angels are curious about the wonder of salvation. This is because they never _____ it themselves. Though they have never experienced salvation, they _____ it.

“Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, ‘These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?’” - Revelation 7:13

“I said to him, ‘My lord, you know.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’” - Revelation 7:14

“For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them.” - Revelation 7:15

Skenoo, *skay-no'-o*; to tent or *encamp*, i.e. (figurative) to *occupy* (as a mansion) or (special) to *reside* (as God did in the Tabernacle of old, a symbol of protection and communion)

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” - John 1:14

“They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat;”
- Revelation 7:16

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6. (7:13, 14) Where did these individuals come from? They are a special people who have just _____ out of the Tribulation. They are recipients of _____ through Jesus.

7. (7:15) These who have arrived before the throne of God will never again endure _____. They are under the _____ of God.

“The fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun, and it was given to it to scorch men with fire. Men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory.”
-Revelation 16:8-9

“...for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”
- Revelation 7:17

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8. (7:16,17) In contrast to the burning thirst experienced in their tribulation, now these, who have arrived in His presence, will enjoy the refreshing _____ of _____.

ANSWERS:

1. national, worldwide
2. martyred
3. accepted, joyful, rewarded, emotional
4. worship
5. experienced, celebrate
6. come, salvation
7. torment, protection
8. water, life

Reflecting on the Text

1. How does the thought that humans are the only creation of God that has experienced His salvation affect you? Not even the angels have personally known this amazing grace. Angels, God's created, heavenly host, have not experienced what we have.
2. Enjoy and reflect upon the comforting picture that He who sits on the throne promises to spread His *Shechinah* presence over believers.
3. Is it not amazing to think that, in earth's darkest hour, the greatest harvest the world has ever seen will take place?!

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Lesson 16 - Revelation 8:1-13

(36:34 minutes)

REVIEW:

Three purposes of the Great Tribulation:

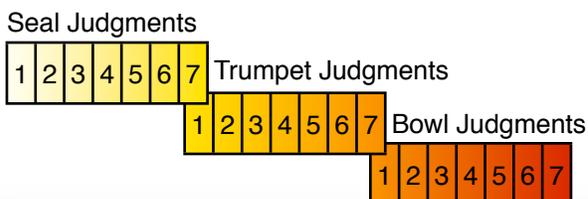
1. To bring about a worldwide return to God through Jesus
2. To make an end of evil behavior and those associated with it
3. To break the will of the Holy people (Jews)

Breaking of the 7 seals parallels tribulation events found in Jesus' message describing the end times (Matthew 24)

- 1st seal - false peace (arrival of antichrist)
- 2nd seal - worldwide war
- 3rd seal - famine
- 4th seal - death by natural disasters
- 5th seal - martyrs under the altar
- 6th seal - sky goes black
- 7th seal - final judgments - begins devastation from the trumpet and bowl judgments, leading up to second coming

Telescopic View:

The tribulation takes place in three successive series of judgments:



hacah, *haw-saw'*; (Hebrew) primitive root; to *hush* :- hold peace (tongue), (keep) silence, be silent, still

sigē, *see-gay'*; (Greek); (to *hush*); *silence* - as "the absence of all noise"

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. (8:1) The Old Testament views "silence" as the following:
 - An anticipation of God's imminent _____
 - The natural response to God's _____
 - A fearsome awe in light of His coming _____.
2. (8:1) In the biblical History of the World you can count on one hand the events which caused extreme silence or profound exaltation:
 - The _____
 - The Great _____
 - The _____ against Egypt
 - The _____ of King Jesus on earth as a baby
 - Jesus' _____.

“When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.”
- Revelation 8:1

“And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.” - Revelation 8:2

“Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.”
- Revelation 8:3-4

“I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled!” - Luke 12:49

“Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.” - Revelation 8:5

“And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them. The first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.” - Revelation 8:6-7

“Behold, about this time tomorrow, I will send a very heavy hail, such as has not been seen in Egypt from the day it was founded until now.” - Exodus 9:18

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3. (8:2) Ancient followers of God understood the place of trumpets. They were used to:
 - To _____ people together, (Numbers 10:1-8)
 - To _____ war, (Numbers 10:9)
 - To announce _____ times, (Numbers 10:10)
 - To announce coming _____ . (Amos 3:6-8)

4. (8:3, 4) The prayer that is about to be answered is the prayer believers have been instructed to pray by Jesus: “Your _____, Your will be done on _____ as it is in Heaven.”

5. (8:5-7) The result of the 1st Trumpet, which brought hail and fire, mixed with blood, thrown to the earth is that _____ of the earth, trees and green grass are _____ up.

6. (8:8-9) The result of the 2nd Trumpet, which was something like a great mountain burning with fire thrown into the sea is: one-third of the sea will become _____, one-third of sea life _____, and one-third of _____ are destroyed.

“The second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood, and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.” - Revelation 8:8-9

“The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters. The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.” - Revelation 8:10-11

aster, *as-tare'*; a **star**, (Greek) from the base of (*stronnumi*); as *strewn* over the sky

stronnumi, *strone'-noo-mee*; (Greek) to “*strew*,” i.e. *spread* (as a carpet)

“The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.” - Revelation 8:12

“There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.” - Luke 21:25-26

semaino, *say-mah'-ee-no*; (Greek) (a mark); to *indicate* :- signify

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7. (8:10-11) The result of the 3rd Trumpet, a great star falling from heaven like a torch, is that one-third of the _____ and _____ will become _____.

8. (8:12) The result of the 4th Trumpet sounding is that one-third of the _____, _____, and _____ are darkened.

9. (8:12) These signs and supernatural acts of God's appeal to man to _____.

“powers of the heavens will be shaken.” -Matthew 24:29

“Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in mid-heaven, saying with a loud voice, ‘Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!’” - Revelation 8:13

God’s judgments are advancing in intensity as they reach their climax.

- The first four trumpet judgments are “natural” in that they affect the land, the saltwater, the fresh water, and the heavenly bodies.
- The fifth and sixth judgments involve the release of demonic forces that first torment and then kill.
- The last of the trumpet judgments creates a crisis among all the nations of the world.

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10. (8:13) The declaration of “woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth” is a declaration and graphic _____ of the nature of what is coming.

ANSWERS:

1. action, omnipotence, judgment
2. Creation, Flood, judgments, arrival, ascension
3. call, announce, special, disaster
4. kingdom come, earth
5. one third, burned
6. blood, dies, ships
7. rivers, springs, bitter
8. sun, moon, stars
9. repent
10. warning

Reflecting on the Text

1. Recall the purpose of Revelation:
 - To make an end of evil behavior and those associated with it,
 - To bring about a worldwide return to God through Jesus, and
 - To break the will of the Holy people.

2. Recall the results of the breaking of the 7 seals:
 - False peace (arrival of antichrist),
 - Worldwide war,
 - Famine,
 - Death by natural disasters,
 - Martyrs under the altar,
 - Sky goes black, and
 - Beginning of the final judgments – the trumpet and bowl judgments.

3. It is sobering to envision what is described as the final days of the world. However, reflect on the benefits of understanding and heeding future events:
 - They bring perspective to what is important in life.
 - They serve as a warning to those who continue to sin.
 - They motivate us to share truth with others.
 - They assure us of God's ultimate victory over sin and evil.

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Lesson 17 - Revelation 9:1-12

(46:53 minutes)

"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players; they have their exits and their entrances..." - William Shakespeare

Review of Revelation 8: Seven Angels & Seven Trumpets

- The first trumpet: hail and fire; one-third of the earth burns up, one-third of the trees burns up, all the green grass consumed
- The second trumpet: something like a great mountain burning is thrown into the sea; one-third of the sea becomes blood, one-third of creatures died, one-third of ships destroyed
- The third trumpet: great star fell, burning like a torch; one-third of rivers/springs ruined
- The fourth trumpet: sun and moon and stars darkened for a third of it

"Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in mid-heaven, saying with a loud voice, 'Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!'" - Revelation 8:13

"Those who dwell on the earth" = those who live for the things of this world

"Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him." - Revelation 9:1

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. (9:1) The star which falls to the earth is:

- Given the _____ to the bottomless pit,
- Seen performing _____, and he
- Opens the _____.

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

ANGEL CHART ??? referenced on audio (at approx. 12 minute mark) - apparently shown on the screen would be helpful to include here.

“...God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;” 2 Peter 2:4

“And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,” - Jude 1:6

“They were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss.” - Luke 8:31

“And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.” - Revelation 12:7–9

abussos, *ab'-us-sos*; (Greek) *depthless*, i.e. (special) (inferno) “*abyss*” :- deep, (bottomless) pit. *Lit *shaft of the abyss*

2. (9:1) The demons in the abyss are the most wicked/vile/perverted of all the _____.

3. (9:1) The Abyss:

- The _____ abode and the prison of a portion of the demons where they wait their eternal and final _____ to the Lake of Fire.
- It has various descriptions in Scripture:
 - ▶ Utterly _____ (2 Peter 2:4)
 - ▶ Filled with _____ (Jude 6)
 - ▶ Place of unfathomable _____ (Luke 8:31)
- It is a place of judgment for _____ angels for rebellion against God.
- It is a place of _____; a _____ from which Satan cannot release them.

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“When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.” - Revelation 11:7

“He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.”
- Revelation 9:2

“Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.” - Revelation 9:3-4

“And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.” - 2 Thessalonians 2:6

“And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, ‘Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bondservants of our God on their foreheads.’” - Revelation 7:2-3

“And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man. And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them.”
- Revelation 9:5-6

4. (9:2) Such a massive volume of smoke is issued from the abyss that the _____ and the _____ are darkened by it.
5. (9:2) The darkness that will block the sun and fill the air is a _____ darkness, but it is also a _____ darkness falling on earth during the time of these intense activities of Satan.
6. (9:3, 4) These locusts/scorpions are not ordinary insects because a special _____ is given them. They are not to hurt the _____ but only to inflict nonfatal injuries on those who worship the _____ and do not have the seal of _____.
7. (9:3, 4) The purpose of this judgment (5th trumpet) is to cause men to _____ to turn toward God.

“...that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,”
- Hebrews 2:14

“The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands...”
- Revelation 9:20

“And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them.”
- Revelation 9:6

“...I long for death, but there is none” - Job 3:21-22
“...my soul would choose suffocation, death rather than my pains.” - Job 7:15-16
“...please take my life from me, for death is better to me than life.” - Jonah 4:3

“The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like the teeth of lions. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle. They have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months.”
- Revelation 9:7-10

homoios, *hom'-oy-os*; (Greek) *similar* (in appearance or character)
John can only give an approximation of what this spiritual army looks like; he repeated “like” eight times

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8. (9:5,6) God will allow the torment to last for _____ months. A time of spiritual and physical suffering which for most would be the last opportunity to _____ before they die or before they are permanently _____ in their unbelief.
9. (9:5, 6) So intense will be the judgment that men will pursue _____ but will not be able to _____ it.
10. John can only give an approximation as to the appearance of the demons/locusts.
- They are like _____ (warlike, powerful, defiant, and straining at the bit).
 - They have faces like _____ (like intelligent beings).
 - They are _____ (demonstrating their authority and invincibility).
 - They have long _____ like _____ (emphasizes seductiveness).
 - They have teeth like those of a _____ (indicating their fierce, powerful, and deadly ability).
 - They have skin like iron (indicating their inability to be _____);
 - They _____, sounding like many horses and chariots rushing to battle.
 - They have tails like _____.

“They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon. The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.” - Revelation 9:11-12

basileus, *bas-il-yooce'*; (Greek) (through the notion of a *foundation* of power); a *sovereign*

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11. (9:11,12) This “angel of the abyss” (Abaddon or Apollyon) is best viewed as being a high-ranking _____ in Satan’s rule.

ANSWERS:

1. key, action, abyss
2. fallen angels
3. temporary, judgment, black, demons, depth, fallen, bondage, prison
4. sun, air
5. literal, spiritual,
6. task, earth, beast, God
7. repent
8. five, believe, hardened
9. death, find
10. horses, men, crowned, hair, women, lion, destroyed, fly, scorpions
11. demon

Reflecting on the Text

1. Recall the first four trumpet judgments:
 - 1st – One-third of the earth and trees and all the green grass is burned up by hail and fire
 - 2nd – One-third of the sea becomes blood, one-third of the sea creatures die, and one-third of the ships are destroyed by something like a great mountain that is thrown into the sea,
 - 3rd – One-third of the rivers and springs are ruined (made bitter) by a great “star” (Wormwood) that fell to the earth,
 - 4th – One-third of the sun, moon and stars are smitten so there will be one-third of the day and one-third of the night without light.

2. If you have trouble believing God could even make a place of torment, remember it was prepared for the Devil and his angels. (Matthew. 25:41)

3. God’s people can be thankful that Jesus holds the keys of hell and death (Revelation 1:18) and holds authority over Satan.

4. Those who go to hell are in essence choosing to spend eternity with Satan rather than with Christ.

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Lesson 18 - Revelation 9:13-21

(42:19 minutes)

“Who will bring a charge against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, ‘For your sake we are being put to death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.” - Romans 8:33-37

hupernikao, *hoop-er-nik-ah'-o*; (Greek) to gain a decisive victory, to vanquish more than a conqueror

“Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, ‘Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.’” - Revelation 9:13-14

“Moreover, you shall make an altar as a place for burning incense; you shall make it of acacia wood. Its length shall be a cubit, and its width a cubit, it shall be square, and its height shall be two cubits; its horns shall be of one piece with it. You shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and its sides all around, and its horns; and you shall make a gold molding all around for it.... It is most holy to the Lord.” - Exodus 30:1-10

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. (9:13, 14) Formerly the very image of His Mercy, the golden altar is now used by God to initiate _____.

“Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.’ And again, ‘The Lord will judge His people.’ It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” Hebrews 10:28-31

deo, *deh'-o*; to *bind* :- be in bonds, tie, wind

“The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.”
- Genesis 2:14

“And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind.” - Revelation 9:15

“Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, ‘My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure’; calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of My purpose from a far country. Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it.” - Isaiah 46:9-11

luo, *loo'-o*; (Greek) to “loosen” literal :- break (up), destroy, (un-) loose

Apokteino, *ap-ok-ti'-no*; (Greek) (to slay); to *kill* outright; figurative to *destroy*

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

- (9:13,14) The four angels who had been bound at the great river are _____ (_____. _____). Holy angels would have had no reason to be restrained.

- (9:13-15) God’s actions are not _____. They are planned precisely in time; _____ hour of a _____ day of a _____ month of a _____ year. Definitely!

- (9:15) The purpose for the release of these demons is so that they will _____ one-third of the earth’s population. This judgment in combination with the judgment of the 4th seal brings the death toll to more than _____ of the earth’s population.

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

“For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now--and never to be equaled again. If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.” - Matthew 24:21-22

“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then...” - Daniel 12:1

“The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.”
- Revelation 9:16

“And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: the riders had breastplates the color of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone.”
- Revelation 9:17

“A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths.” - Revelation 9:18

“For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm.” - Revelation 9:19

5. (9:15) Repeated emphasis throughout the judgments on numbers demonstrates these are _____ judgments, not mere acts of _____.

6. (9:16) The invading army led by the four released fallen angels consists of two hundred million _____ (not humans).

7. (9:17, 18) These creatures kill in three ways:
 - _____ will incinerate,
 - _____ will choke and disorient
 - _____ will asphyxiate.

“The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.” - Revelation 9:20-21

“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” - 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” - Romans 8:37-39

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8. (9:20, 21) Even after all these seal and trumpet judgments, most of mankind will not _____. This is an amazing display of just how _____ the heart of man can be.
9. (9:20, 21) John lists sins representative of the defiance of those who refuse to repent. Mankind continues to be deluded by Satanic deception which is evidenced by:
- _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____, which means “the use of drugs”

ANSWERS:

1. vengeance
2. demons (fallen angels)
3. accidental, definite, definite, definite, definite
4. kill, half
5. controlled, nature
6. fallen angels
7. fire, smoke, brimstone
8. repent, hard
9. demon worship, idolatry, murder, immorality, theft, sorceries

Reflecting on the Text

1. Reflect on Isaiah 46:9-11: "Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, 'My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure'; calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of My purpose from a far country. Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it."

2. Principles from Revelation 9
 - Satan is real.
 - God is in control.
 - Man is depraved (Romans 3:10-11; Psalm 14:1-3; 53:1-4).
 - God's judgment is real (Isaiah 28:21).
 - Scripture is supernatural (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
 - Death is inevitable (Hebrews 9:27).
 - Hell is certain (Matthew 25:41).

3. Are there areas (behaviors or attitudes) in my life that I refuse to address and therefore exhibit similar hardness of the heart like those mentioned in Revelation 9:21?

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Lesson 19 - Revelation 1-9 review

(32:19 minutes)

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.” - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Kainos, *kahee-nos'*; (Greek) *new* - especially in *freshness*

Archaios, *ar-khah'-yos*; (Greek) *original* :- (of) old (time)

“...and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away. And He who sits on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’”
- Revelation 21:5

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place ...” - Revelation 1:1

en tachei, *en takh'-os*; (Greek) *brief* space (of time), in *haste*:- quickly

“John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come...” - Revelation 1:4

“His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire.”
- Revelation 1:14

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“When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man.”
- Revelation 1:17

“You are the light of the world...” - Matthew 5:14

Nikao, *nik-ah'-o*; (Greek) to *subdue*:- conquer, prevail, get the victory

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God...”
- 1 John 5:4-5

““He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”” - Revelation 3:5-6

Promises Made to Overcomers:

- the privilege of eating from the tree of life (2:7)
- the crown of life (2:10)
- protection from the second death (2:11)
- the hidden manna (2:17)
- a white stone with a new name written on it (2:17)
- authority to rule the nations (2:26-27)
- the morning star (2:28)
- new wardrobe - white garments (3:5)
- will not blot our name out of the book of life (3:5)
- the honor of having Christ confess our names before God (3:5)
- to be made a pillar in God’s temple (3:12)
- to write on us the name of God, the new city, and Christ (3:12)
- seated at the Throne of the King of Kings

“...and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne. And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.” - Revelation 4:2

“...and there was a radiance around Him. As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell on my face...”
- Ezekiel 1:27-28

“Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder.” - Revelation 4:5

“And one called out to another and said, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory.’” - Isaiah 6:3

“And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ‘Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.’” - Revelation 4:9-11

“I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.” - Revelation 5:1

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“And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice,
‘Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?’”
- Revelation 5:2

“And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the
earth was able to open the book or to look into it.”
- Revelation 5:3

“...and one of the elders said to me, ‘Stop weeping;
behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the
Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and
its seven seals.’” - Revelation 5:5

“And He came and took the book out of the right hand
of Him who sat on the throne. When He had taken the
book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders
fell down before the Lamb...” - Revelation 5:7-8

“And they sang a new song, saying, ‘Worthy are You to
take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain,
and purchased for God with Your blood men from every
tribe and tongue and people and nation. You have made
them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they
will reign upon the earth.’” - Revelation 5:9-10

“Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels
around the throne and the living creatures and the
elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads,
and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,
‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and
riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and
blessing.’” - Revelation 5:11-12

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“And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, ‘To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.’” - Revelation 5:13

For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
- Philippians 2:9-11

ANSWERS:

1.

Reflecting on the Text

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Lesson 20 - Revelation 10:1-11

(41:37 minutes)

“But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished...” - Revelation 10:7

“I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire;” - Revelation 10:1

Ischuros, *is-khoo-ros'*; (Greek) forcible:- boisterous, mighty (-ier), powerful, strong (-er, man), valiant

“Bless the Lord, you His angels, mighty in strength, who perform His word, obeying the voice of His word!” - Psalm 103:20

Gibbowr, *ghib-bore'*; (Hebrew); *powerful*; by implication *warrior*, champion, chief, giant, strong, valiant

“I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold of Uphaz. His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult” - Daniel 10:5-6.

This “strong angel” in Revelation 10:1 is wearing the judgment and glory and power of God, as well as the faithfulness of God.

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- Chapter 10 is an _____ before the blowing of the seventh trumpet which will signal that time when all counsels and purposes of God concerning the world will be _____. Christ will come, and His _____ will be established on earth.
- (10:1) This other strong angel is not Jesus because:
 - Jesus is never called an _____ in Revelation;
 - Angels elsewhere in Scripture have splendor and power and are not identified as _____;
 - There is no biblical evidence that Jesus comes down from _____ midway in the Tribulation; and
 - Jesus wouldn't be swearing an _____ to God because He is God.
- (10:1) Even in wrath, God remembers His _____. (Habakuk 3:2)

“...and he had in his hand a little book which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices.” - Revelation 10:2-3

“From the Lord of hosts you will be punished with thunder and earthquake and loud noise...” - Isaiah 29:6

“The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
The God of glory thunders,
The Lord is over many waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful,
The voice of the Lord is majestic.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
Yes, the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
And Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the Lord hews out flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
The Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the deer to calve
And strips the forests bare;
And in His temple everything says, "Glory!"
- Psalm 29:3-9

“When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken and do not write them.’” - Revelation 10:4

“God thunders with His voice wondrously, doing great things which we cannot comprehend.” Job 37:5

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- (10:2, 3) The little book lying open in this angel’s hand unveils all the terrors of the _____ judgments yet to come.
- (10:2, 3) Thunder is portrayed as the voice of the Lord seven times. This is pictured in Psalm 29:3-9 which speaks of the voice of the Lord. It is upon the _____; is _____; is _____; breaks the _____; hews out _____ of fire; _____ the wilderness; and makes the _____ to calve. (7 things)
- (10:2, 3) In the _____ world, thunder warns of an approaching storm. In the spiritual world, thunder warns of impending storms of _____.

“Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there will be delay no longer,” - Revelation 10:5-6

Omnuo, *om-noo'-o*; (Greek) to *swear*, take (or *declare* on) oath

“...but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets.” - Revelation 10:7

euaggelizo, *yoo-ang-ghel-id'-zo*; from (eu) and (aggelos); to *announce good news* (“evangelize”) especially the gospel: declare, bring, glad (good) tidings, preach

musterion, *moos-tay'-ree-on*; (to *shut* the mouth); a *secret* or “*mystery*” (through the idea of *silence* imposed)

“Then the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard again speaking with me, and saying, ‘Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land.’ So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he said to me, ‘Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.’” - Revelation 10:8-9

katesthio, *kat-es-thee'-o*; (Greek) to *devour*

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7. (10:6) Significant for us living in these last days is the answer to these two key issues: the _____ of God, and creation vs. _____.
8. (10:7) This mystery refers to how God is going to bring an end to everything, the _____ of all things.
9. (10:9) Eating is an ancient idiom for obtaining/receiving _____.

“I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.”

- Revelation 10:10

“And they said to me, ‘You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.’” - Revelation 10:11

“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!”

- Isaiah 5:20

“For the eyes of the LORD roam to and fro across the whole earth seeking to show himself powerful on behalf of those whose hearts are loyal to Him.”

- 2 Chronicles 16:9

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

10. God won't force feed us His Word; rather, He calls us to take it from His hand, _____ it and absorb it into our lives.

ANSWERS:

1. interlude, consummated, kingdom
2. angel, Jesus, heaven, oath
3. mercy
4. bowl
5. waters, powerful, majestic, cedars, flames, shakes, deer
6. physical, judgment
7. existence, evolution
8. consummation
9. knowledge
10. consume

Reflecting on the Text

1. It is certain that Christ will come and establish His earthly kingdom. Do you believe that? Do you live in anticipation of participating in that earthly reign?
2. Reflect on the fact that the world is Satan's current kingdom. The judgments in revelation will set the stage for God to take back the earthly kingdom that rightfully belongs to Him. Think about your current allegiance. Is it to the current king who deceives with the things of the world (lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and pride of life) or to the coming King who does not deceive but speaks Truth and expects righteousness?
3. Are you feeding on the Word of God beyond Sunday morning? Do you expose your life to the truth of the Scriptures? As you assimilate the Word of God into your life, you can be daily transformed by the power as the Holy Spirit teaches you. God's Word will never return empty without accomplishing the purpose for which God has sent it.

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Lesson 21 - Revelation 11:1-14

(38:49 minutes)

“...for ‘whoever will call on the name of the LORD will be saved.’ How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?” - Romans 10:13-14

“Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, ‘Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it. Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.’”
- Revelation 11:1-2



Reconstruction Plans



Red Heifer

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Golden Candelabra (one of 90 ritual objects for new temple)

“...pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem...”
- Zechariah 12:10

“Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.”
- II Thessalonians 2:3-4

“...there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised” - Colossians 3:11

“Christ is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of the commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.” - Ephesians 2:14-16

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. (11:1, 2) God is telling John to measure what belongs to Him: the temple, the altar, and the _____ worshiping within it.

“...and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”
- Luke 21:24

“And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.’ These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.” - Revelation 11:3-4

Propheteuo, *prof-ate-yoo'-o*; to *speak* under *inspiration*

“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers...”
- Malachi 4:5-6

“And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way. These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.” - Revelation 11:5-6

Katesthio, *kat-es-thee'-o* (Greek) denotes consumption with intensity

“When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.” - Revelation 11:7

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

2. (11:1, 2) Despite the efforts of Antichrist to destroy Israel, God will _____ off, _____, and save the nation.
3. (11:3, 4) These two witnesses will appear during the final stages of the Gentile trampling on Jerusalem. They will preach for _____ years so the Jewish remnant can return to God and _____.
4. (11:3, 4) Prophesying doesn't always apply to _____ events.
5. (11:5, 6) God will not allow the _____ of the message of the two witnesses until their ministry is complete. (God strongly defends those who strongly defend His Word.)
6. (11:5, 6) The two witnesses will have the power and authority to defend themselves against harm, to _____ up the sky and prevent rainfall, to turn the waters into blood, and to smite the earth with any _____ they so desire. They will be indestructible until God's purpose for them is complete.

“And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.” - Revelation 11:8-10

“But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.” - Revelation 11:11

“And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, ‘Come up here.’ Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them.” - Revelation 11:12

“But he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’” - Luke 16:31

“And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.” - Revelation 11:13-14

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7. (11:7) The beast that comes up from the abyss is not Satan, but someone else of demonic origin, and he will _____ the two witnesses.
8. (11:8, 9, 10) After the execution of the two witnesses, the world’s response will be one of having achieved a great victory and it will touch off _____ and the sending of _____ to one another. This response is an indication of the world’s great hatred for God and the message He sends via the two witnesses.
9. (11:11, 12) After three and a half days, the two witnesses were _____, indicating again that death has no power.

ANSWERS:

1. people
2. measure, protect
3. 3½, believe
4. future
5. interruption
6. shut, plagues
7. kill
8. celebrations, gifts
9. resurrected

Reflecting on the Text

1. We see in Revelation a reinstatement of temple worship, the preaching of the two witnesses, and world-wide witness by the 144,000 Jewish evangelists. Reflect on God's patience and love that even at the end of time, He wants people to repent and turn to Him.
2. Reflect on the statement, "God strongly defends those who strongly defend His Word."
3. Cherish the hope that God restores that which was once dead. Those in Christ will be resurrected with new, incorruptible, immortal bodies.

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Lesson 22 - Revelation 11:15-19

(34:55 minutes)

“In the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets.”
- Revelation 10:7

“All the stars of the heavens will be dissolved and the sky rolled up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shriveled figs from the fig tree.” - Isaiah 34:4

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.” - 2 Peter 3:10

“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”
- 1 Corinthians 15:52

“The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.” - Revelation 11:14

Tachu, *takh-oo'* (Greek); *shortly, without delay, suddenly*

“Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” - Revelation 11:15

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. The seventh trumpet of Revelation is _____ to be equated with the “last trumpet” of I Corinthians 15:52 which speaks of our bodily _____ at the rapture.
2. (11:15) The blowing of the 7th trumpet introduces the seven _____ judgments.
3. (11:15) After the 7th trumpet is sounded there is in heaven an immediate loud response of _____ expressing elation at what is about to take place.

Megas, *meg'-as* (Greek); *big* :- (+ fear) exceedingly, great (-est), high, large, loud, mighty

“Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.’ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.”
- John 12:31-33

“His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.” - Daniel 7:14

“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end” - Luke 1:31-33

“And Jesus said, ‘I am; and you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.’” - Mark 14:62

“And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, ‘We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.’”
- Revelation 11:16-17

Megas Dunamis, *doo'-nam-is*; (Greek) force (literal); specially miraculous *power*:- ability, might (-ily), power, strength, (wonderful) work

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

4. (11:15) The wonder of God’s sovereign plan is what causes all heaven to praise God. Men, Angels and God Himself proclaim

_____.

5. (11:16 - 18) The 24 elders leave their thrones, prostrate themselves before God’s throne and give thanks for the blessing that Christ

_____ supreme, _____
righteously and _____ graciously.

6. (11:16, 17) The title, “who is, and who was, and who is to come”, has changed to “who is and who was” because now He has taken His great power and has _____ to

_____.

“...as it is written, ‘There is none righteous, not even one;’” - Romans 3:10

“And the nations were enraged...” - Revelation 11:18a

“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed, saying, ‘Let us break Their bands asunder, and cast away Their cords from us.’”
- Psalm 2:1-3

Orgizo, *or-gid'-zo* (Greek); to *provoke* or *enrage*, become *exasperated* :- be angry (wrath)

...and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth." - Revelation 11:18b

“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” - Revelation 22:12-13

“And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.”
- Revelation 11:19

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

7. (11:16, 17) God’s timing and delay is not an indication of God’s lack of concern, but an indication of His _____ and _____ .
8. (11:18) The nations are enraged because they want to have their own _____ .
9. (11:18) The statement “to destroy those who destroy the earth” refers to rebellious earth dwellers who will not submit to God. It is not a reference to those who pollute the environment, but to those who pollute the earth with _____ .



Ark of the covenant

Diatheke, *dee-ath-ay'-kay*; (Greek) properly a *disposition*, (special) a contract (a devisory *will*):- covenant, testament

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10. (11:19) The sounding of the 7th trumpet rings the truth that:

- Jesus Christ is the _____ King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
- He will one day take the rule of earth away from _____.
- Upon His return, He will bring covenant _____ to the redeemed.
- He will bring eternal _____ to those who reject Him.

ANSWERS:

1. not, resurrection
2. bowl
3. victory
4. truth
5. reigns, rules, rewards
6. begun, reign
7. grace, mercy
8. way
9. sin
10. sovereign, Satan, blessings, judgment

Reflecting on the Text

1. Notice the pattern of judgments in Revelation. The seven seal judgment introduced the seven trumpet judgments, and the seven trumpet judgments introduce the seven bowl judgments. Do you wonder what the 7th bowl judgment introduces? (See Revelation 16:17-21)
2. Even though Christ does not claim His royal rights to the earthly kingdom of nations until He returns, He currently reigns over His spiritual kingdom and is our High Priest interceding and acting on our behalf.
3. In light of the truths of Jesus' sovereign rule, His coming Kingdom, rewards, and blessings to those who are His who serve Him, what sort of people ought we to be in holy conduct and godliness? (2 Peter 3:11)

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Lesson 23 - Revelation 12:1-8

(35:54 minutes)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

by Martin Luther

*“A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper
he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed
with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth,
his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.*

*And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo
us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph
through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall
fell him.*

*That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth. Let
goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.”*

“God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.” - Genesis 1:31

“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.”
- Revelation 12:1

Sēmeion, *say-mi'-on*; (Greek)(sign)- symbol that points to a (literal) reality (significant indication)

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1. The Bible teaches that Satan is powerful, _____, and supernatural and must be taken seriously. It teaches that we are in a _____.

“And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.” - Matthew 24:30

“Thus says the Lord, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; the Lord of hosts is His name: ‘If this fixed order departs from before Me,’ declares the Lord, ‘Then the offspring of Israel also will cease from being a nation before Me forever.’” - Jeremiah 31:35-36

“Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, ‘Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.’ He related it to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, ‘What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?’ His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.” - Genesis 37:9-11

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.”
- Genesis 3:15

“Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.” - Revelation 12:3-4

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2. (12:1, 2) The woman in verse 1 represents

_____.

3. (12:1, 2) The sun represents _____, the moon _____ and the twelve stars represent the twelve _____ (tribes) of Jacob (Israel).

4. (12:3, 4) The dragon represents _____. The seven heads with their seven diadems represent the seven consecutive _____ running their course under Satan’s dominion.

“Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it. As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings. He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.’ - Daniel 7:23-25

“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world”
- 1 Peter 5:8-9

“And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.”
- Revelation 12:5-6

“And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...” - Hebrews 1:3

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5. 5. (12:3, 4) The ten horns represent the ten _____ who rule the ten-nation confederacy under the Antichrist.

6. 6. (12:3, 4) Throughout history Satan has focused his efforts toward persecuting the Jews with special hatred because they are the _____ through whom the _____ was to come.

7. (12:3, 4) After Satan’s attempted extermination of the people of Israel by Egypt, Babylon and Rome _____, he focused his extermination attempts on the male child, Jesus Christ, who was to be birthed from the woman, Israel. It also _____.

“Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.”

- Matthew 24:15-21

“And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.”

- Revelation 12:7-8

“With what weapons and by what tactics this heavenly warfare will be waged is beyond our understanding. Angels cannot be injured or slain with earthly weapons, and such physical forces as we know about are not able to move spiritual beings. But these beings do operate in a physical universe, so there must exist powerful spiritual energies of which we yet can have only vague intimations, energies which can propel angelic bodies at superluminary velocities through space and which can move mountains and change planetary orbits. It is with such energies and powers that this heavenly battle will be waged and the spectators in heaven (including John) will watch in awe. When Michael finally prevails, and Satan is forced forever out of the heavens, a tremendous cry of thanksgiving will resound through the heavens.”

- from *The Revelation Record* by Henry Morris

“The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.”

- from *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* by Martin Luther

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8. (12:5, 6) During the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation, Satan will intensify his attempt to destroy the Jewish people. This fury will send the Jewish people fleeing into the wilderness where God has prepared a place of _____ and nourishment.

9. (12:7, 8) The battle in heaven is not a battle between God and Satan, but between Michael and Satan – two created beings battling against each other. Satan is _____ God’s opposite. Satan is _____ omniscient, omnipresent, or omnipotent. He is a _____ being.

ANSWERS:

1. literal, war
2. Israel
3. Jacob, Rachel, sons
4. Satan, world empires
5. kings
6. chosen people, Messiah
7. failed, failed
8. protection
9. not, not, created

Reflecting on the Text

1. Though already fallen, every member of the human race faces the same choice as the angels did in eternity past: to fight on God's side or on Satan's – remaining neutral is not an option.
2. Remember, Satan is not only interested in devouring Israel, but also “prowls” around like a roaring lion seeking to devour believers. As believers we must be sober and on the alert, resisting and growing in our knowledge of God and His Word.
3. Satan is pleased when people hold any unbiblical view of him, whether they deny his existence, his significance, or worship him. The devil always seeks to create confusion about his true nature and purposes.
4. Praise God. Satan's unending rants to God about the unworthiness of believers are unachievable because of the blood of Jesus and His victory over death. If Satan cannot be successful in his accusations against us, let us also set aside “feelings” of unworthiness and accept His love and forgiveness.

BIBLICAL NAMES FOR SATAN

Accuser – Revelation 12:10
Adversary – I Peter 5:8
Angel of Light – 2 Corinthians 11:14
Anointed Covering Cherub – Ezekiel 28:14
Beelzebub – Luke 11:15
Belial – II Corinthians 6:15
Deceiver – Revelation 12:9
Devil – Matthew 4:1; Ephesians 4:27; Revelation 12:9; 20:2 – means slanderer
Dragon – Revelation 12:9
Enemy – Matthew 13:39
Evil One – John 17:15; I John 5:18-19
Father of Lies – John 8:44
God of this world (age) – 2 Corinthians 4:4
Leviathan – Isaiah 27:1
Liar – John 8:44
Lucifer – Isaiah 14:12-14
Morning Star – Isaiah 14:12
Murderer – John 8:44
Power of Darkness – Colossians 1:13,14
Prince of the Power of the air – Ephesians 2:2
Red Dragon – Revelation 12:3, 7, 9
Roaring Lion – I Peter 5:8
Ruler of Demons – Luke 11:15
Ruler of this world – John 12:31
Satan – Zechariah 3:1; Matthew 4:10; Revelation 12:9; 20:2 – means adversary or oppose
Serpent of Old – Revelation 12:9
Spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience – Ephesians 2:2
Tempter – Matthew 4:3; I Thessalonians 3:5
Wicked One – Ephesians 6:16

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Lesson 24 - Revelation 12:9-17

(38:18 minutes)

“...so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes”
- 2 Corinthians 2:11

“And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.”
- Revelation 12:7-8

“And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.” - Revelation 12:9

Aruwm, *aw-room'*; (Greek) *cunning* (in a bad sense):-
subtle

Diabolos *dee-ab'-ol-os*; (Greek) a *traducer* - false accuser, slanderer

Satanas, *saw-tawn'*; (Hebrew); an *opponent*; adversary, one who withstands, accuser

Planao, *plan-ah'-o*; (Greek) to (cause to) *roam* (from safety, truth, or virtue) - go astray, seduce, wander:- to mislead, delude

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- (12:9) This is Satan's second and permanent _____ from heaven.
- (12:9) Three descriptive phrases are used to identify the dragon.
 - The _____ - one who is crafty
 - The devil - one who is a _____ in God's court of law
 - Satan - one who is an opponent, an _____.

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“Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. The Lord said to Satan, ‘From where do you come?’ Then Satan answered the Lord and said, ‘From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it.’ The Lord said to Satan, ‘Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil.’ Then Satan answered the Lord, ‘Does Job fear God for nothing? Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.’” - Job 1:6-10

“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, ‘Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.’”
- Revelation 12:10

Ekballo, *ek-bal'-lo*; (Greek) to throw (violent/intense):- cast (out), throw (down)

“And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.”
- Revelation 12:11

Nikao, *nik-ah'-o*; (Greek); to subdue (literal or figurative) :- conquer, overcome, prevail, get the victory.

“If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ?”
- Romans 8:31-35

3. (12:11) Three weapons are described that overcome Satan:

- The _____ of the Lamb which renders Satan's accusations invalid in God's court.
- The word of our _____ which is our powerful and irrefutable story.
- The _____ to love life more than to love Christ.

"For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time." - Revelation 12:12

"...they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, 'Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?'" - Revelation 13:4

"All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain." - Revelation 13:8

Thumos, *thoo-mos'*; (Greek) *passion* (as if *breathing hard*) :- fierceness, indignation

"And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent." - Revelation 12:13-14

"For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved ..." - Romans 11:25-26a

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4. (12:12) Satan has great wrath because he knows that there is only a short time left (3 ½ years) before the _____ of _____ will come. He wants desperately to _____ this from being established.
5. (12:13, 14) Satan's intensified attack will focus on the woman (_____) but they will be _____ by God.
6. (12:13, 14) The phrase "the two wings of the great eagle" used to describe Israel "flying" to a safe place in the wilderness is not a phrase that describes the U.S. Air Force, but a _____ that is often used to refer to God's _____ of Israel.

“You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself.” - Exodus 19:4

Dioko, *dee-o'-ko*; (Greek) to pursue; by implication to persecute :- ensue, follow (after), press forward

“And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.” - Revelation 12:15-17

“...greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world” - 1 John 4:4

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written,

‘For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” - Romans 8: 31-39

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7. (12:15-17) Satan is a three-time loser. He has:
- Failed to _____ the male child (Jesus)
 - Lost the war in _____
 - Been unable to destroy the _____ (Israel)

ANSWERS:

1. expulsion
2. serpent of old, prosecutor, adversary
3. blood, testimony, refusal
4. Kingdom of Christ, prevent
5. Israel, protected
6. metaphor, deliverance
7. destroy, heaven, woman

Reflecting on the Text

1. The remarkable thing about weapons is that they are no good unless they are used. Most believers leave their weapons in the holster and never use them because they forget about their power. An unused weapon is merely a show piece, good to look at but lacking all the power for which it was intended by its creator. Let's review and use the weapons that overcome Satan.
2. Remember, the Christian life is not a playground. It is a battleground if you live for Jesus. Identify the enemy. Overcome the enemy. He has no hesitation to deceive you.
3. Believers on earth during this time will overcome Satan. They will not defeat him by chants, by exorcisms, by formulas or by binding him. Satan is far more powerful than any human strength and is impervious to gimmicks. He is overcome, not by our own personal power, but by the BLOOD OF THE LAMB.

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Lesson 25 - Revelation 13:1-10

(46:59 minutes)

“As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. ‘What you are about to do, do quickly,’ Jesus told him.” - John 13:27

REVIEW

- 1) Woman clothed with the sun - Israel
- 2) Red dragon - Satan
- 3) Male Child - Jesus
- 4) Archangel - Michael (casting Satan out of heaven)
- 5) Beast from the sea - antichrist
- 6) Beast from the earth - false prophet

“Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.” - Matthew 24:22

“A king will arise, insolent and skilled in intrigue. His power will be mighty, but not by his own power, and he will destroy to an extraordinary degree and prosper and perform his will; he will destroy mighty men and the holy people. And through his shrewdness he will cause deceit to succeed by his influence; and he will magnify himself in his heart, and he will destroy many while they are at ease. He will even oppose the Prince of princes...” - Daniel 8:23b-25

Insolent = `Az, az; (Hebrew) *strong, vehement, harsh* :- fierce, + greedy, mighty, strong; raging - Lit. *Strong of face*

Intrigue = **Chiydah**, *khee-daw'* (Hebrew) a puzzle; hence a *trick, conundrum*:- dark saying (sentence, speech), hard questions, proverb, riddle

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. The antichrist (the counterfeit Christ) will:
 - _____ and seek to exterminate God's people,
 - Rewrite _____ to suit his purpose
 - Institute a new worldwide _____
 - Bring a reign of evil through a one-world _____.
2. A glimpse of the antichrist reveals the following:
 - He will be a _____ who will arise.
 - He will be _____ and skilled in intrigue.
 - His power will be _____.
 - He will _____, prosper, and perform his will.
 - He is _____.
 - He will cause deceit to _____ by his influence.
 - He will _____ himself in his heart.
 - He will _____ the Prince of princes (Jesus).

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“And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction...” - Daniel 9:26-27

“Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.” - Matthew 24:15-16

“Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done. He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will magnify himself above them all.

But instead he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor him with gold, silver, costly stones and treasures. He will take action against the strongest of fortresses with the help of a foreign god; he will give great honor to those who acknowledge him and will cause them to rule over the many, and will parcel out land for a price.

At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow them and pass through. He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon. Then he will stretch out his hand against other countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape. But he will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans and Ethiopians will follow at his heels. But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many. He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.”

- Daniel 11:36-45

3. The antichrist will make a pact of peace with Israel for _____. Halfway through the 7 years he will break that covenant and _____ the Jewish people with the intent of wiping them out and preventing the establishment of the coming _____.

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“And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.”
- Revelation 13:1

Therion, *thay-ree'-on*; (Greek) *a dangerous animal* :- (venomous, wild) beast

“Those who contend with the Lord will be shattered; against them He will thunder in the heavens, the Lord will judge the ends of the earth; and He will give strength to His king, and will exalt the horn of His anointed.” - 1 Samuel 2:10-11

“The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” - Psalm 18:2

qeren, *keh'-ren*; (Hebrew) *a horn (as projecting)*; by implication *a flask*; by resemblance, *an elephant's tooth (ivory)*, *a corner (of the altar)*, *a peak (of a mountain)*; figurative

“Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it. As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise;’” - Daniel 7:23-24a

“And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.” - Revelation 13:2

4. (13:1) “Sea” and “sand of the seashore” symbolize the _____.

5. (13:1) “Horns” symbolize strength/power and in this verse represent the great power of the _____ who will rule under antichrist’s absolute authority.

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"After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns." - Daniel 7:7

"...the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders"
- 2 Thessalonians 2:9

"I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast;" - Revelation 13:3

"The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come." - Revelation 17:8

"They worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, 'Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?'" - Revelation 13:4

"There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven."
- Revelation 13:5-6

"...he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God." - 2 Thessalonians 2:4

6. (13:3, 4) The antichrist's death and resurrection, a counterfeit of Christ's death and resurrection, will solidify his worldwide popularity, and the world will _____ him.

“It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.
- Revelation 13:7

“Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” - Romans 8:38-39

“All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.” - Revelation 13:8

“...rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.”
- Luke 10:20

“He who overcomes... I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels” - Revelation 3:5

“If anyone has an ear, let him hear. If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.”
- Revelation 13:9

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7. (13:7) The antichrist's power to overcome the saints does not mean he will have the power to destroy faith. He will overpower them physically, but not _____.
He will not be able to destroy their _____.

8. Summary of the antichrist, he:

- Rises from the seas – _____
- Resembles the dragon – _____
- Has composite animal features – _____
- Is dragon empowered – source of _____
- Wounded to death, but healed – _____
- Blasphemes God for 42 months – _____
- Makes war against believers – _____
- Those who follow him, bear his mark – _____

“Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it. As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings. He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.’” - Daniel 7:23-27

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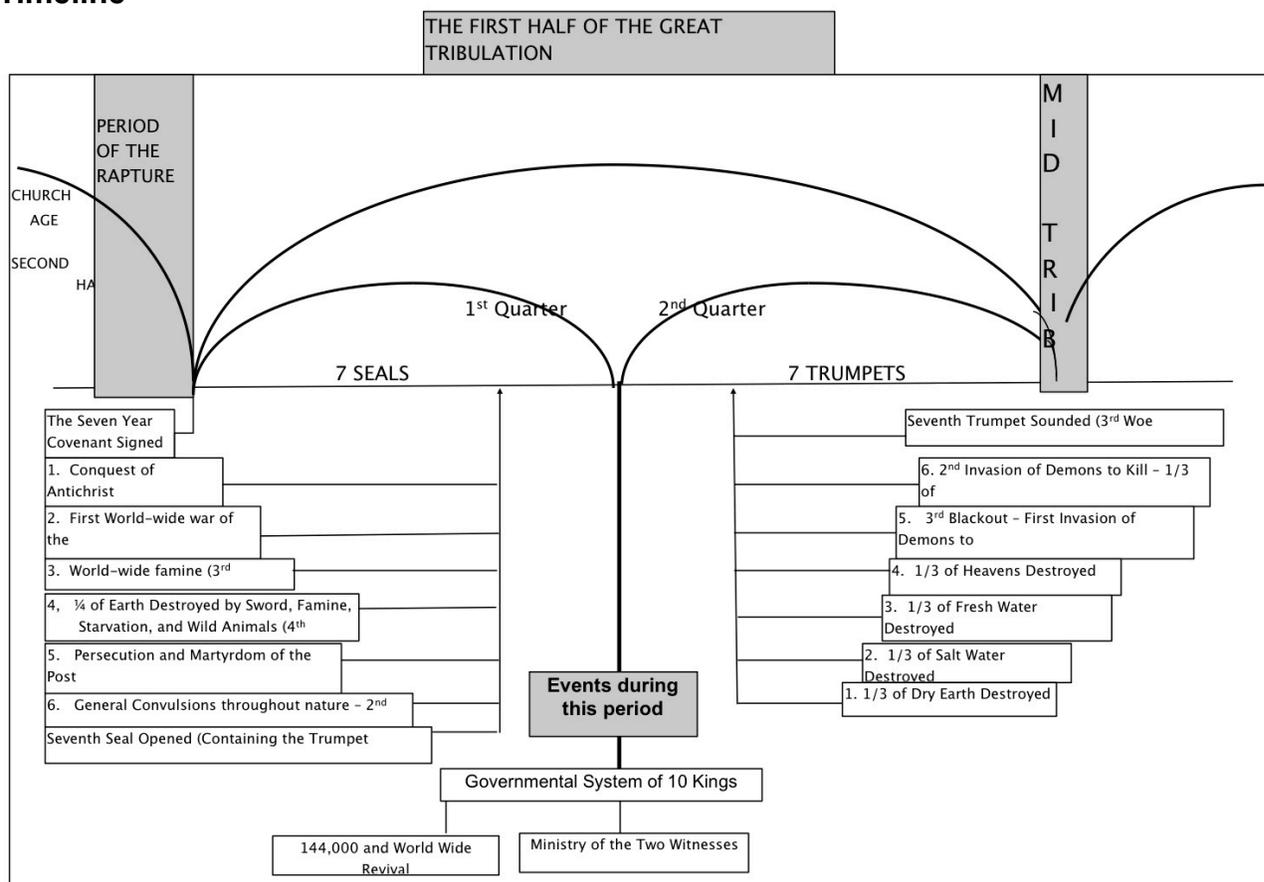
ANSWERS:

1. execute, history, religion, empire
2. king, insolent, mighty, destroy, shrewd, succeed, magnify, oppose
3. 7 years, attack, kingdom
4. Gentile nations
5. kings
6. popularity, worship
7. spiritually, faith
8. nations, origin, character, power, counterfeit, arrogance, destroyer, 666

Reflecting on the Text

1. The world will adopt the antichrist's leadership and role in a desperate attempt to escape the dilemma of seemingly unsolvable world problems. To whom do we turn in times of crisis? A political leader or our Sovereign God?
2. Remember, this 42-month reign of terror by the antichrist will not last forever. The purpose of the Tribulation for judgment upon sin, for worldwide revival, and for the repentance and restoration of the Jews will be accomplished. Even though the antichrist's world dominance, through Satan's empowerment, will be permitted, God never relinquishes His absolute control and His Sovereignty.
3. In every age, God speaks to those who will hear.
4. In every age, there is a tendency for citizens to acknowledge, "Caesar is Lord." Let us not be deceived, and, as true believers, take our stand for Christ.

Timeline



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Lesson 26 - Revelation 13:11-18

(47:57 minutes)

“People will give up freedom to gain security.”
- Francis Schaffer

“Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, ‘Peace and safety!’ then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

Question to Ponder:

Where does your peace and safety come from?

“...the disciples came to Him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?’ And Jesus answered and said to them, ‘See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many. You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.’” - Matthew 24:3-6

“...No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness...” - 2 Corinthians 11:14-15

“Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.”
- Matthew 7:15

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1. Satan’s appearance is not initially ugly or evil. Satan wants us to see him as an _____.
2. Satan’s major weapon in his arsenal is _____.

“...just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves” - 2 Peter 2:1

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world” - 1 John 4:1

“The dynamic appeal of the false prophet will lie in his skill in combining political expediency with religious passion.... His arguments will be subtle, convincing, and appealing. His oratory will be hypnotic, for he will be able to move the masses to tears or whip them into a frenzy. He will control the communication media of the world and will skillfully organize mass publicity to promote his ends. He will manage the truth with guile beyond words, bending it, twisting it, and distorting it.... He will mold world thought and shape human opinion like so much potter’s clay.” - John Phillips

“Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon.” - Revelation 13:11

allos, *al'-los* A primary word; “*else*”, another of the same kind: - more

“He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men.” - Revelation 13:12-13

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3. The antichrist (the beast) will have a partner in Satan’s final world deception. While the antichrist will be primarily a political and military _____, the false prophet (2nd beast) will be his high priest, a world _____ leader who will direct people to _____ the antichrist.
4. (13:11) This false prophet (2nd beast) is like a lamb and appears harmless as he _____ to represent the truth but speaks as a dragon.
5. (13:12) With his authority this false prophet (2nd beast) _____ great signs and _____ those on earth to worship the 1st beast.

Do you really believe that what you say you believe is really real?

“Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, ‘If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.’

Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.”
- Revelation 14:9-12

“You cannot understand and you cannot know that the most terrible instrument of persecution ever devised is an innocent ration card. You cannot buy and you cannot sell except according to that little, innocent card. If they please, you can be starved to death, and if they please, you can be dispossessed of everything you have; for you cannot trade, and you cannot buy and you cannot sell, without permission.” - W. A. Criswell, Revelation

“Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.”
- Revelation 13:18

“And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone” - Revelation 19:20

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9. (13:16, 17) This is more than just an economic issue. The forehead represents where you process _____. The right hand represents how you _____ that commitment.

10. (13:11-18) This is a serious passage for two reasons:

- It is a _____ to the unbelieving world
- It _____ believers to lead careful, watchful, godly lives, and to evangelize a lost world which is headed for destruction.

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.” - 2 Peter 3:10-13

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ANSWERS:

1. angel of light
2. deception
3. leader, religious, worship
4. professes
5. performs, compels
6. successful
7. antichrist, executed
8. mark, identification
9. thought, carry out
10. warning, challenges

Reflecting on the Text

1. Ponder – From where does your peace and safety come? If it comes from your trust in Christ, you have nothing to fear!
2. Beware of political, religious, economic or lifestyle pressures that attempt to pull you from Christ and cause you to COMPROMISE CONVICTIONS.
3. People are designed to worship. Everyone worships someone or something. What do you worship?
4. Do not be fooled. Satan can fabricate supernatural signs just like the magicians in Pharaoh's court. The discerning believer will test miracles and false teaching against the Word of God.
5. It is interesting that in the Tribulation, believers who will not receive the mark will be clearly distinguishable. However, today we can blend into society and be nearly indistinguishable.

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Lesson 27 - Revelation 14:1-5

(32:49 minutes)

“Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.” - Revelation 14:1

idou, *id-oo'*; behold; used as impersonal lo! :- WOW

histemi, *his'-tay-mee*; to stand:- abide, establish, set (up), stanch, stand firm, un-moveable

“Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion in the far north, the city of the great King.”
- Psalm 48:2

“For the Lord of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and His glory will be before His elders.”
- Isaiah 24:23

“But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain.” - Psalm 2:6-9

“No other age has produced a company like this, a veritable army of militant believers marching unscathed through every form of danger. It is theirs to defy the dragon and to bait the Beast. Their calling is to preach the gospel from the housetops when even to name the name of Christ calls for the most dreadful penalties. They have been surrounded, these latter-day Jobs, with impenetrable hedges, able to laugh to scorn all the grand inquisitors of hell. They walk the streets in broad daylight, careless of the teeth-gnashing rage of their would-be torturers and assassins, true witnesses of Jehovah in the most terrible era of the history of mankind.” - John Phillips

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1. (14:1) So far we have seen the lamb slain (5:6), glorified (5:8, 12-13), exalted (7:9, 10), as redeemer (7:14), and as a shepherd 7:17). In this verse we now see him “_____” on Mount Zion.
2. (14:1) This scene is describing the _____ of Jesus to earth.
3. (14:1) None of the 144,000 witnesses are _____. This is the shielding power of God. Despite Satan’s best efforts, ALL survive to meet Christ at His 2nd coming.

“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus” - Philippians 1:6

“...to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy” - Jude 24

“And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth.” - Revelation 14:2-3

Kainos, *kahee-nos'*; *new* - especially in *freshness* (*fresh in response or- understanding*)

“These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless.” - Revelation 14:4-5

“And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way...one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness...” - 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7, 9

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- (14:1) They're invincible because the Father's name is written on their foreheads. Unbelievers receive the _____ of the beast. The 144,000 have the _____ of God placed on their foreheads to identify them as His own.
- (14:1) They're pictured as victors, standing with the Lamb of God. These are the _____, the Greek word for _____.
- (14:2,3) A new song is a song of praise for something God _____; one that reveals a _____ understanding; and one that others cannot experience in the same way.
- (14:4, 5) These 144,000 witnesses shine forth like beacons of purity in the midst of darkness. This means that they stand apart from their _____.

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“Do not forget the culture of the inner man—I mean of the heart. How diligently the cavalry officer keeps his sabre clean and sharp; every stain he rubs off with the greatest care. Remember you are God’s sword, His instrument—I trust a chosen vessel unto Him to bear His name. In great measure, according to the purity and perfections of the instrument, will be the success. It is not great talents God blesses so much as great likeness to Jesus. A holy minister is an awful weapon in the hand of God.” - Robert Murray McCheyne

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” - John 10:27

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” - Romans 12:1-2

“Who can say, ‘I have cleansed my heart, I am pure from my sin?’” - Proverbs 20:9

“If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.” - 1 John 1:8

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless and with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.” - Jude 24

8. (14:4,5) These 144,000 stand apart because they are morally _____.
9. They follow the Lamb, epitomizing dedication and clarity of life, and they speak the _____.
10. (14:4, 5) These 144,000 are blameless, but that doesn’t mean that they are sinless. We are _____ sinners in need of a Savior.

ANSWERS:

1. standing
2. return
3. missing
4. mark, mark
5. nikaho, overcomers
6. has done, fresh
7. culture
8. pure
9. truth
10. all

Reflecting on the Text

1. In an age filled with lies, we see that the 144,000 refuse to bow the knee to the lies of the antichrist, and they speak truth even though deception is rampant. If they can, how much more can we in our age filled with lies and deceit without antichrist!

2. There has never been anything to equal completely committed Christian men and women. Can we claim the qualities of:
 - Joseph – UNCOMPROMISING
 - Daniel – CONFIDENT
 - Esther – RESOLUTE
 - Gideon – FEARLESS (once he understood)
 - David – SINGLENESS OF HEART
 - Paul – UNASHAMED
 - Peter – BOLD

3. Reflect and rejoice over the fact that those who belong to God are His possession and are protected by His power.
 - ➔ Apart from Him – NO POWER, NO PROTECTION.
 - ➔ With Him – POWER AND PROTECTION.

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Lesson 28 - Revelation 14:6-20

(43:24 minutes)

“And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and he said with a loud voice, ‘Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.’” - Revelation 14:6-7

Aionios, *ahay-o'-nee-os*; (Greek) *perpetual* :- eternal, forever, everlasting

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.”
- Psalm 19:1-2

“Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”- Revelation 4:11

“And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, ‘Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality.’” - Revelation 14:8

“Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, ‘If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger;’” - Revelation 14:9-10

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John’s vision includes six angels, three making proclamations and three executing judgment.

1. (14:6, 7) The first angel proclaims the gospel of _____ in Jesus Christ one final time to reach any who have not yet heard.
2. (14:6, 7) The message of this first angel is, “_____ _____, and give Him glory.”
3. (14:8) The second angel proclaims the judgment against _____, the center of the antichrist’s worldwide political, economic and religious empire.

“For thus the Lord, the God of Israel, says to me, ‘Take this cup of the wine of wrath from My hand and cause all the nations to whom I send you to drink it.’”
- Jeremiah 25:15

“Such wrath is not an impulsive outburst of divine emotion aimed at people whimsically. It is the settled, deliberate, merciless, graceless response of the righteous God against all sinners.” - John MacArthur

Akratos, *ak'-rat-os*; (Greek) *undiluted* :- without mixture

“...and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” - Revelation 14:10b-11

Aionios, *ah-ee-o'-nee-os*; (Greek) *perpetual* :- eternal, forever, everlasting

“Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.”
- Revelation 14:12

“The steps of a man are established by the Lord, and He delights in his way. When he falls, he shall not be hurled headlong, because the Lord is the One who holds his hand.” - Psalm 37:34

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4. (14:9, 10) The third angel proclaims that the full fury of God's _____, restrained throughout history, is about to be _____.
5. (14:9-11) The one who “will drink the wine of the wrath of God” :
 - Is _____ - ceaseless infliction of unbearable pain
 - Sees no _____ of the torment
 - Has no moments of _____ throughout eternity
 - Is _____ from God's loving fellowship
6. (14:12) The doctrine of perseverance in this verse teaches that true believers are noted and identifiable because they _____ the commandments of God and their _____ in Jesus.

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“And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, ‘Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them.’” - Revelation 14:13

“Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand.”
- Revelation 14:14

“...although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” - Philippians 2:6-8

“...I am; and you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” - Mark 14:62

“And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, ‘Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe.’ Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.” - Revelation 14:15-16

Xeraino, *xay-rah'ee-no*; *shrivel, mature*, dry up, be ripe, wither (away)

7. Jesus came the first time as a _____ servant, to seek and save that which was lost. He returns the second time as _____ King, in majesty and splendor.
8. (14:14) Jesus is seen here with a _____, because the earth is _____.
9. (14:15, 16) The fourth angel is not proclaiming that judgment is about to come, but brings the _____ to execute it.
10. (14:15, 16) Some of the most catastrophic and sobering statements in all of Scripture are these when Jesus, straight-forward and without fanfare implements _____.

“And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, ‘Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe.’” - Revelation 14:17-18

“So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God. And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.” - Revelation 14:19-20

“...it is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God” - Hebrews 10:31

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11. (14:17-19) The unrepentant sinners are the _____ of grapes. They are all gathered into one place – the winepress – the Valley of Megiddo.
12. (14:19-20) The resulting battle of Armageddon is actually not a _____ at all. It is a _____.
13. The central message in this passage is that God is _____ to be trifled with nor taken lightly. He _____ judge His enemies. He _____ be victorious over Satan. He _____ punish those who oppose Him.

ANSWERS:

1. salvation
2. Fear God
3. Babylon
4. wrath, unleashed
5. tormented, diminishing, rest, banished
6. keep, faith
7. humble, supreme
8. sickle, ripe
9. command
10. judgment
11. clusters
12. battle, slaughter
13. not, will, will, will

Reflecting on the Text

1. This passage of Scripture (among many others) strongly disagrees with those who deny the eternality of God's wrath.
2. Be careful not to fall prey to liberal theology, which teaches against eternal judgment, the nonexistence of the lake of fire, and the full fury of God's wrath being unleashed.
3. In Christ's first coming, He came as the gentle Jesus, giving His life for the ransom of men. When He comes again, He will come as the mighty Conqueror in the full wrath of the holy God of the universe. But today is a day of grace. The invitation remains open to those who will trust in Christ. We are free to receive, and we are free to reject.

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Lesson 29 - Revelation 15:1-8

(42:37 minutes)

“Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him; Worship the LORD in holy array.”
- I Chronicles 16:28b-29

“The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.”
- Psalm 19:1-3

Doxa - *dox'-ah* (Greek):- from base of (doceo); glory (very *apparent*) :- brightness, dignity, glory (-ious), honor, praise, worship

Kabod - *ka'-bode* (Hebrew) - weight, glory, splendor

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”
- Romans 1:18-21

“Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, which are the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.” - Revelation 15:1

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Horāō - *Hor-ah'-o*: to stare at

Plēgē (plague) literally means “a blow,” or “a wound”

Teleō - to bring to an end, complete, fulfill:- Accomplish

“And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.” - Revelation 15:2

“And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, ‘Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations!’” - Revelation 15:3

“Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty” - Exodus 15:7

“Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; for all the nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.” - Revelation 15:4

“...at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and ...every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” - Philippians 2:10-11

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1. (15:1) These plagues are _____ and _____ because they are the end of God’s work on earth, the end of God’s _____.
2. (15:2) “Those who had been victorious over the beast” are _____ who have been _____ during the Tribulation.
3. (15:2) Holding harps (worship instruments) indicates they are about to _____ God.
4. (15:3) The Song of Moses celebrated God’s _____ of His people from slavery in Egypt. The Song of the Lamb celebrates the final deliverance from Satan.
5. What Revelation 15:4 is talking about is the _____ of Philippians 2:10.

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“After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened,”
- Revelation 15:5

Naos; *nah-os'* :- (to dwell) to inhabit; a temple - refers to Holy of Holies; where God's presence dwells

“And the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in linen, clean and bright, and girded around their chests with golden sashes.”
- Revelation 15:6

“Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever.” - Revelation 15:7

“And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.” - Revelation 15:8

“...and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by.” - Exodus 33:22

“And one called out to another and said, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory.’ And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke.” - Isaiah 6:3

“As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.” - Ezekiel 1:28

6. (15:5) The temple is sometimes referred to as the “_____” because the most important item in it was the Ark of the Covenant, sometimes called the Ark of the Testimony.
7. (15:6) John saw seven angels poised for action, dressed in pure, bright linen. Linen, clean and bright, represents their _____ and _____.
8. (15:7) What is in the bowls? The _____.

“...and the temple was filled with the cloud and the court was filled with the brightness of the glory of the LORD.” - Ezekiel 10:4

“And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.” - Luke 2:9

“... who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see.” - I Timothy 6:16

“Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone. Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name.” - I Chronicles 29:11-13

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9. God's glory is the visible manifestation of His _____.
10. We have a responsibility to glorify God. How do we give glory to God?
- The _____ of people magnify His glory.
 - When we _____ His works and His ways, we give Him glory.

ANSWERS:

1. great, marvelous, wrath
2. believers / redeemed
3. glory
4. deliverance
5. fulfillment
6. tabernacle of testimony
7. holiness, purity
8. Wrath of God
9. presence
10. praises, declare

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Lesson 30 - Revelation 16:1-11

(40:05 minutes)

“Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, ‘Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.’ So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore on the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.”
- Revelation 16:1-2

Kakos; *kak-os'* :- that which is evil, Evildoer, miserable, *depraved*, or (object) *injurious*:- bad, wicked

“Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, ‘Take for yourselves handfuls of soot from a kiln, and let Moses throw it toward the sky in the sight of Pharaoh. It will become fine dust over all the land of Egypt, and will become boils breaking out with sores on man and beast through all the land of Egypt.’ So they took soot from a kiln, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses threw it toward the sky, and it became boils breaking out with sores on man and beast.” - Exodus 9:8-10

“The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like that of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died.” - Revelation 16:3

“In 1949 red tides hit the coast of Florida. First the water turned yellow, but by midsummer it was thick and viscous with countless billions of dinoflagellates, tiny one-celled organisms. Sixty-mile windrows of stinking fish fouled the beaches. Much marine life was wiped out, even bait used by fishermen died upon the hooks. An unchecked population explosion of toxic dinoflagellates would kill all the fish in the sea.” - John Phillips

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. (16:1) The _____ voice from the temple emphasizes the _____ and unprecedented nature of what will begin to take place on earth.
2. (16:2) The first bowl brings unrelieved _____ to everyone who has rejected Jesus Christ, those who have followed the _____ and receive his mark.

“Red Tide is caused by a ‘population explosion’ of toxic, microscopic plankton (specifically, a subgroup known as dinoflagellates). ‘Blooms’ of the poison-producing plankton are phenomena caused by environmental conditions, which promote explosive growth.

- Office of Health and Human Services



Dead fish and sea life caused by a Red Tide.



Red Tide

“Then the third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters saying, ‘Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One, because You judged these things; for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. They deserve it.’ And I heard the altar saying, ‘Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.’” - Revelation 16:4-7

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- (16:3) The pouring out of the second bowl wipes out all the _____ and creates an unimaginable stench.

- (16:4) Something similar to what happened to the Nile River in Exodus 7, now happens to the world’s entire supply of _____.

“Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?”
- Genesis 18:25

“The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether.” - Psalm 19:9

Axios - *ax'-ee-os* :- in the sense of to *weigh*, worthy, due reward; (*deserving*, or *suitable*); of weight, of worth

“The fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun, and it was given to it to scorch men with fire. Men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory.”
- Revelation 16:8-9

“Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain, and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.”
- Revelation 16:10-11

“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken.” - Mark 13:24-25

Nacham - *naw-kham'* - (Hebrew) primitive root (repent); properly- to *sigh*, *breathe* strongly; by implication to be *sorry*, :- comfort (self)

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5. (16:5-6) The “angel of the waters” defends God’s judgment by declaring He is unquestionably _____ because He’s the Holy One.
6. (16:8) The result of the fourth angel pouring out his bowl is a _____ exceeding anything in human experience. Since the fourth day of creation, the sun has given the world light and energy. It now becomes deadly and _____ mankind severely.
7. (16:9) Even though the people of the earth know it is God who has the power over the plagues, “they did not repent so as to give Him glory.” It is the most blatant example of _____ in all of human history.
8. (16:10) Just as it happened in Egypt in Exodus 10, God will increase the intensity by _____ out the _____. When the fifth angel pours out his bowl, the earth becomes dark, like a thick, felt blackness. This is a preview of _____.
9. (16:11) The response of the people of the earth once again is to _____ the God of heaven.

Metanoeo - *met-an-o-eh'-o* (Greek) (repent) :- to *think differently, reconsider* (moral- *feel compunction*)

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will be converted to You.”
- Psalm 51:10-13

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ANSWERS:

1. loud, intensity
2. physical agony, Antichrist
3. sea life
4. fresh water
5. righteous
6. searing heat, scorches
7. hard hearts
8. turning, lights, hell
9. blaspheme

Reflecting on the Text

1. Because God loves righteousness and faith, He must hate sin and unbelief. He cannot love truth unless He hates lies. He cannot love goodness unless He hates wickedness. He cannot reward unless He also punishes. God's final wrath and judgment is inevitable; no one can prevent it from coming. However, there is a way to escape, because "there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."
- Romans 8:1
2. Those who by faith trust in Christ alone for salvation will not face judgment, because our sins were judged when Jesus died in our place on the cross. In light of the judgment to come, the warning to all is "Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." - Hebrews 4:7
3. The Bible tells us that we must ask God to create in us a clean heart. This is something completely fresh, a brand new beginning. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will be converted to You." - Psalm 51:10-13

The Judgments of God during the Tribulation period:

The Seals (Revelation 6:1-17)

- First seal (Antichrist arrival)
- Second seal (wars)
- Third seal (famine)
- Fourth seal (death takes 1/4 of the earth)
- Fifth seal (great martyrdom)
- Sixth seal (atmospheric and earth surface destabilization)
- Seventh seal (trumpet judgments)

The Trumpets (Revelation 8:2-9:21)

- First trumpet (1/3 earth burned/green things)
- Second trumpet (sea 1/3 of life, ships, water destroyed)
- Third trumpet (1/3 of drinking water smitten)
- Fourth trumpet (sun, moon, and stars 1/3 black)
- Fifth trumpet (creatures from the abyss torment- 5 months)
- Sixth trumpet (200,000,000 demon soldiers slay 1/3 of population)
- Seventh trumpet (heavenly temple opens and bowl judgments)

The Bowls (Revelation 16:2-21)

- First bowl (sores upon worshipers of the beast)
- Second bowl (sea smitten entirely)
- Third bowl (rivers smitten)
- Fourth bowl (sun scorches men)
- Fifth bowl (darkness upon the earth; sores give pain)
- Sixth bowl (Euphrates dries- armies gather for Armageddon)
- Seventh bowl (exceeding great earthquake and hail)

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Lesson 31 - Revelation 16:12-21

(47:10 minutes)

What do *you* think of when you hear the word 'Armageddon'?

"Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. And He said to them, 'Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.'" - Matthew 24:1-2

"As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?'" - Matthew 24:3

"Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever." - Revelation 15:7

Thymos (thuo) *thoo-mos'*; *passion* (as if *breathing hard*):- fierceness, indignation, *rage*, or a *passionate* anger

Orgē, *or-gay'*; properly- violent *passion* (or [justifiable] *abhorrence*); implication *punishment* :- indignation, vengeance

"The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east." - Revelation 16:12

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. God's wrath is a constant theme of the Old Testament. Prophets referred to it all the time. The last expression of God's wrath is called, "The _____ and _____ day of the wrath of God."
2. Three forms of wrath are found in the Bible:
 - _____ wrath
 - _____ wrath
 - _____ wrath
3. (16:12) Unlike previous judgments, the _____ has no specific assault on humanity. Rather it's a _____ for what is to come.

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

“Remember this, and be assured; Recall it to mind, you transgressors. Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, ‘My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure;’ Calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of My purpose from a far country. Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it.” - Isaiah 46:8-11

Anatolê *an-at-ol-ay'*:- dayspring; a *rising* of light, i.e. *dawn*; by implication the *east* – dayspring rising



Anatolê

“And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.”
- Revelation 16:13-14

“...whatever is in the seas and in the rivers that does not have fins and scales among all the teeming life of the water, and among all the living creatures that are in the water, they are detestable things to you, and they shall be abhorrent to you; you may not eat of their flesh...”
- Leviticus 11:10-11

4. (16:12) “Kings from the east” literally means, “the kings from the rising of the sun,” which is the Greek word _____.

5. Whatever the human motives are for this _____, the real reason behind it soon becomes evident: _____ “spirits of demons” appear and influence the world’s military strength.

6. In pride and arrogance the nations of world converge on _____.

Comparative Size of Countries			
Rank	Country	2008 Population	Land Area (sq km)
1	Russia	140,702,000	17,075,200
2	Canada	33,213,000	9,976,140
3	USA	303,825,000	9,629,091
4	China	1,330,045,000	9,596,960
151	Belize	301,300	22,966
152	El Salvador	7,066,000	21,040
153	Israel	7,112,000	20,770

“Why are the nations in an uproar and the people devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His anointed.” - Psalm 2:1-2

“Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.”
- Revelation 16:15

“And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.” - Revelation 16:16

Har-magedōn *ar-mag-ed-dohn'* Armageddon, the Valley of Megiddo

7. (16:15) Jesus is talking to His own in the midst of the Tribulation to encourage believers by reminding them “ _____
_____ ” Those whom Jesus finds
_____ when He returns are blessed.



Plain of Megiddo

“Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon grow dark And the stars lose their brightness. The LORD roars from Zion And utters His voice from Jerusalem, And the heavens and the earth tremble.” - Joel 3:14-16

“These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings” - Revelation 17:14

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" ...And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.” - Revelation 19:11-16, 19

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8. (16:16) Staging area for the focal point of the Battle will be the _____, _____, approximately 60 miles north of Jerusalem.

9. (16:16) The battle of Armageddon is actually a _____, led by Jesus himself.

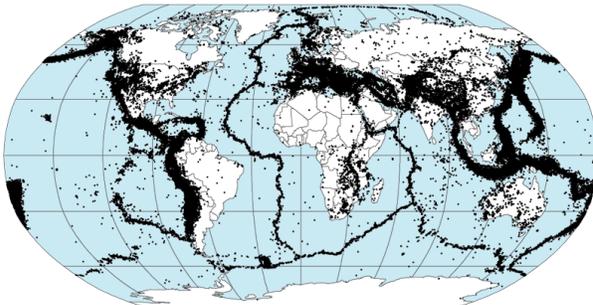
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“Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, ‘It is done.’” - Revelation 16:17

Ginomai *ghin'-om-ahēe*: to *cause* to be (“*gen*”-erate), to become (*come into being*):- be brought (to pass)

“And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty. The great city (Jerusalem) was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.” - Revelation 16:18-19

Preliminary Determination of Epicenters
358,214 Events, 1963 - 1998



Recent earthquake activity showing major fault lines of earthquakes registering 2.5 or greater on the Richter scale.

“The gentle rolling topography of the world as originally created will be restored. No more will there be great inaccessible, uninhabitable mountain ranges or deserts or ice caps. The physical environment of the millennium will be, in large measure, a restoration of the antediluvian [pre-Flood] environment” - Dr. Henry M. Morris

“And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.”
- Revelation 16:20-21

10. (16:17) The phrase “It is done” describes a completed action with ongoing results and is very similar to Jesus’ final words from cross, “_____.”
11. (16:18) Earlier storms in the book of Revelation are merely a preview of the great and final _____ now bursting upon the earth.

“For thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land.’” - Haggai 2:6

“...wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.” - 1 Thessalonians 1:10

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12. (16:21) Adding to the world wide devastation caused by the earthquake will be the great hail storm. In spite of all this, the people of the earth remain hard hearted and _____ God.

ANSWERS:

1. great, terrible
2. disciplinary, cataclysmic, eternal
3. 6th bowl, preparation
4. anatolê
5. invasion force, three
6. Israel
7. I am coming, prepared
8. Plain of Megiddo
9. slaughter
10. It is finished
11. storm of wrath
12. blaspheme

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Lesson 32 - Revelation 17

(45:40 minutes)

“There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man...” - Blaise Pascal

“You shall fear only the LORD your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.”
- Deuteronomy 6:13

“But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” - John 4:23-24

“But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’” - Isaiah 14:13-14

“...and he said to Him, ‘All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.’” - Matthew 4:9

To comprehend false religion of the future requires an understanding of the past.

“Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words. It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. They said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly.” And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. They said, “Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name...” - Genesis 11:1-4

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“Journeying east after the Flood, Noah’s descendants arrived at the site of Babylon (the “land of Shinar”). In history’s first great humanistic effort, they decided to build a monument to themselves, to ‘make for [themselves] a name.’ Brick towers, like the one they built (known as ziggurats), had on their tops the sign of the zodiac, which was used by pagan priests to chart the stars. Through their observations of the stars, the priests supposedly gained spiritual insights and knowledge of the future. Such blatant, defiant rebellion against God is incredible on the part of those to whom the Flood was a recent event. God judgmentally scattered those proud rebels from Babel, and they took their false religion around the world with them. The devil, who deceived the people at Babel, from there launched false religion over the earth.” - John MacArthur



Ziggurat



Pyramids

“Now, then, hear this, you sensual one, who dwells securely, who says in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one besides me...’ - Isaiah 47:8

“Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, ‘Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality. And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality, and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery, ‘Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and of the abominations of the earth.’ And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly.” - Revelation 17:1-6

“Babylon has been a golden cup in the hand of the Lord, intoxicating all the earth. The nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are going mad.” - Jeremiah 51:7

Thaumazo (*thou-mad'-zo*); have in admiration, marveled - *to be amazed, surprised*; to wonder at something with attentive interest

“And the angel said to me, ‘Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.’” - Revelation 17:7

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

- (17:1) Who (or what) is the great harlot?
 - The great harlot is not an _____.
 - Harlot is a metaphor for _____ or apostasy.
 - Association with the kings of the earth reveals that the scope of the harlot's _____ will be _____.
- (17: 5) In the ancient world it was customary for prostitutes to identify themselves by _____ their names on their _____.
- Babylon is a symbol for all _____ to God. It's described as “the Great” because of its far-reaching influence.
- (17:7) “The scarlet beast” refers to the _____. “Sitting on the beast” signifies he is _____ her.

“The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.” Revelation 17:8

“Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.” - Revelation 17:9-10

“Babylonia, Egypt, Assyria, Persia, Greece, and Rome were all strongholds of the world religion of evolutionary pantheism and idolatrous polytheism. Thus, they appropriately are represented as six heads on the great beast that supports the harlot.” - Henry Morris

“The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction.” Revelation 17:11

“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast. These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful.” - Revelation 17:12-14

“And I saw...three unclean spirits...they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty....And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.” - Revelation 16:13-14, 16

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5. (17:8) Scripture portrays the Antichrist as an _____ . An outstanding orator and military leader without parallel.
6. The term “was, and is not, and is about to come” refers to Antichrist’s _____ and _____.
7. The activity described in Revelation 17 takes place approximately _____ through the Tribulation period
8. (17:9-10) The mountains described as seven kings are world empires. The Five world empires fallen by the time of John’s vision are:
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
9. (17: 11) How can he (Antichrist) be an eighth king and also one of the seven? He is one of the seven and then _____ and is not, and when he comes back, he is the eighth. He is the same person.
10. (17:12) That they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour means a _____ .
11. They have one purpose: to wage war against the _____.

False religion is an essential element of Antichrist's final world empire, holding together his military, economic, and political structure. Only religion can unite the world in the most compelling way. Politics, economics, even military force are unable to overcome the world's cultural diversity. Only religion, with its appeal to the supernatural, can transcend the physical, geographical, historical, economic, and cultural barriers to world unity.
- Unknown

"And he said to me, 'The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.'" - Revelation 17:15

"And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire." - Revelation 17:16

"For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled. The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth."
- Revelation 17:17-18

"There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus"
- Blaise Pascal

"...there is none who seeks for God" - Romans 3:11

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him." - John 6:44

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12. (17:16) The Harlot is no longer beautifully adorned, but now is found naked and consumed. This graphic language of extreme violence makes it clear that the Antichrist will _____ that stands in the way of obtaining glory for himself.
13. (17:17) It is clear that everything that happens is precisely in the scope of God's _____ as the plan of the ages unfolds.

ANSWERS:

1. actual harlot, false religion, influence, immense
2. writing, foreheads
3. worldly resistance
4. Antichrist, supporting
5. intellectual genius
6. death, resurrection
7. halfway
8. Babylon, Egypt, Assyria, Medo-Persia, Greece
9. dies
10. brief time
11. Lamb
12. obliterate anything
13. sovereign will

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Lesson 33 - Revelation 18:1-19:9

(43:01 minutes)

“...the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales...”
- Isaiah 40:15

“All the nations are as nothing before Him, they are regarded by Him as less than nothing and meaningless.”
- Isaiah 40:17

“After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory. And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, ‘Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality.’” - Revelation 18:1-3

“But pelican and hedgehog will possess it, And owl and raven will dwell in it...” - Isaiah 34:11

“I heard another voice from heaven, saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.’” - Revelation 18:4-5

“Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is ... to keep oneself unstained by the world”
- James 1:27

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. The Babylon in chapter 18 is most likely an _____ . Babylon is Antichrist’s worldwide commercial empire. He will build the greatest financial empire the world has ever known.
2. John heard 4 voices give 4 announcements:
 - Voice of _____
 - Voice of _____
 - Voice of _____
 - Voice of _____
3. (18:3) The final world Empire is _____ and its tentacles will spread to all the nations.
4. (18:4) John hears another voice from heaven with a different message: “Come out of her, my people.” Reminding us today, we cannot _____ our life by _____ with that which is opposed to Christ.

“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” - 1 John 2:15

“Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back to her double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her. To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, ‘I sit as a queen and I am not a widow, and will never see mourning.’ For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.” - Revelation 18:6-8

“I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted” - Job 42:2

“For the Lord of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate it? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?” - Isaiah 14:27

“And the kings of the earth, who committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning, standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’ And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more—cargoes of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every kind of citron wood and every article of ivory and every article made from very costly wood and bronze and iron and marble, and cinnamon and spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and cargoes of horses and chariots and slaves and human lives.” - Revelation 18:9-13

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5. (18:8) The phrase “in one day her plagues will come” means that the destruction will not be _____, but rather it will be _____ destroyed.

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“The fruit you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and men will no longer find them. The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls; for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!’ And every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor, and as many as make their living by the sea, stood at a distance, and were crying out as they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘What city is like the great city?’ And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!’”
- Revelation 18:14-19

“Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her.” - Revelation 18:20

“Then a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, ‘So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer. And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer; and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery.’” - Revelation 18:21-23

“And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all who have been slain on the earth.”
- Revelation 18:24

6. (18:19) When the centerpiece of world finance is destroyed, there is great dismay and mourning on earth. Through the entire _____ sinners refuse to mourn over their _____, but they'll easily mourn over the destruction of the global system of commerce.

7. (18:20) _____ has a different perspective than people of earth. When the moment of _____ finally arrives, all of Heaven rejoices because of the triumph of righteousness.

8. (18:21-23) The destruction is so complete that no _____ of life take place any longer.

“After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, ‘Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God;’”
- Revelation 19:1

Hallelujah - *Allēlouia*, Greek form of a Hebrew phrase comprised of halal (to praise) - Yah (God)

“Because his judgments are true and righteous; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and He has avenged the blood of his bondservants on her. And a second time they said, ‘Hallelujah! Her smoke rises up forever and ever.’”
- Revelation 19:2-3

“And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, ‘Amen. Hallelujah!’ And a voice came from the throne, saying, ‘Give praise to our God, all you His bondservants, you who fear Him, the small and the great.’ Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, ‘Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.’” - Revelation 19:4-6

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready. It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.” - Revelation 19:7-8

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9. (19:2-3) The _____ that began in the Garden of Eden is finally ended, and the related fallout of human depravity has been _____.

10. (19:5) The phrase, “Give praise to our God, all you his bondservants” is speaking of all the _____ in heaven.

Lampros (bright) means glistening/radiant

Katharos (clean) translated “pure”

“Then he said to me, ‘Write, “Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”’ And he said to me, ‘These are true words of God.’”
- Revelation 19:9

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ANSWERS:

1. actual city
2. condemnation, separation, lament, celebration
3. vast
4. compromise, joining forces
5. progressive, instantly
6. Tribulation, sin
7. heaven, vengeance
8. normal activities
9. rebellion, conquered
10. believers

Reflecting on the Text

1. Locate the four occurrences of the word *Hallelujah* in Revelation 19:1-9. Identify the reasons associated with each one:

Verse _____,

Verse _____,

Verse _____,

Verse _____,

2. Scripture indicates that the praises of His people magnify the Glory of God. You get to participate in this action now. How do you daily take time to bring glory to God?

3. Truth: God will be in personal fellowship forever with all the saints. It is so significant that the angel affirms, "These are true words of God."

4. Question: Are you a citizen of 'Babylon' or a citizen of Heaven?

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Lesson 34 - Revelation 19:11-21

(42:35 minutes)

“For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, ...it is impossible for God to lie...” - Hebrews 6:13, 18



Statue at the United Nations building in New York City

“They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.”
- Isaiah 2:4 & Micah 4:3

“God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?” - Numbers 23:19

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.”
- Revelation 19:11-13

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1. The Rapture and the Second Coming are two distinct events:
 - Rapture - Christ comes _____ His saints. (John 14:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17)
 - 2nd Coming - He comes _____ them. (Revelation 19:14)
 - Rapture - Christ _____ saints in the air. (1 Thessalonians. 4:17; John 14:2–3)
 - 2nd Coming - He descends _____ them from _____ to the _____. (Zechariah 14:4)

Horao - to *stare* at [optanomai] - (implication) to *discern* clearly (physical); perceive, see, to *gaze* (i.e. with wide-open eyes, as at something remarkable)

“...Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, ‘Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?’ And Jesus said, ‘I am; and you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.’ - Mark 14:61-62

“But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet...” - Matthew 24:27-31

“Therefore Pilate said to Him, ‘So You are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.’ Pilate said to Him, ‘What is truth?’”
- John 18:37-38

“...all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do...” - Hebrews 4:13

“...the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature...” - Hebrews 1:3

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- (19:11) Jesus will not come like other world conquerors:
 - He is _____ motivated by _____ and pride.
 - His _____ are righteous.
 - He is fulfilling _____ and _____.
- (19:12) Jesus “eyes are a flame of fire” meaning nothing escapes His penetrating, piercing vision (Hebrews 4:13). He sees into the _____ places of the human heart.
- The blood on Jesus robe is the blood of judgment, the blood of those who oppose him and will be slaughtered during the battle of Armageddon. There is obviously no expectation that he will incur any harm, for none can oppose him. He carries no _____.

“And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.” - Revelation 19:14

Strateuma (*strateuomai*); a body of *troops*:- army, soldier, man of war



US Navy dress white uniforms

“From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, ‘King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.’” - Revelation 19:15-16

“Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;”
- 2 Thessalonians 2:8

“Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, ‘Come, assemble for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great.’” - Revelation 19:17-18

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5. (19:14) Four divisions of troops accompany Jesus:

- The _____ believers, which includes YOU
- _____ believers
- Old Testament saints (Daniel 12:1-2)
- _____ (Matthew 25:31)

6. (19:15) The “sharp sword” from His mouth means Christ will _____ the enemy (2 Thessalonians 2:8). The sword is the power of the _____.

7. (19:17) John sees an “angel standing in the sun” meaning that he is in _____, partially eclipsing the sun. Evidently worldwide _____ associated with the fifth bowl has been lifted, as the _____ is now visible.

“...all the earth will be devoured In the fire of His jealousy, For He will make a complete end, Indeed a terrifying one, Of all the inhabitants of the earth.”
- Zephaniah 1:14

“And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.” - Revelation 19:19

“And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.”
- Revelation 19:20-21

Piazō to *squeeze*, i.e. seize - officially [*arrest*], in hunting [*capture*]:- apprehend

Ballō (*bal'-lo*); to *throw* (violent or intense):- cast (out) [dung] pour, throw (down), thrust

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8. Verse 20 shows what the _____ does with those who reject Him. In an instant, the one empowered by Satan is now thrown to torment with a mere toss into the Lake of Fire.

ANSWERS:

1. for, with, meets, with, heaven, earth
2. not, ambition, motives, God's purpose, promise
3. deepest
4. defense mechanisms
5. church age, tribulation, angels
6. consume, Word of God
7. front, darkness, sun
8. warrior King

Reflecting on the Text

1. How you view Jesus:
 - determines your view of God.
 - determines your view of everything else in the world.
 - determines your view of everything else in your life.

2. What you believe about GOD determines what you do next.

3. Final place of punishment for all who refuse Jesus Christ:
 - Today, when an unbeliever dies, his spirit goes to a place called Hades, which means “the unseen world,” the realm of the dead.
 - Hades will one day be emptied of its dead (Revelation 20:13), who will then be cast into the Lake of Fire to join Satan, the beast, and the false prophet.

4. When believers die, they go immediately into the presence of the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6–8; Philippians 1:19–23).

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Lesson 35 - Revelation 20:1-10

(39:42 minutes)

“...and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away. And He who sits on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’”
- Revelation 21:5

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.” - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Kainos, *kahee-nos'*; *new* - especially in *freshness*

“The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.” - Isaiah 11:6

“And Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.’” - Matthew 19:28

Palingenesia (*pal-ing-ghen-es-ee'-ah*); (spiritual) *rebirth* (the state or the act), i.e.- spiritual *renovation*; Special:- Messianic *restoration* :- regeneration

Palin [*pal'-in*] *anew*, (place) back, (of time) *once more*:- again

Genesis [*ghen'-es-is*]; *nativity*:- figurative nature:- *nature* (-ral)

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. The millennial kingdom is called by many names in Scripture; Jesus calls it “the _____.” Matthew 19:28

“Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.” - Acts 3:19-21

“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.” - Revelation 20:1

“And Jesus asked him, ‘What is your name?’ And he said, ‘Legion’; for many demons had entered him. They were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss.” - Luke 8:30-31

“And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.” - Revelation 20:2-3

“Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them.” - Revelation 20:4a

“You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.” - Revelation 5:10

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2. The Kingdom of Regeneration is a theme throughout Scripture; it is the moment that all _____ is _____ toward.

3. (20:2-3) The first matter for the returning King’s attention is the confinement of the adversary, Satan. Jesus will now reign on earth unopposed because:
 - the _____ of “the god of this world.” (2 Corinthians 4:4)
 - all human rebels are gone as a result of _____.
 - the leaders of the _____ have been thrown into the lake of fire.

4. The Millennial Kingdom comes after Christ’s _____ but before the _____ of the new Heavens and the new Earth.

“And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”
- Revelation 20:4b

“The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.”
- Revelation 20:5-6

The “First Resurrection” is also called:

- The resurrection of the righteous - Luke 14:14; Acts 24:15
- The resurrection of life - John 5:29
- The resurrection of those who are Christ’s - 1 Corinthians 15:23
- The better resurrection - Hebrews 11:35

Anastasis *an-as'-tas-is* (resurrection) -physical:- a *standing up* again, (literal) a *resurrection* from death - rise from the dead, rising again

Views on the Millennium:

Premillennial view teaches that the period immediately before Christ’s return will be the worst in human history.

Amillennial View teaches that Satan is already bound; we are in Millennium now.

Postmillennial View teaches that Jesus will return at the end of the Millennium; that before His return will come the best period in history.

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- (20:4b) The reference to the “souls of those who had been beheaded” is speaking of _____ as well as _____.
- (20:5) “The rest of the dead” refers to _____.
- “The first resurrection” is the resurrection of _____ in Jesus Christ. It is speaking of a literal, _____ resurrection of bodies being joined with the souls.
- The “Second Death” is the _____ of _____ or eternal _____. The truth of Scripture is that no true child of God will face eternal wrath by being cast into the Lake of Fire. (Romans 5:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:9)
- The Millennial Kingdom is identified by several characteristics, among which are:
 - _____, it will be a time when the curse is lifted (Isaiah 11:7-9; 30:23-24; 35:1-2, 7),
 - when _____ will be bountiful (Joel 2:21-27), and
 - when there will be health and _____ - _____ (Isaiah 33:24; 35:5-6), leading to _____ (Isaiah 65:20).
- At New Hope we teach a _____ view of eschatology, which is: Christ will return and establish a literal kingdom on earth, which will last for a thousand years.

“When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison,” - Revelation 20:7

“No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his days; for the youth will die at the age of one hundred and the one who does not reach the age of one hundred will be thought accursed.” - Isaiah 65:20

...and [Satan] will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.”
- Revelation 20:8-9

“For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so...” - Romans 8:6-7

“And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.” - Revelation 20:10

“Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.” - Acts 3:19-21

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11. Some children born to the believers in the Kingdom will _____ Jesus as Lord. At the end of the Millennial Kingdom, Satan will be released to lead those who have rejected Jesus in one final act of rebellion against God.
12. (20:8-9) Although Satan provides the _____ his actions don't cause the _____. It merely reveals the true character of those who reject Christ.

ANSWERS:

1. regeneration
2. history, marching
3. removal, Armageddon, rebellion
4. 2nd coming, establishing
5. martyrs, Tribulation saints
6. unbelievers
7. believers, physical
8. lake of fire, hell
9. physically, food, well-being, long life
10. premillennial
11. reject
12. supernatural leadership, rebellion

Reflecting on the Text

1. Many Old Testament passages speak of the earthly kingdom:

Deuteronomy 30:1–5

2 Samuel 7:12–16

Psalms 2:6–12

Isaiah 2:2–4; 11:1–10; 12:1–6; 24:23; 32:15–20; 35:1–2; 60:10–18; 65:20–22

Jeremiah 3:14–18; 23:5–6; 30:3; 31:35–40; 33:14–18

Ezekiel 34:23–24; 36:16–38; 37:15–28

Daniel 2:44–45

Hosea 3:4–5

Joel 3:18–21

Amos 9:11–15

Micah 4:1–8

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Zechariah 14:9–11

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Lesson 36 - Revelation 20:11-15

(44:00 minutes)

“Unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.” - John 8:24

Who gets in?

“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.” - Revelation 20:11

“His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; a God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is He.” - Deuteronomy 32:4

“The Lord abides forever, He has established His throne for judgment, and He will judge the world in righteousness; He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.” - Psalm 9:7-8

“Not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son” - John 5:22

“...this is the One who has been appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.” - Acts 10:42b

“...according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.” - II Peter 3:13

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- Throughout time Satan has used these primary tools of deception:
 - _____, which denies God’s existence. There is no Judge to whom people are accountable.
 - _____, which contends that you can work your way into a position of acceptance or that “...you are god.”
 - _____, which assumes that it is unknowable. Just ignore it and hope it all works out in the end.
- (20:11) The throne is great, because its size indicates its _____ and _____. It is white with purity, holiness, and justice because the _____ delivered will be absolutely righteous and just.
- (20:11) The “Him” who sits on the white throne is God Almighty, Jesus the _____. The Bible teaches that _____ will judge sinners.

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“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.” - Isaiah 65:17

“There is to be an end of the material heavens and earth which we know. It is not that they are to be purified and rehabilitated, but that the reverse of creation is to take place. They are to be uncreated. As they came from nothing at the word of God, they are to be sucked back into nothingness by this same word of God”
- Dr. Donald Barnhouse

“Of old You founded the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. Even they will perish, but You endure; And all of them will wear out like a garment; Like clothing You will change them and they will be changed.” - Psalm 102:25-26

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.” - 2 Peter 3:10

“And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne,” - Revelation 20:12a

“Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.” - Daniel 12:2

“...and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.” - Revelation 20:12b

4. (20:12) All those who are standing before this throne are those who _____ Jesus Christ as their Savior. Daniel called it the _____ of “disgrace and everlasting contempt.” (Daniel 12:2)

“I kept looking until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before Him; Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; the court sat, and the books were opened.”
- Daniel 7:9-10

“[God] ...made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” - 2 Corinthians 5:21

Those without Jesus will be judged in several areas:

- for their thoughts:
“[He] ...will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus” - Romans 2:16
- for their words:
“For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”
- Matthew 12:37
- for their actions:
“The Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds”
- Matthew 16:27

“The Word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day” - John 12:48

“And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.” - Revelation 20:13

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5. When the judgment commences certain record books will be opened in God's sight. We are told all of man's _____ will be _____. Nothing is missed, nothing forgotten. All will answer.
6. These books do not reveal the _____ of the good deeds vs. the evil deeds. God does not weigh and balance them. These actions are measured solely against God's standard of _____.
7. No one will be able to claim ignorance of God's standards, because both _____ (Romans 1:20) and man's _____ (Romans 2:14) reveal God's righteousness.
8. (20:13) The *bodies* are raised up from the sea and the earth, and the *souls* are raised up from Hades (Sheol), which is the _____ holding place for the souls of unbelievers. God joins the souls back with their bodies, and they _____ before Him.

“Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”
- Revelation 20:14-15

“Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.” - Daniel 12:2-3

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9. (20:14) “...death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire,” means they are out of _____ and can no longer affect our lives.
10. At the _____ judgment, “the book of life” contains only those who have _____ Jesus Christ as their Savior.

ANSWERS:

1. atheism, false religion, ambivalence
2. significance, authority, verdict
3. Son of God, Jesus
4. died without, resurrection
5. actions, exposed
6. extent, righteousness
7. creation, conscience
8. temporary, stand
9. existence
10. white throne, received

Reflecting on the Text

1. God is the *perfect* judge:

- He is infallible.
- He knows all the details.
- He knows the law thoroughly.
- His laws are unquestionable.
- He has all authority.

2. TRUTH: God is a God of choices. You are free to choose because you have been given “free will.” He will never force himself into your life. Rather, God has given us the chance to decide freely. When you hear Him calling, it’s your choice whether or not to respond. What will you do with the choice?

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Lesson 37 - Revelation 21:1-21

(44 minutes)

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.” - Revelation 21:1

Kainos [*kahee-nos*] (new; especially in freshness)
something brand new, fresh, never before seen

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.” - Isaiah 65:17

“...the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.” - 2 Peter 3:10

“And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.” - Revelation 21:2

“...they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.” - Hebrews 11:16

“...the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.” - Hebrews 11:10

Technites (*tekh-nee'-tace*) [architect] an artisan;
(Creator):- craftsman

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. Heaven is an _____ place, not a state of spiritual consciousness.
2. As chapter 21 opens we see God has created a _____ to dwell in forever, specifically called a new heaven and a new earth.
3. (21:1) God originally created earth to be man's _____ home. The entrance of sin corrupted the universe, and God will destroy them. (20:11)
4. (21:2) The “New Jerusalem” mentioned is not heaven, but heaven's _____. In the Bible, _____ is called the _____, because it was set apart for God's purposes.

“In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.” - John 14:2-3

Kosmos *kos'-mos*; orderly arrangement, i.e. decoration

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,’
- Revelation 21:3

Skene (*tabernacle*) - dwelling place or tent

“...and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away. And He who sits on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’ And He said, ‘Write, for these words are faithful and true.’ Then He said to me, ‘It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.’”
- Revelation 21:4-6

“He will swallow up death for all time, and the Lord God will wipe tears away from all faces...” - Isaiah 25:8

“He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.” - Revelation 21:7

Nikaō (*nik-ah'-o*) (*nike*); to *subdue* :- conquer, overcome, prevail, get the victory

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5. Believers who die go to the “heavenly Jerusalem,” where Jesus has gone to _____ a place for _____. (John 14:2)
6. When God creates the new heaven and new earth, the “new Jerusalem” _____ into the midst of an entirely new creation (21:10). This becomes the dwelling place of the redeemed for all eternity.
7. (21:3) The supreme joy of heaven is that the Person of God _____ among the inhabitants of the new city. This truth is so staggering, the voice John hears repeats it _____ times.
8. (21:4-6) We see the complete _____ of the _____ placed on the original _____ back in Genesis 3 as the result of sin and the fall of man.
9. Verse 7 verifies that Heaven belongs to the “_____.” It is a _____ from God himself.

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“...obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”
- 1 Peter 1:4-5

“But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” - Revelation 21:8

“Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, ‘Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.’ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.”
- Revelation 21:9-11

Phoster *foce-tare'*; an illuminator, (concretely) a luminary, or (abstract) brilliancy:- something from which light radiates

“It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west.” - Revelation 21:12-13

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone...” - Ephesians 2:19-20

10. (21:11) We see the first and most distinguishing feature of Heaven is that it is covered with the “_____ Glory,” meaning the unlimited brilliance of God’s presence.

11. (21:12-14) Heaven has not one “pearly gate” but _____, allowing entrance from all directions. At the entrances we see the legacy of God’s work through the _____ people (Israel), but built upon the Foundation of the work of the _____.

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“And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.” - Revelation 21:14

“The one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall. The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.” - Revelation 21:15-16

“Then he prepared an inner sanctuary within the house in order to place there the ark of the covenant of the LORD. The inner sanctuary was twenty cubits in length, twenty cubits in width, and twenty cubits in height, and he overlaid it with pure gold...” - 1 Kings 6:19-20

“And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, according to human measurements, which are also angelic measurements.” - Revelation 21:17

“The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.” - Revelation 21:18-20

“And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.” - Revelation 21:21

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“All other precious gems are metals or stones, but a pearl is a gem formed within the oyster—the only one formed by living flesh. The humble oyster receives an irritation or a wound, and around the offending article that has penetrated and hurt it, the oyster builds a pearl. The pearl, we might say, is the answer of the oyster to that which injured it. How like God it is to make the gates of the new Jerusalem of pearl. The saints as they come and go will be forever reminded, as they pass the gates of glory that access to God’s home is only because of Calvary.” - John Phillips

“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going.’ Thomas said to Him, ‘Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.’” - John 14:1-6

ANSWERS:

1. actual
2. new realm
3. permanent
4. capital, Jerusalem, Holy City
5. prepare, us
6. descends
7. will dwell, three
8. reversal, curse, creation
9. overcomer, promise
10. Shekinah
11. 12 gates, chosen, church

Reflecting on the Text

1. Scripture refers to heaven more than 500 times. The Bible delineates three heavens (2 Corinthians 12:2).
 - The first heaven is the earth's atmosphere. (Genesis 1:20; Job 12:7; Ezekiel 38:20)
 - The second heaven is interplanetary space. (Genesis 15:5; 22:17; Deuteronomy 1:10; 4:19; Psalm 8:3; Isaiah 13:10)
 - The third heaven is the dwelling place of God. (Deuteronomy 4:39; 1 Kings 8:30; Job 22:12; Psalm 14:2; Daniel 2:28; Matthew 5:34; Acts 7:55; Hebrews 9:24; 1 Peter 3:22)
2. The truths given to us in Chapter 21 have been given from God to excite our hope.
3. Those who focus on the promise of heaven can endure anything in this life. When we face suffering, we can say with Paul, "For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison." - 2 Corinthians 4:17
4. When believers die they will be in heaven immediately (Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:8). Those believers alive at the Rapture will also be transported to heaven immediately (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; 1 Corinthians 15:51–55).

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Lesson 38 - Revelation 21:22-22:5

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“For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.” - Romans 8:22-23

“...for I go to prepare a place for you” - John 14:2

“I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.” - Revelation 21:22

Naos (to inhabit, dwell) shrine:- temple

“And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split.” - Matthew 27:50-51

“Do you not know that your body is a temple (*Naos*) of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.” - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

“In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.” - Ephesians 1:13-14

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. Our God is a God of _____.
According to the Bible He lavishes His beauty on the eternal city He is _____ for us.

2. (21:22) As long as there has been _____, there has been a need for a temple/ church. In eternity there will be no need for a place of _____ because life will be worship.

“And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.” - Revelation 21:23

“Shining is not from any material combustion, not from any consumption of fuel that needs to be replaced as one supply burns out; for it is the uncreated light of Him who is light, dispensed by and through the Lamb as the everlasting Lamp...” - J. A. Seiss

“For it will be a unique day which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light.” - Zechariah 14:7

“The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.” - Revelation 21:24-27

Ethnos (*eth'-nos*); a race (as of the same habit), a tribe; specially a foreign one (non-Jewish):- Gentile, people

“Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.” - Revelation 22:1-2

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3. (21:23) We see that the new Earth is _____ different from present earth because there is no need of the Sun. God's blazing _____ glory will shine throughout earth, like a huge "Holy of Holies."

4. (21:25) That the gates will never be closed depicts the city's _____. It is a place of complete rest, safety, and refreshment. God's people will "rest from their labors." (Revelation 14:13)

5. (22:1) Throughout Scripture, God has always been associated as the _____ of the "Water of Life," meaning _____.

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“...the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” - John 4:14

“Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” - Genesis 2:9

“Then the LORD God said, ‘Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.’” - Genesis 3:22

“To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.” - Revelation 2:7

Therapeia *ther-ah-i'-ah*; life-giving, health-giving;-[therapeutic]

“There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.” - Revelation 22:3-4

“...the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see.” - 1 Timothy 6:15-16

6. (22:2) The great “tree of life” straddling the banks of the crystal river provides for healing. This _____ imply illness. Rather, the continuous fruit it provides promotes health, like a spa treatment.
7. When we see inside the city, we find it has components like a beautiful _____. This is Paradise regained.
8. (22:3) That “there will no longer be any curse” is the most dramatic change from the _____.
9. (22:4) Eternity will not be a time of eternal _____. Every person will be involved in _____ and useful tasks for the King.

“And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.” - Revelation 22:5

“...but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory; the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; but just as it is written, ‘Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.’”
- 1 Corinthians 2:7-9

“See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are.” - 1 John 3:1

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10. Verse 5 reminds us we will not just be serving, but also _____.
“He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne.”
(Revelation 3:21)

11. What you believe about God determines what you _____.

ANSWERS:

1. beauty, preparing
2. sin, worship
3. fundamentally, Shekinah
4. complete security
5. source, eternal life
6. does not
7. garden, Eden
8. present earth
9. idleness, meaningful
10. reigning
11. do next

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Lesson 39 - Revelation 22:6-21

(39:34 minutes)

“Remember this, and be assured; recall it to mind, you transgressors. Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, ‘My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure’ ... Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it.” - Isaiah 46:8-10, 11b

What you believe about God determines what you do next!

“And he said to me, ‘These words are faithful and true;’ and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bondservants the things which must soon take place.” - Revelation 22:6

En, *en*; a primary preposition denoting (fixed) *position* (in place, time)

Tachos, *takh'-os*; a *brief* space (of time) :- [with Greek (en) prefixed) in *haste* :- + quickly, + speedily

“And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book.”
- Revelation 22:7

Tereo, *tay-reh'-o*; (a *watch*); to *guard* :- properly by keeping *the eye* upon “to keep,” “to hold fast”

“Guard what has been entrusted to you” 1 Timothy 6:20

Guide and Record of Your Thoughts

1. (22:6) When it says, “These words are faithful and true,” it means the words of _____ are as _____ as the One who revealed them. One of Jesus’ names is “Faithful and True.”
2. (22:6) The _____ God who _____ through the Old Testament prophets is the _____ God who “sent His angel to show” the prophecies of the book of Revelation.
3. Because of the detail and precision with which earlier prophecies have already been fulfilled, we can see this _____ the _____ for those yet to be fulfilled. God will do _____ what He says He will do.
4. (22:7) We see we have an assignment from _____. We are called to guard the book of Revelation and all of _____. It must be defended against those who would seek to minimize it.

“Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.”
- 2 Timothy 1:13-14

“I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. But he said to me, ‘Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God.’”
- Revelation 22:8-9

“And he said to me, ‘Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy.’” - Revelation 22:10-11

“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” - Revelation 22:12-13

“Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying” - Revelation 22:14-15

“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” - Revelation 22:16

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- Understanding the Revelation should elicit _____. It is a major theme of the book. In verse 8, we see that John had the proper response, but directed it to the _____.
- (22:10) The command not to “seal up the words” indicates any _____ of this information _____ the church of the final story which God wants everyone to know in all its fullness.
- The truths of Scripture become an instrument of salvation or an instrument of damnation. So verse 11 serves as a _____: your _____ determine your _____; your character _____ your destiny.
- Verse 12 strongly indicates that the greater your _____ in this _____, the greater the rewards in heaven. (Matthew 25:14-30)

“The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.” - Revelation 22:17

“I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.” - Revelation 22:18-19

Martyreo [*mar-too-reh'-o*] to be a *witness, testify*:- charge, give [*evidence*]

“Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. Do not add to His words or He will reprove you, and you will be proved a liar.” - Proverbs 30:5-6

“He who testifies to these things says, ‘Yes, I am coming quickly.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.” - Revelation 22:20-21

“Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.’”

“But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.” - 2 Peter 3:3-4, 8-9

Where is your destiny?

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9. (22:18) Because Revelation describes God’s _____ and _____ for human history. Any alteration of it would be an alteration of _____.
- Any false prophet, fraud, or pretender who adds alleged “_____” revelations will answer to God.
10. Things will not continue forever as they are. Jesus will return, just as God’s _____.
- _____.” Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it.” (Isaiah 46:11)

ANSWERS:

1. Revelation, true
2. same, spoke, same
3. forms, pattern, exactly
4. Jesus, God’s Word
5. worship, wrong person
6. holding back, robs
7. warning, decisions, character, impacts
8. faithfulness, life
9. plans, purposes, Scripture, new
10. Word promises