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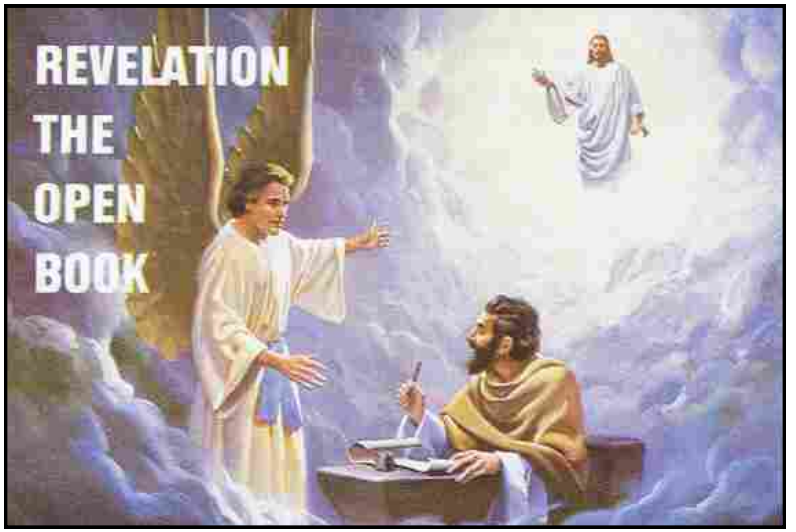


Most people revere the Bible. In fact, recent polls indicate that men and women everywhere wish to understand the Bible better. However, for a majority, the book of Revelation is a major problem. Its prophetic language and mysterious symbols seem to defy comprehension, so millions have given up ever understanding it

Many feel that the book applies largely to either the past or the future, and that furthermore, it is a closed, or sealed, book and not meant to be understood by people today.

But the truth is that the book of Revelation is not closed or sealed God's angel commanded that it not be sealed, (Revelation 22:10). Some of the most important messages that God has ever given are found in the book

Revelation is an open book It was written especially for our times — the last days of earth's history (Revelation 22:10-12), and a very special blessing is pronounced upon all who understand and heed the counsel of the book, (Revelation 1:3); 22:7.

Revelation is really a summary of the entire Bible, in which the main themes of Holy Scripture are reviewed in order to stress their importance. As an acorn embodies the mighty oak, so Revelation embodies the great key points of the entire Bible.

Seminars are very popular, today. They are being conducted all over the world on virtually every subject. But this Seminar is far more than the average seminar which is planned to impart information, or to satisfy curiosity.

## ELEVEN GREAT SEMINAR BENEFITS FOR YOU

**1.** This Seminar will bring you face to face with Jesus Christ in a most startling manner. It will stop you right in your tracks. Suddenly, you will see Him in a new and wonderful light

**2.** It will have a tremendous impact upon your life.

**3.** It will provide a new understanding of the history of this world since the cross. It is, in fact, the story of the centuries-long warfare between Christ and Satan.

**4.** It will give unbelievable meaning to conditions in our world today.

**5.** It will unveil for you the meaning of grand, climactic, shocking events about to take place upon the earth — events that will have a profound effect upon you and your loved ones.

**6.** It will reveal to you the devil's plans to ensnare people. This infuriates him. So, he will do everything possible to prevent your attendance at this Seminar. The night you miss could be the one you need the most

**7.** It will lead you to the most momentous decisions of your life.

**8.** You will be astounded as the great God of Heaven and His Son, Jesus Christ, speak to you through the Holy Spirit You will often be surprised at what you hear. But keep your mind open. God's surprises are always for our good You may not always agree with what is presented But this need not prevent the Seminar from being a great spiritual high point of your life.

**9.** The Bible is not like any other book It was written by God, and can only be understood as He helps us. Thus, it is absolutely imperative to spend time in prayer, asking God for His help. Unless we do this, the devil will see to it that we end up with erroneous conclusions.

**10.** This REVELATION SEMINAR will bring into sharp focus the fact that both the Lord and the devil are asking for your worship. The tragedy is that millions are honouring Satan, and do not even know it. Revelation sounds an awesome warning against this, and shows you how to avoid it.

**11.** It is not possible to cover every detail of Revelation in a short seminar like this: but the broad, basic, main points will be explained, so, when the seminar ends, you will understand the book of Revelation.

NOTE In light of the preceding eleven points, it is crucial that we stress again the importance of uniting our study of Revelation with much prayer. We should humbly ask the Lord to clearly reveal to us His important truths, and give us the faith and courage to follow where He leads.



## ~ NOTES ~

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|---|---|---|
| **Torment** | Test, prove by trial | I Corinthians 3:13; Hebrews 12:29; Isaiah 33:14 |
| **Twenty-four Elders** | A group redeemed from earth | Revelation 5:9, 10; 4:4;7:9-14 |
| **Two-edged Sword** | God's Word – Sword of Spirit | Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 10:34; Isaiah 49:2 |
| **Two Witnesses** | Old and New Testaments | John 5:39; Zechariah 4:1-14; Psalm 119:130, 105; John 12:48 |
| **Waters** | Inhabited area – people, nations | Revelation 17:15 |
| **White (colour)** | Purity | Psalm 51:7 ; Isaiah 1:18 |
| **White robes** | Victory & Righteousness | Isaiah 61:10, Revelation 19:8; 3:5; Zechariah 3:1-5; Revelation 7:14; Galatians 3:27 |
| **Winds** | Strife, commotion, "winds of war' | Jeremiah 25:31-33; 49:36, 37; 4:11-13; Zechariah 7:14 |
| **Wine** | False doctrine/teachings | Jeremiah 25:15-18; 51:7 |
| | Jesus blood of atonement | Matthew 26:21-29 |
| **Wings** | Speed | Habakkuk 1:6-8; Jeremiah 4:13; Exodus 19:4 |
| **Woman, Pure** | True Church | Jeremiah 6:2 cf Isaiah 51:16; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:22-35 |
| **Woman, Impure** | Apostate church | Ezekiel 23:2-21; Revelation 14:4; Hosea 2:5; Hosea 3:1; Ezekiel 16:15-58 |
| **Wormwood** | Sorrow/bitterness | Jeremiah 9:15; 23:15; Lamentations 3:19 |
| **Wrath of God** | Seven last plagues | Revelation 15:1 |



## NOW LET'S TAKE A QUICK PREVIEW OF THE BOOK:

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|---|---|---|
| Chapter | 1 | The hero of the book is introduced |
| Chapters | 2/3 | Christ's message to the seven churches. |
| Chapters | 4/5 | Opening a mysterious sealed book |
| Chapters | 6/7 | The four horsemen of the apocalypse and the sealing of God's people |
| Chapters | 8/9 | The seven trumpets |
| Chapter | 10 | Eating the bittersweet book |
| Chapter | 11 | The two witnesses in sackcloth |
| Chapter | 12 | The mysterious woman standing on the moon |
| Chapter | 13 | The mark of the Beast. |
| Chapter | 14 | The puzzling message of the three great angels. |
| Chapters | 15/16 | The grapes of God's wrath. |
| Chapters | 17/18 | Mystic Babylon, the great harlot. |
| Chapter | 19 | The Rider on the white horse defeats the beast |
| Chapter | 20 | The dragon bound in the bottomless pit for 1000 years |
| Chapters | 21/22 | The city of God — The new heaven and new earth. |

In eight short, action-packed weeks, the book of Revelation will come alive for you. When the Seminar ends, you will understand the book well enough to give a brief explanation of its contents, yourself. So, let's begin.



YOU WILL IDENTIFY THE SCARLET WOMAN

## HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE BOOK OF REVELATION

1. **The book of Revelation passed through five steps to reach us. What are they? Revelation 1:1-5, 11, 10**

   **Ans: a** God gave it to _____

   **Ans: b.** Jesus gave it to _____

   **Ans: c.** The angel gave it to _____

   **Ans: d.** John _____ it down. (v. 19)

   **Ans: e.** John* sent the book to the _____

   *John wrote the book of Revelation on the small rocky island of Patmos (Revelation 1:9) in the Aegean Sea, where he had been banished by the Emperor Domitian because of his faith and forced to work in the mines as punishment Patmos was an island prison, the 'Alcatraz" of its day. John wrote Revelation under the most forbidding and discouraging circumstances.

2. **God promises a special blessing to those who:**

   Ans: _____, _____ and _____ the things written in Revelation.

   Revelation 1:3

   NOTE: To read and study Revelation is not enough. To be blessed, one must follow its counsel.

3. **Whom did Jesus say the Scriptures reveal? John 5:89 (1556)**

   Ans: _____

4. **When explaining prophecy, what approach did Jesus use? Luke 24:25-27, 32**

   Ans: "He _____ unto them in _____the _____ the things concerning _____."

   NOTE: Jesus pointed out what other writers of the Bible said on the subject His method is, of course, the correct one: Let the Bible explain itself. Only as we study Revelation in light of what other Bible writers say on the same subject can we ever hope to understand it Our personal opinions regarding prophecy do not count

   The amazing key to understanding Revelation is the study of other Bible writers, especially those of the Old Testament Revelation is a mosaic of Old Testament imagery. Taylor G. Bunch, a renowned author says, "Twenty-six of the thirty-nine Old Testament books are quoted from in Revelation, and of the



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| **Red (colour)** | Sin, corruption | Isaiah 1:18; 26:21; Psalm 75:8; Jeremiah 46:10 |
| | Persecution, destruction | Ezekiel 32:6, 11; Jeremiah 46:10; Nahum 2:3 |
| **Reins** | Seat of will, affections | Psalm 7:9; 16:7; 26:2; 73:21; Proverbs 23:16; Jeremiah 17:10 |
| **Seal** | Sign, mark and seal mean same thing | Romans 4:11; Revelation 7:2, 3; Ezekiel 9:4 |
| **Second Death** | Lake of fire | Revelation 21:8; 20:14 |
| **Serpent** | Satan | Revelation 12:7-9; Revelation 20:2 |
| **Seven Candlesticks** | 7 Candlesticks in Holy Place of Sanctuary | Exodus 25:31-40 |
| | Seven Churches | Revelation 1:20 |
| **Seven Heads** | Seven political powers | Revelation 17:9, 10; Isaiah 2:2-4; Jeremiah 17:3 |
| **Seven lamps** | Jesus, Word of God | John 9:5; John 1:9; Psalm 119:105; Revelation 4:5 |
| **Sickle** | Symbol of harvest – End of world | Matthew 13:39; Revelation 14:14 |
| **Sodom** | Moral degradation | Ezekiel 16:46-55; Jeremiah 23:14; Genesis 19:4-14 |
| **Stars** | Angels : | Revelation 1:16, 20; 12:4-9; Job 38:7 |
| **Sun** | Jesus and the gospel | John 9:5; Psalm 84:11; Malachi 4:2; Matthew 17:2; John 8:12 |
| **Sword** | Bloodshed, destruction | Isaiah 3:25; 13:15; Acts 12:1, 2; Jeremiah 48:2 |
| **Testimony of Jesus** | Spirit/gift of prophecy | Revelation 19:10; 22:9; I Corinthians 13:2 |
| **Thief** | Suddenness of Jesus' coming | I Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10 |
| **Time** | Literal Year | Daniel 4:16, 23, 25, 32; 7:25; 11:13 margin; Revelation 12:6, 14 cf 11:2, 3 |

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| **Lamb's wife** | New Jerusalem ..... | Revelation 19:7-9; 21:2, 9, 10 |
| **Lion** | Strength and Jesus Christ ..... | Genesis 49:9; Revelation 5:4-9; Psalm 7:2 |
| **Locusts** | Destruction/destructive agencies ..... | Joel 1:4; Deuteronomy 28:38 |
| **Lord's Day** | The Sabbath ..... | Isaiah 58:13; Matthew 12:8; Exodus 20:10 |
| **Man child** | Jesus ..... | Psalm 2:7-9; Revelation 12:5 |
| **Mark** | Sign/seal/mark of approval or ..... disapproval | Romans 4:11; Revelation 7:2, 3; Ezekiel 9:4 |
| **Measuring Rod** | God's law ..... | James 2:10-12; Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14 |
| | God's word ..... | Isaiah 8:19, 20; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17 |
| **Merchants** | Advocates of Babylon's teachings ..... | Isaiah 47:11-15; Nahum 3:16; Revelation 18:3, 11, 15, 23 |
| **Moon** | Permanence ..... | Psalm 89:35-37 |
| | Moses' system of types and sacrifices.... | Hebrews 10:1, 11 |
| **Morning Star** | Jesus ..... | Revelation 22:16 |
| **Mountains** | Political or religio/political powers ..... | Isaiah 2:2, 3; Jeremiah 17:3; 31:23; Jeremiah 51:24, 25; Ezekiel 17:22, 23; Daniel 2:35, 44, 45 |
| **Mystery of God** | The gospel ..... | Ephesians 1:9, 10; 3:9; 6:19; Colossians 1:26, 27 |
| **New Jerusalem** | The Holy City of Heaven ..... | Revelation 3:12; 21:2 |
| **Oil** | Holy Spirit ..... | Zechariah 4:2-6; Revelation 4:5 |
| **Open Door** | Unlimited opportunity ..... | I Corinthians 16:9; Acts 14:27; John 10:7-9; Hosea 2:15; Colossians 4:3 |
| **Rainbow** | Token of covenant keeping ..... | Genesis 9:11-17 |



404 verses in the book, 276 are borrowed or copied from other Bible authors". The first five chapters of Revelation, for example, contain 27, 15, 13, 16 and 14 references respectively to the Old Testament. So keep in mind that we unlock Revelation's prophecies and symbols by finding out what other Bible writers say on the same theme.



**What Jesus revealed to John ... He invites us to understand**

## COMMUNICATION BY SYMBOLS

**5. What does Revelation 1:1 say the angel did to the message of Revelation as he gave It to John?**

Ans: "And _____ it by His angel unto His servant John."

NOTE: "signify" means to "communicate by signs, tokens or symbols". So, Revelation prophecies are symbolic.

**6. How does Revelation 1:1 say that God presented the message of Revelation to His servant?**

Ans: To "_____" unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass.

NOTE: The word "shew" (show) in the context of Revelation indicates a panoramic view. As you read Revelation, it is easy to see that God was showing views to His servant with sound effects. In reporting on the visions, John says "I saw" or "behold", or something similar, 73 times. In Revelation, God is presenting events, nations, religious movements and organizations in word pictures or cartoons. Revelation is God's word-picture book or a vast word-picture gallery.

**7. Why did Jesus speak in parables and clothe the book of Revelation In symbols? Luke 8:10**

Ans: "That _____ they might not _____ , and _____ they might not _____ ."

NOTE Jesus spoke in parables so that only the Spiritually oriented could understand. He clothed Revelation in symbols for the same reasons: Only

those sincerely seeking truth and guided by the Holy Spirit can comprehend it

Further, the enemies of God are unmasked, and God's people are revealed in Revelation. Centuries ago, God's enemies would have destroyed the book if it had been written in literal language. For this reason, it was necessary to present the messages of the book in language only God's people can understand

But the symbols need not hinder understanding. The Bible tells us what they mean in literal language. Listed below are three prophetic symbols with the Bible explanation of their literal meaning. Write your understanding of the literal meaning of these symbols in the blanks provided:

**1.** Beast Daniel 7:23 _____

**2.** Water Rev. 17:15 _____

**3.** Day Ezekiel 4:6 _____

NOTE: The Seminar provides a list of literal meanings for 88 of Revelation's symbols to aid you in your study. Ask for a copy if you have not already received one.

## AUTHORITY OF BIBLE PROPHECY

**8. How reliable are the words of prophecy? 2 Peter 1:16, 19**

Ans: "Were _____ of His majesty ... We have also a more _____ word of _____."

NOTE: Prophecy is more reliable than an eyewitness account.

**9. God gives two warnings in regards to interpreting prophecy. What are they?**

**Ans: 1.** 2 Peter 1:20 "No _____ is of any _____ interpretation"

**Ans: 2.** Revelation 22:18, 19 We are not to _____ to or _____ away from the words of this prophecy.

**10. Since God says that Revelation is not now, and never has been, sealed, why is it that so many feel it is closed, sealed or impossible to understand? Isaiah 29:10-14**

Ans: Satan's strategy is to claim that Revelation cannot be understood because "It is _____" or because we are not _____.





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| **Four Corners of Earth** | Four directions of compass ..... | Jeremiah 49:36 |
| **Garments** | Covering of righteousness ..... | Genesis 35:2; Isaiah 61:10; Isaiah 52:1; Zechariah 3:3-5 ; Romans 13:14 |
| **Gold** | True riches of heaven, faith, scripture.. | Psalm 19:7-10; Galatians 5:6; James 2:5; Job 23:10 |
| **Hand** | Symbol of work ..... | Ecclesiastes 9:10 |
| **Harlot** | Apostate church/religion ..... | Isaiah 1:21; Jeremiah 3:1-3, 6-9 |
| **Heads** | Major powers, rulers, governments ..... | Daniel 7:6 cf Daniel 8:8,22; Revelation 17:3, 10 |
| **Hidden Manna** | Christ..... | John 6:49, 50, 53; Matthew 13:44 |
| **Horn** | Power and strength ..... | Deuteronomy 33:17 (348); Zechariah 1:18,19 (1377) |
| | King or Kingdom ..... | Psalm 89:17,24 (923); Daniel 8:5,21,22 (1311) |
| **Horse** | Symbol of battle ..... | Exodus 15:21; Isaiah 43:17; Jeremiah 8:6; Ezekiel 38:15; Zechariah 10:3 |
| | Special representatives/angels ..... | Zechariah 1:8-10; 6:1-8 |
| **Image** | A likeness ..... | Exodus 20:4; Genesis 1:26; 5:3; Deuteronomy 4:25; Romans 8:29 |
| **Incense** | Prayers of God's people ..... | Psalm 141:2; Revelation 5:8; 8:3,4 |
| **Israel** | True followers of Christ ..... | Romans 9:6-8; Romans 2:28, 29; Galatians 3:29 |
| **Jezebel** | Immorality, idolatry, apostasy ..... | I Kings 21:25; 2 Kings 9:22 |
| **Key of David** | Power to open & close the sanctuary ..... | Revelation 3:7, 8; Isaiah 22:22 |
| **Keys** | Control/jurisdiction ..... | Isaiah 22:22; Matthew 16:19 |
| **Lamb** | Jesus/sacrifice ..... | John 1:29; I Corinthians 5:7; Genesis 22:7, 8 |

NOTE: Satan does not want people to understand Revelation because it clearly exposes his snares, so he does everything possible to discredit it Satan used this strategy in Old Testament days He is doing it again very effectively, today.

**11. Now much of the Scripture is Inspired? 2 Timothy 3:18**

Ans: _____

**12. If we twist the Scripture to fit our own opinions and preferences, what can be the result? 2 Peter 3:15, 16**

Ans: _____

## FOUR IMPORTANT KEYS

**13. Four things are essential, If I am to truly understand the Bible, including Revelation. What are they?**

**Ans: 1.** I Corinthians 2:14 Spiritual things are _____ discerned.

**Ans: 2.** Revelation 21:6 I must "_____" for truth.

**Ans: 3.** 2 Timothy 2:15 and Acts 17:11 I must _____ the Bible and _____ all _____ by its teachings.

**Ans: 4.** Revelation 1:3 and John 7:17 "If any man will _____ _____ _____ he shall _____ of the _____ whether it be of _____.

NOTE: I must be willing to do God's will as it becomes clear to me. Christ dedicated Revelation to "His servants" or followers. He gives no indication that others will understand it The secret of understanding Spiritual matters is found in Daniel 12:10 (1320): "None of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand'. To really understand prophecy, I must have spiritual illumination which is given only to those who love and serve God.







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| | | Jeremiah 25:15-17; 49:12 |
| **Day** | Literal year ..... | Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34 |
| **Door** | Opportunity ..... | 2 Corinthians 2:12; Revelation 3:20 |
| | Probation..... | Luke 13:24, 25 |
| **Dragon** | Satan or his agency ..... | Isaiah 27:1; 30:6; Psalm 74:13, 14; Revelation 12:7-9; Ezekiel 29:3; Jeremiah 51:34 |
| **Eagle** | Speed, power, vision, vengeance,..... protection | Deuteronomy 28:49; Habakkuk 1:6-8; Revelation 12:14 |
| **Eating the book** | Assimilating the message ..... | Ezekiel 3:1-3; Jeremiah 15:16 |
| **Egypt** | Symbol of atheism..... | Exodus 5:2 |
| **Eyesalve** | Holy Spirit to help us see truth;..... Discernment to understand word; Antidote for spiritual blindness | Ephesians 1:17-19; Psalm 119:18; I John 2:20, 27; John 16:7-13 |
| **Faithful witness** | Christ..... | John 18:37; John 3:11; Revelation 1:5; Revelation 3:14; 19:11 |
| **False prophet** | Apostate Protestantism ..... | Revelation 16:13, 14; 13:13, 14; 19:20 |
| **Forehead** | Mind..... | Romans 7:25; Ezekiel 3:8, 9 |
| **Fornication** 14:4 | Illicit connection between the church .... and the world | Ezekiel 16:15, 26; Isaiah 23:17; James 4:4; Revelation |
| **Four Beasts or Living Creatures** | Heavenly beings with special ..... responsibilities. | Revelation 5:8-10; 4:6-9; 6:1-7; 14:3; 15:7; 19:4 |

**14. What promises does Jeans give to those who obey His word?**

**Ans: a.** Revelation 3:10 He will keep them from the _____ of _____.

**Ans: b.** Revelation 22:14 They will have right to the _____ of _____ and may enter in through the _____ of the _____.

**15. As the Holy Spirit of God shows you great truths about Jeans from the book of Revelation, are you willing to obey these truths?**

Ans: _____



**Will you accept the GIFT of Eternal Life?**



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A BIBLE PROPHECY ADVENTURE

# REVELATION SEMINARS

**88 GOLDEN KEYS - SYMBOLS OF REVELATION - LITERAL MEANING**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Angel** | Messenger…… | Daniel 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:19, 26; Hebrews 1:14. |
| **Ark of Testimony** | Ark of the covenant/mercy seat…… where God dwells | Exodus 25:10-22; Psalm 80:1 |
| **Babylon** | Religious apostasy/confusion …… | Genesis 10:8-10; 11:6-9; Revelation 18:2, 3; Revelation 17:1-5 |
| **Balaam, doctrine of** | Advancing our own interests, …… compromise, idolatry | Numbers 22:5-25 |
| **Beast** | Kingdom, government, political power… | Daniel 7:23 |
| **Binding of Satan** | A symbolic chain of circumstances …… | Isaiah 14:12-20 |
| **Black** | Moral darkness, sin, apostasy …… | Exodus 10:21-23; Jeremiah 4:20-28; 8:21; Acts 26:18; John 12:35; Joel 2:1-10 |
| **Blood** | Life…… | Leviticus 17:11; Deuteronomy 12:23 |
| **Bottomless pit** | Earth in chaos, torn up, dark & empty…. | Genesis 1:1, 2 cf Jeremiah 4:23-28; Isaiah 24:1-4, 19; Revelation 20:1-3 |
| **Bow** | Success in battle against evil …… | Psalm 7:11,12 (863);Psalm 45:4,5 (890) |
| **Corrupt Woman** | Corrupt, apostate church …… | Ezekiel 16:15-58; 23:2-21; Hosea 2:5; Hosea 3:1 |
| **Crowns** | Kingship, victory …… | I Chronicles 20:2; 2 Kings 11:12; Ezekiel 21:26, 27; James 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:7, 8; I Corinthians 9:25 |
| **Cup** | Meted out suffering and judgments …… | Psalm 11:6; 75:8; Isaiah 51:17, 22-23; |

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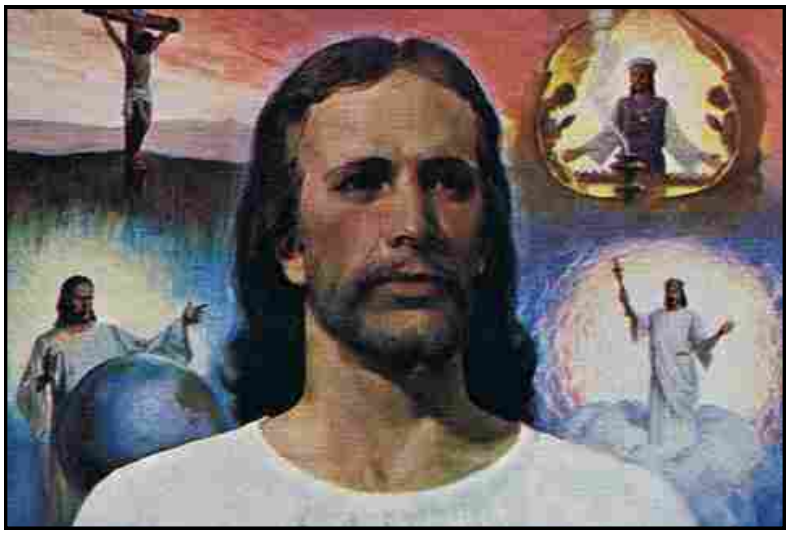

## THE STAR OF THE DRAMA OF REVELATION

**Many are totally unaware that the "Star" of the drama of Revelation is Jesus. Revelation discloses some very extra-ordinary and exciting things about Him. In fact, the key purpose of the book is to help us see Jesus in a wonderful new light.**

The name °Revelation' means "revealing" or "unveiling", and the introductory words of the book make clear what is being revealed The first five words are “THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST”. So it is Jesus and His magnificent, loving plans that are being unveiled or revealed in the book of Revelation.

When we keep this fantastic fact in mind and look for Jesus in our study of Revelation, we will find it one of the most heart-warming and stimulating experiences of life. Jesus is anxious and ready to shower upon us His exceptional love as we consider Revelation — His special book.

So, with a prayer in our hearts, let us notice some of the thrilling truths about Jesus as revealed in Revelation.

* Please note that the name of the book is The Revelation of Jesus Christ" Revelation 1:1 and not "The Revelation of St John the Divine" as men have named it. The book was not written to reveal John, but rather. the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. **Jesus is called by at least 37 different names or descriptive titles in the book of Reve1ation. Amazingly He is mentioned by one of His names or titles, or by a pronoun representing one of those names, over 137 times in the first three chapters, and over 250 times in the entire book of Revelation. Do you have any doubt that Revelation is a book which has something very important to say to us regarding Jesus?**

   **Ans:** _____

   (The Revelation Seminar has prepared a special exhibit listing the names and titles of Jesus found in the book of Revelation. If you have not received a copy, please ask for one.)

2. **How does Revelation describe Jesus?**

   **Ans:**

   **Rev. 1:13** **(a)** His garment down to the _____

   **Rev. 1:13** **(b)** He wore a golden _____

   **Rev. 1:14** **(c)** Hair was _____ like _____ or _____.

   **Rev. 1:14** **(d)** Eyes like of _____

   **Rev. 1:15** **(e)** Feet like fine _____

   as _____ in _____

   **Rev. 1:15** **(f)** Voice as the sound of many _____

   **Rev. 1:16** **(g)** Countenance bright as the _____

   NOTE: See Daniel 10:5-9 for another word picture of Jesus. Both John (Revelation 1:17) and Daniel fell to the ground faint and helpless when they saw Him.

## OUR WONDERFUL SAVIOUR

3. **What has Jesus done for us? Revelation 1:5**

   **Ans.** "_____ us and _____ us from our _____."

4. **What else has Jesus done for us? Revelation 1:8**

   **Ans:"**And He hath made us _____ and _____".

   NOTE: In Old Testament days men had to approach God through the priest, but Jesus changed that He made us all priests so we may approach Him directly. Fantastic!





## ~ NOTES ~

| | Title | Revelation |
|---|---|---|
| 19. | The faithful and true witness | 3:14 |
| 20. | The beginning of the creation of God | 3:14 |
| 21. | Lord | 4:11 |
| 22. | Lion of the tribe of Juda | 5:5,9 |
| 23. | The root of David | 5:5,9 |
| 24. | A lamb as it had been slain | 5:6,7 |
| 25. | The lamb | 5:8,9 |
| 26. | The Lord God of the Holy Prophets | 22:6 |
| 27. | Lord of Lords | 17:14 |
| 28. | King of Kings | 17:14 |
| 29. | The word of God | 19:13-16 |
| 30. | Faithful and true | 19:11 |
| 31. | Beginning and the end | 22:13 |
| 32. | Rider of white horse | 19:11 |
| 33. | Christ | 20:4 |
| 34. | He who hath the sharp sword with two edges | 2:12 |
| 35. | He that hath the seven Spirits of God | 3:1 |
| 36. | The bright and morning star | 22:16 |
| 37. | _____ | |
| 38. | _____ | |
| 39. | _____ | |
| 40. | _____ | |
| 41. | _____ | |





**In love, Jesus reveals the future to us**

**5. What is it, according to the 24 elders of Revelation 5:8, 9, 12, that makes Jesus worthy to redeem us?**

**Ans:** "For thou wast _____ and hast _____ us".

NOTE: The title "Lamb", referring to Jesus, is used 26 times in Revelation. Jesus is clearly the Lamb of God John 1:29. In Old Testament times, lambs were sacrificed when people sinned These lambs typified Jesus, who took the people's sins and died as their atonement Jesus, the Lamb of God, died on Calvary in our place and for our sins. Through Jesus we are set free. No wonder the people of Revelation 5 cried out "worthy is the lamb that was slain". Revelation 5:9.

**6. Was Jesus' sacrifice an afterthought, or was it planned before sin entered? Revelation 13:8; Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:18-20.**

**Ans:** "Who verily was foreordained before the _____ of the _____."

**7. Read chapter 4 and 5 of Revelation. Note particularly the thrilling and awesome episode about the sealed book which no-one could open. Who finally opened the book?**

**Ans:** _____

**8. What do you think this book is that Jesus has the authority to open?**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: The book is not named but it (obviously from the story of Revelation 5), has to do with the people who are saved from the earth.

It is of utmost interest that Revelation, in several other places, speaks of a book or books which greatly affect people on this earth. Note the following:

**Ans:** **a.** Revelation 3:5 and 17:8 speak of the book of _____

**Ans:** **b.** Revelation 21:27 calls it the _____ book of _____

**Ans:** **c.** Revelation 20:12 mentions both _____ and the _____ _____ _____

Notice that these books are all mentioned in connection with the judgment. Revelation 13:8 makes it clear that the saved will have their names written in the book of life, and according to Revelation 3:5, those who turn away from Christ will have their names removed from that book.

The sobering message of Revelation chapter 5 is that only Jesus can tell who is saved and who is lost He, and He only, reads the heart and knows who are truly His. This is why it is so imperative to place our lives in His hands. He alone, cleanses us from sin. I John 1:9. He alone, is able to present us "faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy'. Jude 24. Truly, there is "none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved". Acts 4:12. This is why John, in Revelation 5, was so tearful and hopeless till Jesus appeared. It also explains why the elders burst forth with, rejoicing when Jesus intervened for the people from this earth, whom He loves.

## ORIGIN AND POWER OF JESUS

**9. Did Jesus have His beginning when born of Mary or did He exist prior to His Bethlehem birth? Revelation 22:6, 7.**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: Revelation 22:6, 7 calls Jesus "the Lord God of the holy prophets". 1 Peter 1:10, 11 also says that Jesus is the one who inspired the prophets of old. Other Bible passages say very clearly that Jesus did indeed exist before coming to earth to be born of Mary. See John 17:5, 24; John 1:1-3, 14 and Philippians 2:5-11.

**10. Who especially is mentioned as involved in the creation of the world and the creation of man?**

**Ans: (**Rev. 3:14) _____

NOTE: The word "beginning" in Rev. 3:14 is used in the sense of







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## NAMES OR TITLES OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

| | Title | Revelation |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jesus Christ | 1:1 |
| 2. | Faithful Witness | 1:5 |
| 3. | First Begotten of the Dead | 1:5 |
| 4. | Prince of the Kings of the Earth | 1:5 |
| 5. | Alpha and Omega | 1:8-13 |
| 6. | First and last | 1:8, 11, 13 |
| 7. | Son of Man | 1:13 |
| 8. | He that liveth and was dead | 1:13, 18 |
| 9. | He that holdeth the seven stars | 2:1 |
| 10. | He who walketh midst the golden candlesticks | 2:1 |
| 11. | Son of God | 2:18 |
| 12. | He which searches the reins and hearts | 2:23 |
| 13. | He that hath the seven stars | 3:1 |
| 14. | He that is holy and true | 3:7 |
| 15. | He that hath the key of David | 3:7 |
| 16. | He that openeth and no man shutteth | 3:7 |
| 17. | He that shutteth and no man openeth | 3:7 |
| 18. | The Amen | 3:14 |

**20. How Much privileged time did the Jewish nation have left after 31 A.D., and when did it end?**

**Ans: a.** How much time was left? _____

**Ans: b.** When did it end? _____

NOTE: The first 3½ years of this 7-year period led us to the spring of 31 A.D, when Jesus was crucified. Adding the 3½ years remaining to 31 A.D. brings us to the fall of 34 A.D. At that time this special period given to the Jewish people closed and the gospel was now to be given to the Gentiles also.

**21. How may both Jews and Gentiles, today, become part of God's chosen people and thus be saved? Galatians 3:29; Romans 2:28, 29; Romans 9:6-8**

**Ans:** "If ye be _____, then are ye _____

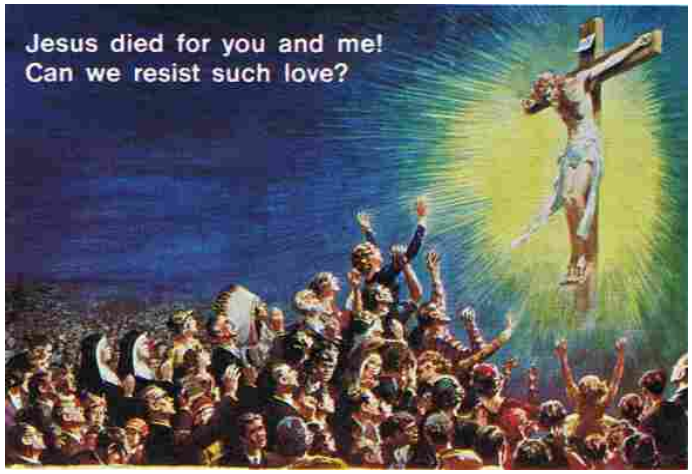
seed and _____ according to the _____."

NOTE: Persons of all races may become part of God's chosen people by accepting Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Notice that Daniel 9:26 says Jesus was cut off, but NOT FOR HIMSELF. Jesus died for YOU and ME, that we might have eternal life. Jesus knocks at the door of each heart. Revelation 3:20

**22. In the light of Jesus' matchless love. are you willing to serve and follow Him?**

**Ans:** _____





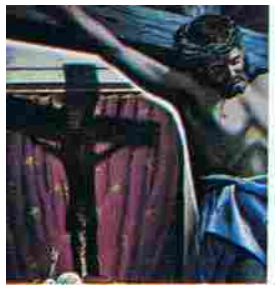



origin. Beck's translation puts it "the origin of God's creation". The Jerusalem Bible says, "the ultimate source of God's creation". For other Scripture passages which proclaim Jesus the creator, see Ephesians 3:9; John 1:1-3, 14; Hebrews 1:1, 2; Colossians 1:13-17.

**11. Is Jesus God? Revelation 19:13-16 cf John 1:1, 14; Revelation 22:6, 7**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: In Revelation Jesus is called the word of God and John 1:1, 14 makes it very clear that the "word" is Jesus and that He is, indeed, God For other verses of Scripture which clearly point out the same thing, see I Timothy 3:16; Titus 3:4 and Hebrews 1:8.





**Jesus' death marked the middle of the seventieth week of Daniel 9**

## AN AMAZING TIME PROPHECY

Over 500 years before Jesus' birth, God foretold the exact year He would come. This astounding prophecy proves Jesus is the Messiah.

**12. How much time does Danie1 9.24 tell us was allotted to the Jewish nation?**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: This solemn prophecy told the Jewish nation that God was giving them 490 years of privileged time.

**13. Using the Bible's prophetic rule of "one day equals one year", Ezekiel 4:6, how long is this 70 week period?**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: 70 weeks times 7 (the number of days in a week) equals 490 days. Since one prophetic day equals one literal year, then 490 prophetic days equal 490 literal years.

**14. When was this 70 week (490 year) period to begin? Daniel 9:25 first part.**

**Ans:** "From the going forth of the _____ to restore and to build _____".

NOTE: God's people were in captivity in Persia The Lord impressed the Persian King, Artaxerxes, to make a decree which permitted all Jews, who so desired, to return to Jerusalem to restore and rebuild the city. The decree is recorded in the Bible in Ezra, chapter 7. Two other Persian kings also made decrees prior to this, but they referred only to the rebuilding of the temple, so they do not qualify.

**15. When was this decree issued? Ezra 7:7, 12, 13**

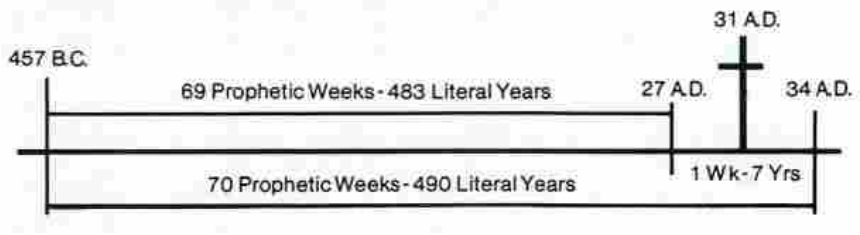
**Ans:** "In the _____ year of _____the _____"(457 B.C.).

NOTE: Ezra 7:7, 12, 13 points out that the decree was issued in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes History shows that the king began to reign in 464 B.C. His 7th year would thus be 457 B.C. The decree was implemented in the fall of the year, sometime after Ezra's arrival in Jerusalem.

**16. According to Daniel 9:25, how long was it to be from the decree of Artaxerxes till the Messiah appeared?**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: 69 weeks times 7 (the number of days in a week) equals 483 prophetic days, which in Bible prophecy are 483 years. Mathematical calculations show that if we begin in 457 B.C. and move 483 years into the future, we will reach the year 27 A.D.




**17. Did the Messiah appear in 27 A.D. exactly 483 years after the decree of Artaxerxes in 457 B.C.? Luke 3:1, 21, 22 (1493) cf Acts 10:38 and John 1:41 (see margin).**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: "Messiah" is the Hebrew word for "Anointed". "Christ" is the Greek word for the same. Though Jesus was born the Son of God, He was not the "Messiah" or the "Anointed" until He was anointed. Acts 10:38 says he was anointed by the Holy Ghost. Luke 3:21, 22 says that the anointing of the Holy Ghost, which made Him the Messiah, took





place at His baptism. And Luke 3:1 points out that His baptism took place in the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar. History shows that the 15th year of Tiberius was 27 AD., the very same year Jesus was baptized, as prophecy had predicted.




**18. When Jesus began preaching, after His baptism and anointing by the Holy Spirit, what did He say which indicated He knew about Daniel's prediction that He would he anointed and would become the Messiah in 27 A.D.? Mark 1:14, 15**

**Ans:** "the _____ _____ is _____."

NOTE: How utterly fantastic! There is no room for a mistake here. The Messiah appeared right on time, as predicted hundreds of years before by Daniel. He is, indeed, the Messiah, the Son of God. This gives us an unshakable foundation on which to stand.

## JESUS' CRUCIFIXION FORETOLD

**19. We have now considered 483 of the 400 years privileged time to the Jewish nation. One final week of the 70 original remains, (one week or 7 prophetic days - 7 literal years). What was to happen in the middle of that last week or seven years?**
**Daniel 9:26, 27**

**Ans:** Jesus was to be " _____ _____" or crucified.

NOTE: The Scripture passage says Jesus was to be "cut off' in the middle of that last week. One-half of 7 years is 3 1/2 years. Add 3 1/2 years to the fall of 27 AD., and you reach the spring of 31 AD. In direct fulfillment of this prophecy, Jesus was, indeed, "cut off' or crucified in the spring of 31 AD. Jesus caused "the sacrifice and the oblation to cease" because He, as the lamb of God, replaced the symbolic sacrificial lambs when He became the supreme sacrifice for all people upon the cross. See I Corinthians 5:7

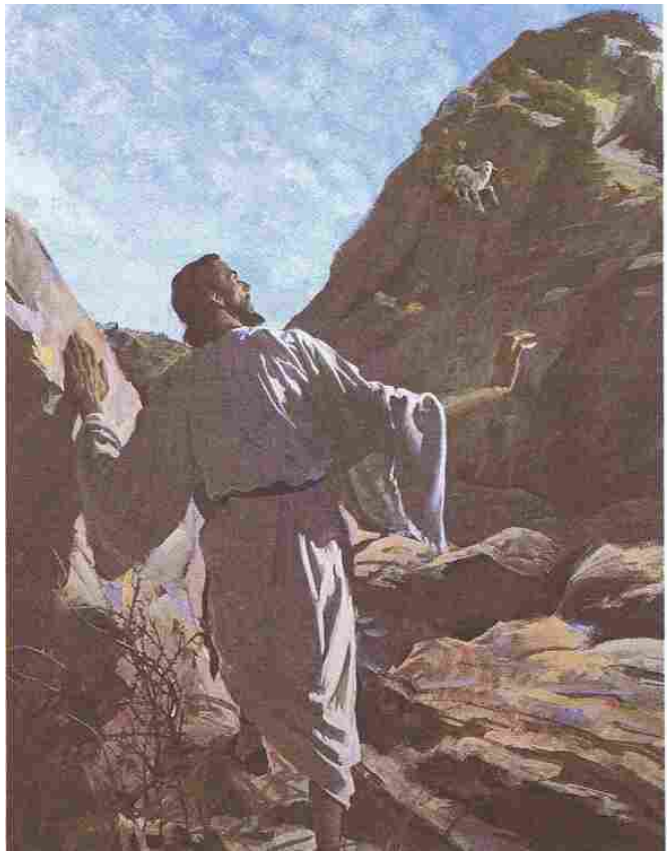
**21. In the light of Jesus matchless love for you right now and His blessed Invitation of Revelation 22:17 for you to come be His child, will you decide to:**

**1.** Ask Jesus to control your life, and

**2.** Bear testimony to others of His love and power, and

**3.** Consider your relationship with Jesus a matter of life and death?

**Ans.** _____



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## Jesus Wants To Rescue Us From Sin

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## THE "VILLAIN" OF THE DRAMA OF REVELATION

A brief review of the book of Revelation quickly reveals several crucial points:

**a.** A terrifying, deadly, organized conflict is taking place on this earth between good and evil

**b.** Jesus, the Son of God, powerfully leads the forces of good with love, courage, wisdom, kindness, patience, integrity, gentleness, serenity, sympathy, compassion, tact and geniality. His leadership style is one of concern and fair-play for even His worst enemies. He is worthy of our worship because He is our creator and our Redeemer.

**c.** Someone, on the other hand, powerfully leads the forces of evil in relentless, devastating assaults upon Jesus and His people. That someone, according to the book of Revelation, is the devil and Satan. As a leader, he is unbelievably militant, crass, venomous, heartless, hateful and unscrupulous, yet, incredible as it may seem, He also, asks for our worship.

In this lesson, we will consider shocking facts about the devil which will doubtless astound you. But please remember that he is our bitterest enemy. He is dead serious about destroying every one of us; and unless we are aware of his characteristics and strategy, the odds are very great that he will ensnare and ruin us, or else we will be duped into worshipping him.

We were created, in the beginning, with the desire to worship. The truth is that all of us worship something With some it may be our own opinions or our assets. We give homage to Satan when we permit anything, other than Jesus, to have first place in our lives.

The shocking, sobering facts are that every person on this planet is, this very day, either worshipping Jesus or giving homage to Satan. Many pay homage to Satan innocently. They would turn from him in disgust were his evil strategies exposed The central purpose of this Seminar is to expose the archenemy and to uplift Jesus, our Redeemer.

Lucifer (Satan) stood in God's presence and, many believe, led the heavenly choir



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## SATAN'S MANY TITLES

1. **What are the comes, or titles, applied to the devil in the book of Revelation?**

   **Ans. a.** Revelation 2:10 _____

   **Ans. b.** Revelation 12:9 _____

   **Ans. c.** Revelation 12:9 _____

   **Ans. d.** Revelation 12:9 _____

   **Ans. e.** Revelation 12:10 _____

   NOTE: Satan is specifically mentioned 55 times in the book of Revelation. In addition, he is referred to indirectly, scores of times, as he works through his agents to destroy God's work and His people. "Satan" means "adversary" or "enemy". "Devil" means "slanderer".

2. **Where did the devil am tree? Revelation 12:7.9**

   **Ans.** _____

   NOTE Jesus commented on this. He said, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from Heaven". Luke 10:18

3. **Why did he leave Heaven? Revelation 12:7, 8; 2 Peter 2:4**





Satan even sought to cause Jesus to fall

17. **What dangerous animal Is Satan like today and why? I Peter 5:8**; **Revelation 12:12**

    **Ans.** A _____ _____ because he knows his time is _____.

    NOTE Satan realizes that time is very short. How tragic that so few people on earth realize the same!

## SATAN'S FINAL FATE

18. **Where will Satan finally be placed? Revelation 20:10**

    **Ans.** In the lake of _____ and _____

19. **What will the fire do to him and with what result? Ezekiel 28:18, 19; Hebrews 2:14**

    **Ans. a.** Ezekiel 28:18 - it will turn him into _____

    **Ans. b.** Hebrews 2:14 - He will be _____ by Jesus.

    **Ans. c.** Ezekiel 28:19 - "Never shalt thou be _____."

    NOTE Satan will be completely put out of existence. What a blessed relief to know that soon the tormentor will be gone forever

20. **How can we defeat the devil? Revelation 12:11**

    **Ans. a.** By the _____ of the _____

    **Ans. b.** By the _____ of our _____

    **Ans. c.** By being willing to _____ rather than knowingly dishonour God.

    NOTE: See James 4:7-9 for other helpful counsel on how to defeat Satan.

**13. How effective are his miracles In deceiving people? Matthew 24:24; Matthew 7:21-23**

**Ans: a.** Matthew 24:24 - "if it were _____ they _____ shall _____ the very _____".

**Ans: b.** Matthew 7:21-23 - So effective that in the judgment day many will think they are _____ until Jesus tells them they are _____.

**14. Would Satan ever quote Scripture In order to deceive? Matthew 4:1, 5, 6**

**Ans.** Yes, he would He even quoted Scripture when Tempting _____

NOTE Misuse of Scripture is often Satan's most formidable weapon.

**15. Who is Satan particularly infuriated with in these last days? Revelation 12:17**

**Ans. a.** Those who "keep the _____ of _____

**Ans. b.** And "have the _____ of Jesus".

**16. Now can I be certain that Setae will not deceive me? Isaiah 8:20; Acts 17:11; John 7:17; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12**

**Ans. a.** Isaiah 8:20 - I must check my religion by the _____ and _____ (i.e. the Word of God.)

**Ans. b.** Acts 17:11 - I must submit all new light to the scrutiny of the _____

**Ans. c.** John 7:17 - If I am willing to do Jesus' will I will know of all doctrine whether it _____ of _____

**Ans. d.** 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 - I must receive the love of the _____

NOTE: Be careful what you believe. Life and death are involved. Satan's masterful misuse of Scripture is destroying millions. Check eves belief carefully by the Word of God .





**Ans:** "He was _____ out into the earth"; because he had _____.

**4. Who were cast out with him? Revelation 12:7-10**

**Ans.** _____

**5. How many angels were cast out with him? Revelation 12:3, 4; Revelation 12:7-9**

**Ans.** _____

NOTE It all fits together when we note the Bible comments on the subject Job 38:7 says the morning stars, or angels, sang together at the time of creation. Revelation 12:3, 4 shows that one third of them fell with Satan. 2 Peter 2:4 confirms that God did not spare the angels who sinned Jude 6 cc (1798) confirms that angels did fall Just think of it! One third of heaven's angels were deceived by Satan! He has incredible power to deceive and convince. He who deceived the angels can MUCH MORE EASILY deceive people. We must never forget that Staying close to Jesus is our only safety.

**8. What Is the origin of the angels, Including Sam Colossians 1:16**

**Ans.** _____

NOTE Think of it Both Jesus and the angel, who became Satan, lived in Heaven before the creation of this world Since Jesus created everything, He also created the angel who introduced sin into the universe. Doubtless, the two loved each other deeply at one time. How it must have tom at Jesus' heart to see rebellion and sin begin and develop in the heart of this great angel till it was necessary to oust him from Heaven. And sin is still the same today. It always brings separation from God heartache, sorrow and woe.

**7. What was Satan doing in Heaven before his fall and what was his name? Ezekiel 28:14; Psalm 80:1; Isaiah 14:12**

**Ans. a.** Isaiah 14:12 - His name was _____

**Ans. b.** Ezekiel 28:14; Psalm 80:1 - He was a covering _____ (angel).

NOTE In these passages of Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14, Satan is depicted under the figure of the prince of Tyre and the king of Babylon. The imagery transcends a mere local application to these two rulers. What we see reflected in these heathen powers are the characteristics of their real king, Satan.

According to Psalm 80, verse 1, God's throne is located between two

cherubim (angels). One stands on each side in a position of highest honour and trust Lucifer was one of these cherubim before he fell

## LUCIFER'S WISDOM AND BEAUTY

**8. Now does the Bible describe Lucifer before his tall? Ezekiel 28:12-17**

**a. v. 12** - "Full of _____ perfect in _____."

**b. v. 13** - "Every precious _____ was thy covering."

**c. v. 13** - "The workmanship of thy … _____ was prepared in thee in the day that thou was created."

NOTE This point seems to be that Lucifer was a fabulous singer and musician.

**Ans. d.** Verse 15 - "Thou wast _____."

NOTE The myth that Satan is a strange mixture of half beast — half man has caused thinking people everywhere to deny his existence. Thus, they become easy prey to his brilliant deceptions.

**9. What caused Lucifer's fall? Ezekiel 28:17; Isaiah 14:12.14**

**Ans. a.** Ezekiel 28:17 - Because of his brightness, wisdom and beauty he became _____.

**Ans. b.** Isaiah 14:12-14 - Pride and self-exaltation caused him to decide that he would be like the _____

NOTE Lucifer wanted to rise above and rule others, even God Jesus, on the other hand, took on the humble form of man and became a servant The lesson is clear: to serve and love and give is to be like Jesus; to insist that others serve us and to force and covet and grab is to be like Satan. All of us will be on one side or the other.

**10. What strategies and characteristics of Satan are revealed in Revelation and other parts of Gods Word?**

**Ans. a.** Rev. 12:13 He _____ God's people.

**Ans. b.** Rev. 12:9; 20:8, 10; He _____

**Ans. c.** Revelation 12:10 He is an _____ of the _____



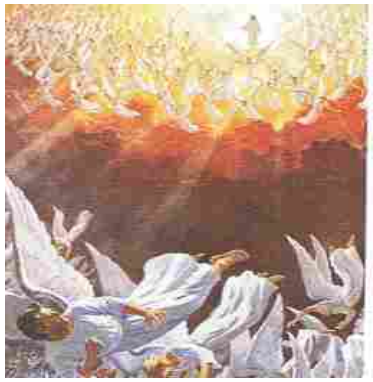


**Ans. d.** Revelation 2:10 He puts God's people in _____

**Ans. e.** Revelation 2:13 He _____ or _____ God's people.

**Ans. f.** Revelation 12:12, 17 He is very _____ with the _____ who do God's will.

**Ans. g.** John. 8:44 ... he is a _____ and the _____ of it.



Satan and his followers were cast out of heaven

## SATAN'S STRATEGY EXPOSED

**11. What amazing twofold warning does God give us regarding the devil's most effective deceptive strategy? 2Corinthians 11:13-15**

**Ans. a. v. 14** - Satan appears as an of _____

**Ans. b. v. 15** - His ministers appear as _____ of _____.

NOTE: Satan seldom poses as an evil one, but rather as a warm, loving friend or Christian worker. He thus deceives the unwary by the millions. In this guise, he is at his most damaging, evil worst Satan usually does not work openly. Rather, he works through human agents whom he can willingly or unwillingly — or even unbeknown to them — use or manipulate. See Ephesians 6:12.

**12. Can Satan really work miracles, or does he only appear to do so? Revelation 16:13, 14; 2Thessalonians 2:9**

**Ans.** "They are _____ of _____ working _____."

**26 It is unthinkable that any of us present at this Revelation Seminar**

would fail to accept Jesus miraculous FREE OFFER to forgive and cleanse us and restore us to His image. Jesus Is anxious to work miracles for all of us. Will you just new decide to accept His plan to save you, or reaffirm that great decision?

Ans: _____



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**Christ was treated as we deserve**

**that we might be treated as He deserves**

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# THE INCREDIBLY GOOD NEWS OF REVELATION

The first three chapters of the Bible (Genesis 1, 2 and 3).tell how sin entered this world; and the last three chapters of the Bible (Revelation 20, 21, 22) tell how sin will be eradicated from the earth. The chapters between tell how God related to this awful tragedy.

The punishment for sin is death. Romans 6:23. The ugly malignancy of sin could not be tolerated ,else, it could endanger the universe. The super-tragedy of sin is, that when Adam and Eve disobeyed, sin passed to all mankind, and thus all people, from that time to the present, face the death penalty.

So Heaven was suddenly confronted with a horrible dilemma either sin would have to be excused and tolerated (thus jeopardizing the universe), or all people would have to die. God flatly refused both options. He could not stand the thought of separation from His earthly children, whom He dearly loved; nor could he permit the ugly sin virus to take over.

Instead, in an act of unbelievable risk and love, He decided to send His only Son (who is Himself, God) into the world to die in your place and mine. Our sins and our death penalty wer6 placed upon Him and we were set free.

Revelation 14:6 calls this plan the "Everlasting Gospel". The word "Gospel' means "good news". And indeed, Gods blessed loving plan of salvation IS good news -- incredibly good news for you and me and for every person on planet earth.

## REVELATION'S CROWN OF LIFE

In Revelation 2:10 Jesus offers the crown of life to every one of His faithful followers Happily, through Jesus our Saviour, we can all receive this wonderful gift of eternal life.

Momentous questions at once spring into mind:

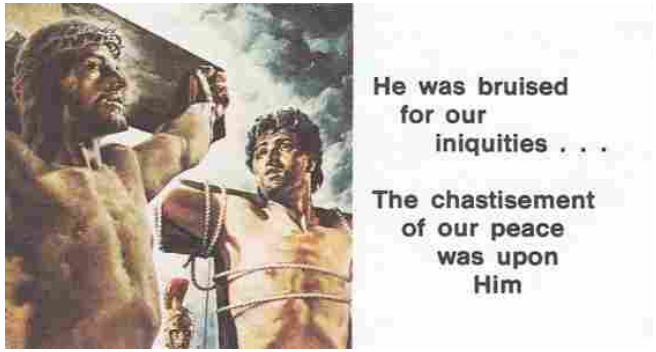
What must I do to benefit from Jesus' sacrifice?

How can I know He accepts me?

My faith is weak How can I strengthen it?

What is Revelation's good news for me?

For the next few minutes we will examine God's answers to these all-important questions. Please keep a prayer in your heart as we grapple with these intensely significant themes.

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## REVELATION REVEALS GOD'S LOVE

1. **What is God's great plan to save His peoples called in Revelation 14:6**

   **Ans:** The everlasting _____.

2. **When did the plan to save man go into effect? Revelation 13:8**

   **Ans:** At the _____ of the _____.

   NOTE: All who have ever been saved since the fall of man have been saved by the blood of Jesus, Acts 4:12. There was no different plan for Old Testament believers. They accepted Jesus' blood in looking forward by faith to the cross. We accept the same blood looking back by faith to the cross. The truth is that no one was ever saved by simply shedding animal blood, Hebrews 10:4. The sacrifices of the old covenant made at Sinai foreshadowed, to the Hebrew believer, the coming death of the Redeemer, who would truly make possible the forgiveness of his sins, Hebrews 9:15. Consequently, he was forgiven because of his faith in the coming Lamb of God, John 1:29.

3. **What happened when Adam sinned, and why? Romans 5:12**

   **Ans: a.** What happened? "_____ passed upon all _____."

   **Ans: b.** Why. Because "_____ have _____."



**Ans:** "If ye be _____ and _____ ye shall eat the good of the land; but if ye _____ and _____, ye shall be devoured with the sword".

NOTE: The gift is free, but I must be willing to receive it or Jesus cannot help me.

## REVELATION'S GOOD NEWS!

25. **What five grand and glorious truths does Revelation tell us about the incredibly good news of Jesus' plan to save His people?**

**Ans. 1. Revelation 1:18**

**(a.)** Jesus is _____ for evermore.

**(b.)** He has the _____ to unlock _____ and _____.

**GOOD NEWS!!** Jesus is a living Saviour who has power over death and hell.

**Ans: 2. Revelation 5:9**

He was _____ to _____ us to God.

**GOOD NEWS!!** His sacrifice was for you and me personally.

**Ans: 3. Revelation 7:14; 19:8**

He gives us _____ raiment.

**GOOD NEWS!!** Jesus' righteousness (the white raiment) is a gift. I do not earn it. Jesus, by a great miracle, provides it free.

**Ans: 4. Revelation 14:6.** The gospel will go to every _____, _____, _____, and _____.

**GOOD NEWS!!** Jesus will not overlook one single person, anywhere. Everyone of us is extremely important to Him.

**Ans: 5. Revelation 21:6; 22:17**

If I thirst for Him, He will give me of the fountain of the _____ of _____ freely.

**GOOD NEWS!!** Jesus' part in salvation is to furnish the power, miracles, love, forgiveness and grace. My part is to truly desire, or thirst for Him to save me.

**Titus 1:2**

**Ans:** Because He promised it and He cannot _____.

NOTE: We are saved by God's GRACE THROUGH FAITH. Ephesians 2:8, 9 Jesus promised salvation and acceptance. He cannot lie. So when I ask for salvation and give myself to Him, I receive it that very moment, because He promised it "Faith" means I accept it and claim it at once because He promised it; and not because I feel or see anything different

**21. How may I strengthen my faith? Romans 10:17; Matthew 4:4; Psalm 119:11**

Ans: Study the Word of _____

NOTE: All have some faith. Romans 12:3. We strengthen our faith by studying God's Word This is, of course, one great key purpose of this Revelation Seminar.,

**22. Now will true conversion change my life?**

**Ans: a.** John 13:35; 1 John 3:14; Matthew 5:44 I will begin to everybody.

**Ans: b.** 2 Corinthians 5:17 My lifestyle will be _____

**Ans: c.** 1 John 3:22 I will be willing to keep His _____

and I will want to _____ Him.

**Ans: d.** Romans 12:1, 2 I will begin to know what God's _____

is for me.

**Ans: e.** Acts 4:19, 20; Acts 1:8; Mark 5:19 I will want to tell others what "_____ things the Lord hath _____" for me.

**Ans: f.** Acts 4:31; Luke 11:13; Ephesians 6:18; I will want to spend time talking to God in _____.

NOTE: The big difference is that after conversion I will really want the Lord to have His way with my life. I will want His Spirit to guide me. Romans 8:9, 14

**23. What is Jesus' provision to save sinners called? Romans 6:23**

**Ans:** _____

**24. The Bible is clear that most people will be lost. Since Jesus' loving provision for sinners is a free gift, why will so many be lost? Isaiah 1:19, 20**





**4. Why is living a life of sin such a serious matter? Romans 8:23**

**Ans:** Because the _____ or punishment for sin is _____

**5. What does sin do to our relationship with God? Isaiah 59:2**

**Ans:** It _____us from _____

**6. What did Jesus' death do for His people? Revelation 1:5**

**Ans:** _____ them from their _____

NOTE: Jesus died for the sins of the whole world See 1 John 2:1, 2

**7. Upon whom have my sins and my death penalty been placed? Isaiah 53:6**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: Isaiah 53 is a moving Old Testament prophecy of Jesus sufferings and death.

**8. Why was God willing to give His Son for us, and why was Jesus willing to die? John 3:16; Revelation 1:5**

**Ans:** _____

## JESUS OUR SAVIOUR

**9. What must I do to benefit from Jesus' sacrifice? Acts 16:31; Mark 16:16**

**Ans:** "_____ on the Lord Jesus Christ".

**10. How may I receive forgiveness and cleansing? 1 John 1:9**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: Confession also includes turning away from sin. Proverbs 28:13

**11. What does the Bible say must accompany repentance? Acts 3:19**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: In the original language here, "repent" means to have "a change of mind". To "convert" means to "turn around". "Repentance" means a genuine "change of mind and attitude toward God, toward oneself, and toward others". Under the Holy Spirit, the repentant person begins to see things as God sees them. Conversion means a U-turn on the Highway of Life.

**12. What Is this conversion experience called In Scripture and why? John 3:3, 7**

**Ans: a.** What is it called? New birth or being _____ again.

**Ans: b.** Why? Because when born again we have no past. At conversion, a person is cleansed from sin and starts all over as a new born baby, in a changed relationship with God.

**13. Who comes into my life at conversion? Revelation 3:20; Ephesians 3:17-19**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: When the Holy Spirit speaks to our hearts, and implants within us the attitudes of repentance and faith, and we accept Jesus as our personal Saviour and Lord, then:

1. Jesus will come into our lives. Revelation 3:20; Ephesians 3:17-19

2. God freely forgives our sins. 1 John 1:9

3. God accounts to us the Righteousness of Jesus. 2 Corinthians 5:21

4. God accepts and treats us as His children. 1 John 3:1-3

**Ans:** _____

**14. Through what agency does Jesus abide in my life? John 14:17**

**Ans:** _____

**15. When Jesus abides In my life through His Holy Spirit, what two marvellous things does He do for me? Philippians 2:13; Ezekiel 36:25.27**

**Ans:** "Both to _____ and to _____ of His good pleasure".

NOTE: Jesus gives me: **(1)** a WILLING HEART and then adds **(2)** the POWER TO DO HIS WILL.

## JESUS OUR LORD

**16. Why should I be confident, relieved and excited once I have experienced the new birth Philippians 1:6; Jude 24, 25**

**Ans:** "He which hath _____ a good work in you, will _____ it until the day of _____ _____."

NOTE: Jesus works WITHIN me and FOR me to make me righteous. I can be confident because my salvation rests upon His ability to perform, and not mine.

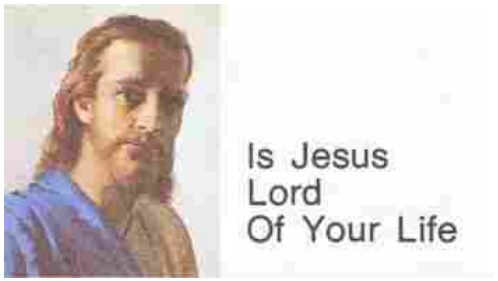
**17. What is the big problem that faces many Christians? Matthew 7:21**

**Ans:** Eager to call Him Lord, but refuse to _____ Him.

NOTE: Jesus must be crowned both Saviour and Lord of my life. Most find it easier to crown Him Saviour (everybody would like to be saved) than to crown Him Lord. To crown Him Lord means I will let Him run my life — call all signals for it. I will follow where He leads, rather than demand my own way. Many of us do not want anyone else running our lives, including Jesus We rebel against it This is the root of sin, and it is what Jesus died for.







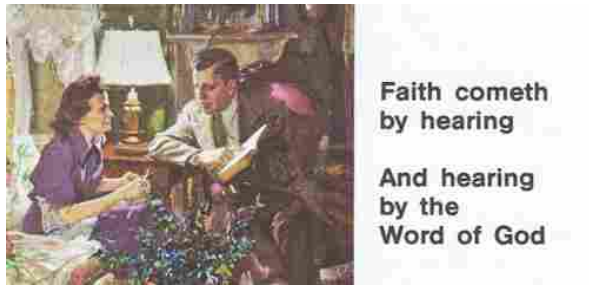

**18. How difficult is it, sometimes, for me to let the Lord lead me where He knows I should go? Matthew 5:29, 30**

**Ans:** It is as hard as plucking out an _____ or cutting off an _____.

**19. Why is it absolutely imperative for me to crown Jesus Lord, and allow Him to abide within me and call signals for my life? Genesis 1:26, 27; 1 Peter 1:22, 23; Colossians 3:8-10**

**Ans:** So He can restore me to His _____ .

NOTE: In the beginning man was created in God's image, Genesis 1:26, 27. Sin has virtually destroyed God's image in man, but it is the Gospel plan to restore it within us. At conversion the old life dies and a new life, WHICH COMES FROM THE NEW BIRTH, begins. But, AS WITH NATURAL BIRTH, to be born is not enough, we must also grow. Ephesians 4:15. Growth, in the Christian life, is what restores man to the image of God in which He was created in the beginning. If I permit Jesus to abide within me and miraculously run my life, He will restore God's image within, and will fit me for a place in His kingdom. See Colossians 1:27; Galatians 2:20.




## JESUS RECEIVES US

**20. Now can we know that Jesus has accepted us When we ask? I John 1:9;**

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## THE SEVEN IGNORED MESSAGES OF JESUS

The books of the New Testament are largely letters written by apostles to various churches or individuals. Christendom, in general; accepts all these fetters as God's authoritative word to the church today.

But one of the New Testament books, Revelation, bears the name of JESUS, Himself. In fact, the book is entitled, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ'. It begins with seven specific letters or epistles from Jesus to the churches. Of all the letters, or epistles, of the New Testament, surely, these personal letters of love, with special counsel from our Lord, should receive the greatest attention and concern by His people

But it is not so.. Tragically, these seven imperative letters from Jesus have been almost entirely: ignored Satan, the archenemy of God's people, must; certainly rejoice that .most Christians are not listening to .Jesus' Important counsel from His own extraordinary book of Revelation,.

Thank God, it is not too late. This Revelation Seminar comes to grips with these seven great messages May the Holy Spirit guide us as we study chapters two and three of Revelation, and listen to Jesus' crucial counsel for busy Christians in the 80's.

1. **What solemn warning does Jesus give in regard to the extreme importance of every word of Revelation? Revelation 22:18, 19**

   **Ans: a**. If I add anything to Revelation, God will add to me

_____

**Ans: b.** If I subtract anything from Revelation, God will remove my name from _____.

NOTE: Most notes for this lesson are on Exhibit #2. See Point 1 for the note for Question One.

**2. Where were those seven churches located? Revelation 1:4**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: See Exhibit #2, Point 2.

NOTICE: This seminar has provided you with a very important overview of Jesus' messages to the seven churches. Please study it carefully PRIOR to our next seminar session. We will be discussing two chapters in Revelation in one evening, and must cover all points quickly. It will be much easier for you to follow if you acquaint yourself with this overview sheet ahead of time. It is labelled "Exhibit #1". Also, please read chapters two and three of Revelation before the session.

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**3. Three statements that Jesus makes to the seven churches are so exceptionally Important and so relevant to Christians in all eras that they were given to all seven churches. What are these three statements that were made to all seven churches?**

**a. Revelation 2:2; 2:9; 2:13; 2:19; 3:1; 3:8; and 3:15**

**Ans:** "I know thy _____."

NOTE: See Exhibit #2, Point 3-a

**b. Revelation 2:7; 2:11, 17; 2:26; 3:5; 3:12 and 3:21**

**Ans:** "To him that _____."

NOTE: See Exhibit #2, Point 3-b.

**c. Revelation 2:7; 2:11, 17; 2:29; 3:6; 3:13 and 3:22**

**Ans:** "Hear what the _____ saith unto the churches".

NOTE: See Exhibit #2, Point 3-c.

## HERE ARE GOD'S THREE MESSAGES TO EVERY PERSON TODAY.

**1. God knows all about me. I cannot deceive Him.**

**2. "Overcoming" Is Imperative. It takes place only through Jesus.**

**3. I must heed the voice of the Holy Spirit at all times.**



is a resurrection from the first death, I Corinthians 15:51-54. The second death is the one the lost die in the fire, Revelation 21:8. From this death there is no resurrection.

**8.** Balaam, according to the book of Numbers, chapter 22-24, was a prophet of God who turned traitor to secure worldly gain and kingly favours. He symbolizes the spirit of the Pergamos period when believers compromised true Christianity to gain the favour of Roman officials. For "Nicolaitans" see NOTE under question 5.

**9.** Jezebel was the heathen wife of Ahab, one of the Old Testament kings of Israel. She was very wicked and very powerful, I Kings 16,18,19,20 (581); II Kings 9 (613). She hated and persecuted God's church and its prophets and endeavoured to wipe them out. She imported 850 heathen priests or prophets and instituted an apostate system of religion. She then enforced it by state decree. In Revelation, Jezebel symbolizes the apostasy that began in the latter days of the apostles, II Thessalonians 2:3,7 (1739), and which grew to such proportions that under the Thyatira era the church and the world were led into the Dark Ages.

**10.** In Scripture, the relationship between Jesus and His church is represented by marriage. Jesus is the groom; His church, the bride. Any unfaithfulness to Jesus or His pure teachings is thus called adultery or fornication. The punishments threatened of sickness, tribulation and death are indeed real. Neither the church, the state, nor false teachers will escape God's punishment for spiritual unfaithfulness or adultery.

**11.** The last part of verse 19 indicates things would finally begin to change for the better. This, doubtless, refers to the powerful ministry of many great spiritual leaders whom God raised up to expose error and apostasy and lead His church back to Jesus and Bible truth. Their names are well known: Wycliffe, Huss, Jerome, Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Knox, etc. Though many of these men served the Sardis era of the church, some had already begun work in the last part of this time period.

**12.** This solemn lesson is for us today. Keep pursuing truth and follow it as you find it and blessings will come. Refuse to do so and calamity comes. Jesus reveals light to me gradually as I can handle it John 16:12. If I accept light as He gives it, I receive more till I have full light, Proverbs 4:18, 19. If I refuse light, it goes out and I stumble in darkness, John 12:35.

**13.** Jesus here points out that formal religion is worthless. Paul describes such religion as "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof", II Timothy 3:5.

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## SEVEN IGNORED MESSAGES

1. This passage indicates that everything in Revelation is important and absolutely nothing can be left out. Nor can anything added improve it. It was given by God and is perfect as is.

2. Though these seven letters were originally sent to seven churches in Asia, the messages apply to Christians today, as do all the other letters, or books of the Bible. 2Timothy 3:16, 17 makes this very clear. Further, these seven letters have additional application to God's church in seven eras, beginning with apostolic days and ending with the coming of Jesus.

3. **a.** Jesus sees our works or conduct, good or bad, and properly evaluates everything at all times. Keeping this in mind has a dramatic effect upon one's life-style. A good motto is "Thou, God, seest me", Genesis 16:13.

   **b.** Some teach that we do not have to do anything at all to enter the Kingdom but Jesus did not teach that. Repeatedly, He clearly states that "overcoming" is essential. However, overcoming is possible only through the blood of the Lamb, Revelation 12:11.

   **c.** God's Holy Spirit convicts people of sin and leads them to repentance, John 16:8, 13. Without the Holy Spirit, no one ever feels sorrow for sin or finds new truth. No wonder Jesus stressed so forcefully the importance of listening to His Spirit

4. A zealous, on-fire, new Christian, who joyously shared his faith everywhere, was mentioned on a church board. An old-time member commented, "He will get over that". Yes, unfortunately, all too often, we do "get over that". We lose our first glowing love of Jesus and settle down to formalism. Jesus says that when this happens we have "fallen" and must "repent", Revelation 2:5. Loss of love is a fatal disease of the heart which destroys. If we lose love, we lose all.

5. They withstood them openly. Jesus commended them for this. The Nicolaitans, of verse 6, were false teachers who advocated compromise. They felt their spiritual liberty gave them freedom to practice idolatry and immorality. Jesus made it clear that He holds the church responsible to keep wolves out of the flock.

6. The "ten days" of verse 10 [using the prophetic principle of a prophetic day for a literal year, Ezekiel 4:6, were probably the ten years of unparalled bloody persecution under the Roman ruler Diocletian from 302 A.D. to 312 A.D.

7. All, except those translated, must die the first death, Hebrews 9:27, but there



NOTICE: Because time is limited, as we look at these messages to the seven churches, we will emphasize only the key points for each era.



## EPHESUS - ERA OF APOSTLES

EPHESUS, the church of the Apostles, represents God's church of the first century. Before his death (ca 65 AD) the apostle Paul could say the gospel had been taken to the whole world. Colossians 1:5,6,23 (1728). With incredible speed the church grew to over 6 million, by the end of the first century. (pg. 6)

4. **What reproof did Jesus give Ephesus? Revelation 2:4**

   **Ans:** They had _____ their _____ love.

   NOTE: See Exhibit #2, Point 4.

5. **Jesus commended the Ephesus era of the church for their attitude toward false teachers. What was their attitude? Revelation 2:2**

   **Ans:** "Thou hast _____ them which _____ they are _____ and are _____."

   NOTE: See Exhibit #2, Point 5.

## SMYRNA - ERA OF PERSECUTION

SMYRNA (100 AD. through 313 A.D.) covers a period of fearful persecution and martyrdom for the church. The Roman Empire attempted to stamp out Christianity. Only God knows how many were decapitated, burned, fed to lions and slain by the sword. The church lived so close to Jesus He gave them no reproof!

6. **What encouragement did Jesus give to Smyrna? Revelation 2:10**

**Ans:** "_____ none of these things which thou shalt suffer... be thou _____ unto _____ and I will give thee _____."

NOTE: See Exhibit #2, Point 6.

**7. What was promised to the overcomer in Smyrna? Revelation 211**

**Ans:** "He that _____ shall not be _____ of the _____ death".

NOTE: See Exhibit #2, Point 7.

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## PERGAMOS - ERA OF COMPROMISE

PERGAMOS (313 through 538 AD) covers the era of state supported religion and compromise. Christianity had grown so rapidly that there were places where Christians were in the majority. The Roman Emperor, Constantine, , professed conversion and had his entire army baptized as Christians.

Satan, unable to destroy the church through -persecution, corrupted it by popularity, compromise and worldly alliance. Pagan beliefs and practices corrupted the church. Pergamos was called Satan's seat (v, 13) because it was the headquarters of Rome's heathen religion. The Lord rebuked the church of this era for allowing false teaching to flourish.

**8. The doctrines of a man and a group were mentioned. What are their names? Revelation 2:14, 15**

**Ans: a.** Man _____

**Ans: b.** Group _____

NOTE: See Exhibit #2, Point 8.

## THYATIRA - ERA OF APOSTACY

THYATIRA (538 through the 1400's AD) is the longest period of all the seven churches. This period, sometimes called the "Dark Ages," was a time of fearful apostasy.

**9. The Lord rebuked the church of this era for opening its doors to an evil woman who corrupted it. What was this woman called? Revelation 2:20**

**Ans:** _____





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## THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

| CHURCH | APPROXIMATE DATE | MEANING OF NAME | MAIN FEATURE OF TIME PERIOD | NAME GIVEN TO JESUS | COMMENDATION | REPROOF | COUNSEL | REWARD PROMISED OVERCOMER |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EPHESUS | 31 to about 100 AD | First or desirable | Era of waning love | He that holdeth the 7 stars in His right hand, He who walketh in the midst of 7 golden candlesticks | Patient Hate deeds of false teachers. Did not faint or give up | Left your first love | Repent – do again your 1st works | Eat of Tree of Life |
| SMYRNA | 100 to about 325 AD | Myrrh or sweet fragrance | Persecution Suffering Martyrdom | The first & last, He who was dead but now lives | Rich in faith & good works in spite of tribulation & hypocrites | None | Be faithful unto death | Receive crown of life, Not be hurt of second death |
| PERGAMOS | 225 to about 538 | Height or power or elevation by marriage | State Religion Compromise | He which hath the sharp sword with two edges | Held fast to My name and have not denied the faith | Tolerance of Nicolaitanism Balaamism Compromise Idolatry & Immorality | Repent | Receive Hidden manna White Stone New name |
| THYATIRA | 538 to about 1500 | Sweet scent of labor Sacrifice of contrition | Dark Ages Apostasy | Son of God | For love, faith, patience & good works | Tolerance of Jezebel, idolatry, immorality | Hold fast what you already have | Power over nations Morning Star |
| SARDIS | 1500 to about 1750 | Those escaping or that which remains | Reform | He that hath the 7 Spirits of God & the 7 stars | A few are not defiled | Dead works | Watch, strengthen what remains. Hold fast & repent | White Raiment Keep name in Book of Life |
| PHILADELPHIA | 1750 to about 1850 | Brotherly love | Revival Gospel Spread | He that is holy & true that hath key of David that openeth & none shutteth that shutteth & none openeth | Kept the Word and not denied Jesus | None | Hold fast to the faith | Pillar in temple Keep from hour of temptation Have name of God |
| LAODICEA | 1850 till Jesus' Coming | Judging the people or a just people | Modern christendom The church today | The Amen, the faithful & true witness, the beginning of the creation of God | None | Lukewarm Spiritually poor, blind & naked | Secure gold tried in fire, white raiment, eyesalve, Be zealous & repent | Sit with Christ on His throne and eat with Him |

WORKS BY LOVE, Galatians 5:6; James 2:5 and Job 23:10.

**Ans: b.** WHITE RAIMENT means JESUS' ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS: Isaiah 61:10 and Revelation 19:8. It is given by Jesus as a free gift. We do nothing to earn it. We receive it by faith alone. Zechariah 3:1-5. And it is retained only by faith in Jesus. Romans 1:17.

**Ans: c.** EYESALVE means

**(1)** DISCERNMENT TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD. Psalm 119:18; I John 2:20, 27.

**(2)** HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US SEE OUR TRUE CONDITION AND MAKE PROPER CHOICES. John 14:26; Ephesians 1:17-19.

**19. What must [ do to Its certain that the precious gold,- white raiment and eyesalve are mina? Revelation 3:20**

**Ans:** Open wide the _____ and let Jesus enter my _____

NOTE: Though Jesus can open many doors, He will not force open the door to my heart, This I must do myself.

THE SPECIAL WORDS OF JESUS TO HIS CHURCH through seven eras end on a sombre note. His last day church IS NOT READY FOR HIS APPEARING!

His counsel to us in Revelation 3 is FANTASTIC. However, He has MUCH MORE to say to us in the remaining 19 chapters. SOME COUNSEL WILL BE SHOCKING and STARTLING, but since it is HIS counsel I WANT IT ANYWAY. Don't you?



Jesus offers us the pure robe of His righteousness, that we may be clothed. Read Rev. 3:18-20

Are you willing to accept His robe of righteousness?

Ans: _____





NOTE: See Exhibit #2, Point 9.

**10. What solemn warring did God give to this symbolic Jezebel and all who followed her?. Revelation 2:22, 23**

**Ans: a** "I will cast them... into great _____ ".

**Ans: b.** "I will _____ her _____

with _____ ".

NOTE: See Exhibit #2, Point 10.

**11. Whom do you think the "rest' are in Thyatira, who opposed the Spiritual corruption of time period? Revelation 2:24**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: See Exhibit #2, Point 11.




## SARDIS - ERA OF REFORMATION

SARDIS (1500's through mid 1700's A.D.) covers the crucial period of reformation when Spirit filled men shook the world by testing Christian beliefs by God's Word.

Some of these great men of God founded church denominations, still in existence today. But, alas, when they died, their followers ceased searching for truth, compromised what they already possessed and went backward with astounding rapidity.

**12. What did Jesus say was about to happen to the spiritual experience of the church of this era? Revelation 3:2**

**Ans:** It was about to _____

NOTE: See Exhibit #2, Point 12.

NOTE: This solemn lesson is for us today. Keep pursuing truth and follow it

as you find it and blessings will come. Refuse to do so, and calamity comes. Jesus reveals light to me gradually, as I can handle it John 16:12. If I accept light as He gives it I receive more, till I have full light, Proverbs 4:18, 19. If I refuse light, it goes out and I stumble in darkness, John 12:35.

Ans: "Thou hast a name that thou and art

NOTE: See Exhibit #2, Point 13.

## PHILADELPHIA - ERA OF REVIVAL & MISSION

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PHILADELPHIA (mid 1700's to mid 1800's A.D.) is the era of the birth and expansion of foreign missions and the American and British Bible Societies. Missionaries encircled the world.

Great revival preachers like Whitefield and the Wesleys helped spark a global revival. The greatest revival since Pentecost was fuelled by the study of the books of Daniel and Revelation.

The name "Philadelphia" or "brotherly love" is fitting. As Jesus looked at His church of this era He offered no reproof.

**14. This church had difficulties, however, with the same group as did the church at Smyrna. What was the group called? Revelation. 2:9; 3:9**

**Ans:** The _____ of _____

NOTE: Notice that the people of Satan's synagogue (church) were here pretending to be faithful, true members of God's church and did not reveal their true colours. These are the most dangerous emissaries of the devil, because they appear so righteous and sweet and loving. Jesus calls them wolves in sheep's clothing, Matthew 7:15. We can expect the devil's representatives to be devious and deceitful. After all, the devil is the father of lies, John 8:44. If we stay close to Jesus and check all teachings by His Word, we will not be deceived, Isaiah 8:20; 30:21

**15. In Revelation 3:7, 8, God talks to Philadelphia about something opening and shutting. What was It?**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: The door mentioned here is the door into the Most Holy Place of Heaven's Sanctuary. The door into the Most Holy Place was opened in Heaven by Jesus during this time period, and no man can shut it The amazing significance of this event will be studied in detail in two other lessons in this Seminar. Exciting events began to transpire in Heaven when this door opened. Watch for these coming lessons.





Jesus began the last phase of His heavenly ministry in the Most Holy Place

## LAODICEA - CHRISTIANITY TODAY

LAODICEA (mid 1800's until Jesus comes). The heart beats faster as we study about the church of our day. These words Ln are direct council and reproof to Christians living now. Jesus knows our spiritual problems and needs. He offers solutions and assistance.

**16. What does Jesus say our problems are today? Revelation 3:15-17**

**Ans: a.** Verse 16 - We are _____

**Ans: b.** Verse 17 - We feel that spiritually we are _____ and in need of _____ when truly we are spiritually _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____.

NOTE: This condition is alarming. Nothing is worse than for me to think I am in harmony with God's will when, instead, I am desperately in need of repentance (verse 19). Many, seemingly devout people, will be lost in the final judgment for the same reason. See Matthew 7:21-23. It is bad enough to be in trouble. It is worse yet to be in trouble and not know it.

**17. What three things does Jesus counsel me to obtain in order for me to see myself as I really am, so I may bring my life into harmony with Him? Revelation 3:18**

**Ans: 1.** _____ (a precious metal).

**Ans: 2.** White _____ (clothing).

**Ans: 3.** _____ (medicine).

**18. What Is the meaning of gold, white raiment and eyesalve?**

**Ans: a.** GOLD means the true riches of Heaven, which are manifested in a golden character, which will stand up under the fire of persecution and adversity. It includes: GOD'S WORD, Psalm 19:7-10 and FAITH WHICH

Ans: Know that it is _____ even at the _____.

NOTE: When we see Jesus' last day prophecies fulfilled, then we know the coming of Jesus is very near.

**24. How will people be rewarded at Jesus' second coming? Revelation 22:12**

**Ans:** "To give _____ man _____

as his _____shall be".

NOTE: The Bible is clear. People will be rewarded according to their works

**25. Will His coming be a surprise to everyone? Matthew 24:44**

**Ans:** Yes! "For in such an _____ as ye think _____

the Son of man _____."

**26. Since His coming will be a surprise, what should we do to be certain that we are ready when He does come? Matthew 24:44**

**Ans:** Stay _____

**27. If He should come tonight. would you be ready?**

**Ans:** _____



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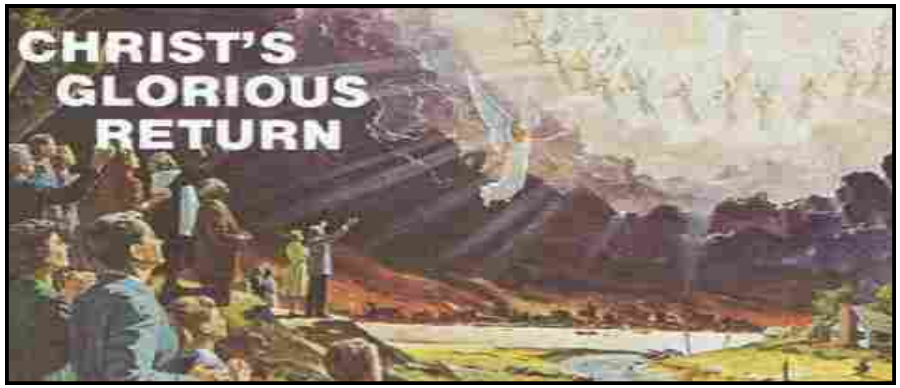


The return of Jesus to gather His people from this earth is the grand theme of the Bible. One verse out of every eleven In the New i Testament speaks of this momentous event. Evangelist Dwight Moody declared that the event is mentioned two thousand five hundred times in Scripture. Some refer to this glorious event as the rapture, although the term does not appear in the Bible.

This earthshaking event is the ultimate goal of all Bible prophecy. This goat is more conspicuous in Revelation than any other book of the Bible. In Revelation, Jesus' return is "the most outstanding event of the book; the keynote of its messages; the hub around which its ... visions revolve. Each scene in this prophetic drama climaxes with the coming Christ'. To study Revelation is to become acutely aware of Jesus second coming. No wonder the devil keeps announcing that the book is sealed

It is shocking to recall that at Jesus' first coming, as a babe in Bethlehem, the people were surprised and unprepared This was true in spite of the fact that hundreds of Old Testament prophecies clearly described His first coming with detailed accuracy. But the people were applying the prophecies of His second coming to His first coming and ignoring those that applied to the first advent Thus, they were prepared to reject His appearance as the infant son of a poor family.

History has a way of repeating itself. It is shocking to consider, but could it be possible that Christian people today may be misconstruing the 2500 Bible prophecies of Jesus' second return? Could they be setting themselves up for one gigantic mind-boggling surprise? Could even some serious Bible students be fatally confused regarding His return? Jesus solemnly warned of this sad possibility when He spoke of His return in Matthew 24. He said, "Take heed that no man deceive you", Matthew 24:4. He further stated that erroneous concepts regarding His return would be so powerful and convincing that if it were possible they shall deceive the very elect" Matthew 24:24

Then He capped it with, "Behold, i have told you before". We would say, today, You have been warned!"

In light of this solemn warning by Jesus, let us now prayerfully see what the prophecies reveal regarding the blessed rapture.

## JESUS WILL RETURN

**1. Two men in white clothing suddenly Joined the disciples as they were watching Jesus disappear In a cloud at His ascension What did they say about the manner of Jesus return to the earth? Acts 1:9.11**

**Ans:** That he would return in the _____ manner as he departed.

NOTE**: a. HE WILL BE VISIBLE.** They saw Him depart Verses 9, 10

**b. HE WILL RETURN IN A CLOUD.** He left in a cloud Vs. 9

**c. HE WILL BE FLESH AND BONES.** He was flesh and bones when He left See Luke 24:36-43, 50, 51. The angels said "This same Jesus" Acts 1:11 will return.

**d. HIS ASCENSION WAS LITERAL, PERSONAL, BODILY AND VISIBLE.** His rapture will be the same.

**2. Now did John tell us Jesus would return? Revelation 1:7; 14:14**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: As the angels promised, Jesus, who went away in the clouds, will return in the same manner. The Bible reports this fact too often for any to question it The New Testament alone mentions the fact at least nine times.

**3. What are these clouds? Psalm 104:3; cf Psalm 68:17**

**Ans:** Thousands of _____

**4. Who will see Jesus when He comes? Revelation 1:7**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: This also, is too plain to misunderstand. Every human being on earth will see Jesus at the rapture. This includes both saved and unsaved Matthew 24:30 says that all the tribes of the earth shall mourn at His appearing.

**5. Who will come with Jesus at the rapture? Matthew 25:31**

**Ans:** _____

**6. Now will these angels assist Jesus in the rapture? Matthew 24:31**

**Ans:** They will gather the _____ together from all over the earth.





**Ans:** _____ the nations.

NOTE The passage clearly points to the destruction of the nations.



## OH GLORIOUS DAY

**20. What Is the crowning purpose of Jesus' return? J14:2, 3**

**Ans:** To take His _____ home.

NOTE: We long for Heaven and home. Even more important. Jesus and His Father long for all of us to come home. Oh, the joys of that incomparable reunion!

Here are some exciting things to look forward to:

**a.** Reunion of loved ones. I Thessalonians 4:16-18
**b.** The blind will see, the dumb speak and sing, the lame walk again. Isaiah 35:4-6
**c.** No more sorrow, pain or tears. Revelation 21:4

**21. What does Paul call the Second Coming in Titus 2:13 and how does he say we should feel toward it? 2 Timothy 4:8**

**Ans: a. Titus 2:13** The Blessed_____.

**Ans: b. 2 Timothy 4:8** _____ it.

NOTE Jesus' return is, indeed, the "Blessed Hope" of God's people, and the love that God's people have for this wonderful day is beyond description.

**22. Can any person know the exact time of Jesus' return? Matthew 24:36**

**Ans:** No! Only the _____ knows that.

**23. What can we know for certain about Jesus' appearing? Matthew 24:32, 33**

# THE KING IS COMING

**15. What will the wicked do at the time of the rapture? Revelation 5:14-10**

**Ans:** Cry for the _____ and _____ to fall on them.

**16. What will the Lord do to the wicked at the rapture? 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12; Isaiah 11:4; 2 Thessalonians 1:7, 8**

**Ans:** Destroy them with His _____ and with

The _____ of His mouth.

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**17. Why doesn't God give the wicked another opportunity to repent after the rapture? 2 Thessalonians 2:10, 12**

**Ans:** They are lost because they"_____ not the

_____ but had _____ in

_____."

NOTE: Another opportunity would also be spurned by the lost. Jesus will not appear for the rapture of His people until every person on earth has heard the message of salvation, Matthew 24:14; Mark 16:15, and has made a decision for e°, or against it after fully understanding and fully weighing this all important issue of life and death, Revelation 22:11, 12.

Those who are lost have simply decided they prefer a sinner's life-style. They have chosen to disobey God even after they fully understand His loving call to salvation. They would be miserable in Heaven. It would be cruel to include them. If I choose to be lost God will not force me to be saved, though He will be terribly broken-hearted, and deeply hurt over my decision, II Thessalonians 2:10-12.

**18. What threefold glory will be manifested at the coming of Jesus? Luke 9.26**

**Ans:** The glory of the _____, _____ and the _____

NOTE: The glory of one lone angel caused the entire Roman guard to fall as dead men when he appeared at Jesus' tomb, Matthew 28:2, 4. Try to comprehend the glory of millions of angels plus that of the Father and the Son. This fantastic brilliance will far outshine the noonday sun, and the unsaved will be slain by its brightness, 2 Thessalonians 2:8. Indeed, He is coming "with power and great glory", Luke 21:27.

**19. What will Christ the rider on the white horse, and His armies do to the nations at the rapture? Revelation 19:11-16**



# INVASION FROM SPACE



**7. How long will it he from the time Jesus and the angels leave Heaven for this earth until they are hack In Heaven with Gods raptured saints? Revelation 8:1**

Ans: _____

NOTE: We will study the seven seals of Revelation later. But l`" briefly, the sixth seal ends as the wicked realize that The Day of the Lord" is upon them, Rev. 6:12-17. During the seventh seal there is complete silence in heaven for one half hour prophetic time, Revelation 8:1. It is silent in heaven during this time period because all the angels are with Jesus for the rapture, Matthew 25:31, and Heaven will be empty. Since a day in prophecy equals a literal year, Ezekiel 4:6, some believe a "half hour' would be approximately 7½ days. Thus heaven would be silent for about a week, the length of time that would be spent on the round trip for the rapture.

**8. Many beautiful Christians feel that the rapture will he secret What do the following Scriptures teach regarding this point?**

**a. Matthew 24:27** Jesus compares His rapture to _____

NOTE: There is nothing secret about lightning

**b. Psalm 50:3-6** says God will not keep _____ and it shall be

_____ round about Him.

NOTE: The passage definitely says He won't be silent.

**c. Jeremiah 25:30-33** says, "The Lord shall _____ from on high ... He shall mightily _____ ...He shall give a _____ A _____ come even to the ends of the earth".

NOTE: A mighty roar, a shout and a noise heard to the ends of the earth accompanying the rapture; nothing secret about it.

**d. 1Thessalonians 4:16**; 1Corinthians 15:52 indicate that the rapture will be accompanied by a trumpet _____, a _____ and a _____.

NOTE: There is nothing quiet or secret about this event.

**9. What will happen to the righteous DEAD at His caning? 1Corinthians 15:52, 53; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17**

**Ans:** They will be _____ incorruptible and immortal and caught up into the _____ to meet _____ the in the air.

**10. What will happen to the righteous LIVING When Jesus comes? 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; 1 Corinthians 15:51-54**

**Ans:** They will be _____ from corruptible to_____ and from mortal to _____ and caught up to meet the _____ in the _____.

**11. What kind of bodies will the saints be given?**

**Ans: a.** Philippians 3:20, 21 Bodies like _____

**Ans: b.** Luke 24:36-43, 50, 51; Acts 1:11

(verse 39) _____ and _____



In Matthew 24:24, Jesus predicted that Satan would try to deceive "even the very elect"

## FALSE CHRISTS APPEAR

**12. Dues Jesus come to earth, or remain in the air, at the second coming? 1 Thessalonians 4:17**

**Ans:** _____





NOTE: Jesus promised to return to take His people to heaven to be with Him. John 14:1-3. He did not promise that at His Second Corning, He would immediately reign over the earth in its sinful condition. John sees the redeemed at the heavenly throne. Revelation 7:9-10

**13. Suppose that a glorious being suddenly appeared in Jerusalem who claimed to be Christ and who titled the description of Jesus In Revelation 1:13-17. Suppose that he preached warm, beautiful Bible truths with power, called fire down from Heaven; heated the sick, helped stop wars, read minds, blessed children, etc. What would he Your reaction?**

**Ans:** We should know at once that he was an _____

NOTE: We should know at once that the glorious being was an imposter, because Jesus at His coming makes a SKY APPEARANCE and not an EARTH APPEARANCE He remains in the AIR while imposters appear on EARTH. Further, we need to remember that the devil:

**a.** APPEARS AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT. - 2 Corinthians 11:14

**b.** WORKS MIRACLES - Revelation 16:14; 2 Thessalonians 2:9 (1739).

**c.** CAN CALL FIRE DOWN FROM HEAVEN - Revelation 13:13

**d.** WILL USE SCRIPTURE EVEN QUOTED IT TO JESUS - Matthew 4:6

**e.** IS FULL OF WISDOM AND PERFECT IN BEAUTY. Ezekiel 28:12, last part.

**14. Would It be safe to go see a false Christ, even though you knew he was not Jesus? Matthew 24:23.26**

**Ans:** No! Jesus said, "Go not _____!"

## A SOLEMN WARNING

Jesus clearly commanded, regarding such cases, that we are not to believe it is Christ, and further, that we are not to go look. "Go not forth" the Bible says. When I disobey that Injunction and place myself in jeopardy, the devil has unusual advantage over me. He deceived one third of heaven's angels, Revelation 12:3, 4. I would be most foolish to think that he cannot deceive a mere human being who takes himself out of Jesus' hands by disobeying Jesus' word, "Go not forth". Those who look will be deceived. The odds are about 100%.

Satan's strategy will be to make people think that Jesus has already come, so they will be off guard and unprepared for His real rapture. We must not underestimate the devil's power to deceive. if I depend on what I see and upon human reason and logic, Satan will deceive me.

If I remember that Jesus will come in the clouds and that every eye will see Him when it happens, and if I obey Jesus and refuse to go see imposters, I will not be deceived.

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# THE DEVIL CHAINED IN THE BOTTOMLESS PIT

Revelation, chapter 20, states that a mighty angel is going to bind the devil with a great chain and cast him into the bottomless pit for 1000 years.

Satan resents the fact that this damaging information about his future has been made public information in the Scripture. He spreads the falsehood that Revelation is a closed book which none can comprehend, or else he distorts its meaning.

Unfortunately, much that is said today about the 1000 years is not factual. Some of it sounds suspiciously like something Satan might invent to trap people. He does this to strengthen his own position as the leader of those who choose to rebel against God. The devil is NOT playing games. He has one aim in mind: the destruction of you and your family and all other people on this earth. Where he has distorted the information regarding the 1000 years, he has done so with the sinister and hateful thought in mind of destroying you and me. Our only safety is in staying strictly with God's Word. As we do this, we will expose the devil's snares. The Lord is anxious to assist us.

## THE TWO RESURRECTIONS

1. **What takes place as the great 1000 year period begins? Revelation 20:4, last part**

   **Ans.** _____

   NOTE: The New English Bible makes it plainer, "These came to life again and reigned with Christ for a thousand years". So a resurrection marks the beginning of the great 1000-year period of Revelation 20.

2. **This resurrection is called the FIRST resurrection, revelation 20:5, 6. Who will be raised in It?**

**Ans.** _____

NOTE: The righteous, "blessed and holy", will be raised in the first resurrection.

3. **We have noticed that the FIRST resurrection, the resurrection of the righteous, BEGINS the 1000-year period of Revelation 20. Jesus speaks of the SECOND resurrection as the resurrection of damnation. The wicked will he raised in it. John 5:28, 29. When will the second resurrection take place? Revelation 20:5, first part,**

   **Ans:** After the 1000 _____ are _____

   NOTE: We have now established three key points:

   1. **The resurrection of the righteous,**
      the first resurrection, begins the great 1000 year period.
   2. **The resurrection of the wicked,**
      the second resurrection, ends the great 1000 period.
   3. **The period between these two resurrections**
      is the 1000 years of Revelation 20.

## THE TWO REWARDS

4. **What great event occurs at the time of the first resurrection when the 1000 pears begin? 1 Thessalonians 4:15, 16**

   **Ans:** The second _____ of the _____

   Note: The purpose of the second coming is for Jesus to receive the people who have served Him in all ages.

5. **At the Second Coming, what happens to the saints who have been raised from the grave and to the saints who live to see Jesus return?**
   **a.** I Corinthians 15:51-54; **b.** Philippians 3:20, 21; **c.** 1 Thessalonians 4:17

   **Ans: a.** They will be changed from mortal to _____

   **Ans: b.** They will be given bodies like _____ body.

   **Ans: c.** The saints will then be caught up to meet the Lord in _____.

6. **What happens to the wicked who are living when Jesus returns?**
   **2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; 2:8; Isaiah 11:4**

   **Ans:** They will be _____ by the Spirit of His _____

   **and _____ with the _____ of His**

   **_____.**





## BINDING OF SATAN — B:

1. The binding of the devil is to stop him from deceiving and tempting people. Literally chaining him in a pit would not prevent that. He does not need to move off the spot to tempt us. Besides, he has many evil angels to do his bidding.
2. What would stop the devil from tempting and deceiving? Two things: if there were no people or if there was no devil. Do either of these two things take place as the 1000 years begin? Yes, all the people are suddenly gone. The wicked are dead and the righteous are in Heaven, so Satan has no one to tempt.

3. The chain that binds him is a chain of circumstances. The Lord forces Satan to remain here on earth for 1000 years without access to people. We commonly use the expression, "I'm tied up", when we mean circumstances will not permit us to be free. The same is true of Satan's chain.

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# BOTTOMLESS PIT AND THE THE BINDING OF SATAN

## BOTTOMLESS PIT — A:

1. Before proceeding further, read Revelation 20:1-3 and Genesis 1:1, 2.

2. The root word translated "bottomless pit" in Revelation 20:1-3 is "abyss". It is the very same word that was translated "deep" in the creation report of Genesis 1:1, 2 in the King James version. The Smith-Goodspeed translation correctly uses the original word "abyss" in both Genesis 1:1, 2 and Revelation 20:1-3.

3. What is this saying to us? It is saying that "deep", "abyss" and "bottomless pit" all mean the same thing.

   They refer to the earth:
   **1.** "without form" (torn up);
   **b.** "void" (no people); and c. in total darkness.

4. This is why Jeremiah, when he saw the earth after the second coming. Jeremiah 4:23-26, 28, said, "Lo", or "sure enough":

   **a.** It was "without form" or torn up.

   **b.** There was "no man".

   **c.** There was "no light". The heavens were "black". He said this because that is what "bottomless pit" or "abyss" means. It refers to the earth torn up, without people and in total darkness.



7. **How will the second coming of Jesus affect the wicked who are in their graves when He appears? Revelation 20:5, first part.**

   **Ans:** They remain in their _____ until the 1000 years are _____.

   NOTE: The righteous dead (the "blessed and holy") are raised as the 1000 years begin, Revelation 20:6. The rest of the dead (the wicked) remain in their graves and are not raised till the 1000 years close, Revelation 20:5.

8. **Jesus promised that, at His return, He would take His people to the same place He went at His ascension. What is this place? Acts 1:9-11; John 13:33, 36; John 14:1-3**

   **Ans:**
   _____

   NOTE: Jesus promised that He would go and prepare a place for His people, and then come and take them to that kingdom. Acts 1:9-11 says specifically that He went to heaven. In John 13:33, 36 He promised that His disciples could one day join Him where He was going—in heaven.

AT THIS POINT, PLEASE TURN TO THE 1000 YEARS CHART (Exhibit #1) AND REVIEW THE EVENTS WHICH BEGIN THE 1000 YEARS.





## EVENTS DURING THE 1000 YEARS

9. **Jeremiah saw in his vision the earth just after the coming at Jesus. How did he describe what he saw? Jeremiah 25:33**

   **Ans:** "The _____..shall be from _____ end of the earth even to the _____..they shall not be _____ neither _____ nor _____".

   NOTE: He saw dead bodies covering the earth. None were being buried and no one was crying. The reason is simple: there was no one left to conduct a funeral, because during the 1000 years, the righteous are all in heaven and the

wicked are all dead. Revelation 19:11-21 is another word picture of the second coming of Jesus. Jesus is the man on the white horse (verse 11). He smites the nations at His coming (verse 15) and dead bodies are left lying everywhere as the 1000 years begin, (verses 17,18,21).

## WORLD-WIDE DEVASTATION

**10. What happens to the earth at Jesus' appearing? Revelation 16:18, 20, 21**

**Ans:** "And there was a great _____ ...and there fell upon men a great _____ out of heaven".

**11. What will conditions be like on the earth during the 1000 years? Isaiah 24:1, 3, 19, 20; Jeremiah 4:23-26, 28**

Five shocking conditions stand out…

**Ans: a.** "Heavens.. .had no _____ ...Heavens above will be _____ " Jeremiah 4:23, 28

**Ans: b.** "And, lo, there was no _____ Jeremiah 4:25

**Ans: c.** "The earth.. .was without _____ and void' Jeremiah 4:23

**Ans: d.** "The land shall be utterly emptied, and _____ _____ " Isaiah 24:3

**Ans: e.** "The earth is utterly broken _____"Isaiah 24:19.

**12. What is this "bottomless pit" that the devil is bound in for the 1000 year's as outlined in Revelation 20:1-3?**

NOTE: BEFORE ANSWERING THIS QUESTION, PLEASE READ AND DIGEST THE MATERIAL ON EXHIBIT #2, ENTITLED "BOTTOMLESS PIT — A".

**Ans:** "Bottomless pit" means this earth "without _____ ." with "the Heavens above" being _____ and with "no _____" alive on the earth.



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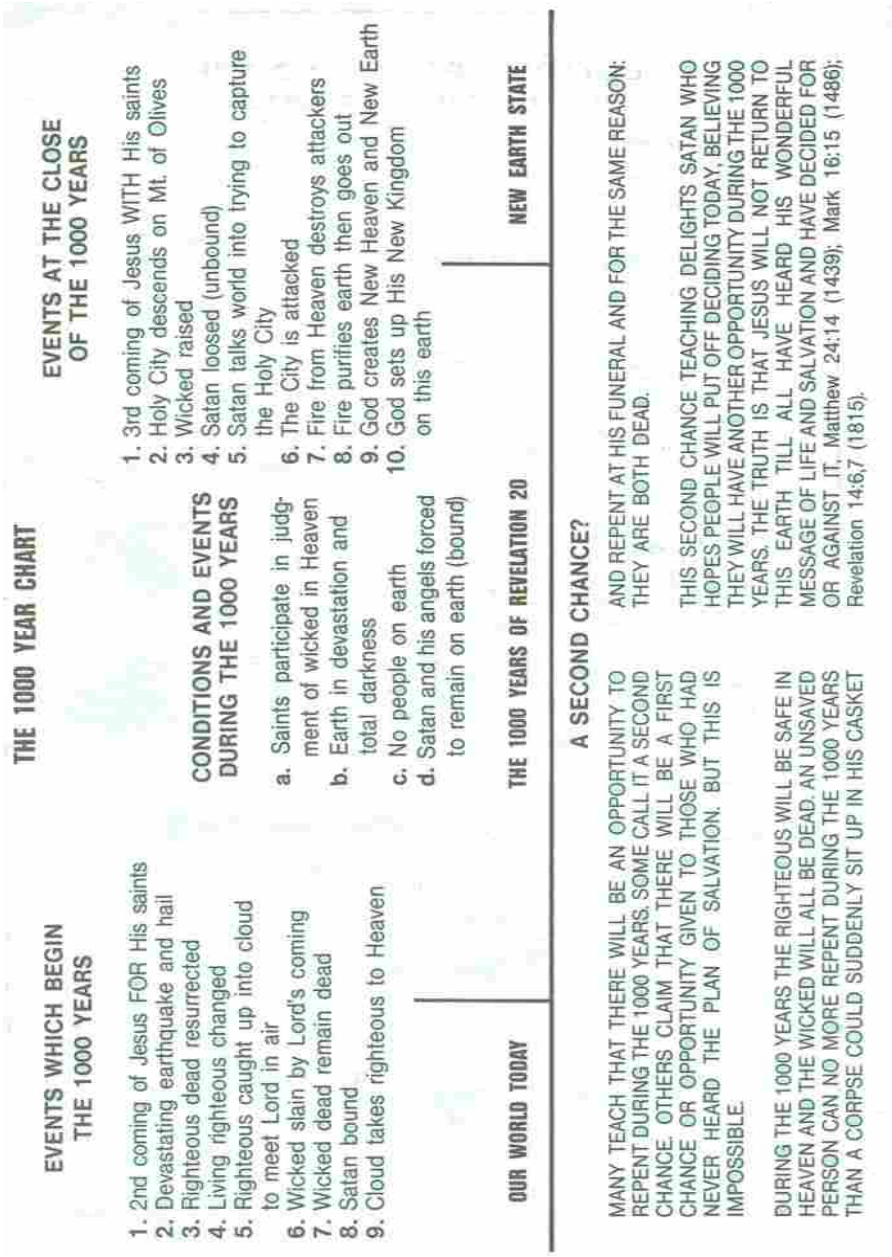

**24. Where will the Lord live after the new earth Is created? Revelation 21:14; 20. 9.**

**Ans:** He will live on the

NOTE: Jesus promised that the meek will inherit the earth, Matthew 5:5. In harmony with this promise, God will set up His Kingdom here on the new earth, and live with His people. This earth will become the center of the universe. Please notice, however, that He does not move His Kingdom here to convert the lost His Kingdom is established here only after the lost have been cast into the fire.

**25. Why must my name be written in the book of life? Revelation 20:15.**

**Ans:** In the _____ of _____.

HERE, REVIEW BRIEFLY ALL EVENTS ON THE 1000 YEARS CHART, Exhibit #1. READ CAREFULLY THE NOTE ON THE EXHIBIT ENTITLED, "A SECOND CHANCE".

**26. Whom does Jesus invite to become citizens of His great new Kingdom? Revelation 22:17**

**Ans:** And "_____ _____ let him take the water of life freely'.

**27. Will you tell Jesus now that you are accepting His magnificent, loving invitation?**

**Ans:** _____









For one thousand years Satan will remember his deeds (left) and view the results (right).



## THE DEVIL BOUND

**13. Why Is the devil to be hound during the 1000 years? Revelation 20:3**

Ans: "That he should _____ the nations _____ _____."

NOTE: Read carefully the material on Exhibit #2, entitled "Binding of Satan — B".

**14. What will the righteous be doing while In Heaven during the 1000 years? Revelation 20:4, 12, 13**

Ans: Participating in the _____

NOTE: This judgment, in which the saints participate, takes place in Heaven. Jesus said that the place He is preparing for His people is in His Father's house, John 14:2, 3 and that the Father is in Heaven, Matthew 6:9.

**15. What purpose does this gigantic trial or judgment serve? After all, people at this time are either lost or saved. 1 Corinthians 6:2, 3; Revelation 22:12; 2 Peter 2:9**

NOTE: PLEASE ANALYZE THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION BEFORE WRITING YOUR ANSWER.

**a.** This judgment does not involve the righteous. Judgment for all the saved takes place prior to Christ's second coming. Future Seminar lessons will consider the judgment of the righteous.

**b.** The judgment involves only the dead, Revelation 20:12. Only the wicked are dead at this time so this judgment involves only the wicked.

**c.** This judgment accomplishes two very important things:

**1.** It decides the degree of punishment for all the lost, including Satan and his angels. Revelation 22:12; 1 Corinthians 6:2, 3 and ...

**2.** It clarifies for the righteous why some they love were shut out of Heaven.

**d.** The terrible problem of sin will be settled only when all who have ever been involved (both men and angels) understand and openly confess that God has been loving, fair, and honest in everything. The judgment, in its many phases, clarifies this for both men and angels. God already understands fully. The judgment is not for His benefit.

**Ans: a.** This judgment decides the degree of punishment for the _____

**Ans: b.** It also clarifies for the righteous why some they love are shut out of _____

NOTE: AT THIS POINT, PLEASE TURN TO THE 1000 YEARS CHART (Exhibit #1) AND REVIEW THE EVENTS WHICH TAKE PLACE DURING THE 1000 YEARS.

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## EVENTS AT END OF 1000 YEARS

**16. What great city awes down to earth at the due of the 1000 years? Revelation 21:2, 10**

**Ans:** _____

**17. What will happen when the feet of Jesus stand open the Meant of Olives? Zechariah 14:1, 4, 10**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: As the Lord stands on the Mount of Olives, the mountain will cleave and spread out to make a great plain as a base for the Holy City. Notice that Jesus' third coming at the close of the 1000 years is WITH His saints, Zechariah 14:5, last part At the second coming, when the 1000 years begin, Jesus comes FOR His saints, Matthew 24:31.

**18. What happens to Satan after the thousand years? Revelation 20:7 (1823)**

**Ans:** He is "_____" out of His prison.

NOTE: Remember that the resurrection of the wicked takes place at the close of the 1000 years, Revelation 20:5. This resurrection looses Satan because he once again has people to deceive.

**19. What does Satan do that shows he has net had a change of during the 1000 years? Revelation 20:8**

**Ans:** He goes out to _____ the nations.



## DOOMSDAY FOR SATAN AND SINNERS

**20. When Satan and his followers so op to capture the Holy City, what happens to them? Revelation 20:9**

**Ans:** _____ comes down from God out of _____ and _____ them.

**21. What happens to the devil at this time? Revelation 20:10**

**Ans:** "And the devil ... Was _____ into the _____ of _____".

NOTE: The devil will be IN the fire not OUTSIDE tending the fire or torturing the wicked who are in the flames.

**22. What does Jesus call this fire in Revelation 20:14?**

**Ans:** `This is the _____ _____."

NOTE: All are raised from the first death, Hebrews 9:27; John 5:28, 29. From the second death, however, there is no resurrection.



## EDEN'S PARADISE RESTORED

**23. What does Jesus do alter the earth Is purified by tire? 11 Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 21:1, 3**

**Ans:** He will _____ new _____ and a new _____.

**26. Sin is the one thing that can keep me out of God's kingdom. What can be done about it? 1 john 1:7, 8; Revelation 1:5**

**Ans:** "The _____ of Jesus Christ His Son _____ us from all _____."

**27. Jesus will freely and lovingly cleanse you if you request it. Will you ask Him for cleansing right now?**

Ans: _____




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For centuries, sceptics viewed God's people with derision and disdain as they spoke glowingly of travelling to, and living in, God's Heaven beyond the sky. With contempt they pointed out that space travel for human beings was a scientific impossibility, and that such nonsense should be limited to the fantasy world of comic strips.

Then, suddenly, men began venturing into space. Today, the nations of the world plan for space stations and colonies in the sky. Not too many have begun preparing for a voyage through space, however, because of uncertainties regarding scheduling, property ownership, isolation, loneliness, effect on health, stress, and fear of the unknown.

The heart leaps up when one thinks of leaving this earth and living in a fantastic new storybook city in the sky. Something about that thought fires a person's soul as few other things in this world, and there is a reason for this—a God given reason: Jesus implanted, deeply within the human heart, a desire to live in space, because, He plans space living and space travel for His people when He sets up His new kingdom.

Talk about mind boggling! Let's get the facts.

## OUR HEAVENLY HOME

**1. What has God prepared for His people? Hebrews 11:16**

**Ans:** _____

2. **What is the name of the city? Revelation 3:12**

**Ans:** _____

3. **What happens to the New Jerusalem at the close of the 1000 years of Revelation 20? Revelation 21:2, 10**

**Ans:** _____

4. **Where will the colossal space city land? Zechariah 14:1, 4, 5.**

**Ans:** At the site of the _____ of _____ which is before _____

NOTE: At the second coming, Jesus comes FOR His saints, John 14:2,3. At the third coming, at the close of the 1000 years, He comes WITH His saints, Zechariah 14:5, last part. The saints are inside the Holy City as it descender Jesus steps onto the Mount of Olives and it flattens out to make a great plain, Zechariah 14:10. God's Holy City, the New Jerusalem, lands on this newly created plain.

5. **The city is perfectly square. What is the distance around the city? Revelation 21:16**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: Ancient cities were measured by outside wall circumference. A furlong is an eighth of a mile, which means the city will have a circumference of 1500 miles; and since it is square, each wall will be 375 miles in length. It will contain 140,625 square miles, which is more area than Virginia, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Vermont combined. It is unbelievably gigantic. At least 39 billion, people could live in the city. This is ten times the world's present population.

## AN ARCHITECTS DREAM

6. **What else does the book of Revelation say about this amazing city? Revelation 21:10-27**

**Ans: b. verse 12, 17, 18** The wall is made of _____ and is _____ cubits high (this equals 216 feet).

**Ans: c. verse 12, 13, 21** It has _____ gates, _____



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**Ans: a.** "the desert shall . . . _____ as a _____."

**Ans: b.** "The inhabitant shall not say I am _____."

**Ans: c.** "_____ shall no more be heard in the land."



23. **Will people recognize each other in Heaven or will we lose our identity? 1 Corinthians 13:12**

**Ans:** "Then shall I _____ even as also I am _____."

24. **Eternity is a long time. Will people ever become bored in Heaven? Psalm 16:11**

**Ans:** "In thy presence is _____ of _____."

"There are _____ for _____."

25. **Who will the redeemed be like and who will be their constant companion? 1 John 3:2; Revelation14:4**

**Ans: a.** "We shall be like _____."

**Ans: b.** "These . . . follow the _____ whithersoever He goeth."

NOTE: just think of it! To be like Jesus to have Him as a constant companion! Who can improve on that?

have _____ into the _____ _____ _____,
the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him".

## NO DISEASE OR DEATH

**20. What comforting and exciting facts about heaven are emphasized in the following scripture passages? Isaiah 35:5, 6; Revelation 21:4; Isaiah 65:25 and Isaiah 11:6.**

**Ans: a. Isa. 35:5** Eyes of the _____ shall be _____

**Ans: b. Isa. 35:5** Ears of the _____ shall be _____

**Ans: c. Isa. 35:6** Lame man will _____ as an _____

**Ans: d. Isa. 35:6** Tongue of the _____ shall _____

**Ans: e. Rev. 21:4** God will _____ away all _____

**Ans: f. Rev. 21:4** No more _____, _____,
_____ , or _____

**Ans: g. Isaiah 65:25** Beasts will not _____
nor _____

**Ans: h. Isaiah 11:6** The wolf, leopard and lion will be led by a little _____.

**21. What promise has God given about heaven that applies to the tragedies of this present earth? Isaiah 65:17**

**Ans:** "The _____ shall not be _____
nor _____ into _____ ".

NOTE: The margin says "come upon the heart". The thought here is that the woes of this present life will not weigh upon the hearts of God's people in the new earth.

## ETERNAL JOY AND HEALTH

**22. The prophet Isaiah gives us three more marvellous promises regarding the new earth. What are they? Isaiah 35:1; 33:24 and 60:18.**





on each side. The gates are made of _____

**Ans: d. verse 19** The city has _____ foundations each made of a precious _____.

**Ans: e. verse 21** The streets are made of pure _____.

**Ans: f. verse 23** No need of _____ or _____.

**Ans: g. verse 25** There shall be no _____ there.



**7. What is the source of the city water supply? Revelation 22:1**

**Ans:** The river of water of life flows out of God's _____.

**8. What miraculous tree, which Ada and Eve ate of before sinning, will be restored in the Holy City? Genesis 3:24; Revelation 22:2**

**Ans:** _____

**9. The Tree of Life bears twelve kinds of fruit, and yields a crop monthly. What purpose does this tree serve? Revelation 22:2; Genesis 3:22**

**Ans: a.** The leaves are for the _____ of the _____.

**Ans: b.** "Lest He . . . Take . . . Of the tree of life and eat and live _____ ."

NOTE: It seems clear that the leaves and the fruit provide the antidote of death, and perpetuate immortality. This tree provides eternal youth for God's people.

**10. How do the things which God is preparing for us compare with the sufferings which we must pass through here on earth? Romans 8:18**

Ans: Not _____ to be _____

## OUR NEW WORLD

**11. In lesson seven, we learned that the Holy City descends to the earth at the close of the 1000 years of Revelation 20, the wicked will be raised and Satan will lead them in an attempt to capture the Holy City. What happens to them? Revelation 20:9**

**Ans:** _____

**12. What else does the fire accomplish in addition to devouring Satan, his angels and the wicked? 2 Peter 3:10**

**Ans:** "The _____ shall _____ with fervent heat, the _____ _____ and the _____ that are therein shall be _____ _____."

NOTE: The fire devours sin and sinners and purifies the earth

**13. What does God do next? Revelation 21:1; 2 Peter 3:13**

**Ans: He creates new** _____ and a new _____ wherein dwelleth _____.

**14. Where will God live after the Holy City becomes the capital of the earth made new? Revelation 21:3**

**Ans:** Here on _____ with His _____ .

NOTE: He promised, "blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Matthew 5:5

**15. Everyone will have a fabulous home in the Holy City. Who builds this home? John 14:2, 3**

**Ans:** _____



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## REAL HEAVEN—REAL PEOPLE

**16. What kind of bodies will the people who enter God's kingdom have? Philippians 3:20, 21**

**Ans:** Bodies like _____

**17. After Jesus' resurrection what kind of body did He have? Luke 24:36-43**

**Ans:** He had _____ and _____

**18. What will the saints do on the new earth, which demonstrates they are real and not ghosts? Isaiah 65:17, 21, 22**

**Ans:** "They shall _____ houses and _____ them and they shall _____ vineyards and _____ the fruit of them."

NOTE: Acts 3:20, 21 promises that everything will be restored to God's people that Adam and Eve lost by sin. Adam and Eve were real people doing exciting, real things, but with sinless natures, brilliant minds and perfect flawless, eternally young bodies in every way. All this will be restored; and God's people will be too satisfied and happy for feeble words to describe it.

**19. How does Paul describe the glories of God's new kingdom? 1 Corinthians 2:9**

**Ans:** "_____ hath not seen nor _____ heard, neither

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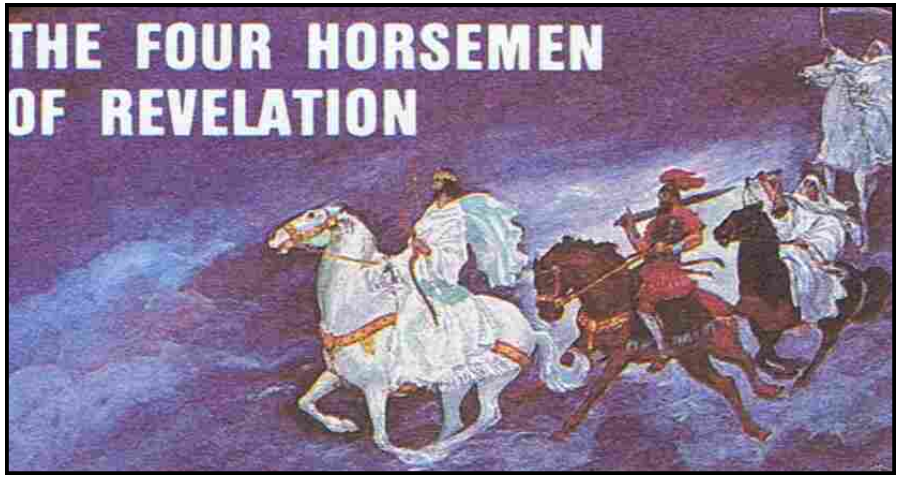


Virtually everyone in the Christian world has heard of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. But should you quiz fifteen or twenty of your church friends, the odds are that none of them would have the faintest idea as to who these horsemen really are.

The four horsemen are part of the seven "seals of Revelation, chapters six and eight. These seals are seven symbolic views or word pictures, of major conditions and events which face the people of God from the ascension of Jesus until His second coming. They cover the same time period as do the seven churches of Revelation, chapters 2 and 3.

These exciting and very significant views have been given us by Jesus, Himself, hence, their importance cannot be over-estimated. We must enter this study with much prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we endeavour to understand Jesus' special messages to us.

PLEASE SPEND A FEW MINUTES REVIEWING EXHIBIT # 1 ON THE SEVEN SEALS BEFORE YOU BEGIN STUDYING THIS LESSON. ALSO READ REVELATION, CHAPTER SIX.

## THE SYMBOLS EXPLAINED

1. **What do horses and riders often represent In prophecy? Zechariah 1:8-10; 6:2-5.**

   **Ans: a.** Zechariah 1:10 "These are _____ whom the _____ hath _____ to _____ to

and fro in the _____ .

**Ans: b.** Zechariah 6:5 "These are the four _____ *

of the _____, which _____ _____

from _____ _____ the _____

of all the _____."

NOTE: *These spirits are angels from heaven. Hebrews 1:13, 14, states plainly that angels are ministering spirits sent by God to minister to His people upon the earth. In prophecy, these angels are sometimes represented as riders upon horses. The horses and riders of Revelation 6 were, by their colour, dress, and activities, cartooning or symbolizing, four distinctive and very important eras through which God's people would pass beginning with apostolic times.

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2. **Who announced these four horsemen as they galloped upon the prophetic screen? Revelation 6:1, 3, 5, 7.**

**Ans:** "The four _____."

NOTE These four beasts are also called in some translations, "four living creatures". These living creatures, have special responsibilities in heaven.

## THE SEVEN SEALS

3. **In the first seal, how is the activity of the rider of the white horse described? Revelation 6:2**

**Ans:** "He went forth _____ and to _____."

NOTE: What a fitting symbol for the church of the first century. So successful was God's church that before Paul died, he said that the gospel had been preached to the entire world, Colossians 1:5, 6, 23. **WHITE** symbolizes the purity of the church, Psalm 51:7; Isaiah 1:18.

The **CROWN** signifies victory, .James 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:7, 8; 1 Corinthians 9:25.

The **BOW** symbolizes success in battle against evil, Psalm 7:11, 12; Psalm 45:4, 5. The white horse covers the same time period as the Ephesus church — first century, AD.

4. **What. did the rider of the red horse of the second seal do? Revelation 6:4**

Ans: "Power was given him ... to take _____ from

the _____ and that they should _____ one

_____".



## ~ NOTES ~

Foul, blasphemous speech — 2 Timothy 3:1, 2

Rise of many false religions — 2 Peter 2:1, 2; Matthew 24:24; 1Timothy 4:1-4; Revelation 18:2, 4, 5

Giving of special message to all the world to prepare people for Christ's coming — Matthew 24:14; Revelation 14:6-14

Divorce "without natural affection" — Matthew 24:37-39; cf Genesis 6:2; 2 Timothy 3:1-5

EVER LEARNING AND NEVER COMING TO A KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH — 2 Timothy 3:1, 7

If you have extra time, please read Matthew, chapter 24; and Luke, chapter 21. These chapters both list many signs of the Lord's return.



NOTE: The **RED** colour of the second horse fitly represents the bloody destruction and persecution of God's people by Rome during the second, third and early part of the fourth centuries, Ezekiel 32:6, 11; Jeremiah 46:10; Nahum 2:3. By this persecution, the peace of God's people was destroyed.

The **SWORD** is associated with war and bloodshed, Isaiah 3:25; cf I Chronicles 22:8. It is also associated with persecution, Acts 12:1, 2. The red horse covers the same time period as the Smyrna Church.




**5. As the third seal was opened, a black horse appeared. What does black symbolize? Acts 26:18; John 12:35**

**Ans: a.** Acts 26:18 "To turn them from _____ to _____."

**Ans: b.** John 12:35 "_____ while ye have the _____ lest _____ come upon you."

NOTE: Repeatedly, in the Scripture, darkness or blackness symbolizes moral darkness, sin, apostasy and error — the very opposite of the light of the gospel. The symbol is very fitting for the church during the 4th, 5th and half of the 6th centuries (the Pergamos church period) when Christianity became the state religion. Millions of unconverted people crowded into the church. Popularity and compromise brought Pagan errors into the church, which virtually crowded out the gospel.

**6. What did the rider of the black horse have in his hand? Revelation 6:5, 6**

**Ans:** "A pair of _____."

NOTE: The picture of verse six is of food being weighed during a terrible famine. A penny, which was a day's wages, could hardly buy enough food for one person. How could a man feed his family — not to mention the supplying of their other needs? This famine also symbolizes an acute scarcity of the Word of God, Amos 8:11, 12. Bibles were not available to the people and the church stopped preaching the Word. The result was a severe famine

for hearing God's Word. The **OIL** represents the Holy Spirit, Zechariah 4:2-6, and the **WINE**, Jesus' blood of atonement, Matthew 26:27-29. These two precious gifts were not to be lost sight of during this intense spiritual famine.

## MARTYRS FOR JESUS

**7. What was the name of the rider of the pale horse of the fourth seal? What followed this horse? Revelation 6:8**

**Ans:** The rider's name was "_____" and "_____" followed him.

NOTE: The pale horse with the rider **DEATH**, followed closely by the grave ("hades" in Greek), is perfect symbolism of the devastating persecution of Gods people and the multiplied millions who were destroyed by sword, starvation, wild beasts and other cruel methods. This is the same period covered by the Thyatira church — from the sixth through the 15th centuries, the period known as the Dark Ages. Jesus said this period of tribulation was the worst ever to be, Matthew 24:21. And even more tragic, it was the **CHURCH**, now in apostasy, which was persecuting and killing those who differed with her. This terrible period of tribulation is mentioned other times in the Bible, Daniel 7:21, 25; 12:7; Revelation 13:5; 12:6, 14; 17:6, because it almost destroyed Gods true people from the earth. Jesus plans for these martyrs to be closest to Him in His new kingdom, Revelation 7:13-17.

**8. When the fifth seal was opened, what did John see under the altar? What were they saying? Revelation. 6:9, 10.**

**Ans: a.** "The _____ of them that were _____ for the _____ of _____."

**Ans: b.** "How long, 0 _____ ... dost thou _____ ... avenge our _____."

NOTE: Here is symbolism from Moses' altar of burnt offerings. The sacrifice was offered and the blood poured out at the base of the altar, Leviticus 4:7. In the 5th seal, the blood of the martyred saints cried out symbolically to God, like the blood of Abel did after he was slain by his brother, Genesis 4:10. The word "soul" also means "life", Job 12:10,and the "blood" is the "life", Deuteronomy 12:23, so, soul here refers to the blood or lives of those who had been slain. Dr. Adam Clark, the noted Methodist commentator, says, 'The altar is upon the earth, not in heaven". (UNFOLDING THE REVELATION, page 69). And Albert Barnes, the famed Presbyterian commentator, says, 'We are not to suppose that this literally occurred ... for the whole representation is symbolical; nor are we to suppose that the injured and the wronged . actually pray for vengeance on those who have wronged them". — NOTES ON THE NEW TESTAMENT,



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## SIGNS THAT SHOW JESUS WILL RETURN IN OUR DAY

Accumulation of wealth — James 5:1-8

Capital/Labour troubles — James 5:1-8

War preparations — Matthew 24:6, 7; Revelation 11:18

Increase of knowledge — Daniel 12:4

Unrest, upheaval — Luke 21:25-27

Craze for pleasure — 2 Timothy 3:1-4

Religious scepticism — Luke 18:8

Intemperance, physical decay — Luke 17:26-30

Falling away from Bible truth — 2 Timothy 4:1-4

Moral degeneracy and decline of spirituality — 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Unparalleled travel — Daniel 12:4

Destructive earthquakes, cyclones, famines, etc. — Matthew 24:7

Abounding lawlessness — Matthew 24:12; 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Scoffers — 2 Peter 3:3-5

Communication with spirits — I Timothy 4:1-2

Deceptive miracles — Revelation 16:14; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

Great peace movements — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

False Christs/prophets — Matthew 24:24

People will be too busy — Luke 21:34; Matthew 24:37-39

Men will have power to destroy the earth — Revelation 11:18

Increasing crime and evil — 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 13

Denial of creation — 2 Peter 3:3-6

Fear, distress of nations — Luke 21:25, 26

Heresy and apostasy — 2 Thessalonians 2:3; II Peter 2:1, 2

Children disobedient to parents — 2 Timothy 3:1, 2

Truce breakers — 2 Timothy 3:1, 3

(November 13, 1833) ... COVERED NO INCONSIDERABLE PORTION OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE ... covering the entire vault of heaven with myriads of fire balls." **Geography of the Heavens**, p. 157. Within a little over a half century after the darkening of the sun and moon, this most remarkable of all meteoric showers took place.

When God's great prophetic clock struck the hour, events as predicted took place:

**1.** November 1, 1755
— The great earthquake

then 25 years later, **2.** May 19, 1780
— The dark day and the moon as blood

then 53 years later, **3.** November 13, 1833
— The falling of the stars



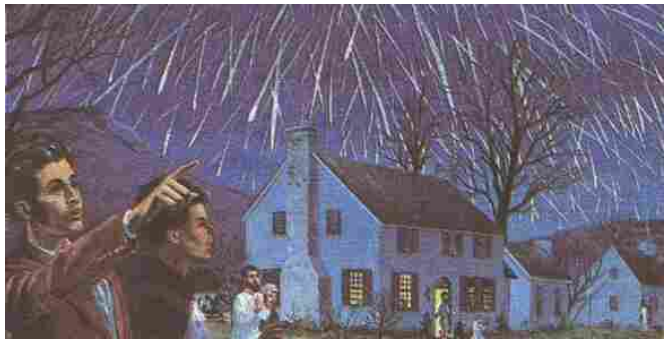
Vol. 9, (Book of Revelation), page 171.

**9. How long were the martyrs to rest before being rewarded? Revelation 6:11**

**Ans:** "They should _____ yet for a _____ season"

NOTE: The **WHITE ROBES** indicate victory for these martyrs, Revelation 19:8; 3:5. Though their victory was already won, they were to rest or sleep in the tomb a little season, till Jesus returns and rewards all His saints together, at the same time, Revelation 22:12; Hebrews 11:39, 40. The late George Eldon Ladd, former professor of New Testament theology at Fuller Theological Seminary, says in his Revelation commentary, "The fact that John saw the souls of the martyrs under the altar has nothing to do with the state of the dead or their situation in the intermediate state; it is merely a way of picturing the sad fact that they had been martyred in the name of their God". AN ENTIRE SEMINAR LESSON WILL DEAL WITH THE SUBJECT OF OUR DEAD LOVED ONES. IT IS ENTITLED, "THE KEYS OF DEATH". WATCH FOR IT. The 5th seal covers the same era as the fifth church, Sardis — from the 16th to the mid-1 8th century. The horrible persecution of the fourth seal continued under the fifth. Jesus said this period of persecution or tribulation would be shortened. And, indeed, it was shortened by the dynamic preaching of Huss, Jerome, Knox, Tyndale, Luther and other great men of God of the reformation.

**Startling signs draw men's minds to study Bible prophecy.**



## SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS

**10. What shocking events take place as the sixth seal opens? Revelation 6:12, 13**

**Ans: a.** `There was a great _____.”

**Ans: b.** "The _____ became _____.”

**Ans: c.** "The _____ became as _____."

**Ans: d.** "The _____ of heaven _____ ."

NOTE Please see Exhibit #2 for historical documentation of these signs.

**11. The next momentous event under the sixth seal is the second coming of Jesus. Read the graphic description in Revelation 6:14-17. Why do the unsaved call for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them?**

Ans: "For the great _____ of His _____ is _____."

and who _____ be _____ to _____ ?"

NOTE: IT IS SOBERING, INDEED, TO REALIZE THAT WE ARE NOW LIVING BETWEEN VERSE 13 and 14 OF THE SIXTH SEAL OF REVELATION 6. IT HAS BEEN 150 YEARS SINCE THE LAST SIGN, THE FALLING OF THE STARS. THE NEXT SIGN IS ABOUT TO APPEAR "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory". Matthew 24:30. Please note that the sixth seal covers the time periods of both the sixth and seventh churches, Philadelphia and Laodicea — from about the middle of the 18th century to the coming of Jesus.

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## SEAL OF GOD

"WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO STAND?' is the question the lost will cry out in terror at Jesus' second coming?

Jesus interrupts, before opening the 7th seal, and spends the entire 7th chapter to tell us WHO WILL BE READY.

**12. To be ready, what must first be received from the angel? Revelation 7:2, 3.**

**Ans:** "Hurt not the earth ... till we have _____ the



came shortly after the period of persecution sometimes called the Dark Ages.

## THE MOON RED AS BLOOD — NORTH AMERICA

May 19, 1780

The night of the dark day was so black, a piece of white paper could not be seen when held directly in front of the eyes. People looked for the moon, but like the sun, it was blacked out. At about midnight, the unusual darkness lifted and the moon appeared but it was as red as blood. Milo Bostwick says of this event, "The moon, which was at its full, had the appearance of blood. The alarm that it caused and the frequent talk about it impressed it deeply on my mind." **Stone's History of Beverly, Massachusetts.**

## FALLING OF THE STARS — NORTH AMERICA

November 13, 1833

"The morning of November 13th, 1833, was rendered memorable by an exhibition of the phenomenon called SHOOTING STARS, which was probably more extensive and magnificent than any similar one hitherto recorded . • . Probably no celestial phenomenon has ever occurred in this country, since its first settlement, which was viewed with so much admiration and delight by one class of spectators, or with so much astonishment and fear by another class. For some time after the occurrence, the `meteoric phenomenon' was the principal topic of conversation in every circle." - **American Journal of Science and Arts, V**ol. XXV, 1834.

R. M. Devens, speaking of the great star shower, said, "The whole firmament, all over the United States, being then, for hours in fiery commotion." **The Great Events of Our Past History**, pp. 214,215.

Of this event Charles A. Young, a Professor of Astronomy at Princeton University says: "Probably the MOST REMARKABLE of all the meteoric showers .. was that of the Leonids, on November 12, 1833. The number... was estimated as high as 2,000,000 an hour for five or six hours." **Manual of Astronomy**, p. 469. The heavens were ablaze with falling stars. People thought surely it was the Judgment Day.

Of the extent of visibility of this meteoric display we read in the Encyclopaedia Americana, under Article "Meteors" as follows: "This spectacle ... WITNESSED THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA . . excited the greatest interest ... Hundreds of thousands of shooting stars fell ... Some observers compared their number to the flakes of a snowstorm, or to the raindrops in a shower." The spectacle was of the sublimest order. It began about nine o'clock in the evening and continued until well after daylight.

Elijah Burritt says: "The most sublime phenomenon of shooting stars

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## "SIGNS" UNDER THE SIXTH SEAL

When God made the sun, moon and stars at creation, He said, "Let them be for **SIGNS**, for seasons, and for days, and years", Genesis 1:14. So we should not be surprised to find God giving us signs of His return in the heavens. He planned it from the beginning.

## LISBON, PORTUGAL EARTHQUAKE

November 1, 1755

> "The sixth seal opens with great convulsions of the earth. One of the most extensively felt earthquakes ever recorded occurred November 1, 1755. It is sometimes called `the Lisbon earthquake,' because the greater part of that city was destroyed with the loss of between 60,000 and 90,000 lives. The sea rose to fifty feet above its ordinary level.
>
> `The great earthquake of (November 1) 1755, extended over a tract of at least four millions of square miles ... It pervaded the greater portions of the continents of Europe, Africa, and America.' — **Robert Sears, Wonders of the World**, pp. 50,58" — **Unfolding the Revelation**, p. 71.

Up to this point in human history, this earthquake was probably the greatest natural disaster since Noah's flood.

## THE DARK DAY — NORTH AMERICA

May 19, 1780

> "Almost, if not altogether alone, as the most mysterious and as yet unexplained phenomenon of its kind, in nature's diversified range of events, ... stands the dark day of May 19th, 1780, — a most unaccountable darkening of the whole visible heavens and atmosphere in New England." — R. M. Devens, **Our First Century**, pp. 89,90.

Noah Webster, in his "American Dictionary of the English Language" (1882 edition), says of the dark day, "The true cause of this remarkable phenomenon is not known." Since Webster's day, some have explained this strange phenomenon on a natural basis. There may well be a natural cause. After all, God used a natural means to open the Red Sea for Israel, Exodus 14:21. The important point is that a strange, dark day occurred at the right time as Jesus said it would. It



_____ of our _____ in their _____ ".

NOTE: The people who will be ready for Jesus' coming must first, receive God's seal or sign in their foreheads. Do you know what this sign is? OUR NEXT SEMINAR LESSON EXPLAINS WHAT THIS IMPERATIVE SIGN IS. WHAT COULD BE MORE IMPORTANT?

GOD HAS GRACIOUSLY GIVEN MANY OTHER SIGNS WHICH DESCRIBE THE DAYS JUST BEFORE JESUS' COMING. PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REVIEW EXHIBIT #3, WHICH LISTS MANY OF THESE SIGNS.

13. **The gospel must go to every person on earth before Jesus comes, Revelation 14:6; Matthew 24:14. What happens as seen as all have heard the gospel? Revelation 14:14**

    **Ans:** _____

    NOTE The gospel is sweeping across the earth like a prairie grass fire in the wind.

14. **I cannot know the day or hour of Jesus return, Matthew 24:38 but what can I know as I look at the signs? Matthew 24:33**

    **Ans:** "_____ that it is _____, _____ at the _____".

    NOTE: This is no guess work We can KNOW that it is near.

## SILENCE IN HEAVEN

15. **What happened when the seventh seal was opened? Revelation 8:1**

    **Ans:** "There was _____ in _____ about the _____ of _____ an _____."

    NOTE: This silence takes place at the time of Jesus' coming. Heaven is silent because it is empty. All the angels come with Jesus, Matthew 25:31.

16. **How should we react when we review the signs of Jesus' return? Luke 21:28.**

    **Ans:** "Look _____ and _____ up your _____, for your _____ draweth _____."

    NOTE: Our most exciting thoughts should be of our Lord's return.

**17. What is Jesus delighted to do for us if we ask Him? Jude 24, 25**

**Ans:** Keep us from _____ and present us _____ before the presence of His glory with exceeding _____.

NOTE: Jesus **GUARANTEES** us a place in His kingdom if we follow where He leads.

**18. Jesus wants to take you on that fabulous space journey from earth to heaven. Will you decide, now, to follow where He leads, so He can slate . you for that trip?**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: After studying this lesson, please review again Exhibit #1 on the seven seals. It will be most helpful.

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**"Look up, and lift up your heads;
for your redemption draweth nigh."
Luke 21:28**





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## THE SEVEN SEALS OF REVELATION

| NUMBER | DESCRIPTION | ACTIVITIES | APPROX. DATE | MEANING OF SYMBOLS | CORRESPONDING CHURCH |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | White horse<br>Rider has bow & crown | Went forth conquering | 1st century A.D. | Horse & Rider = Angels<br>White = Purity<br>Crown = Victory<br>Bow = Success against evil | Ephesus |
| 2nd | Red horse<br>Rider has a great sword | Take peace from earth<br>Kill one another | 2nd, 3rd, and 1st part of 4th centuries | Red = Bloody Persecution<br>Sword = Symbol of bloodshed | Smyrna |
| 3rd | Black horse<br>Rider has pair of balances | Weighing wheat and barley and selling for exorbitant prices | 4th, 5th, and ½ of 6th centuries | Black = Moral darkness<br>Weighing grain & selling for exorbitant prices = Great spiritual famine for Scripture<br>Oil = Holy Spirit<br>Wine = Atoning blood of Jesus | Pergamos |
| 4th | Pale horse<br>Rider is Death<br>Followed by the Grave | Power to kill with hunger, sword and beasts | 2nd half of the 6th through the 15th centuries | Pale = Symbol of Death<br>Death & Grave = Devastating destruction of God's people during tribulation | Thyatira |
| 5th | Souls of slain under altar | Cried out for God to avenge their blood.<br>White robes given them<br>Wait a little season | 16th, 17th and half of the 18th centuries | Souls crying out = symbolic crying out as Abels blood did<br>White Robes = Victory through Jesus<br>Rest a Season = Wait in graves till Jesus' return with the rewards | Sardis |
| 6th | Earthquake<br>Sun became black<br>Moon into blood<br>Stars fall<br>2nd coming of Jesus | | Mid-18th century to second coming of Jesus | Earthquake = Lisbon earthquake, 11-1-1755<br>Sun Dark = Dark Day, 5-19-1780<br>Moon to Blood = Color of blood, 5-19-1780<br>Stars to fall = Stars fell 11-13-1833<br>2nd Coming = yet future | Philadelphia and Laodicea |
| 7th | Silence in Heaven | | At second coming | **Silence for ½ hr:** ½ hour would be 7½ days when using prophetic guide of 1 prophetic day equals 1 literal year. Jesus takes 7½ days for His 2nd coming. It is silent in heaven because the angels come with Jesus at 2nd coming. | |

to create. HIS love, HIS power to save from sin and HIS miracles. And, most exciting of all, Jesus set this wonderful day aside to be with us and to help us become like Him. Jesus, at Eden, gave people two wonderful institutions to make them supremely happy: marriage and the Sabbath. He must often weep that so many people today ignore these two loving gifts, and thus end up with lives of misery and woe.

27. **Isaiah 58:13, 14 and other Bible passages point out that Sabbath keeping brings to a person blessings that are unbelievably rewarding. Would you like to begin receiving these blessings by sharing Jesus' special day with Him?**

**Ans:** _____

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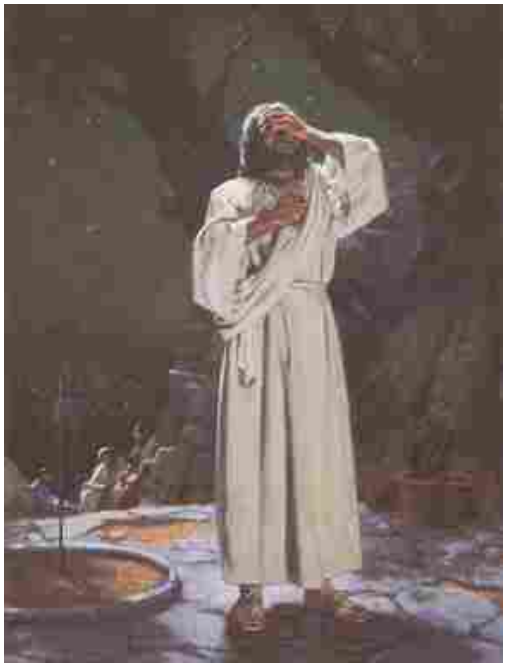

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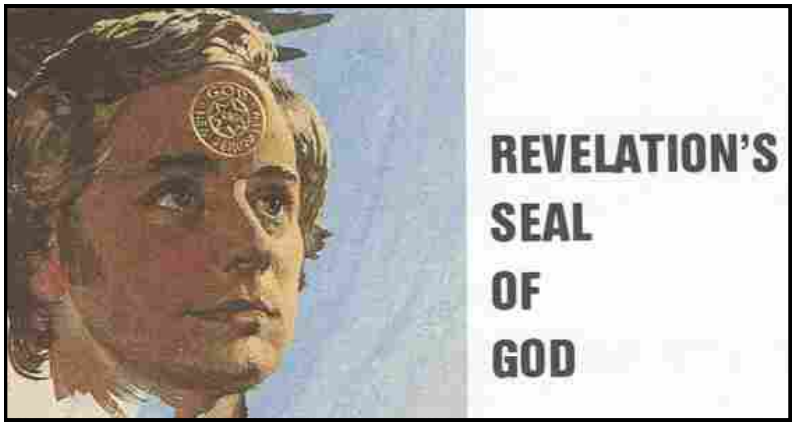


Would you be surprised to learn that God has a special sign, seal, or mark that He places upon His people?

Would you be startled to learn that unless a person bears this mark at Jesus' return, he cannot enter God's kingdom?

Would you be shocked to discover that most people are totally unaware of God's mark, and thus ignore it?

Would you be amazed to suddenly realize that God is much displeased that men are ignoring His carefully selected mark?

Would you be dumbfounded to find out that one great prime purpose of Revelation is to identify and restore God's mark to His people?

Well, incredible as it may seem, the above five statements are true. Few things are as important to God as His mark. And, tragically, when God looks at most of His people today, He can only shake His head and sadly say, "The mark is missing." It would be difficult to find a more important topic for study. Please pray much as you consider this most crucial matter.

## GOD'S SEAL OF PROTECTION

1. **Lets move at once into the heart of the subject by reading Revelation 7:1 -3. Notice that a mighty angel has commanded that the final winds of war and destruction not unleash their fury upon the earth and sea until something very important has been completed. What is that important something?**

   **Ans:** "Hurt not the earth ... till we have _____ the

_____ of _____ in their _____."

NOTE: The angel is saying that God will not permit destruction to come upon the earth until His people have all received His seal or mark. With God, the marking of His people is an extremely imperative priority matter. Remember that in symbolic language, winds represent war, strife and destruction. See Exhibit #1. Lesson 1.

2. **How widely will the serious messages of Revelation, including the truth about God's seal, sign, or mark, be presented? Revelation 14:6**

**Ans.** "To every_____ and _____

and _____ and _____ ."

NOTE: Seal, sign and mark are used interchangeably in Scripture, Romans 4:11; Ezekiel 9:4; Revelation 7:2, 3.

3. **What is a seal? How is it sometimes used in a figurative manner?**

**Romans 4:11; Ephesians 1:13; Ephesians 4:30**

**Ans:** "A _____ of Righteousness of the faith ..."

"Grieve not the _____ _____ of God,

whereby ye are _____.

NOTE: In the Bible two figurative uses of the seal are made.

**a.** A seal may stand for a truth or requirement of God.

**b.** A seal may indicate God's ownership and approval.

4. **What three things does a government seal contain?**

**Ans:** Government seals are used to officially identify national laws and authorize legal documents. Such a seal must give the law-giver's **a. Name, b. Title**, **and c. Territory** over which he rules and has authority.

5. **What is God's seal in His Holy Law, the Ten Commandments? Exodus 20:8-11**

**Ans:** "The _____ day is the _____ of the

_____ thy God ... For in six days the Lord _____

heaven and earth".

NOTE The fourth commandment is the seal of God's Ten Commandment Law because it states **a. God's Name** ("the Lord thy God"), **b. His title or office as Creator** ("Made"), and **c. His dominion** ("Heaven and Earth"). Thus, the fourth commandment sets forth in unmistakable language, the





_____ of God, and the _____of Jesus".

NOTE: This final presentation of the gospel calls the inhabitants of earth back to the **worship of the Creator** and actually **quotes part of the 4th commandment**, "Worship Him that 'made heaven, and earth, and the sea' ". The recognition of God as our Creator becomes automatic when we recognize and observe His Sabbath. Also, it continually reminds us of our **Roots** as children of the Great Creator, God. The result of these final Three Angels' Messages, Revelation 14:6-12, is to gather together and prepare a special people who will be loyally obedient to the commandments of God, and be ready when Jesus returns. These are the people who will have God's sign or seal (His Sabbath) in their foreheads.

25. **What does God say, in the ten commandments, that I must do to demonstrate that I worship the creator? Exodus 20:8, 11**

**Ans.** "_____ the _____ day to

_____ it _____ in six days the _____

_____ _____ and _____."

NOTE: God commands that I keep the Sabbath holy as proof that I accept and worship Him as Creator. The importance of this commandment cannot be over-emphasized. If people had kept this commandment through the centuries, there would not be one single evolutionist, idolater, or pagan. today. No wonder God is calling people back to Sabbath-keeping at this time in history.



**PEOPLE WILL KEEP THE SABBATH IN THE NEW EARTH.**

26. **Why should Sabbath-keeping be especially exciting to a follower of the Lord Jesus? Mark 2:28**

**Ans.** Because the Sabbath is the _____ day.

NOTE: Remember! Jesus created everything in co-operation with His Father, John 1:1-3, 10, 14; Hebrews 1:1. 2; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:13-17. This, of course, includes the Sabbath. The Sabbath is thrilling and exciting to Christians because it centres in Jesus. It is HIS day. It represents: HIS power

destroyed almost forty years in the future. But He said, "Pray that you won't have to flee on the Sabbath", because He expected them to be keeping the Sabbath forty years after His ascension.

## GOD'S PEOPLE IDENTIFIED

**19. How does Revelation refer to the people who will be saved in God's Kingdom? Revelation 14:12; 12:17.**

**Ans.** As the people who "_____ the _____."

NOTE: This includes Sabbath-keeping, since it is the fourth commandment. Exodus 20:8-11.

**20. Why is breaking God's commandments, or law, so serious? 1 John 3:4**

**Ans.** Because breaking God's law is "_____" and the wages of sin is "_____". Romans 6:23

**21. In Isaiah 58:1, God says "cry aloud" and show "my people" their sin. What sin is He specifically referring to in verse 13?**

**Ans.** He said they were trampling upon His "_____ ."

NOTE: In Isaiah's day they were trampling upon God's Sabbath seal. Men, today, are doing the same serious thing. God says that His own dear people, who love Him, are trampling His Sabbath under foot. His command is to "cry aloud" and explain the Sabbath to them, because His loving sheep will gladly follow Him in Sabbath-keeping when they understand. They long to please. That is why He claims them as His sheep.

**22. What day will the saints keep in the New Earth? Isaiah 66:22, 23**

**Ans:** "_____ "

**23. What should be my motivation for obedience to Gods commands? John 14:15**

**Ans:** Love of _____

**24. How does Revelation show that a special message about the Sabbath sign or Seal will go to the world just before Jesus comes? Revelation 14:6, 7, 12, 14**

**Ans:** "Worship _____ that _____ _____ and _____" "they that _____ the





authority that is back of the Ten Commandments — the author of our Creator and the Government of God.

**6. Revelation is clear: we worship God because He is our CREATOR, Revelation 4:10, 11, and REDEEMER, Revelation 5:9. What has God provided for His people as a sign, seal, or mark of His CREATING and REDEEMING power? Exodus 31:16, 17; Ezekiel 20:12**

**Ans.** _____

NOTE: God, Himself, made the Sabbath a sign of His **creating, redeeming** power. When I keep it holy I demonstrate my acceptance of Him as my **Creator and Saviour.**

**7. Where does the great angel of Revelation 7 say this sign or seal of God will be placed on a person? Revelation 7:3**

**Ans.** "In their _____."

NOTE: The forehead represents the mind. We serve the Lord with our minds. Romans 7:25. So, when we consent to keep God's Sabbath we are marked, or signed, in our minds, which are represented by the forehead. Just think of it! Angels are holding back the fury of Satan until God's people everywhere have accepted, His sign.

**The Sabbath is for all people.**



## GOD'S HOLY SABBATH

**8. When did God make the Sabbath? Genesis 2:1-4**

**Ans.** "When .... the Lord God made the _____ and the _____ ."

NOTE: After the six days of creation. God made the Sabbath on the seventh day.

**9. From what did God make the Sabbath? Exodus 20:10**

**Ans.** "The seventh _____ is the Sabbath".

NOTE: God made the Sabbath from a 24-hour day — the seventh day. It is made of time, and time is what it takes to develop a warm friendship with the Lord. He offers me 24 hours a week of His priceless time so He and I can become warm, close friends. A marriage cannot succeed unless the partners spend time together. Neither will my love relationship with the Lord succeed unless we are together. If the leader of my country offered to spend one day with me, how honoured would be! I would allow nothing to interfere with that appointment. But the King of the Universe, has planned into His incredibly important schedule an appointment to meet me one day a week. How can I ignore such an offer?

**10. What three things did God do at creation that made the seventh day special? Genesis 2:2, 3**

**Ans.** "And He _____ on the seventh day ... and God _____ the seventh day and _____ it."

NOTE: "Sanctify" means to set aside for a sacred use. As the Bible is different from any other book and our national flag is different from any other piece of cloth, so the Sabbath is totally different from any other day. The literal 24-hour period was made holy by God.

**11. When God blesses something, for how long is it blessed? 1 Chronicles 17:27**

**Ans.** "Thou blessest, O Lord, and it shall be blest _____."

**12. For whom did God make the Sabbath? Mark 2-.7 28.1**

**Ans.** "The Sabbath was made for _____ ,"

NOTE: Some say that the Sabbath was made for the Jews only, and not for Gentiles. But Jesus says it was made for all men or people everywhere.

**13. Read the Sabbath commandment, Exodus 20:8-11. What specific command is given here regarding the Sabbath?**

**Ans.** "_____ the _____ day to _____ it holy"

NOTE: This command is so clear that a person would have to try hard to misunderstand it. It is the only command of the ten beginning with the word "Remember". God saw that men would forget.







# JESUS, OUR EXAMPLE, KEPT THE SABBATH.

## THE NEW TESTAMENT SABBATH

**14. Have the ten commandments, which mandate Sabbath keeping, ever been repealed? Luke 16:17**

**Ans.** "It is easier for _____ and _____ to _____ than for one _____ of the _____to_____."

NOTE: God's law and His commandments are the same thing, Matthew 5:17-19; Romans 13:8-10.

**15. Which day did Jesus and Paul keep Holy? Luke 4:16; Acts 17:2**

**Ans.** _____

**16. How should it affect me personally, to learn that Jesus kept the Sabbath? 1 Peter 2:21**

**Ans.** Christ is my example. I should _____ in His steps.

NOTE: Since Jesus set an example for me in Sabbath-keeping, surely I will want to follow Him in keeping it.

**17. Did Christian Gentiles keep the Sabbath? Acts 13:42**

**Ans.** _____

NOTE: Verse 43 points out that these Sabbath-keeping Gentiles were also living under grace.

**18. What did Jesus say that lets us know that He did not plan to change the Sabbath at the time of His resurrection? Matthew 24:20**

**Ans.** Jesus said they should pray that they would not have to flee in winter or on the _____ day when Jerusalem fell.

NOTE: When Jesus made this statement He knew that Jerusalem would be

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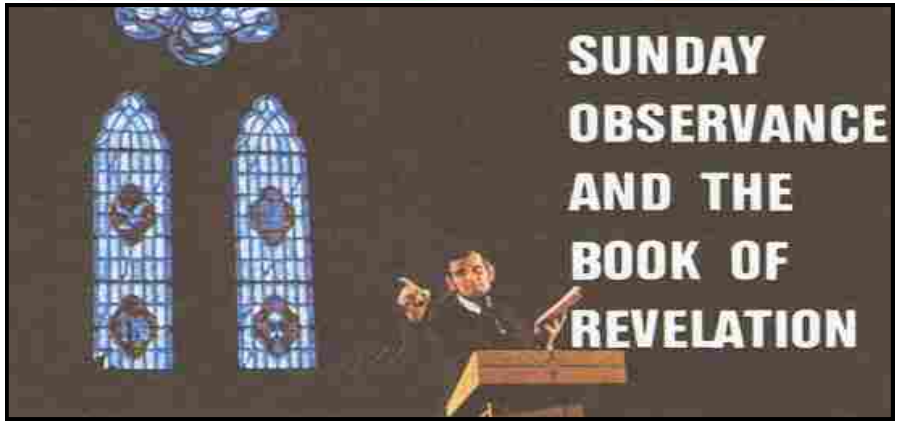


Since Revelation is a book for the last days, and since it centres on Jesus and His resurrection, one would expect to find some exciting comments in the book in regard to the church custom of keeping Sunday as a holy day in honour of His resurrection.

But, strangely, the day is not even mentioned. Stranger yet, though the day is mentioned eight times in other books of the New Testament, in no case is a command given to keep it holy. Since millions of sincere and loving, Bible-believing Christians worship on Sunday, why is the Bible curiously silent on this subject?

Could it be that much more is involved, here, than appears on the surface? The answer is "yes"[ One of the greatest prophecies of the book of Revelation involves the subject of Sunday worship. One of our Seminar lessons will consider this crucial topic in detail.

It would, however, be impossible to understand this important prophecy unless the topic for today becomes crystal clear. So let us examine the eight Scripture references in the New Testament, which mention the first day of the week Obviously, if there is a command to keep Sunday holy we should find it in one of these Bible passages.

## EIGHT SUNDAY TEXTS

**1.** Consider three of these New Testament texts that speak of the resurrection of Jesus: Mark 16:9; Matthew 28:1; John 20:1. Du any of these scriptures suggest that the day is to be considered holy?

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: In the Bible, Sunday is always called the first day of the week.

2. **The fourth passage is Mark 16:1, 2. Does this reference imply that the day is holy?**

   **Ans:** _____

   I NOTE: This New Testament passage does tell us something interesting, however. It tells us that Sunday is not the Sabbath. It says that Sabbath is already passed when Sunday comes.

3. **Luke 24:1 is the fifth New Testament text that mentions the first day of the week. Does this passage say that the day is holy?**

   **Ans:** _____

   NOTE: The Book of Luke was written, by a Gentile Christian, 30 years after Christ's ascension but no change in the day of worship is mentioned.

   Dr. Luke, a physician [Colossians 4:14], was the author of "the gospel of Luke and "Acts of the Apostles". He made significant statements in his gospels regarding Jesus' life.

4. **How much did Luke include about Jesus' activities? Acts 1:1-3**

   **Ans:** "The former treatise have I made ... of _____ that

   Jesus began both to _____ and _____."

   NOTE: This is a highly significant Scripture passage. Luke is here saying that in his gospel he included information regarding all that Jesus did and taught including any COMMANDMENTS given to the disciples, Acts 1:2. But the book of Luke only mentions the first day of the week one time with no hint to keep it holy.

5. **The sixth New Testament passage which mentions the first day of the week is John 20:19. Some say the disciples had gathered in this meeting to inaugurate the keeping of the first day of the week as a holy day. According to this passage, why had they gathered for the meeting?**

   **Ans:** "for _____ of the _____."

   NOTE: The disciples could not have gathered to inaugurate a new holy day in honour of the resurrection, because until Jesus appeared in their midst they refused to believe He was raised, Mark 16:14.

6. **The seventh reference mentioning the first day of the week in the New Testament is 1 Corinthians 16:12. Several questions should he asked and answered here: Does this passage say the day is holy?**

   **Ans:** _____





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in the water under the earth. **Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them**: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Exodus 20:4-6

3. **Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain;** for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Exodus 20:7

4. **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy**. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it. Exodus 20:8-11

5. **Honour thy father and thy mother:** that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. Exodus 20:12

6. **Thou shalt not kill.** Exodus 20:13

7. **Thou shalt not commit adultery**. Exodus 20:14

8. **Thou shalt not steal. Exodus** 20:15

9. **Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour**. Exodus 20:16

10. **Thou shalt not covet** thy neighbour's house, **thou shalt not covet** thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's. Exodus 20:17



**a. Does this passage say, "Drop money in the collection plate when it is passed in your church on the first day?**

**Ans:** _____

**b. It says upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay BY HIM in store. What is the significance of 'BY HIM"?**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: The expression "BY HIM" means to do it privately in your home. Many Bible translations so record it. For example, one modern translation* says, "Each of you should at home lay aside some money he makes and save it". Paul was gathering funds for the Jerusalem Christians who were suffering from famine, Acts 11:27-30; Romans 15:26. So he wrote ahead to the churches he would visit, asking that each believer be putting money aside at home weekly so it would be ready when he arrived. These Christians kept Sabbath holy and usually balanced their accounts on Sunday so it was an ideal time to plan their giving. (*New Testament in the language of today, by William F. Beck © '63 Used by permission.)



**God's Law, like His character, never changes**.

7. **The eighth, and final, New Testament passage which mentions the first day of the week is Acts 20:7-12. Does it say to observe Sunday as a holy day?**

**Ans**: _____

**a. Does it say the Sabbath was changed to Sunday?**

**Ans**: _____

**b. Does it say they met every Sunday for worship?**

**Ans**: _____

NOTE: Paul was on a farewell trip to the churches. Acts, chapters 20 and 21

mention at least five other churches that Paul visited on this same farewell trip. When he told the people he would not see them again, they wept much, Acts 20:37, 38; 21:13, 14. The meeting at Troas was a special farewell meeting. That is why it lasted so long. Two other points should be made:

**a.** The fact that they broke bread or celebrated communion at this service does not indicate the day was holy, because the Bible says they broke bread every day, Acts 2:46.

**b.** In the Bible, a 24-hour day is measured from even to even which means from sundown to sundown, Leviticus 23:32; Mark 1:32. Also, the dark part of the day, or evening, comes first in the Bible, and then comes the light part, Genesis 1:5. This meeting was called for the dark part of Sunday (the lights were on, Acts 20:8), which is what we now call Saturday night. Some Bible translations put it that way. For example, the New English Bible says, "On Saturday night". By Bible reckoning, when the sun goes down on Saturday night the dark part of Sunday begins. So this special farewell meeting was called for what we would now designate Saturday night. Thus it could not possibly be an indication of Sunday sacredness, because Sunday keepers do not begin their holy day until midnight.

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## THE LORD'S DAY

**8. Do you believe, that if Jesus or the disciples had made Sunday a holy day, Paul would have told us? Acts 20:27**

**Ans:** Yes — he gave us _____ of God's _____.

NOTE: The book of Acts, in covering a period of twenty-three years beginning with Jesus' ascension, mentions the Sabbath in eight different chapters, but never with any hint of a change.

**9. Could the disciples have changed the Sabbath command even if they had wished to do so? Matthew 5:18; Deuteronomy 4:2**

**Ans:** _____

**10. Often Satan's strategy is to cause me to ignore or break just one of God's commands. Do you know why? James 2:10-12**

**Ans:** "Whosoever.., offend in _____ point... Is _____ of all".

NOTE: God's law is like a ten-sided fortress. Only one side needs to be broken down to permit the enemy to enter.

**11. In Revelation 1:10, John said he was in the spirit on the Lord's day.**





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## THE LAW OF GOD - NEW TESTAMENT

**1.** 'Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve", Matthew 4:10.

**2.** "Little children, keep yourselves from idols", "Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device", I John 5:21; Acts 17:29.

**3.** "That the name of God and His doctrine be not blasphemed", I Timothy 6:1.

**4.** "Pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day", "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath", "For He spake in a certain place on the seventh day on this wise. And God did rest the seventh day from all His works", "There remaineth therefore a keeping of a Sabbath to the people of God. For he that is entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His", "For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth", Matthew 24:20; Mark 2:27, 28; Hebrews 4:4, 9, 10 margin; Colossians 1:16.

**5.** "Honour thy father and thy mother", Matthew 19:19.

**6.** "Thou shalt not kill", Romans 13:9.

**7.** "Thou shalt not commit adultery", Matthew 19:18

**8.** "Thou shalt not steal", Romans 13:9.

**9.** "Thou shalt not bear false witness", Romans 13:9.

**10.** "Thou shalt not covet", Romans 7:7.

## THE LAW OF GOD - OLD TESTAMENT

**1.** And God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. **Thou shalt have no other gods before me.** Exodus 20:1-3

**2.** **Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image**, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is

from Saturday to Sunday? None." — **Manual of Christian Doctrine**, p. 127

## METHODIST

"Take the matter of Sunday . . . there is no passage telling Christians to keep that day, or to transfer the Jewish Sabbath to that day." — Harris Franklin Rail**, Christian Advocate,** July 2, 1942

## LUTHERAN

"The observance of the Lord's day (Sunday) is founded not on any command of God, but on the authority of the church." — **Augsburg Confession of Faith,** quoted in **Catholic Sabbath Manual,** part 2, Chapter 1, Section 10

## PRESBYTERIAN

"The Christian Sabbath (Sunday) is not in the Scriptures, and was not by the primitive church called the Sabbath." — **Dwight's Theology**, vol. 4, p. 401

## DICTIONARY

"The notion of a formal substitution by apostolic authority of the Lord's Day (meaning Sunday) for the Jewish Sabbath (or the first for the seventh day) ... and the transference to it, perhaps in a spiritualized form, of the sabbatical obligation established by the promulgation of the Fourth Commandment, has no basis whatever either in Holy Scripture or in Christian antiquity." — Sir William Smith & Samuel Cheetham, **A Dictionary of Christian Antiquities**, vol. 2, p. 182, Article "Sabbath"

## ENCYCLOPEDIA

"It must be confessed that there is no law in the New Testament concerning the first day." — M'Clintock and Strong, **Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological and Ecclesiastical Literature**, vol. 9, p. 196

**NOTE:** Though some individual pastors may argue the point, we have not found one single Sunday-keeping organization yet, which did not in its official literature plainly admit that there is no Scripture to support Sunday observance.



**According to the Bible which day is the Lord's day? Exodus 20:10; Isaiah 58:13; Mark 2:28**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: People sometimes call Sunday, the Lord's day. But the Bible says the Sabbath is the Lord's day.

# MEMORIAL OF JESUS' RESURRECTION

12. **What does the Bible call Sunday? Ezekiel 46:1**

    **Ans:** One of the six _____ days.

13. **Since the Bible calls Sunday a work day and nowhere suggests that it is holy, where must the concept of Sunday sacredness have come from? Matthew 15:3-9**

    **Ans:** From the tradition and commandments of _____ .

    NOTE: Misguided men have substituted another day of worship for the Sabbath.

14. **Many people observe Sunday as a holy day in honour of Jesus' resurrection. but what did Jesus institute for us in honour of His death, burial and resurrection? Romans 6:3-6; Colossians 2:12**

    **Ans:** _____

15. **Hasn't the calendar been changed so we cannot know which day is the seventh day? (See note and picture of calendar before answering this question.)**

    **Ans:** _____



NOTE: The Romans, who were ruling in Jesus' day, gave us our modern calendar. Only one change has been made. In October of 1582, ten days were removed from the calendar. However, the change did not affect the weekly cycle, because the numbering on the calendar went from THURSDAY, the 4th, to FRIDAY, the 15th. We add a day (the 29th of February) each leap year, but this does not affect the weekly cycle, either. Not all countries made this necessary calendar adjustment in 1582, but the same kind of change was eventually made everywhere. Therefore, the seventh day on our calendar today is the very same seventh day that Jesus kept.

## NAILED TO THE CROSS



**16. In Colossians 2:14-17. Paul tells us that certain Sabbaths are no longer binding because they ended at the cross, Which Sabbaths were these?**

Ans: Those that were a "shadow of

to

NOTE: God gave His people **different kinds** of instruction, through Moses.

**a.** He gave them the **MORAL LAW** of the Ten Commandments which defines man's duty to his God and his duty to his fellow beings. Such a Law is permanent by its very nature.

**b.** He gave them **RITUAL** or **CEREMONIAL LAWS**, which regulated the sacrificial system that symbolized and foreshadowed the coming sacrificial death and priestly ministry of Christ, Hebrews 10:1.

By this means he taught Israel the Gospel, Hebrews 4:1-2, or the Plan of Salvation. Through the sacrifices and the mediation of the Hebrew priesthood they saw, foreshadowed, the coming Redeemer. By their nature, it is evident that the ceremonial or ritual laws are **temporary** — until the coming of the Jesus which they foreshadowed. The annual or yearly Sabbaths were a part of this ritual system — each foreshadowing some aspect of Christ and the Plan of Salvation. For example, the ritual Sabbath of the Passover foreshadowed Christ's death, I Corinthians 5:7. All of these yearly Sabbaths came to an end at the cross.

VERY IMPORTANT: At this point, please review carefully the special Seminar Exhibits #1, #2 and #4 which compare God and His law: the Moral Law and the Ceremonial or Ritual Law, and which outline the ten commandments in the New Testament.

**17. What do the churches which worship on Sunday say about this problem?**

NOTE: See special Seminar Exhibit #3 entitled "The Churches Comment" for answer to this question.





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## THE CHURCHES COMMENT

### BAPTIST

"There was and is a commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day but that Sabbath day was not Sunday ... It will be said, however, and with some show of triumph, that the Sabbath was transferred from the seventh to the first day of the week ... Where can the record of such a transaction be found? Not in the New Testament — absolutely not. There is no scriptural evidence of the change of the Sabbath institution from the seventh to the first day of the week" — From a paper by Dr. Edward T. Hiscox, author of **The Baptist Manual**

### CATHOLIC

"You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we (Catholics) never sanctify." — James Cardinal Gibbons, **The Faith of Our Fathers**, p. 111

### CHRISTIAN

"There never was any change of the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday. There is not in any place in the Bible any intimation of such a change." — **First-Day Observance**, pp. 17,19

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

"I do not believe that the Lord's day came in the room of the Jewish Sabbath, or that the Sabbath was changed from the seventh to the first day." — Alexander Campbell, **Washington Reporter**, October 8, 1821

### CONGREGATIONALIST

"The current notion that Christ and His apostles authoritatively substituted the first day for the seventh, is absolutely without any authority in the New Testament." — Dr. Lyman Abbott, **Christian Union**, January 19, 1882

### EPISCOPAL

"Is there any command in the New Testament to change the day of weekly rest

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## COMPARISON OF GOD AND HIS LAW

| GOD | LAW |
|---|---|
| God is Spiritual — John 4:24 (1552) | His law is Spiritual — Romans 7:14 (1656) |
| God is Love — 1 John 4:8 (1794) | His law is Love — Matthew 22:37-40 (1436) |
| God is Truth — John 14:6 (1575) | His law is Truth — Psalm 119:142 (951) |
| God is Righteous — 1 Corinthians 1:30 (1670) | His law is Righteous — Psalm 119:172 (952) |
| God is Holy — Isaiah 6:3 (1031) | His law is Holy — Romans 7:12 (1655) |
| God is Perfect — Matthew 5:48 (1404) | His law is Perfect — Psalm 19:7 (871) |
| God stands Forever — James 1:17 (1774) | His law stands Forever — Psalm 111:7,8 (942) |
| God is Good — Luke 18:19 (1529) | His law is Good — Romans 7:12 (1655) |
| God is Just — Deuteronomy 32:4 (344) | His law is Just — Romans 7:12 (1655) |
| God is Pure — 1 John 3:3 (1792) | His law is Pure — Psalm 19:8 (871) |
| God is Unchangeable — James 1:17 (1774) | His law is Unchangeable — Matthew 5:18 (1402) |

NOTE: As you can readily see, God's law is a transcript of His character. It can no more change or end than can the eternal God, Himself.





**"Only baptism by immersion represents death, burial, and resurrection"**

## MY LOVE AND OBEDIENCE

**18. Why, do you suppose, the book of Revelation stresses three times that God's people will keep His commandments? Revelation 12:17; 14:12; 22:14**

**Ans:** Hebrews 5:9 "He became the _____ of eternal _____ unto _____ them that _____ Him".

NOTE: Jesus, in Revelation, is stressing that salvation is provided for the obedient and not for the disobedient. Matthew 7:21-23 makes it very clear that many active church members will be shocked when they are shut out of Heaven for disobedience in spite of the fact that they did many wonderful things in the Lord's name.

**19. What two crucial things is Jesus saying to all of us today in regard to this problem? Matthew 15:3; John 14:15**

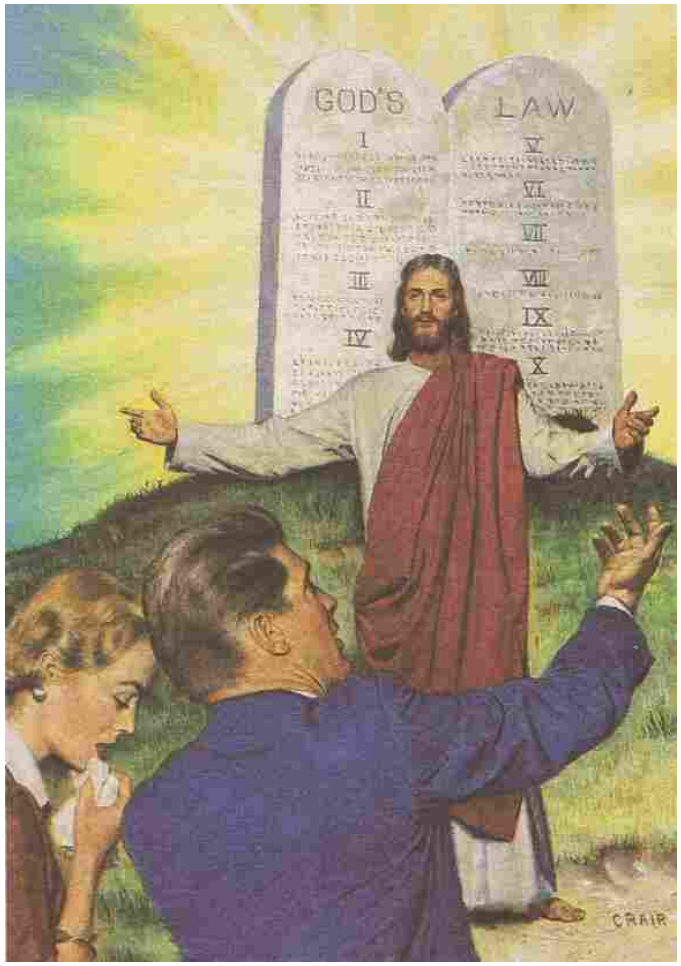
**Ans: a.** "Why do you also _____ the _____ of _____ by your _____ ?"

**Ans: b.** "If you _____ me, _____ my _____."

NOTE: We serve whomever we obey, Romans 6:16. Will we serve Jesus and worship on His holy day, or will we serve, and thus worship, misguided men who were led by Satan to replace God's holy day with a substitute? Jesus said very plainly that if we love Him we will gladly keep His commandments. This includes Sabbath-keeping, which is the fourth commandment.

**20. Are YOU willing to follow where Jesus leads? Though the road may sometimes be difficult, it leads to the tree of life in the city of God.**

**Ans:** _____




**"If you love me,**
**keep my commandments."**



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## CONTRAST OF MORAL AND CEREMONIAL LAWS

| MORAL LAW | RITUAL OR CEREMONIAL LAW |
|---|---|
| Called Royal Law of Liberty — James 2:8-12 (1775) | Called Law . . . contained in ordinances — Ephesians 2:15 (1716) |
| Spoken by God — Deuteronomy 4:12 (295) | Spoken by Moses — Leviticus 1:1-3 (160) |
| Written by God on stone — Exodus 24:12 (126); 31:18 (141) | Written by Moses in book — II Chronicles 35:12 (754) |
| Placed in the Ark — Hebrews 9:4 (1764); Exodus 40:20 (158) | Placed in the side of the ark — Deuteronomy 31:24-26 (343) |
| To stand forever — Psalm 111:7,8 (942) | Ended at the cross — Colossians 2:14-17 (1730) |
| Gives the knowledge of sin — Romans 3:20 (1651); 7:7 (1655) | Was given because of sin — Galatians 3:19 (1709) |
| Not grievous — I John 5:3 (1794) | Contrary to us — Colossians 2:14-17 (1730) |
| Judges all men — James 2:10-12 (1775) | Judges no man — Colossians 2:14-17 (1730) |
| Spiritual — Romans 7:14 (1656) | Carnal — Hebrews 9:10 (1765) |

Heruli. That is why no modern names were given these three in point #4.

**f.** is guilty of blasphemy.
**1.** Claims to forgive sins, Luke 5:21 and,
**2.** Claims to be God, John 10:33.
Note: 1. Joseph Devarbe's catechism says, on page 279, "The priest does really and truly forgive sins in virtue of the power given to him by Christ". 2. "The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ, Himself, hidden under the veil of flesh", Catholic National, July, 1895.

**g.** did arise from the old Roman empire.

**No other power of history could possibly fit these points. They are too specific.**

**7.** The Papacy's power became supreme in Christendom in 538 A.D. due to the letter of Roman Emperor Justinian, which acknowledged the bishop of Rome as the head of all churches. This letter became a part of Justinian's code, the fundamental law of the empire. The Papal power was broken in 1798 A.D. when Napoleon's general, Berthier, took the Pope captive and he died in exile. Notice that the amount of years from 538 AD. to 1798 A.D. is exactly 1260, as prophecy predicted.

**8.** The period of Papal persecution is the same persecution as that referred to for the Thyatira church of Lesson 5 and the pale horse of Lesson 9.

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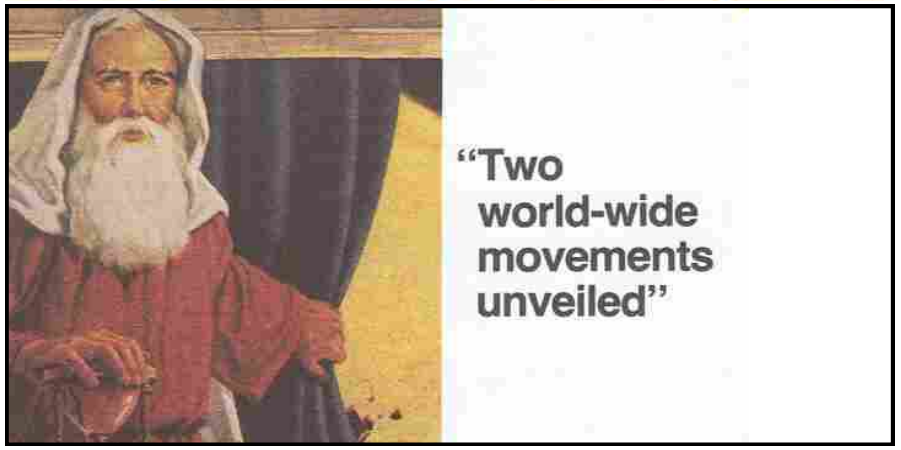



Right now millions of people are at war with each other. Nearly one hundred million have been killed in battle since World War II.

War may emerge anywhere, it seems, and force innocent people to flee. Homes, families, jobs and security are suddenly disrupted and controlled by the enemy. People in such crises realize they may he dead by night fall. Such happenings are, without question, tragedies of the first magnitude. Who can measure the trauma and anguish involved?

While the final count-down for this earth nears the zero hour, every person on earth is making decisions that will determine his eternal destiny. Millions are wondering which way to turn, what choices to make.

Satan is determined to draw the multitudes of earth into his camp His philosophies and theories seem to have a bewitching effect upon people. His movement is unveiled in Revelation 11. It is engulfing millions. But God has a grand message of hope and deliverance for people in these desperate hours. Further, He promises that His message will sweep across the entire world quickly in our day. His magnificent message is found in Revelation, chapter 14.

These two movements are diametrically opposed. The gospel of Christ is the basis for the first; the evolutionary theory the basis of the second [2 Peter 3:3-6]. The theory of evolution has swept into and captured the American school system in spite of the fact that God condemns it as "science, falsely so called" and "philosophy and vain deceit" [1 Tim. 6:20; Colossians 2:8].

God's message provides a joyous way out of today's confusion, heartache and crisis. Satan's plan is to lead us to personal trauma, woe and destruction. In today's Seminar, we see what Revelation tells us about the two movements. It is difficult to properly stress the importance of this seminar subject. We will look at Revelation 11 first.

PLEASE STUDY CAREFULLY EXHIBIT #1, WHICH EXPLAINS THE SYMBOLS OF THIS CHAPTER, BEFORE BEGINNING THE LESSON. REFER TO THE EXHIBIT OFTEN FOR DOCUMENTATION OF THIS LESSON.

## GOD'S TWO WITNESSES

1. **Revelation 11 features God's two witnesses. It describes the shameful treatment given them and their ultimate victory over their persecutors. Who are these two witnesses? Revelation 11:3, 4**

   **Ans: "**These are the two olive _____ and the two _____ ."

   NOTE: As demonstrated in **Exhibit #1**, the two witnesses, the two olive trees and the two candlesticks all refer to the same thing — the Old and New Testaments, which were inspired by the Holy Ghost.

2. **Verse two of Revelation 11 speaks of a time period of forty-two months when God's people (the holy city) were to he trodden underfoot or persecuted. Verse 3 speaks of a time period of 1260 days when the two witnesses (the Bible) prophesied in sackcloth, under most trying circumstances. Using the prophetic rule of ONE PROPHETIC DAY EQUALS ONE LITERAL YEAR, how long were these time periods?**

   **Ans:** _____

   NOTE: Forty-two prophetic months and 1260 prophetic days equal the same amount of time: 1260 literal years.

3. **When did this 1260 years of unusual persecution take place?**

   **Ans:** From _____ AD. to _____ AD.

   BEFORE ANSWERING, PLEASE STUDY **EXHIBIT #2** CAREFULLY. KEEP IT HANDY FOR REFERENCE AS WE STUDY THE REST OF THE LESSON.

   The solemn warnings of Revelation 11:5-7 against attacking or interfering with the WORD OF GOD (v. 6) makes it clear (see Exhibit #1) that the WORD has power to control and punish evil. Those who oppose the WORD will be destroyed by fire.

4. **Who finally killed the two witnesses?**

   **Ans:** "The _____ that _____ out of the bottomless _____ ."





carved up the empire, Daniel 7:17, 23, 24. They are:

Anglo-Saxons (England) Franks (France) Vandals
Alamanni (Germany) Lombards (Italy) Ostrogoths
Burgundians (Switzerland) Suevi (Portugal) Heruli Visigoths (Spain)

5. The LITTLE HORN power, verse 8, which arose out of the Roman empire, is described carefully in Daniel 7.

   The LITTLE HORN power would:

   **a.** be different from the other kingdoms, vs. 24.

   **b.** make war with the saints and prevail (persecute), vs. 25.

   **c.** think to change God's law, vs. 25.

   **d.** govern for 3½ prophetic times/years (1260 literal years), vs 25.

   **e.** uproot three kingdoms as it rose to power, vs. 8, 20, 24.

   **f.** speak great words against the most high (blasphemy), vs. 25.

   **g.** arise from old Roman empire, vs. 24.

6. There is only one power in history that could possibly fit the specifications and that one fits them perfectly. Bible scholars from reformation days have agreed that the power is the Papacy. The Papacy:

   **a.** was different. It was a religious power.

   **b.** did persecute the saints during the Dark Ages. At least 50 million died for their faith. Papacy felt it was controlling heresy for the Lord, but the fact remains that it did persecute and destroy. Many modern Catholics strongly disapprove of these persecutions.

   **c.** omitted the second and changed the fourth commandment in the catechism.

   **d.** did govern for 1260 years (538 A.D. - 1798 AD.).

   **e.** uprooted three kingdoms as it arose: Vandals, Ostrogoths and

The passage from Daniel 7 is perhaps easiest to identify so let's review the chapter. Read the chapter carefully before proceeding.

**2.** Daniel 7 pictures four beasts coming up out of the sea, Daniel 7:2-7. The BEASTS REPRESENT KINGDOMS, Daniel 7:23, and the sea or WATER REPRESENTS PEOPLE, or a populated area, Revelation 17:15.

**3.** Bible commentators agree that these beasts represent the FOUR WORLD KINGDOMS. The prophecy of the image of Daniel 2 also mentions these same four kingdoms. Even a novice in history will see that these beasts do indeed fit history perfectly.

**a.** The LION, the first beast, verse 4, represents BABYLON. God uses a lion to symbolize Babylon in Jeremiah 4:7 and Jeremiah 51:38. Frescoes from Babylon, discovered by archaeologists, depict winged lions to represent the kingdom — probably the same as Daniel saw in vision.

**b.** The BEAR, the second beast, verse 5, represents MEDO-PERSIA which came up on one side because Persia was more powerful than the Medes. The three ribs, most likely, represent the three kingdoms that Medo-Persia overcame as she rose to power. Babylon, Lydia and Egypt.

**c.** The LEOPARD, the third beast, verse 6, depicts GREECE. The wings represent the speed with which Alexander the Great conquered, Habakkuk 1:6-8; Jeremiah 4:13. The FOUR HEADS are the FOUR PARTS into which Alexander's empire was divided by his generals when he died. The generals were Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus and Ptolemy.

**d.** The fourth terrible NON-DESCRIPT BEAST, verse 7, with iron teeth represents ROME. The iron teeth fit the symbol. Rome is called the iron monarchy.

**4.** The TEN HORNS on the non-descript beast represent the ten kingdoms into which Rome was divided by barbarian tribes which



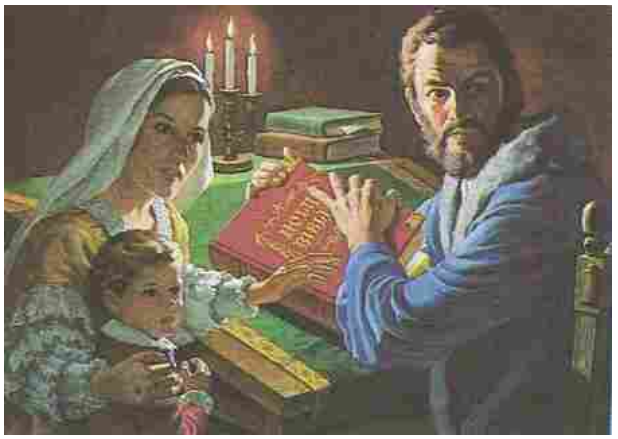
NOTE: The beast from the pit is Satan, Revelation 20:1-3, in the primary sense. However, as in Revelation 12:3, 4 cf Revelation 12:7-9 the beast also represents an earthly kingdom through which Satan successfully worked.

According to the interpretation of Rev. 11:8, 9, (see Exhibit. #1 & #2), the nation Satan used to "kill" the Bible was grossly immoral (Sodom), atheistic and God-hating (Egypt). Killing God's witnesses was considered as serious as crucifying His Son.

**5. How long would the two witnesses remain dead? Revelation 11:9**

Ans: "_____ days and an _____."

NOTE: The Bible rule is ONE PROPHETIC DAY EQUALS ONE LITERAL YEAR, Ezekiel 4:6 (1213). Thus 31/2 prophetic days equal 3'/2 literal years. Satan despises the Bible because it exposes his evil plans and uplifts Jesus, his archenemy. His strategy is to keep us away from the Bible at any cost. Being too busy is one of our biggest problems. LETS STOP RIGHT HERE AND PROMISE GOD TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH HIS HOLY WORD DAILY. WHAT COULD BE MORE IMPORTANT?



**6. Verses 11 and 12, of Revelation 11, point out that the two witnesses would he raised after 3½ years and ascend up to heaven. What is the symbolic meaning of "ascended up to heaven"? Daniel 4:22**

**Ans:** "Thou art ... Become _____ ... for thy greatness ... reacheth unto _____ ."

NOTE: It means the Word of God would be highly exalted after it was resurrected. And it was. The British and Foreign Bible Society was organized in 1804 and the American Bible Society in 1816. The Bible became available to the man on the street. It became a best seller and has remained so to this day.

## GOD'S WORD DESTROYED

**7. According to the prophecy of Revelation 11, the nation that Satan used to "kill" the Bible did its evil work against the Scripture shortly before the 1260 year persecution ended in 1798. According to history, what nation fits the Bible specifications? (see NOTE)**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: There is only one nation that could possibly fit: the nation of France. The 3½ years were part of the reign of terror of the French revolution. The period began on November 26 of 1793 when a decree, issued in Paris, abolished religion. The period ended on June 17 of 1797, when the French government removed restrictions against religion. During the crisis the Bible was burned and banned ("killed"). All churches and temples were closed and worship of God abolished by the National Assembly. A ten-day week was voted. Every tenth day was celebrated with mirth and profanity. The existence of God was openly denied. An immoral woman was named "Goddess of Reason", and people "worshipped" her. Morals dropped to rock bottom. "Crush the wretch" (referring to Christ) was the motto of the revolution. Atheism became the "religion" of France. And it did not work. Three and one-half years later a decree granting toleration of the Scriptures was voted by the National Assembly. It carried without a dissenting vote.

**8. An earthquake in symbolism means an upheaval, a visitation of God's power. When the earthquake struck, what happened? Revelation 11:13**

**Ans:** "The _____ part of the city _____ and in the _____ were _____ of men _____ thousand".

NOTE: The city here mentioned is the Papacy, Revelation 17:18 which was supported by the ten kings or nations, Revelation 17:12, 13. The earthquake which hit the Papacy is the capture of the Pope in 1798. France, which is one of the ten kings, is the one-tenth that fell because for a brief period she withdrew her support from the Papacy and all other churches. The 7000 men (or names as the margin says) refers to the titled nobility of the city, all of which had their titles removed during the French revolution.

## ORIGIN OF ATHEISTIC COMMUNISM

**9. Militant atheism began in France but it did not end there. What does God say about the spread of evil? Galatians 5:9**

**Ans:** "A little _____ leaveneth the _____ lump".

NOTE: A little evil can become big very quickly. The religion of atheism



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## IDENTIFYING AND LOCATING THE 1260 YEARS OF PERSECUTION

**URGENT NOTE:**

Some of the things revealed in Revelation are shocking. Some will make us all squirm. The book says some things we almost wish that it didn't. But Jesus, our friend, is exposing Satan's snares and giving us classified information to prepare us for His kingdom and save our lives. He loves us so much that He speaks up even though He knows it may hurt us somewhat, initially.

Revelation gets into some very touchy and sensitive areas. Satan's hopes are that anger or prejudice will close your mind. If this happens, only Satan will have benefited. Revelation has some revealing things to say regarding France, the United States, the Roman Empire, Protestantism, Catholicism, sacred holy days, our dead loved ones, etc. But the messages are from Jesus. He knows what we need to hear, so let's trust Him to give us the information we must have.

Tonight's exhibit discusses certain activities of the Papacy. Hundreds of thousands of beautiful Christians are Catholic Christians. God loves them and they are His children. This exhibit in no way discredits our wonderful Catholic, Christian friends. They are precious. But, in Revelation, God does speak about the Papal system and many other delicate areas. Let's listen to His word and pray and study much so we will discover His life and death message for us today.

**1.** This period of terrible persecution is so important that it is mentioned seven times specifically in Scripture: Daniel 7:25; 12:7; Revelation 12:6, 14; 13:5 and Revelation 11:2, 3. It is referred to as 42 MONTHS, 1260 YEARS and 3½ TIMES OR YEARS. They all equal 1260 prophetic days which is 1260 literal years, Ezekiel 4:6.

## *VERSE 13:*

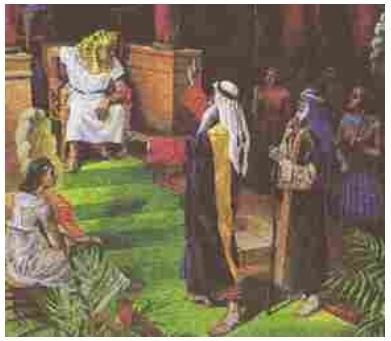
**EARTHQUAKE** means a visitation of God's anger and power, Psalm 77:14, 18; Nahum 1:3, 5-8.

**TENTH PART OF THE CITY FELL.** This refers to the city or worldwide government of spiritual Babylon of Revelation 17 and 18. Babylon is supported by ten kings or kingdoms, Revelation 17:12-14, and here she loses the support of one of them. Spiritual Babylon is called a city in Revelation 17:18.

** This is not to be confuse with the seven candlesticks of Revelation 1:20 which refer to the seven churches.*



(and it is a religion) spread from France to the north and east to the vast country of Russia. In the Russian political revolution of 1917 a vital part of the uprising was an attack upon religion. Today, Russia's millions are overwhelmingly atheistic. And the virus has swept across the world infiltrating everywhere and gaining adherents to an alarming degree. The school systems of the world dispense atheism in their adherence to evolution. Satan's movement to defy God has virtually captured the sciences. The devil is angry, militant, brilliant and determined. His religion of atheism has engulfed a third of the world, and is growing rapidly.



**Pharaoh's atheism symbolizes atheism today.**

## REVELATION'S THREE ANGELS MESSAGES

**10. The three-point message of God's great movement is pictured in Revelation, chapter 14. It Is called the everlasting gospel. How widely does. God say it will be preached? Revelation 14:6**

**Ans:** "To every _____ , and _____

And _____ and _____ ."

NOTE: It will go world-wide. No one will be left out. All will clearly understand God's requirements and His love. No one has a right to preach anything he chooses and call it the gospel. God commands that the everlasting gospel of love for these last days must include His three-point message of Revelation 14:6-12.

**11. What is the first part of God's message for today? Revelation 14:7**

**Ans:** "Fear _____, and give _____ to Him; for the

_____ of His _____ is come: and

_____ Him that made _____ and

_____ ."

NOTE: The message is opposed to evolution. It says "worship the Creator because the hour of His judgment is here". We will study the judgment

message in Lessons 14 and 15. Did you know the judgment has already begun? Lesson ten made it clear that God asks His people to keep His Sabbath as proof that they accept Him as Creator.

**12. What is the second part of God's great message for today? Revelation 14:8; 18:2, 4**

**Ans:** "Babylon is _____ . . . come _____ of her, _____ people, that ye be not _____ of her _____, and that ye receive _____ of her _____ ".

NOTE: The second point of the message is, "Babylon has fallen. Get out quickly or you will be involved in her sins and will receive of her plagues". We will study "Babylon" in Lesson 21 and the "Plagues" in Lesson 22. Do you know what Babylon is? Are you certain you are not in Babylon?

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**13. What warning does the third part of God's message give? Revelation 14:9**

**Ans:** "If _____ man worship the _____ … and _____ his mark ... the same shall _____ of the _____ of the _____ of God"

NOTE: God is here saying that if a person receives the mark of the beast he is lost and will receive the plagues. Do you know positively what the mark of the beast is? We will study the mark of the beast in Lesson 19.



## GOD WILL FINISH THE WORK

**14. What happens as soon as the three-point message reaches the entire world? Revelation 14:14**

**Ans:** "And I looked, and behold a white _____, and upon



power in the Word because Jesus is **IN the Word** and **IS the Word**, John 1:1-3, 14.

### *VERSES 7, 8:*

**BEAST FROM BOTTOMLESS PIT** is Satan, Revelation 20:1-3

**SODOM** stands for licentiousness and gross immorality. Read all of Genesis, chapter 19.

**EGYPT** symbolizes atheism with the most high-handed hatred of and rebellion against God, Exodus 5:2

**GREAT CITY** refers to a nation or governing power as in Revelation 17:18

**WHERE OUR LORD WAS CRUCIFIED**. This refers to the killing of God's saints. When one kills them or persecutes them it is the same as doing it to Jesus, Matthew 25:40; Acts 9:5.

### *VERSES 9, 10:*

**THREE DAYS AND AN HALF.** Prophetic time would be 3½ years, Ezekiel 4:6.

**TWO PROPHETS.** Another name for the Old and New Testament. All prophets are moved by the Holy Ghost, II Peter 1:21. The Bible is made up of the words of the prophets, so here, the Old and New Testaments are referred to as prophets. The Holy Spirit is said to prophesy in Acts 21:11

### *VERSES 11, 12:*

**THEY ASCENDED UP TO HEAVEN.** This, in symbolic language, means they became great and well known, Daniel 4:22.

**TWO WITNESSES** refers to the Old and New Testaments of Scripture, John 5:39; Luke 24:27.

**CLOTHED IN SACKCLOTH** is a symbol of mourning over tragedy, II Samuel 3:31. The Bible is pictured as in deep trouble and mourning over a tragedy for 1260 years.

**TWO OLIVE TREES** refer to the Holy Spirit, Zechariah 4:3-6. This is very fitting since the Scriptures of both Old and New Testaments were given by the Holy Spirit, 2 Peter 1:21. And Scripture from both Old and New Testaments is "for instruction in righteousness", 2 Timothy 3:16.

**TWO CANDLESTICKS*** refer to the Bible, God's word, Psalm 119:105, 130. Note: So the two witnesses, olive trees and candlesticks all refer to the same thing: the Bible which was given by the Holy Spirit.

### *VERSES 5-8:*

**FIRE DEVOURS ENEMIES.** It is true that if people "hurt" or do violence to the Scripture they will in the end be destroyed by fire, 2 Thessalonians 1:8; Revelation 22:18, 19

**BE KILLED** is another way of saying that those who hurt or hinder the Scripture and obey not the gospel will be destroyed. They, in effect, sign their own death warrant, II Thessalonians 1:8, 9; Malachi 4:1; Revelation 20:15.

**POWER TO SHUT HEAVEN SO THAT IT RAIN NOT** refers to the time of Elijah when the word of God stopped all rain for 3½ years. Read all of I Kings 17 and 18.

**POWER TO TURN WATER TO BLOOD AND SMITE WITH PLAGUES** refers to the power of the Word of God to send the ten plagues of Egypt; the seven last plagues and any other plagues upon its persecutors, Exodus, chapters 7-12; Revelation, chapter 16. There is



the cloud _____ one like unto the _____ of man".

Jesus returns in the cloud as soon as His message reaches every person on earth. He won't come back until all people have heard and clearly understand His wonderful plan of salvation and His invitation for them to live with Him eternally in His glorious new kingdom. All who are lost will be lost with full understanding. Jesus is fair. He will see that all clearly see the issues.

**15. What does God promise in regard to His great three-point message reaching the world? Romans 9:28**

**Ans:** "He will finish the _____, and cut it _____ in righteousness".

NOTE: This is a promise. God, Himself, will finish it up. He will cut short the time required. It is foolish to talk of the immensity and impossibility of the unfinished task when God has personally promised to cut it short and finish it quickly! We are the people who will live to see the King return. Are you ready?

**16. Why will many be lost when Jesus returns? Hosea 4:6**

**Ans:** "My people are _____ for _____ of _____; because _____ hast rejected _____, I will also _____ thee".

NOTE: Many will be lost because God gave them information or knowledge and they refused to hear it. People who were lost in Noah's day "knew not" for the same reason: they wouldn't listen, Matthew 24:37-39. THE WARNING ABOUT RECEIVING THE MESSAGES OF REVELATION IS SPECIFIC: "BEHOLD. I COME QUICKLY: BLESSED IS HE THAT KEEPETH THE SAYINGS OF THE PROPHECY OF THIS BOOK", Revelation 22:7

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## JESUS CALLS HIS SHEEP

**17. As one of Jesus' sheep, what will I want to do? John 10:27**

**Ans:** "My sheep _____ my _____ . . . and they _____ me".

**18. Why has Jesus given us the information contained in His Word? John 15:11**

**Ans:** "These _____ have I _____ unto you

that _____, _____ may be _____."

NOTE: He wants us to be happy, Following where Jesus leads and heeding His loving counsel is the only way to joy and happiness.

**19. What does Jesus promise us as a free gift? 1 Corinthians 15:57**

**Ans:** "But _____ be to God, which _____

us the _____ through our Lord _____ Christ".

NOTE: Victory over sin and evil is a free gift of Jesus. We need only accept it.

**20. Will you accept the victory that Jesus offers as a gift so he can fill your life with His happiness and joy?**

**Ans:** _____

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## SYMBOLS FOR REVELATION 11

Revelation 11 is filled with symbols. We are identifying these symbols on this exhibit to make it easier to understand the lesson and to save time in covering the lesson itself.

### *VERSE 1:*

**TEMPLE OF GOD** refers to the heavenly sanctuary or temple. The earthly temple had been destroyed in A.D. 70, Revelation 4:1, 2; 8:1-3.

**ALTAR** refers to the altar of burnt offerings. In the earthly sanctuary the altar was where the lambs were offered, Exodus 27:1-8. In the heavenly sanctuary instead of bringing lambs we bring ourselves as an offering, Romans 12:1.

**THEM THAT WORSHIP** refers to the people who worship the Lord, John 4:24.

**REED**. The reed is a Bible measuring device like a steel tape, Ezekiel 40:3. Here it refers to the ten commandments by which God's people are judged or measured, James 2:10-12; Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14.

### *VERSES 2-4:*

**HOLY CITY** refers to God's people, Revelation 21:9, 10.

**42 MONTHS -1260 DAYS.** Since in prophecy one prophetic day equals one literal year we are talking about 1260 years, Ezekiel 4:6. **See Exhibit #2** for more information regarding the 1260 years.

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## THE THIEF ON THE CROSS Luke 23:39-43

For years many have believed that when reading the KJV of Luke 23:43 that the thief went that day to be with Jesus in paradise. A closer look bears out the fact that neither the thief nor Jesus was in paradise that day and that a misplaced comma has caused this misunderstanding. When the comma is properly placed the passage reads — Verily I say unto thee today, thou shalt be with me in paradise.

Christ did not promise the thief that he would be with Him in paradise that day. He Himself did not go that day into paradise. He slept in the tomb, and in the morning of the resurrection He said, "I am not yet ascended to my Father." Jn. 20:17.

What Christ did say that day to the thief, on the day of crucifixion, on the day of apparent defeat and darkness, when all seemed lost, was "You will be with me in paradise." — The promise was given! The thief died with the assurance of eternal life like any other child of God, 1 Thess. 4:13-18, to be raised on that great resurrection morning.

In the original manuscripts of the scriptures, the Greek language was without punctuation. The comma in question and all other punctuation in the New Testament was put in hundreds of years after this was written by Dr. Luke.

The best way to clearly understand what Jesus meant that day when speaking to the thief is to answer some other questions:

1. What is paradise? (Lesson 8)
2. Did Jesus go to paradise on that day of His crucifixion? (Lesson 13)
3. What did Jesus teach about the time when men would enter upon their reward in paradise? (Lessons 6 & 7)

As our Saviour hung on the cross there came one gleam of comfort from His agony. It was the prayer of the penitent thief. From the heart of the thief comes hope mingled with anguish as he cries out, "Lord remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Quickly the answer came. Soft and melodious the tone, full of love, compassion, and power the words — Verily I say unto thee today, thou shalt be with me in paradise. This assurance is also ours today, as we make Jesus our Saviour and the Lord of our lives.

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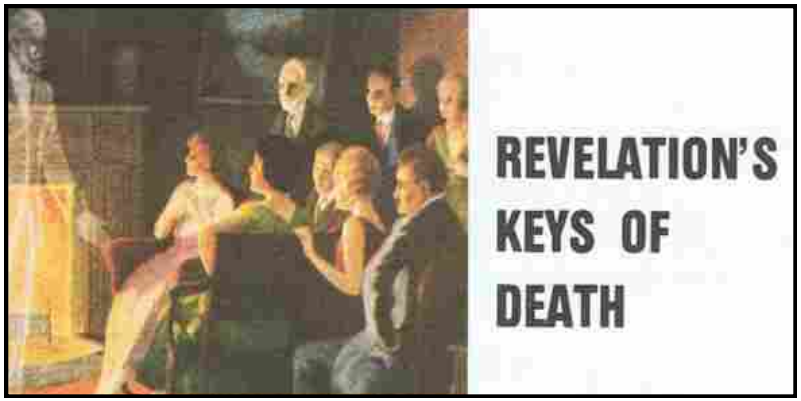


What if someone handed you the phone and the voice at the other end was that of your mother who had died and was buried just six weeks ago? Would you believe it was your mother if you were positive that she had, indeed, died?

When a person dies, is he really dead? From the days of our forefathers we have said, "dead men tell no tales", but do they? Millions of people believe they are in touch with the dead. Government officials the world over, seek counsel from those who supposedly communicate with the dead.

Is this some gigantic hoax? Or is it one of the grandest blessings to ever come to man? Lives of people and the future of nations are at stake. Even more sobering, your own life and future could be in jeopardy. There is no defence for guess work when results can be so far reaching and final We must obtain the facts.

Thank God, Jesus, the Star of the drama of Revelation, has the answers. He was dead, but is now alive forevermore. Every person ever raised from the dead has been raised by Him, and He will gloriously raise millions in the near future He knows all the answers about death. In fact, He holds in His hand the keys of death.

Prepare for some surprises as we review His Word on this most important topic.

## LIFE AND DEATH

1. **Revelation 1:18 refers to Jesus as "He that Liveth, and was dead." What does he have in his hand?**

   **Ans:** "the _____ of _____ and _____".

   NOTE: Thank God! Jesus has the keys, or answers, to the mysterious questions and problems regarding death. And since He, only, has the

answers, we must go to His Word for information. No other source is reliable.

2. **What is Jesus called in Revelation 1:5 ?**

**Ans:** "The _____ begotten of the _____."

Note: Jesus was the first begotten from the dead in the same sense that He was "slain from the foundation of the world". He was also "first" from the standpoint of pre-eminence, or importance. His resurrection was "first" in the same sense that the presidents wife is "first" lady.

3. **Why is Jesus' resurrection so important to me as a person? 1 Corinthians 15:20-22**

**Ans:** "Even so in_____ shall _____ be made _____ ".

NOTE: His resurrection is important to you and me because His resurrection has made all other resurrections possible.

4. **How did God create man in the beginning? Genesis 2:7**

**Ans:** He"_____ man of the _____ of the _____ and _____ into his _____ the _____ of _____ ".

5. **What happens at death, according to the Scripture? Ecclesiastes 12:7**

**Ans:** "Then shall the _____ _____ to the _____ as it was: and the _____ shall _____ unto _____ who gave it".

NOTE Two things happen at death: the body returns to dust and the spirit returns to God.

6. **What is this "spirit' which returns to God at death? James 2:26 (see margin).**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: See Exhibit #1, Point 1, "Spirit and Breath".

7. **What happened when God placed the breath of [ifs in man's nostrils at creation? Genesis 2:7**

**Ans:** "Man _____ a _____ _____".

NOTE: God formed man of the dust and made a body. He then combined

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# SLEEP AND ETERNAL LIFE

## Sleep

Sleep is a beautiful illustration of death. It is like going to bed at night, when we are tired, with assurance of waking in the morning. This takes the fear out of death for the Christian. They lie down to sleep — with the quiet assurance that Jesus will awaken them in the morning of the resurrection at His second coming.

Death is called "sleep" at least fifty times in the Bible. We are to regard it as a sound, dreamless sleep. A person may have been in the tomb 1000 years, but when raised at the resurrection it will seem to him that he merely dozed off for a moment. When angels meet God's resurrected saints at their gravesides, Matthew 24:31, it will be like a loving mother greeting her child after a brief nap.

## Eternal Life

Man is not immortal. He is subject to death. But God's people do, indeed, have eternal life now. Eternal life is that miraculous, new, Jesus-filled life, which begins at conversion and will be continued in heaven. God's promise is that His faithful people, who now have eternal life, will not suffer the second death, Revelation 2:11, from which there is no resurrection. The first death, which all must die, does not remove the gift of eternal life. It only interrupts it while the saints sleep briefly. It continues in heaven after the resurrection.

## Death, Soul and Spirit

Death is not life in heaven, hell, limbo or purgatory. It is not life of any kind, anywhere. In death, the soul does not live, the spirit does not live. No shadowy substance of any kind lives. It is the exact opposite of life - death.

The words "soul" and "spirit" are used over 1600 times in the Bible, but not one time are either given any life or personality or wisdom or knowledge when separated from the body.

The word "soul" does have other basic meanings in the Bible. Usually it means a person or a living being, Genesis 2:7. But sometimes it means "life". Job 12:10. And sometimes it simply means the "mind" or "intellect". Psalm 139:14. In all cases, however, the definition is the same: body plus breath equals soul. And in all cases the soul does not exist when body and breath are separated. Many English words have several meanings, but, this is not confusing; the context usually clarifies which meaning is intended.



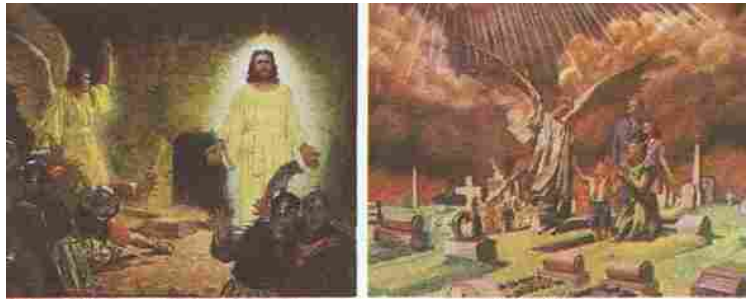
breath with this body and man BECAME a living soul. So the Bible definition for "sour is **BODY PLUS BREATH = SOUL.** A living, breathing being IS A SOUL The Bible, in this text, is saying that we ARE SOULS! The truth is we do not HAVE souls, but we ARE souls.

**8. Be souls die? Ezekiel 18:4, 20**

**Ans:** "The soul that sinneth it shall _____."

NOTE: Strangely, the Bible does not agree with the widely used term "undying soul. Rather, the Scripture teaches that the soul has a very short life.

## Our hope is the resurrection.



**9. At death, the body returns to dust, and the breath (spirit) returns to God .What happens to the soul? Where does it go? Psalm 104:29, 30**

**Ans:** The soul goes nowhere. It simply _____ to exist.

NOTE: See Exhibit #1, Point 2, "Soul," and Exhibit #3, "Thief'.

**10. Jesus and Job both tell us where the bodies of the dead are. Where are they? Job 21:32; John 5:28, 29**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: They are not in heaven or hell, but rather in their graves On the day of Pentecost, Peter said that David was in his grave and had not gone to heaven, Acts 2:29, 34. But the Scriptures clearly teach, Hebrews 11:32, that David will be saved in God's Kingdom. David is not yet in heaven because God's plan is that the dead wait in their graves until Jesus returns and resurrects them. Hebrews 11:39-40

**11. Can dead people think? Psalm 146:4**

**Ans:** _____

**12. Do dead people know what their loved ones on earth are doing? Job 14:12, 21**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: The following Scripture passages are also very specific Job 7:9, 10 — The dead can't go back and haunt their houses. Psalm 6:5 — The dead do not remember or give thanks. Isaiah 38:18, 19 — The dead can't learn truth. Psalm 115:17 — The dead do not praise the Lord.

**13. In death, doesn't some part of man know something? Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6, 10**

**Ans:** "The _____ know not _____".

NOTE Words could not be coupled together in a sentence to be plainer, "the dead know not anything". The passage says the dead do not love, hate or envy. They have no wisdom or knowledge. They do not work and they are in no way involved with anything that is done under the sun. THEY CANNOT CONTACT THE LIVING. Before proceeding with lesson, read carefully Point 3, "Death, Soul, and Spirit", from Exhibit #1.

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## RESURRECTION FROM DEATH

**14. When will the righteous dead, who are now in their graves, be raised? I Corinthians 15:20, 23; I Thessalonians 4:15-17**

**Ans:** At the coming of _____

**15. Now did Jesus speak of death? John 11:11-14**

**Ans:** "Our friend Lazarus _____."

NOTE: See Exhibit #2, Point 1.

**16. Be people have Immortality new? I Timothy 8:15, 16**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: Man is mortal or subject to death, Job 4:17. God, only, has immortality.

**17. When will Beds people receive immortality? I Corinthians 15:51-55**

**Ans:** When they are _____ at Jesus' _____.

NOTE: Jesus will give immortality to His people as a free gift, when they are translated at His second coming Until then, no one but God has immortality. Immortality means not subject to death, Luke 20:35, 36. The concept of the





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## *SPIRIT, BREATH, SOUL*

### Spirit and Breath

Job 27:3 also points out that the "spirit" and the "breath" are the same. Job further states that this spirit or breath is in his nostrils. Please remember that it was the "breath" that God placed in Adam's nostrils at creation, Genesis 2:7. So the spirit that returns to God when a person dies is the breath of life. Keep in mind that the spirit, or breath, returns to God, at death, but not the disembodied soul. Never, in the Bible, is the disembodied soul said to return to God at death.

The word "breath", here, is not referring to one's common breathing, but breath as the "divine spark of life". It is this breath or "divine spark of life" that returns back to God at death. Only God has the power to create life and He retains that power exclusively.

### Soul

At creation, two things combine to make a soul: body and breath. Until these two things combine, a soul does not exist. At death, these two things (body and breath) separate. The body returns to dust and the breath returns to God, and once again, the soul no longer exists. The soul goes nowhere at death. It simply ceases to be.

A simple illustration may help clarify this point. Suppose that combine lumber and nails and make a box: lumber plus nails equals box. Then suppose that I no longer want the box so I pull the nails, and put them in a pile, and stack the lumber in another place. What happens to the box? Where does it go? It goes nowhere. It simply ceases to be. The box is a combination of two things. There is no such thing as a box, unless lumber and nails are combined to make it. The nails and lumber still exist but there is no box until the two are joined together. So with the soul: the breath exists and the body returns to dust, but the soul does not exist unless the two are combined.

**28. Read again the great passage of scripture on Jesus' return and the resurrection found in I Thessalonians 4:16-18. What does verse eighteen say these words should bring us?**

**Ans:** "_____ one another with these words".

NOTE: The Bible emphasis is not on an immortal soul, winging its way to heaven at death, as many have thought. The scriptures do not focus on death as a means to go to heaven. Death is not a comfort. The focus of scripture is always on the second coming of Jesus and the resurrection. And the greatest emphasis is on the glad news of Christ's own resurrection, I Corinthians 15:12-26. Because He rose again, all who sleep in Him will rise again. What blessed comfort indeed!

**29. What inconceivably great power is promised to God's people today? Philippians 3:10**

**Ans:** "The _____ of His _____."

NOTE What a joy to be reunited with friends and loved ones who died believing in Jesus Christ Truly, the second coming of Jesus will be a grand and glorious event for those who love and serve Him. Praise God! He offers me the same miraculous power in life that raised Jesus from the dead How can a Christian fail with such fantastic power available? It is yours for the asking.

**30. Will you accept Jesus' offer to give you this resurrection power for victory in your life today?**

**Ans:** _____







undying, immortal soul of man, so often spoken of at funerals today, is contrary to the Bible. Scripture cannot be found to support it because the Bible teaches just the opposite. It Is Satan's plan to nullify Jesus' wonderful promise to give immortality at the resurrection by claiming that men already have It.

**18. Bed's people do not have Immortality now, bat, do they have eternal life? 1 John 5:12; John 8:54**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: See Exhibit #2, Point 2.




## SATANS' HOAX ABOUT DEATH

**19. What lie about death did Satan tell Eve In the Barden of Eden? Genesis 3:4**

**Ans: "**_____ shall _____ surely _____ ."

NOTE: Contrary to God's word, Satan said that death is not a fact "You won't really die, if you disobey" is what he was saying to Eve.

**20. Why does Satan want people to believe that the dead are alive and can be contacted? Revelation 16:14; 11 Thessalonians 29; Revelation 13:13, 14.**

**Ans:** So his angels can pose as spirits of the _____ and

_____ people.

NOTE: Satan wants people to believe that the dead can be contacted so he can send his angels to pose as the spirits of the dead, and thus deceive them. His masterful delusions will deceive all but the very elect, Matthew 24:24. Notice that these evil angels also deceive the "kings of the earth", Revelation 16:13, 14.

**21. Fallen Christendom Is referred to as Babylon In Revelation. What does Sod say is lamely responsible for its fall? Revelation 18:2, 4, 5.**

**Ans:** "Babylon is _____ ... is become the habitation of

_____ the hold of every foul _____."

NOTE: Christendom is failing because Satan has gained access to the churches through his falsehood that the dead are alive. In all too many cases, messages from Satan's emissaries, who pose as spirits of the dead, are welcomed as marvellous counsel to the churches from the redeemed in glory. This gives Satan full power to deceive, and he makes every contact count No wonder the apostle Paul so solemnly warned against such deception in I Timothy 4:1, 2.

**22. According to Revelation, these same evil angels, posing as spirits of the dead, approach the kings and leaders of earth. What is the result? Revelation 16:13, 14; Revelation 18:23.**

**Ans: (a)** Revelation 18:23 "By thy _____ were _____ nations _____ ."

**Ans: (b)** Revelation 16:14 "_____ them to the _____ of that great _____ of _____ Almighty".

NOTE: These angels, claiming to be the spirits of the dead, will be the powers which will influence the rulers of the nations of the world and lead them into that final battle of Armageddon, which will end in their total destruction. Tragically, leaders of many nations today, consult with those who claim to receive messages from the dead before deciding any important issue. No wonder this planet is in such disarray. Satan, himself, is being given access to call the signals.

## AN IMPORTANT TEST

**23. From what sources, only, should I receive my information on the subject of death? Isaiah 8:19, 20**

**Ans: (a)** "Should not a people seek unto their _____?"

**Ans: (b)** "If they speak not according to this _____ it is because there is no _____ in them".

NOTE: This passage plainly states that we must refuse to listen to those who claim to speak for the dead, and, instead, obtain our information from God's Word only. Messages, which supposedly come from dead loved ones, are never from these loved ones, but rather, from Satan. Sobering thought!

**24. Revelation says those who obey God will enter His Kingdom. Who will be among those shut out? Revelation 22-15**

**Ans:** For without are dogs, and _____ and whoremongers and murderers and idolaters".

NOTE Those who consult the dead (sorcerers) will be shut out of heaven. in Moses' day, God commanded that such be stoned, Leviticus 20:6; 20:27.

**25. Witchcraft, which claims to contact the dead, is called, in the Bible, one of the works of the flesh for which people will be shut out of God's Kingdom. How should I relate to it? Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:11.**

**Ans:** "Have no_____ with the unfruitful _____ of darkness, but rather _____ them".

NOTE: I should stay as far away as possible from anything that in any way resembles witchcraft Presumed contact with the dead is virtually always contact with Satanic forces.



**28. Why are the godly dead called blessed in Revelation 14:13?**

**Ans:** "They may _____ from their _____."

NOTE: Notice the prophet does not say that they simply transferred their labours to heaven. No, their work is done. Ecclesiastes 9:10 also says clearly that the reason all work ceases at death is because there is no work in the grave where man goes at death. Man simply sleeps in the grave till the resurrection.

**27. What finally happens to the terrible curse of death? Revelation 20:14**

**Ans:** It is cast into the _____ of fire.

NOTE: Death ends in the fire. 'And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away," Revelation 21:4 (1824).

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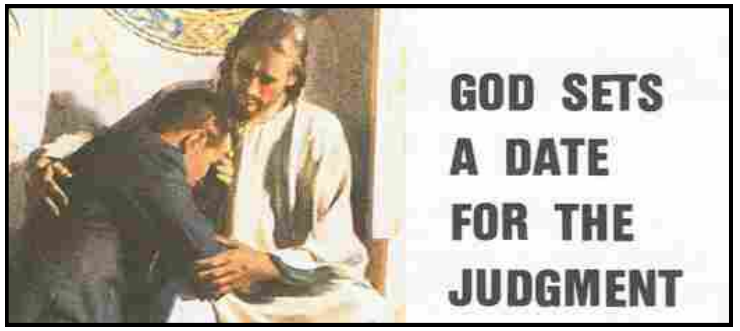


Would you believe that about 3,500 years ago, in a desert just east of Egypt, God demonstrated with graphic aids His entire plan of salvation to over two million slaves who had just been freed?

Would you believe that about 2,500 years ago God referred to these visual aids as foundation material when in a vision He announced to His exiled prophet in Iran, the date for the judgment to begin?

Would you believe that in the book of Revelation, God reveals that one way that His church can be identified is that it will be announcing to the world the date for the judgment to begin?

It all seems incredible, doesn't it? Yet, it is true, and more than this, the subject is so important that Jesus refers to it directly or indirectly at least fifty times in the book of Revelation. Make no mistake about it: in this lesson we consider a topic of life and death import. lt will touch upon several extremely significant Bible themes which are interrelated and which are weighty beyond description. We will need to seek explanations outside of Revelation for this subject. We will look especially at the book of Daniel, which covers several of the same prophecies as does Revelation. The_ books of Daniel and Revelation explain each other. May the Holy Spirit guide us in our study!

## THE SANCTUARY — SYMBOL OF SALVATION

1. **In Moses' day, God freed His people from slavery in Egypt, and led them into the desert where He explained His plan of salvation to them through visual aids. What was the most important visual aid called? Exodus 25:8**

   **Ans:** "And let them make me a _____."

   NOTE: The sanctuary was the portable temple where God met His people for worship and sacrificial offerings.

2. **How would Moses know how to build this sanctuary? Exodus 25:40**

**Ans:** God showed him a _____.

3. **Where is the original sanctuary that God used for the pattern? Hebrews 9:23; cf 8:1-5**

**Ans:** The earthly sanctuary was a pattern of the sanctuary in _____.

NOTE: The original sanctuary is located in heaven.

4. **Why is it important to understand the sanctuary? Psalm 77:13**

**Ans:** "Thy _____, O God, is in the _____."

NOTE: God's way or His plans for the salvation of imana are revealed in the sanctuary, A or A P A

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## DESCRIBE THE EARTHLY SANCTUARY AND ITS SERVICES

(see Exhibit #1).

5. **What happened in the earthly sanctuary or temple when Jesus died? Mark 15:37, 38**

**Ans:** "The _____ of the _____

was rent in _____."

NOTE: The temple veil (as thick as the palm of your hand was tom in two from top to bottom by unseen hands; and the Most Holy Place was thrown open to view. No one but the High Priest saw inside the 'Most Holy Place, and he saw it only annually, on the Day soft Atonement. The earthly; sanctuary services had come to an end with Jesus' death. He is the true Passover, 1 Corinthians 5:7; Revelation 5:6-14 to which the sacrificial system pointed. The law of sacrifices was to last only until Jesus' death, Galatians 3:16, 19. From that moment the HEAVENLY sanctuary began to serve God's people, and the EARTHLY sanctuary, and it's services, were nullified by God, Hebrews 8:1-5; 9:24

## JESUS OUR HIGH PRIEST

6. **When Jesus began to serve as our priest in the heavenly sanctuary, after His ascension, in which apartment or section was He working. Revelation 1:12, 13**

**Ans:** "l saw . . . in the midst of the seven _____

one like unto the _____ of man".



and also by the PRIEST who LIVES as my High Priest in heaven. Both symbols are necessary to represent Jesus' ministry. His sacrifice paid for my sins His present ministry restores me to His image. Both are essential. Neither is ample alone.

7. ln addition to the daily services, once each year the high priest entered the Most Holy Place to "cleanse" the sanctuary, Leviticus 16:29-34; Hebrews 9:7. The sins of the people were transferred all year long, by their sacrifices, to the sanctuary. Once a year, on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) two goats were chosen, one as the scapegoat, the other as the Lord's goat. The Lord's goat was slain and its blood taken into the Most Holy Place, accomplishing the work of cleansing. Then the priest put the sins on the scapegoat, who was led into he wilderness to die, Leviticus, chapter 16 and 23:27-30.

The Lord's goat represents Jesus, who is our atonement, substitute and example. The scapegoat, who represented Satan, was separated from God's people forever. In like manner, after being arraigned in judgment at the close of the thousand years, Satan, his angels, and sin will be destroyed and thus banished forever from the universe.

The Day of Atonement was a day of judgment. If sins were confessed prior to that day the people were saved. If not, they were cut off from among God's people. Their doom was sealed, Leviticus 23:27-30. It was a day of heartfelt confession, repentance and earnest prayer.

The Jews have always considered the Day of Atonement or "Yom Kippur' a solemn day of judgment. From the Jewish encyclopaedia, Article, Atonement, day of", we read:

"God, seated on His throne to judge the world . . . openeth the Book of Records; it is read, every man's signature being found therein. The great trumpet is sounded; a still, small voice is heard; the angels shudder, saying, this is the day of judgment . . . On New Year's Day the decree is written; on the Day of Atonement it is sealed who shall live and who are to die."

3. In the courtyard were the **ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERINGS**, Exodus 27:1 -8; the **LAVER** (for washing), Exodus 30:18-21; and the sanctuary building itself. The courtyard fence was made of white linen supported by 60 pillars, Exodus 27:9.

4. Inside the Holy Place were three pieces of furniture:

   **a.** The **TABLE OF SHEWBREAD**, Exodus 25:23-30 which represented dependence on God for physical and spiritual food. It pointed to Jesus the living bread, l Corinthians 11:23, 24; John 6:51.

   **b.** The **SEVEN BRANCH CANDLESTICK**, Exodus 25:31-40. The **LIGHTS** represent the Word of God, Psalm 119:105 and Jesus Christ, John 9:5; and the **OIL** represents the Holy Spirit, Zechariah 4:1-6; Revelation 4:5.

   **c.** The **ALTAR OF INCENSE**, Exodus 30:1-9. INCENSE represents the prayers of God's people, Psalm 141:2; Revelation 5:8; 8:3, 4.

5. ln the Most Holy Place there was one piece of furniture only, the **ARK OF THE COVENANT**, Exodus 25:10-22. It was a chest overlaid with gold. The cover was called the **MERCY SEAT**, Exodus 25:17-22. On it were carved angels of gold. Here, between the angels, dwelt the presence of God. Inside the ark were the ten commandments written on tables of stone, Deuteronomy 10:4, 5. The ark demonstrated both mercy and law. The law must be kept but God provides mercy for His people who break it.

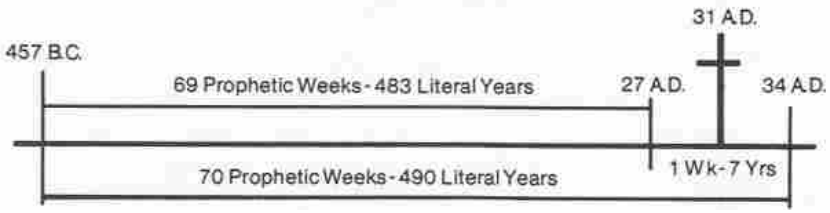
6. When a person sinned he brought a sacrificial animal to the priest. He confessed his sins over the head of the animal then slew it with his own hands. The priest sprinkled some of the blood on the horns of the altar of burnt offerings and a portion of its flesh was eaten by the priest, see Leviticus 6:25-30. ln the sin offering (for the congregation as a whole) blood was sprinkled on the veil by the priest and put on the horns of the altar of incense. Sin was thus transferred from the sinner to the animal substitute and then to the sanctuary. This demonstrates how Jesus becomes my substitute before the Father when I accept His blood in my behalf.

   There was no virtue in the blood of a lamb to atone for sin. Faith in Jesus' sacrifice to come was the key, I John 1:7. They looked FORWARD to the cross as we look BACKWARD to it

   Christ is represented by the LAMB that DIES as my substitute, John 1:29



NOTE: He began His ministry as our priest in the HOLY PLACE where the seven candlesticks are.



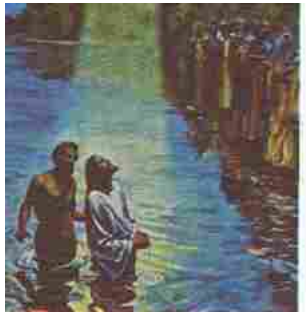

**Let's review a few points:**

**a.** Beginning with Artaxerxes' decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem in the autumn of 457 B.C., God gave His chosen people, the Jews, 490 additional years of probationary time which would end in the autumn of 34 AD.

**b.** The first 483 years were to reach to the Messiah. It happened precisely as foretold. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Ghost in the autumn of 27 AD. and became the "Messiah" which means "anointed", Luke 3:1, 21, 22. He recognized the fulfillment of this prophecy when he began to preach by saying, "The time is fulfilled", Mark 1:1-4, 15.

**c.** Jesus' crucifixion took place 3½ years after His anointing, in the spring of 31 AD at the time of the Passover.

**d.** Four hundred eighty-three (483) years passed from the decree of Artaxerxes until the Messiah in 27 AD. After 27 AD., one prophetic week, or seven years, yet remained of the 70 weeks, or 490 years allotted to the Jews. Jesus was "cut off" or crucified, Daniel 9:26, in the "midst of that week", Daniel 9:27 in the spring of 31 AD. The crucifixion came right on prophetic schedule: 3½ years after the autumn of 27 A.D. It was mid-week, or the middle of the seven years, so 3½ years remained — which ended in the autumn of 34 AD.



Jesus was anointed as the Messiah in 27 A.D.

## CHRIST'S GOSPEL TO THE GENTILES

**8. When Jesus sent His disciples to preach, where did He tell them not to go and to go? Matthew 10:5, 6**

**Ans: a.** "Go _____ into the way of the _____."

**b.** "G0 rather to the lost _____ of the house of _____,

NOTE: He told His disciples not to work among the Gentiles, but to go only to the Jews or Israel. The reason is clean the Jews' probationary time as God's people did not end till 34 A.D. They were to be given first opportunity.

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**9. Stephen was stoned and general persecution was launched against the church 3½ years after the cross in 34 A.D. What did the apostles later say which indicated probation had closed for the Jews as God's chosen people? Acts 13:46**

**Ans:** "It was _____ that the _____ of God should _____ have been spoken to _____; but seeing ye put it _____ you, and _____ yourselves _____ of everlasting _____ , lo, we _____ to the _____ ."

**10. In Matthew 21:43, Jesus warned plainly that He was taking the kingdom from the Jews and giving it to another nation. To what nation did He refer? Galatians 3:7, 29; Romans 2:28, 29; 1 Peter 2:9.**

**Ans:** "They which are of _____ the same are the children of _____" . . . "lf ye be _____ , then are ye Abraham's _____ and _____ ".

NOTE: The chosen nation referred to in Matthew 21:43 is SPIRITUAL Israel, Galatians 6:15, 16. Every servant of Jesus from every race, world-wide, is apart oft God's "holy nation", l Peter 2:9, to which the promises made to Israel of old, now apply in a SPIRITUAL sense. Ln Luke 21:24 Jesus said, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled". The time of the Gentiles reaches to the coming of the' Lord, Matthew 24:14. Earthly Jerusalem will never again be accepted as God's chosen city. His chosen city is the new Jerusalem, Revelation 3:12. The prophecies of Revelation have . very special meaning for the "nation" of spiritual Israel. This is why we are conducting this Revelation Seminar.





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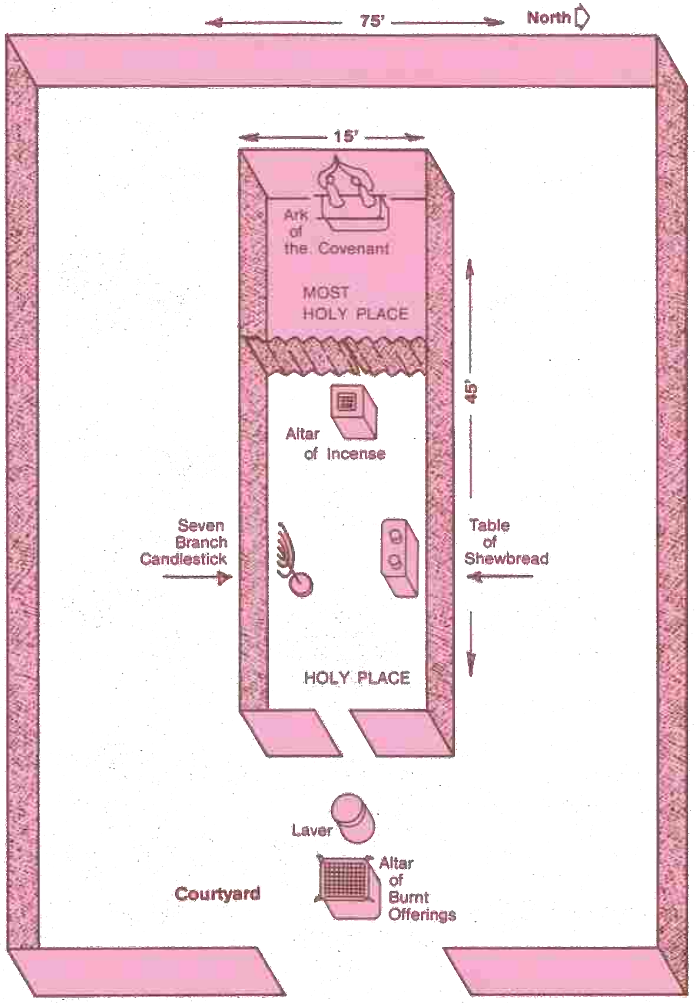
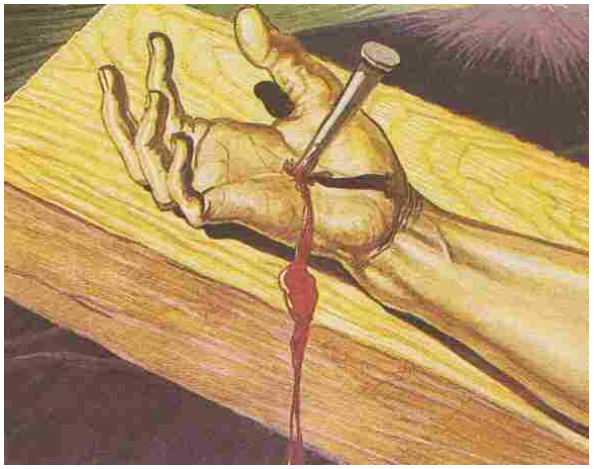
### THE SANCTUARY AND ITS SERVICES

1. A drawing of the sanctuary and court yard appears below. Read Exodus, chapters 25-40 (127) for full details.




2. The sanctuary consisted of three main parts: the COURTYARD, Exodus 27 9-13 (131); the HOLY PLACE and the MOST HOLY PLACE, Exodus 26:33 (131).

Jesus was crucified, “but not for Himself".



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**20. All Jesus asks in return for giving His life for us is that we accept Him as our loving Father and Friend, and let Him recreate us into His image, so He can take us into His new kingdom. What a wonderful Lord and Saviour! He longs for you to say the word of acceptance now, so He can write your name in His book of life. Will you do it?**

**Ans:** _____



**11. Since Jesus only lived 3½ years of the last seven given to the Jewish people, how could He confirm His covenant for the entire “week” or seven years as promised in Daniel 9:27? Hebrews 2:3**

**Ans:** Salvation; which at the _____ began to be _____ by the Lord, and was _____ unto us by _____ that _____ Him”.

NOTE: The disciples confirmed it for the last 3½ years.

Virtually ALL Bible scholars agree that the first 69 weeks of Daniel 9 end with the baptism of Jesus (27 A.D.), But many take the last week of the 70 week prophecy and put it down to just before the Lord’s return. No other Bible prophecy is divided thus.

**12. Can you think of and Scriptural reason for doing this?**

**Ans:** _____



“The stoning of Stephen —34 A.D.”

## SEVEN YEAR TRIBULATION THEORY

**13. The teaching that projects into the future the last seven years of Daniel 9:24-27 is not in the Bible. Where did it come from? Mark 7:13**

**Ans:** “Making the word of God of none effect by your _____.”

NOTE: You will be shocked to discover that the teaching which moves the last seven years of the prophecy of Daniel 9 into the future came from men. History documents this lt is not hard to check. In the 1500’s the reformers were teaching that the prophecies of both Daniel and Revelation indict the Papacy as the antichrist. This greatly discomfited the Papacy so they struck back by adopting other interpretations of the prophecies One of those alternate interpretations is Futurism, a system developed by the Jesuit scholar, Francisco Ribera,* in the 16th century. In the mid-nineteenth century,

Ribera's concept was further developed and has become the basic method of interpreting the books of Daniel and Revelation.

Modem Futurism applies all of Revelation but the first four chapters to the few final years at the end of the world. lt makes antichrist a single, evil person who would be received by the Jews, would rebuild Jerusalem, abolish Christianity, deny Christ, persecute the church (the tribulation) and rule the world for 3½ years 'Most groups would be startled to learn the origin of futurism. Futurists set' aside the prophetic rule that one prophetic day equals one literal year, Ezekiel 4:6. They count the 3½ years/42 months/1260 days of Daniel and Revelation as a literal 3½ years and project it into the future. But God's prophetic rule makes the 3½ years/42 months/1260 days a literal 1260 years which is the time of the Papal persecution of the past — 538 AD. to 1798 AD. (More on this in later lessons).

There is no Bible justification whatever for moving the last seven years of Daniel 9 into the future. Those seven years are past. They ended in 34 AD. Interestingly, many futurist scholars agree on the date of 31 AD. for the crucifixion but still refuse to abandon their seven year theory.

The TRAGEDY is that "Futurism" confuses us as to whom the REAL Antichrist is by placing ANTICHRIST or the BEAST at some time in the future, when the Bible clearly indicates this power, in existence today, CAME OUT OF PAGAN ROME. Unless I correctly identify this beast, I risk receiving it's MARK and losing my place in God's Kingdom! *George Eldon Ladd, The Blessed Hope, pp. 37-40, 1956, Wm. B. Erdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan.



## GOD GIVES JUDGMENT DATE

**14. When did Daniel say the sanctuary in heaven would be cleansed? Daniel 8:14**

**Ans:** "Unto two _____ and three _____

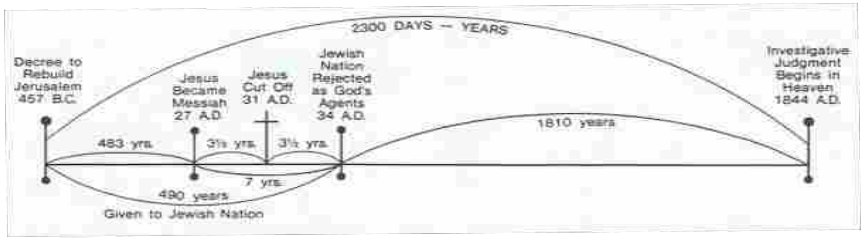
days; then shall the _____ be _____ ."

Both Daniel 8 and 9 deal with the 2300 year prophecy. Daniel 9 explains the date for the beginning of the time prophecy of Daniel 8. The 490 years allotted to the Jews begins at the same time as the 2300 years.
The chart below completes the 2300 year time prophecy diagram.

**15. When did the judgment begin in heaven?**

**Ans:** _____






NOTE: It is most sobering to realize that the judgment has been in session for well over 100 years.

**16. When the judgment began in heaven, at which compartment of the sanctuary did the prophet John see Jesus? Revelation 11:15-19**

**Ans: (vs. 19)** "And there was _____ in His temple the _____".

NOTE: The prophet saw Jesus in the second apartment, the Most Holy place. where the ark is located in the sanctuary.

## GOD'S PEOPLE PREACH JUDGMENT

**17. What must God's last day church be preaching world-wide today, as part of the gospel? Revelation 14:6, 7**

**Ans:** "Fear, _____ and give _____ to Him; for the _____

of His _____ is come."

NOTE: God's church for today MUST be teaching that the heavenly judgment is NOW in session. It began in 1844, and when it ends, the horrible problem of sin will be ended forever. Because of this grand fact all should give glory to God!

**18. How many will join in praise to Jesus, the Lamb, at His throne? Revelation 5:11**

**Ans: (vs. 11)** "Ten thousand times ten thousand and _____ of thousands".

**19. What touching words are found in Daniel 9:26 in connection with Jesus' sacrifice?**

**Ans: "**Shall Messiah be cut off but _____ _____ _____."

NOTE: Touching, indeed When Jesus died it was not for Himself. He died for our sins because He loves us dearly and beyond our comprehension.

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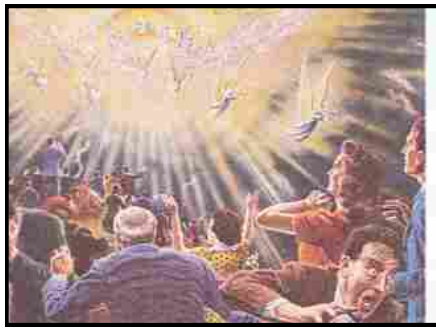


In the last lesson we discovered that the judgment has already begun in heaven. The word JUDGMENT fills the mind with questions: Who will be judged? How is evidence gathered? Must defend myself with my stammering mouth or does heaven provide legal help? Who decides Satan's sentence? Why does God need a judgment anyway? Doesn't He already know everything about everyone? Do I have even the slightest chance of being pronounced innocent in the judgment - in light of my conduct?

The judgment is such a crucial part of God's great plan that some claim the Scriptures mention it 1000 times. Revelation says it most loudly, however. May the Spirit impress as we study this vital topic.

## YOUR TRIAL BEFORE GOD

1. **According to Scripture, who will face heavenly Judgment?**
   **2 Corinthians 5:10**

   **Ans:** _____

2. **According to our last lesson, when did the judgment begin in heaven?**
   **Daniel 8:14**

   **Ans:** _____

   NOTE: The judgment began in 1844. Jesus then entered the Most Holy Place of the sanctuary to begin the heavenly Day of Atonement. Revelation 11:19 fits the same time period. It also speaks of the judgment beginning in heaven.

3. **Who are the judges? Psalm 50; John 5.22**

   **Ans:** "_____ is judge, Himself". "The Father ... hath committed all _____ unto the Son".

NOTE: Though God presides at the judgment, He has turned over the leading role to His Son. How exciting to have our best and truest friends as our judges.

4. **What attitude do the Father and Son have toward us? t Timothy 2:3, 4; John 10:27**

   **Ans:** "Our Saviour ... who will have _____ men

   to be _____."

   "The _____ himself _____ you".

THERE ARE THREE PHASES OF THE JUDGMENT. LETS REVIEW THEM CAREFULLY.

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## PHASE #1 - PRE-ADVENT JUDGMENT

5. **Who will face God in the FIRST PHASE of the judgment that is now taking place in heaven? 1 Peter 4:17**

   **Ans:** "Judgment must _____ at the _____of _____.

   NOTE: The house of God is His church, I Timothy 3:15. The judgment, now in progress, centers on those who CLAIM to be Jesus' servants. The wicked are not judged in the first phase. This phase of the judgment will clearly reveal which believers are false and which are true.

6. **Who is the advocate or attorney for the righteous? 1 John 2:1; Hebrews 9:24; 7:25**

   **Ans:** "We have an advocate ... Jesus _____, the _____."

   NOTE: It seems incredible but our judge is also our attorney! Praise God! And the Bible is clear, Hebrews 2:17, 18, that He is merciful and faithful. What superb traits for our attorney! He who gave His life for us now serves as attorney to represent us in Heaven.

7. **What will be considered In the Judgment? Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14**

   **Ans:** "God shall bring _____ work into judgment with every

   _____ thing whether it be _____or whether it be

   _____.

8. **What will God use as His standard of measurement In the moment? James 2:10-12**

   **Ans:** "They ... shall be _____by the _____ of liberty."

## CONFIDENT HOPE IN GOD RESTORES :

**Psalm 42:11;** Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

# ASSURANCE EXEMPLIFIED BY:

## DAVID :

**Psalm 23:4;** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

**Psalm 73:24-26;** Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

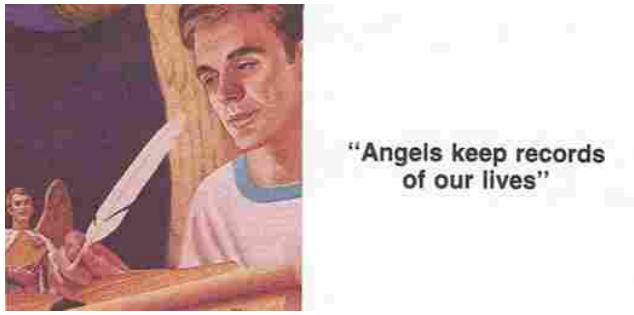
## PAUL :

**2 Timothy 1:12;** For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

**2 Timothy 4:18;** And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



NOTE. ten commandments are God's standard in the judgment. Exhibit *1 for Lesson 11 points out that the law is God's character described in words.




# GOD'S GREAT RECORD BOOKS

**9. Where does God keep the record of my life? Revelation 20:12**

**Ans:** "The dead were _____ out of those _____ which were _____ in the _____."

NOTE: Though Revelation 20:12 refers to the third phase of the judgment, the books will be testimony also for the first phase of the judgment, Daniel 7:10. The records are accurate and complete. They include even thoughts and motives. The court is fair. I need not be there. The books will speak for me. ***SEE EXHIBIT #1 FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE BOOKS***.

**10. Who presents the case against us? Zechariah 3:1, 2**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: Satan, the old accuser of the brethren, Revelation 12:10, who disputed with Michael regarding the body of Moses, Jude 9, and who made wild accusations against Job [Job, chapters 1 and 2], is the enemy who accuses us.

**11. While the present judgment is going on in heaven, what does Revelation predict will he happening on earth? Revelation 11:18, 19**

**Ans:** "And the _____ were _____ ... and shouldst them that destroy the _____ ."

NOTE: True, indeed. The nations are angry. And with pollution, trash and devastating weapons people are destroying the earth.

**12. Does God need books and a judgment, or court trial, to find out about me and my conduct, or does He know everything about me already? 1 Kings 8:39; John 3:18; 2 Timothy 2:19**

**Ans:** "Thou ... knowest the _____ of all the _____ of men".

**13. Since the present judgment, which Is now In session, 'DOBMI 7:9, 10, Is not needed by 8M, personally, for weeks. benefit Is It? Revelation 3:5**

**Ans:** "I will confess his name before ... His _____ ."

NOTE: God is omniscient but the angels are not. The present judgment will permit them to completely examine all evidence and be fully satisfied regarding God's justice. God does not announce the decision until the angels are clear that all people have made up their minds about God and Satan. There will be no more changing sides, Revelation 22:11, 12. It is not a decree but an announcement. All have made final choices. More probationary time would change nothing.

## PHASE #2 — JUDGMENT DURING THE 1000 YEARS

**14. When will the WICKED be judged? Revelation 20.4 (1822)**

**Ans:** "And _____ was given unto them ... and they lived and _____ with Christ a _____ years".

NOTE: The wicked will be judged in heaven during the 1000 years of Revelation 20. This is the SECOND PHASE of the judgment.

**15. Who helps judge the wicked, including Satan and his angels? I Corinthians 6:2, 3**

**Ans:** "The _____ shall judge the world … ____ shall judge angels".

**16. In your opinion, for whose benefit is the judgment of the WICKED conducted? After all, people who are not in heaven during the 1000 years are lost anyway, so, why conduct this judgment. for the wicked?**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: THIS judgment is for the benefit of the righteous. Many will be lost whom the righteous thought Christians. Looking at the records and asking questions will remove all doubt as to God's fairness. It will be seen that those who are lost chose to ignore God in spite of myriads of loving appeals from His throne.





## A KINGDOM :

**Hebrews 12:28;** Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

**Revelation 5:10;** And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

## A CROWN :

**2 Timothy 4:7-8;** I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

**James 1:12;** Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

## SAINTS GIVE DILIGENCE TO ATTAIN :

**2 Peter 1:10-11;** Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

## STRIVE TO MAINTAIN :

**Hebrews 3:14;** For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

**Hebrews 3:18;** And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

body.

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18;** For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

## CONTINUANCE IN GRACE :

**Philippians 1:6;** Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

## SAINTS PRIVILEGED TO HAVE, ASSURANCE OF:

## A SUPPORT IN DEATH :

**Psalm 23:4;** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

## A GLORIOUS RESURRECTION :

**Job 19:26;** And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

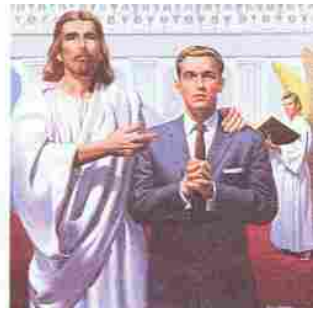
**Psalm 17:15;** As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

**Philippians 3:21;** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

**1 John 3:2;** Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.







## PHASE #3 — JUDGMENT AT CLOSE OF 1000

Matthew. 25:31-46 pictures a THIRD PHASE of the judgment when both the RIGHTEOUS and the WICKED stand before God, alive, for receiving reward or punishment. God reveals why people are saved or lost

17. **In your opinion: (a.) Does this judgment occur at Jesus' second coming or at the and of the 1000 years? (b.) For whose benefit is this phase of judgment conducted?**

**Ans:** a. _____ b. _____

NOTE: It takes place at the close of the 1000 years because that is the only time in earth's history when all who have ever lived will be alive for a short time — either inside or outside the Holy City, Revelation 20:11-15. This judgment convinces the wicked, including Satan and his angels (who will at this time have questions answered and will finally see), that God is loving, kind, just and fair. God never pulls rank on his enemies or orders them to be silent He simply presents clear cut evidence which is too plain to question. Those who think that God will never punish or destroy people would do well to consider the fact that God did, indeed, do so at the time of the flood, and at the destruction of Sodom.

***REVIEW CAREFULLY THE THREE PHASES OF THE JUDGMENT (see Exhibit #2).***

18. **When God announces rewards and punishments in the judgment, Is He making the decision at that moment, or simply permitting angels and the righteous to confirm what He already knew? Revelation 15:3, 4; Romans 2:5; I Corinthians 4:5**

**Ans:** "Thy _____ are made _____ ."

NOTE: The redeemed in heaven clearly give the reason why all consider God just and true: His judgments are made manifest, or as the New English Bible says, "Thy just dealings stand revealed". God knew all along where every person stood. He already, in fact, has the names of the saved in the book of life, Revelation 13:8; 17:8. But in order to solve' j the problem of rebellion and sin He patiently waits till men and angels, both good and evil, see what

He has long seen. The truth about every being will be revealed in the judgment It will be too plain for any to debate, Isaiah 3:10, 11.

## ASSURANCE OF SALVATION NOW

**19. Since I MUST yet face God in JUDGMENT, can I have ASSURANCE of salvation NOW? Daniel 7:22 (NIV); Isaiah 3:10**

**Ans:** "Pronounced judgment in favour of the saints". (NIV)

"Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be _____ with _____."

NOTE: God has promised to pronounce favourable sentence on all people who love and truly follow Him. He calls them saints.
***SEE EXHIBIT #3 FOR 20 BIBLE PROMISES OF ASSURANCE***

**20. Sins are forgiven when we confess them. When are they blotted out of God's records? Acts 3:19, 20**

**Ans:** "Repent ... that your _____ may be _____ out

when ... He shall send _____ Christ".

NOTE: God will not accept a cover-up. All records of sins remain on the books till the very end so all will have access to the records at all times. Nothing will be swept under the rug. God promised to restore His image in His people through the ministry of His Son in the heavenly sanctuary. The records will only demonstrate to all observers that God has worked the miracles to make it so. His people have become like Him.

## GOD'S PEOPLE TEACH PROPHECY

In the early 1840's people all over the world began to study the prophecies of the books of Daniel and Revelation, and especially the 2300 year prophecy of Daniel 8 and 9. They figured the date correctly, but the event wrong. They thought 1844 referred to the second coming of Jesus instead of the commencement of the judgment

When Jesus did not return, the disappointment was bitter. In Revelation 10 God pictures this disappointment by asking the prophet, John, to eat the book of Daniel which had been closed but was now open (verse 8). It was sweet in his mouth but bitter in his stomach, as was the disappointment when Jesus did not return.

When we compare Revelation 10:1-3 and Revelation 1:13-15 with Daniel 10:5, 6 we discover that these passages refer to the same heavenly being. This being told Daniel to seal his BOOK OF DANIEL until the TIME OF THE END. The same being came to John with a prophecy showing that the book would be open in the





One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

**Psalm 46:1-3;** To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

## ANSWERS TO PRAYER :

**1 John 3:22;** And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

**1 John 5:14-15;** And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

## COMFORT IN AFFLICTION :

**Psalm 73:26;** My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

**Luke 4:18;** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

**2 Corinthians 4:8-10;** We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our

prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

**Ephesians 5:30;** For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

**1 John 2:5;** But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

**1 John 4:13;** Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

## PEACE WITH GOD BY CHRIST :

**Romans 5:1;** Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

## PRESERVATION :

**Psalm 3:6;** I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.

**Psalm 8:1-9;** To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David. O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

**Psalm 27:3-5;** Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.



early 1840's. God's people were correct in their mathematical calculations, but misunderstood the event of the prophecy.




**21. What did the heavenly being say the church must do after the bitter disappointment? Revelation 10:11**

**Ans:** "Thou must prophesy _____ before _____ _____ and nations, and _____ and kings".

NOTE: God told His people they must take the truth about this prophecy to the entire world. Lesson 23, on the seven trumpets, will clearly point out that the date for Revelation, chapter 10, is the early 1840's because it comes between the sixth and seventh trumpets. The "time of the end', Daniel 12:4-9 specifically refers to the 1260 years (time/times and a half) of Papal persecution (538 AD. — 1798 AD.). So the book of Daniel was not to be opened until after 1798, WHICH BEGINS THE TIME OF THE END.

**22. In harmony with what the angel told John in Revelation 10, what must God's church be preaching today as part of the "everlasting gospel"? Revelation 14:6, 7**

**Ans:** "Fear God ... for the hour of His _____ is _____".

NOTE: The church does not have a right to preach anything it wishes and call it the everlasting gospel. God mandates that the church must include in the gospel the wonderful truth that the judgment is now in session in heaven.

Note also, that the angel calls it the hour of HIS judgment. Men must decide how they will relate to Satan's accusations against God, so the judgment actually, in a sense, includes a decision about God. He has put Himself and His character on trial. The churches' work today is to let the world know the truth about the beautiful character of a loving God.

## GOD'S JUDGMENT IS FAIR AND FINAL

**23. Revelation repeatedly points out that both men and angels will excitedly and loudly praise and thank God for the justice and satisfaction of the**

**judgment. What specifically are they saying? Revelation 16:7; Revelation 19:2; Revelation 15:3**

**Ans:** "_____ and _____ are thy judgments".

**24. What finally does everyone in the universe do to express their feelings about God's fairness and love? Philippians 2:10, 11**

**Ans:** " _____ knee should _____ ... and that every _____ _____ that _____ Christ is_____."

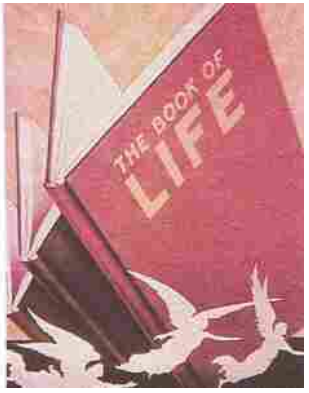
NOTE: All who have ever lived face God at the close of the 1000 years. No one is putting on. No one is forced. It is finally so clear that all in heaven and earth, including Satan and his angels, bow to confess that Jesus is fully just and that every person has received what he, himself, chose. The lost are shown to be lost because they preferred the lifestyle of the evil one. Heaven would be torture to them. It would be unfair to include them.

And the righteous are shown to be like Jesus. Not even Satan doubted Jesus' forgiveness, but the evil one doubted that God could indeed restore men to His image. The redeemed stand before him as proof it has happened. No question will ever be raised again about the handling of the sin problem and the character of God. They have all been answered.

**25. Jesus is saying, "My son, my daughter, give me thine heart". Proverbs 23:26. He wants to enter your name in His book of life and keep it there. Will you let Him have that great joy?**

**Ans:** _____










## THEIR ADOPTION :

**Romans 8:16;** The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

**1 John 3:2;** Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

## THEIR SALVATION :

**Isaiah 12:2;** Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

## THEIR ETERNAL LIFE :

**1 John 5:13;** These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

## THE UNALIENABLE LOVE OF GOD :

**Romans 8:38-39;** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## UNION WITH GOD AND CHRIST :

**1 Corinthians 6:15;** Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

**2 Corinthians 13:5;** Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith;

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## DEFINITION OF ASSURANCE

- Firm persuasion; full confidence or trust; freedom from doubt; certain expectation; the utmost certainty.
- Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith. Hebrews 10.
- Firmness of mind; undoubting steadiness; intrepidity.

**a.** **Produced by faith:** Ephesians 3:12; 2Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 10:22

**b.** **Made full by hope:** Hebrews 6:11; Hebrews 6:19

**c.** **Confirmed by love:** 1John 3:14; 1John 3:19; 1John 4:18

**d.** **Is the effect of righteousness:** Isaiah 32:17

**e.** **Is abundant in the understanding of the gospel:** Colossians 2:2; 1Thessalonians 1:5

## SAINTS PRIVILEGED TO HAVE, ASSURANCE OF:

### THEIR ELECTION:

**Psalm 4:3;** But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

**1Thessalonians 1:4;** Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

### THEIR REDEMPTION :

**Job 19:25;** For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:





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## HEAVEN'S BOOKS OF RECORD

**1.** The Scripture mentions the book of LIFE, and the book of REMEMBRANCE.

**2.** The Scripture tells us the following regarding the Book of LIFE:

**a.** The faithful have their names in the book of life, Revelation 13:8.

**b.** One's name can be removed from the book, Revelation 22:19.

**c.** The names of the wicked are not recorded in the book of life, Revelation 17:8.

**d.** The overcomer's name will not be blotted out of the book, Revelation 3.5.

**e.** Those with their names in the book of life will enter the Holy City, Revelation 21:27.

**f.** Used in the judgment, Revelation 20:12.

**g.** If person's name is not in the book, he will be cast into lake of fire, Revelation 20:15.

**h.** All who are written in the book will be delivered, Daniel 12:1.

**i.** Christians can rejoice that their names are in the book of life now, Luke 10:20.

**j.** Faithful church members names in the book now, Hebrews 12:23.

**k.** If person turns back to a life of sin, his name will be blotted out of the book, Exodus 32:33.

**l.** The righteous are included in the book, Psalm 69:28.

**m.** Book records names of faithful workers, Philippians 4:3.

**3.** The Scripture comments as follows regarding the book of REMEMBRANCE:

**a.** It records Christian testimonies and witnessing, Malachi 316.

**b.** It contains a record of our good deeds, Nehemiah 13:14.

NOTE: Salvation is a free gift of God. It is based upon the works of Jesus alone, John 1:29; 3:16; 5:24. Our works do give evidence of our connection with Jesus, however, so the Lord looks at them. "Faith without works is dead", James 2:26. The book of Revelation says clearly four times that we will be judged by our works: Revelation 2:23; 20:12.13; 22:12. Also. Christ repeatedly said to the seven churches, "I know thy works". Works do, indeed, say something about the depth of one's experience with Jesus. No Christian experience can be genuine without them.

**c.** It records our tears. Psalm 56:8

**d.** Even secret things are recorded in this book, Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14





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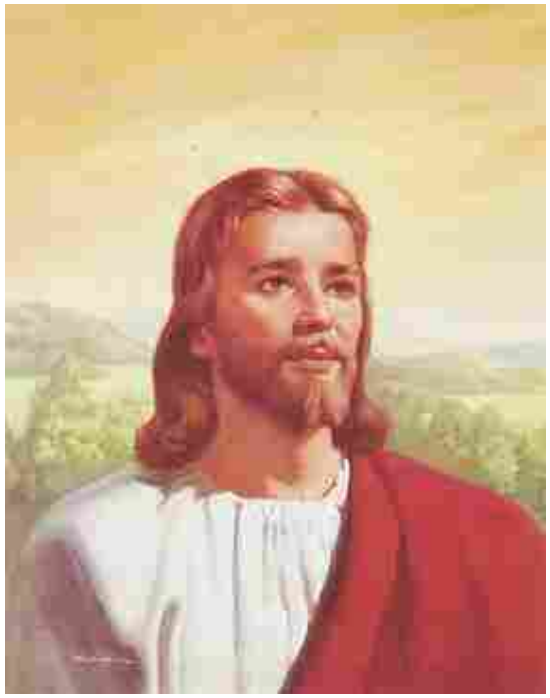
## THE THREE PHASES OF THE JUDGMENT

1844 — Second Coming of Christ — 1000 Years - Rev. 20 — Holy City Descends Close 1000 Years — Rewards

| | Phase #1 | Phase #2 | Phase #3 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1. Who judges?**<br>**2. Where conducted?**<br>**3. For whose benefit?** | 1. God and angels<br>2. In heaven<br>3. Angels | 1. God and righteous<br>2. In heaven<br>3. Righteous | 1. God, angels, righteous<br>2. On earth<br>3. Wicked, Satan, evil angels | Righteous inherit New Earth<br>Wicked cast into fire |

1. The judgment began in 1844 and will not close till after the 1000 years of Revelation 20.
2. Its purpose is not to inform God of anything. He is fully aware of everything about everyone and could handle the entire judgment in a micro-second, I Kings 8:39 (563).
3. Its purpose is to make very clear to angels and people that Satan's plan was hopeless, unworkable and diabolical; that God has handled everything with utmost courtesy, compassion, fairness and love and that every single person actually received as a reward or punishment what he chose of his own free will after being fully informed of the consequences.
4. The watching universe must be clear that it is safe to welcome beings, who have sinned, back into heaven's family. The judgment makes that clear by presenting the evidence which the angels have gathered and by answering questions from inquirers.



**“Is Jesus pleased with your baptism?”**

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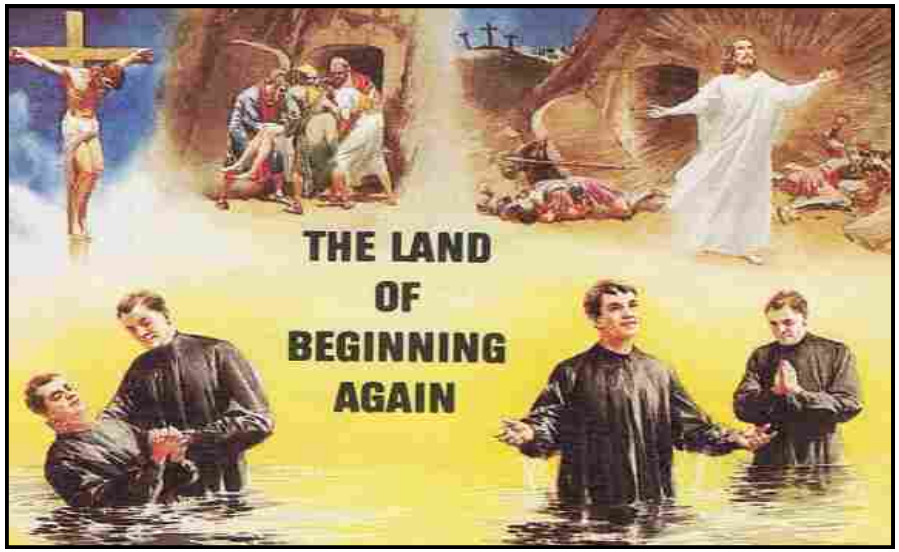


Years ago a poet said,

> "I wish that there were some wonderful place,
> Called the Land of Beginning Again,
> Where all my mistakes and all my heartaches,
> And all my poor selfish grief,
> Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door.
> And never put on again."

All of us have at times desperately wished for an opportunity to start all over again with a new, clean record. The book of Revelation repeatedly refers to the privilege of beginning anew.

For example, Revelation 1:5, tells us that Jesus washes evil from our lives so we can start over. Revelation 3:8 sets before us an open door to a new life. Revelation 10:8-11 explains that after bitter disappointment we must begin afresh. and Revelation 21:5 promises that Jesus will make everything new.

Did you know that Jesus has lovingly provided for us a public ceremony in which the past is officially buried and a marvellous new life begins? Nothing in all the world compares with this great event for joy, satisfaction, peace and relief. It is priceless.

Jesus says that this momentous and meaningful experience is absolutely imperative for any who would enter His new kingdom. This magnificent event is called baptism. Let's see what Jesus says about this vital matter.



Jesus calls all nations to Him.

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## JESUS COMMANDED BAPTISM

1. **What is the Gospe1 Commission? Matthew 28:19**

   **Ans:** "Go ... And _____ all nations, _____ them."

2. **How important is baptism? Mark 16:16**

   **Ans:** "He that _____ and is _____ shall be_____ ; but he that _____ _____ shall be _____."

3. **What are some form baptism used today?**

   **Ans: a.** Immersion (entire body submerged backwards in water).

   **Ans: b.** Trine immersion (entire body submerged face forward three times).

   **Ans: c.** Aspersion (being sprinkled with water).

   **Ans: d.** Infusion (having water poured on you).

   **Ans: e.** Having rose petals or salt sprinkled on you.

   **Ans: f.** Being anointed with oil.

   **Ans: g.** Having wine poured on you.

   **Ans: h.** Dry cleaning method (no water).

   **Ans: i.** Words spoken over the phone or sent by mail.

   **Ans: j.** The Holy Spirit in the life.

   **Ans: k.** Symbolic or figurative.

4. **At least fifteen ceremonies are called baptism today. Most people believe**



20. **The Bible is clear that those who are to be saved must become members of God's church, Acts 2:47. What public ceremony makes entrance into the church official? 1 Corinthians 12:13**

    **Ans:** "For by one _____ we are all _____into one _____".

    NOTE: Baptism is the official act which makes one a member of Christ's body. His body is His church, Colossians 1:18. Christ has made baptism the sign of entrance into His true church.

21. **Is rebaptism ever proper? Acts 19:2-5**

    **Ans:** _____

    NOTE: Rebaptism is proper when major, new light is received.

## BAPTISM PLEASES JESUS

22. **Once a person has met Jesus conditions for baptism, how soon should he be baptized? Acts 22:16**

    **Ans:** _____

23. **When I refuse baptism, whose counsel am I rejecting? Luke 7:30**

    **Ans:** I am rejecting the "counsel of _____."

24. **When Jesus was baptized, what did the Father in heaven say? Mark 1:11**

    **Ans:** "Thou art my _____ _____, in whom I am _____ _____."

25. **When people follow Jesus in baptism by immersion today, He still says, "1 am pleased with you." Wouldn't you like to prepare for this sacred ceremony so Jesus can be pleased with your baptism?**

    **Ans:** _____

**PERSON** in the waters of baptism symbolizes the same today. In both cases, the heart must be right first. But a person whose heart is right and understands Bible baptism will be baptized even as Noah and his family not only believed but entered into the ark of safety.

17. **With whom is a person united at baptism? Galatians 327**

**Ans:** As many of you as have been _____ ... have put on _____

NOTE: Baptism is as essential to a Christian as the wedding is to a marriage. Both ceremonies must be based on deep-seated love and full understanding, if they are to be meaningful. To refuse baptism is to refuse to be united with Christ.

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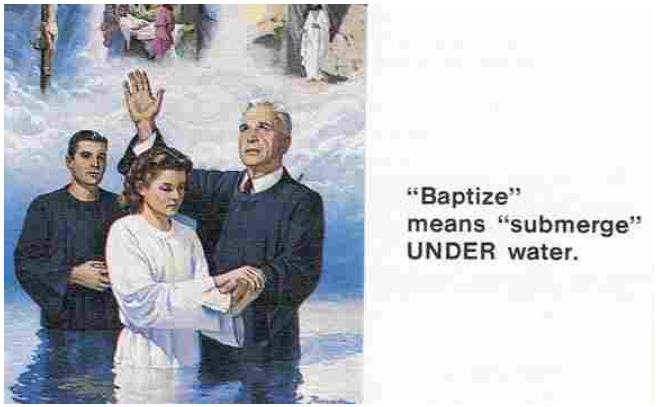


18. **Baptism is a public declaration of our relationship TO JESUS. What Is the experience of the person who is "IN CHRIST"? 2 Corinthians 5:17**

**Ans:** He is a new _____

19. **Some people worship on Sunday in honour of the resurrection. What did Jesus ask us to do in honour of His death, burial and resurrection? Romans 6:4-6.**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: Salvation centers in Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4. Baptism by immersion incorporates all three. There is a **DEATH** to sin. Next a **BURIAL** beneath the water. Then a **RESURRECTION** from the water to an entirely new life. No other form of baptism fits this symbolism. Thank God there is a grave between the Christian and his old life. Baptism is as important to my life as Jesus' death, burial and resurrection are to salvation, John 3:5.



**that any style or type of baptism is acceptable as long as a person is sincere. What does the Bible say about this? Ephesians 4:5**

**Ans:** "One _____ one _____ one _____."

NOTE: `God recognizes only one true form of baptism. All other forms are not really baptism at all.

5. **What does the word baptize mean?**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: Baptize comes from the Greek word "baptizo" which means "to dip, submerge or immerse".

## JESUS' PERFECT EXAMPLE

6. **Who is my example in everything, including baptism? 1 Peter 2:21**

**Ans:** _____

7. **What form of baptism did John use when he baptized Jesus? Mark 1:9.11**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: Please note that John baptized Jesus "in" the Jordan river, not on its banks. Notice, also, that Jesus came "up out of the water", which indicates He had been down into the water. Virtually all churches agree that Jesus was baptized by immersion.

8. **When John at first refused to baptize Jesus, what did Jesus tell him? Matthew 3:13-15**

**Ans:** "Suffer it to be so now; for thus it _____ us to _____ all _____ ."

NOTE: Jesus did not need baptism, but He explained to John that all of US do. So, to set us a perfect example for righteous living it was necessary that He be baptized. His baptism also serves for all who, like the thief on the cross, cannot be baptized

9. **Why did John baptize in Aenon? John 3:23 (1550)**

**Ans:** "_____ there was much _____ there"

NOTE: Immersion demands deep water. For sprinkling (aspersion) or pouring (infusion) a 50 gallon drum would baptize a small army.

**10. Some say that the disciples changed the method of baptism. What did Paul say about even angels who try to teach something different from what Jesus taught? Galatians 1:11, 12, 8, 9**

**Ans:** "Let him be _____.'

NOTE: Paul made it too clear to misunderstand: the curse of heaven would rest upon man or angel who attempted to change any teaching of Jesus.

**11. Philip, an evangelist who preached after the ascension of Jesus, baptized the treasurer of Ethiopia. What method of baptism did he use? Acts 8:27-39 especially verses 38, 39.**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: Philip baptized the treasurer the same way Jesus was baptized

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## BAPTISM IS IMPORTANT

**12. According to Jesus, how important is baptism? John 3:5**

**Ans:** "_____ a man be _____ of _____ and

of _____, he _____ _____

into the _____ of _____."

NOTE: Jesus said water baptism is essential for salvation. Jesus' cross, which all realize is of inestimable importance, is mentioned 28 times in the New Testament. On the other hand, baptism is mentioned over 100 times. Let none treat it as a non-essential. At conversion, the change in a person is so radical and the turning point so crucial in a life that Jesus said the event must be officialised by the great ceremony of baptism. To demonstrate its importance, He Himself, was baptized Then He included baptism as part of His great commission to His church, Matthew 28:18-20 (1451).

**13. Since Jesus instituted only immersion, where did these other forms of baptism come from? Matthew 15:9**

**Ans:** "In vain they do worship me, _____ for _____

the _____ of _____."

NOTE: Misguided men have introduced these other forms of baptism with no approval whatever from heaven. History is clear, that for centuries after the cross, baptism by immersion was the ordinary mode of baptism. Many of the ancient churches of Europe still have great baptisteries for immersion though they are no longer used. The leaning tower of Pisa is the bell tower for a great church which still has a baptistery fourteen feet in diameter and four feet deep. Other forms of baptism were added because they are more convenient. Thus a God-given. sacred ceremony has been shoved aside by



human hands.



Baptism and marriage symbolize entry into a new family relationship.

**14. Some say that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is all that God requires. Is this true? Acts 10:44-48**

**Ans:** _____

**According to the Bible, before baptism a person:**

**a.** Must be taught and must accept all of Jesus' teachings. Matthew 28:18-20

**b.** Must believe these teachings from his heart. Mark 16:16

**c.** Must repent (seven times Revelation commands repentance) Rev. 2:5, 16, 21, 22; 3:3, 19; Acts 2:38

**d.** Must turn away from sin. Romans 6:5, 6; Matthew 3:7, 8;

**e.** Accepts Christ as personal Saviour. 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 3:3, 5

**15. In light of the preceding, should infants be baptized?**

**Ans:** _____

NOTE: Since infants cannot comply with the above requirements of God no minister has a right to baptize them. Sin is not counted against a child until he is old enough to understand and be accountable, John 9:41; James 4:17, at which time the youngster should prepare for baptism.

## BAPTISM AND SALVATION

**16. In Noah's day the people were saved by getting into the ark What does God provide today in place of the ark? 1 Peter 3:20, 21**

**Ans:** "The like _____ whereunto even _____

doth also now _____ us."

NOTE: The **ARK** in the water symbolized safety in Noah's day and a

**NOTE**: The Lord says that all who do the above things are an abomination, Deuteronomy 18:12.

**25. John the Baptist did not write a book of the Bible but he was a true prophet. Whose counsel does the Bible say people rejected when they**

**Ans:** They "rejected the _____ of _____."

**NOTE**: The counsel of a true prophet is always the counsel of God. To reject it, whether the prophet be a Bible writer or not, amounts to rejecting the Lord's counsel. Such rejection is fatal to a person unless he reconsiders.

Notice some of the titles given to prophets in Scripture?

**a.** Prophet — 1 Samuel 9:9
**b.** Son of man — Ezekiel 4:1; 5:1
**c.** Seer — 2 Chronicles 16:7
**d.** Messenger — Malachi 3:1
**e.** Fellow servant — Revelation 19:10; 22:9
**f.** Servant of God — I Chronicles 6:49
**g.** Man of God — 2 Kings 4:21, 22
**h.** Watchman — Ezekiel 3:17
**i.** Voice of one crying in the wilderness — Matthew 3:3

**26. Since God still speaks through prophets today, and since the word of a true prophet is the personal "testimony of Jesus" to you, are you willing to test modern prophets by the Bible and obey those who agree with Scripture?**

**Ans:** _____




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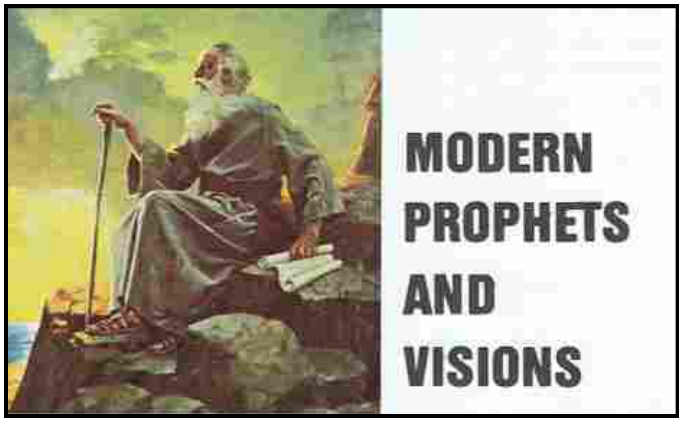


Prophets are people signally honoured by God. In Revelation, an angel twice told John that he considered the prophets his brothers. A dozen times Revelation mentions either false or true prophets.

Old Testament prophets bring to mind dramatic miracle workers of great courage and power. Daniel, the prophet, was Prime Minister of two notable world-wide empires, Moses, a very outstanding prophet, was leader of a nation. Isaiah's message was so forceful and convincing that an evil king had him sawed asunder.

Paul, a New Testament prophet, who received many visions, II Corinthians 12:7 (1703), could face down an opponent no matter how brilliant. John was so convincing and influential in presenting Jesus that his enemies tried to kill him by placing him in boiling oil. When the oil failed to harm him, he was banished to the island of Patmos, a prison fortress, where he was forced to work in the mines. But, there, Jesus gave Him the precious book of Revelation.

The Scripture, itself, Came to us from prophets who were guided by the Holy Ghost. The church is indebted to prophets to a degree almost impossible to calculate.

Have you ever wondered why, in these challenging and crucial days for God's people — just before the second coming of Jesus - we no longer have prophets? Is John the last prophet that Jesus has spoken through? Why did God quit speaking through prophets or DID HE? If you met someone who claimed to be a prophet, how would you react? Does God, indeed, still speak through prophets today? Are psychics and astrologers prophets?

This is a most stimulating and challenging subject As we get into it please pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit who guided the prophets of old.

## HOW GOD COMMUNICATES

1. **The book of Revelation is a prime example of how the prophetic gift operates. The first few verses explain the steps which are utilized in bringing a prophetic message from God to man. What are these steps? Revelation 1:1-4**

   **Ans:**

   **a.** God gave the message to _____ (verse 1)

   **b.** Jesus gave it to His _____ (verse 1)

   **c.** His angel gave it to _____ (verse 1)

   **d.** John gave it to the _____ (verse 4)

2. **To whom will God reveal His plans for the future? Amos 3:7**

   **Ans**: _____

3. **Where do true prophets get their information? 2 Peter 1:21**

   **Ans**: "Holy _____ of God _____ as they were _____ by the_____ _____.

4. **Must a prophet write a book of the Bible in order to be authoritative and true?**

   **Ans**: _____

   **NOTE**: At least twelve true prophets, who did not write a book of the Bible, are mentioned in the Scripture. Among them is John the Baptist, of whom Jesus said there was no one greater, Matthew 11:11.

5. **Does God ever prophesy through women?**

   **Ans**: _____

   **NOTE**: Several women were mentioned as prophetesses in Scripture: Anna, Luke 2:36-38; Miriam, Exodus 15:20; Deborah, Judges 4:4; Huldah, 2 Kings 22:14; and the four daughters of Phillip, Acts 21:8, 9.

6. **Does God promise to speak through prophets in the last days? Joel 2:28-31**



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God sometimes speaks to prophets through visions.

## A PROPHETS MINISTRY

21. **Are prophets called primarily to serve the church or unbelievers? 1 Corinthians 14:22**

    **Ans:** "Prophesying serveth...for them which _____."

22. **What is prophecy called in Revelation 12:17?**

    **Ans**: "The _____ of _____ Christ".

    **NOTE**: In light of Revelation 19:10 the "testimony of Jesus" means the "testimony or message FROM Jesus". When the Holy Spirit inspires a prophet with a message we are to regard it as a message from Jesus. To undermine a true prophet is thus a **VERY SERIOUS** matter. It amounts to calling Jesus a liar, Revelation 3:14; Revelation 21:5.

23. **Whom did Jesus say would have very great influence in the last days? Matthew 24:24**

    **Ans:** "_____ Christs, and false _____."

    **NOTE**: Peter also warns against the powerful but evil influence of false prophets. 2 Peter 2:1. 2

24. **What types of false prophets does the Bible specifically condemn? Deuteronomy 18:9.12; Revelation 22:15; Revelation 21:8**

    **Ans: a.** "**Diviner**" - fortune teller
    **b.** "**Observer of times**" - astrologer
    **c.** "**Enchanter**" - magician
    **d.** "**Witch/wizard**" - female/male psychic
    **e.** "**Consulter with familiar spirits**" - spirit medium
    **f.** "**Necromancer**" - one who supposedly consults with the dead
    **g.** "**Sorcerer**" - the modern counterpart of sorcery is spiritism
    **h.** "**Charmer**" - one who casts spells or uses charms

**Ans**: _____

## ARE MIRACLES A TEST?

**18. Do miracles prove that a prophet is true? Deuteronomy 13:1-5, Revelation 16:14**

**Ans:** No! Because the _____ can also work miracles.

**NOTE**: Miracles prove only one thing — supernatural power. But such power comes from both Satan and God. The magicians of Egypt turned walking sticks into serpents and water to blood, but they were false "prophets" who were empowered by Satan, Exodus 7:10-12, 19-22. The TEACHINGS of a prophet must be tested by Scripture. This is our only safety. CONDUCT may appear to be very spiritual but this proves nothing in itself, 2 Corinthians 11:13-15. Unless a prophet's TEACHINGS square with Scripture, he is an imposter.

**19. God promises to speak to a prophet in one of three ways. What are these three ways? Numbers 12:6, 8**

**Ans: a)** _____ **b)** _____ **c)** _____

**NOTE**: Crystal balls, palm reading, tea leaf deciphering, star gazing and talking with the dead are **NOT** God's methods of communicating with a prophet.

GOD SOMETIMES SPOKE TO PROPHETS THROUGH VISIONS. NOTICE HOW THE BIBLE DESCRIBES A PROPHET IN VISION.

**a.** Will lose physical strength, Daniel 10:8

**b.** Then receives SUPERNATURAL strength, Daniel 10:18, 19

**c.** No breath in his body, Daniel 10:17

**d.** Will be able to speak, Daniel 10:16

**e.** Will not be conscious of his surroundings, Daniel 10:5-8; 2 Corinthians 12:2-4

**f.** His eyes will be open, Numbers 24:4

**20. What happens to a person who believes and obeys true prophets? 2 Chronicles 20:20**

**Ans:** "Believe His _____, so shall ye _____".

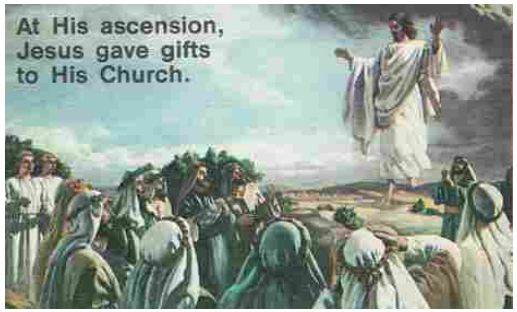
**NOTE**: There is no chance for a person to prosper spiritually if he refuses to believe a true prophet. John, in Revelation 1:3 (1800), says we must READ, HEAR and KEEP the things in his prophecy.





**Ans**: _____

**NOTE**: God promises to speak through both men and women.




## SPIRITUAL GIFTS TODAY

**7. When Jesus ascended to heaven He left gifts for the church. What are these gifts? Ephesians 4:7, 8, 11**

**Ans:** "And He gave some, _____; and some, _____; and some, _____; and some _____ and _____".

**NOTE**: Jesus listed prophets as second in importance.

**8. Why were these gifts given? Ephesians 4:12**

**Ans:** "For the _____ of the saints, for the _____ of the ministry, for the _____ of the body of Christ".

**9. How long were these gifts to remain in the church? Ephesians 4:13**

**Ans:** "Till we _____ come in the _____ of the _____, and of the _____ of the _____ of God, unto a _____ man, unto the _____ of the _____ of the _____ of _____ ".

**NOTE**: These gifts, including prophets, remain in the church until all become completely like Christ, which means they remain until the end of the world.

## GOD'S CHURCH TODAY

**10. When you find and enter the church with all these gifts what will it do for you? Ephesians 4:14**

**Ans:** "That we henceforth be _____ _____ children, _____ to and _____ and _____ about with _____ _____ of doctrine".

**NOTE**: When one enters the church with all the gifts, he is immediately anchored and no longer flounders around aimlessly. Satan's objective is to remove at least one of these spiritual gifts from the church, knowing that the result will be to send Christian people into a spin.

**11. Did God's New Testament church have the gift of prophecy? I Corinthians 1:6**

**Ans:** "Even as the _____ of _____ was _____ in you".

**NOTE**: I Corinthians 1:7 says they had ALL the gifts and verse six specifically mentions the testimony of Christ, which is the spirit or gift of prophecy, Revelation 19:10.

**12. Does Revelation teach that God's true church for the last days will have the gift of prophecy? Revelation 12.17; Revelation 19:10**

**Ans:** _____

**NOTE**: In our next lesson, we study God's true church, which is pictured in Revelation, chapter 12, under the symbolism of a woman. The dragon is the devil, Revelation 12:9. Verse 17 clearly says God's last day church will keep His commandments and have the testimony of Jesus, which is the spirit or gift of prophecy, Revelation 19:10 cf Revelation 22:9.

## TRUE PROPHETS OF GOD

**13. What three things does Paul command regarding prophets? I Thessalonians 520, 21**

**Ans: a.** "Despise not _____."

**Ans: b.** "_____ things".

**Ans: c.** "Hold fast that which is _____ ."



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**14. How do I test, or prove, whata prophet says. to see if the prophet is true? Isaiah 8:19, 20**

**Ans:** "If they _____ not _____ to this _____ it is _____ there is _____ _____ in them".

**15. What other things will be true of a prophet of God?**

**Ans:**

**a.** Prophesies as he is moved by the Holy Spirit, not by man's will, 2 Peter 1:21

**b.** Doesn't give his own interpretation of prophecy, 2 Peter 1:20.

**c.** Points out sins of people against God, Isaiah 58:1

**d.** Warns of coming judgment, Isaiah 24:20, 21; Revelation 14:6, 7.

**e.** Edifies, exhorts, comforts, in religious matters, I Corinthians 14:3.

**f.** Recognizes the incarnation, or deity, of Jesus, I John 4:1-3.

**g.** Works and lives in harmony with Bible, Matthew 7:15-20.

**h.** Will not be an astrologer, magician, witch, medium, or clairvoyant, Deuteronomy 18:9-12.

**16. In 1 Corinthians 12:1, 11, 12-18 Paul likens the gifts of the church to parts of the body. What part of the body would best represent prophets? I Samuel 9:9**

**Ans:** _____

**NOTE**: Since a prophet is often called a seer, because he can I see into the future, prophecy would best be represented by the eyes.

**17. In what condition then would a church be which did not have the gift of prophecy? Matthew 15:14**

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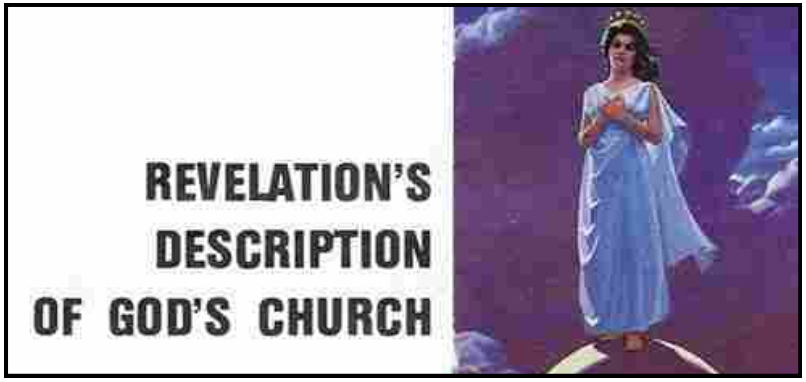


Recently someone cried out in anguish, "I'm trying desperately to find God's church but what hope do I have? There are hundreds of church denominations and sects in the world. Most claim to be God's true church, and all are alike in certain areas, yet different in others. I could never, in my entire lifetime, examine the teachings of all these groups. I feel frustrated and traumatized. It is almost as if God were playing games with me. It all seems so futile and so pointless." Tragically, millions share such sentiments. Perhaps you, yourself, feel the same way.

Did you know that, in Revelation, God so clearly describes His church for these last days that once you know what he says you can as easily select His true church from among all the churches as you could select your country's flag from among all other flags?

This is dynamite! No wonder Satan panics when people begin studying the book of Revelation. He knows that God's church is clearly described in the book and he utilizes every imaginable tactic to prevent our getting serious over its study. If everyone understood Revelation, Satan's kingdom would be in immediate jeopardy, and God's great name and His noble church would be exalted in a most exciting manner.

Let's look at Revelation's amazing description of God's church. It is found in Chapter 12. Please read the entire chapter before beginning this lesson.

## GOD'S CHURCH TODAY

1. **Jesus says in Luke 17:26, that the time just before His second coming will he like Noah's day. How many ways of escape were there in Noah's day? Genesis 7:1**

   **Ans:** _____

2. **How many faiths or churches did Paul say Jesus has? Ephesians 4:5**

**Ans:** "One Lord, _____ faith, one baptism."

**NOTE**: As in Noah's day, God has but one boat or church that is going through to safety. Be certain that you board the right boat. Ephesians 5:25-27 points out clearly that Jesus died to bring His CHURCH into His kingdom.

3. **Obviously, there are many beautiful Christians in all churches. Since God has only one true church, which He will save, what will happen to the sincere Christians in other churches? John 10:16, 27**

**Ans:** "Them _____ I must _____... and there shall be one _____ and one _____."

**NOTE**: Here Jesus is pictured as the good shepherd, His people as sheep and His church as the fold. Jesus plainly says that some of HIS SHEEP are not yet in His church but that He will call them, and they will follow Him into His church, John 10:27.

## GOD'S CHURCH SYMBOLIZED

4. **How does God symbolize Zion or His church in prophecy? Jeremiah 6:2; Isaiah 51:16**

**Ans:** "I have likened ... Zion to a comely … _____."

**NOTE**: The Bible repeatedly symbolizes God's church as a virtuous woman. For additional references see Exhibit #1, Lesson 1.

5. **In Revelation 12:1, Jesus introduces His church under the symbolism of a virtuous woman. a. Where did John see the woman? b. What was she clothed with? c. What was she standing on? d. What was on her head?**

**Ans: a.** _____ **b.** _____

**c.** _____ **d.** _____

**NOTE**:

**a.** HEAVEN here refers to the sky where the birds fly. Genesis 1:20.

**b.** The SUN represents Jesus and His righteousness, Psalm 84:11; Romans 13:14; Malachi 4:2; John 9:5.

**c.** The MOON has no light except that reflected from the sun. It represents the Old Testament sacrificial system which had no light except that reflected from the gospel, Hebrews 10:1.





these references. Please note that repeatedly these passages refer to the angel as the Lord or God:

**a.** The "angel of the Lord" who came to Gideon, Judges 6:11-22, is called the "Lord" in verse 14.

**b.** Manoah said he had "seen God", Judges 13:22, when the "angel of the Lord" appeared to him, Judges 13:3-21.

**c.** The angel who came to Joshua, Zechariah 3:1-10, causes sin to pass away and gives righteousness. Only God can do these things.

**d.** When the angel appeared to Jacob, Hosea 12:4, he said he had "seen God face to face", Genesis 32:30.

**e.** The "angel of His presence", "saved" and "redeemed", which only God can do, Isaiah 43:11; cf 44:6.

**f.** "Mine angel", Exodus 23:23, could pardon transgression which only God can do, Mark 2:7.

7. A careful comparison will show that: the "prince of princes", Daniel 8:25; the "prince of the host", Daniel 8:11; "Michael, your prince", Daniel 10:21; Michael, "the great prince", Daniel 12:1; and "Messiah, the prince", Daniel 9:25, all refer to the same being, the Lord Jesus Christ. See also Acts 3:15; 5:31; Revelation 1:5.

8. The being who appeared to Daniel, Daniel 10:5, 6, is obviously Christ because the description of Him is the same as that of Christ in Revelation 1:13-15. This being is also called Michael in Daniel 10:13.

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## MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

**1.** Michael, the archangel, is Christ. Note the following evidence:

**a.** Jude 9 calls Michael, the archangel.

**b.** 1Thessalonians 4:16 says that it is the voice of the archangel that will raise the dead.

**c.** John 5:27-29 says that it is Jesus' voice that will raise the dead, so, Jesus is the archangel.

**2.** Michael, the archangel, (Christ) is the second person of the Godhead. The Bible clearly refers to Him as God, John 1:1-3, 10, 14; Titus 1:3, 4; Colossians 2:9; John 5:20; 1Timothy 3:16.

**3.** Michael, the archangel, (Christ) is not a created being but rather existed from eternity with His father, John 1:1-3, 10, 14; John 6:38; John 17:5, 24; Colossians 1:15-17; Micah 5:2; John 8:58

**4.** Michael, the archangel, (Christ) is apparently the supreme commander or leader of the angelic host (and is thus called the archangel), but serving in this capacity does not detract from His deity or make Him, in any way, a created being. When this "captain of the host of the Lord" appeared to Joshua, THAT JOSHUA WORSHIPPED HIM IS PROOF that this captain of the host was the Lord and not a created angel, Joshua 5:14, 15.

**5.** We know that Christ is not a created angel because angels, as created beings, are not to be worshipped, Colossians 2:18; Revelation 19:10; Revelation 22:8, 9. But angels, themselves, worship Christ, Hebrews 1:6.

**6.** Jesus is called the "angel of the Lord", Exodus 3:2; the "angel of God", Exodus 14:19; the "angel of His presence", Isaiah 63:9; the "messenger of the covenant", Malachi 3:1; and "angel", Exodus 23:20; "mine angel", Exodus 23:23; and "His angel", Daniel 3:28. Let's look further at a few of



**d.** The CROWN of 12 stars represents the work of the 12 disciples which crowned the early years of the church, Matthew 10:1-4.

**SUMMARY**: Since the sun and the moon make a complete whole, this symbolism represents the sum total of the church in history: the church before the cross and the church after the cross.

6. **What next takes place In this great prophecy of God's church? Revelation 12:2, 5**

**Ans: a.** A _____ is born into the church.

**b.** The child is later caught up to God's _____.

7. **Who Is this baby who is destined to rule all nations and who ascended up to heaven? Psalm 2:7-9; Revelation 19:13-16; Acts 1:911**

**Ans:** _____

## THE GREAT RED DRAGON

**8. A great red dragon is next pictured. a. Who is this dragon? h. Where did he come from? Revelation 12:7-9; Revelation 12:3, 4**

**Ans: a.** _____ **b.** He was cast out of _____.







**9. When the devil left heaven, a. Whom did he bring with him? b. What did he try to do to the child? Revelation 12:3, 4; 12:7-9**

**Ans: a.** "The _____ part of the _____of heaven".

**NOTE**: Stars are angels, Revelation 1:20. Satan deceived one-third of the angels and "his angels were cast out with him".

**Ans: b.** "To _____ her child as soon as it was born".

**NOTE**: Satan, through Herod, tried to kill Jesus at his birth by destroying all the babies of Bethlehem, Matthew 2:1-18. Joseph and Mary were forewarned by an angel and fled to Egypt. These two events were predicted by Old Testament prophets, Jeremiah 31:15; Hosea 11:1. Though the dragon represents Satan, it also has a secondary application to Pagan Rome. Herod was a Roman ruler, whom Satan used to try to kill Jesus at birth. A beast. normally. represents a kingdom or political power, Daniel 7:23.

**10. What outstanding and extremely crucial facts are mentioned in Revelation 12:10-12?**

**Ans:** a. The accuser ... is cast _____.

**b.** They overcame by the _____ of the Lamb.

**c.** The devil is angry because time is _____.

**NOTE**: See Exhibit #1, Point 1.

## GOD'S CHURCH PERSECUTED

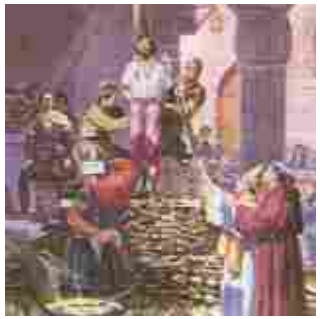
**11. After Satan failed in destroying Jesus when he was here on earth, what did he do to the woman or church? Revelation 12:13**

**Ans**: He _____ the _____.

**12. Using the prophetic rule of ONE PROPHETIC DAY EQUALS ONE LITERAL YEAR, how long was this persecution to last? Revelation 12.-6, 14**

**Ans:** _____

**NOTE**: See Exhibit # 1, Point 2.



"He went to make war against . . . Her seed".



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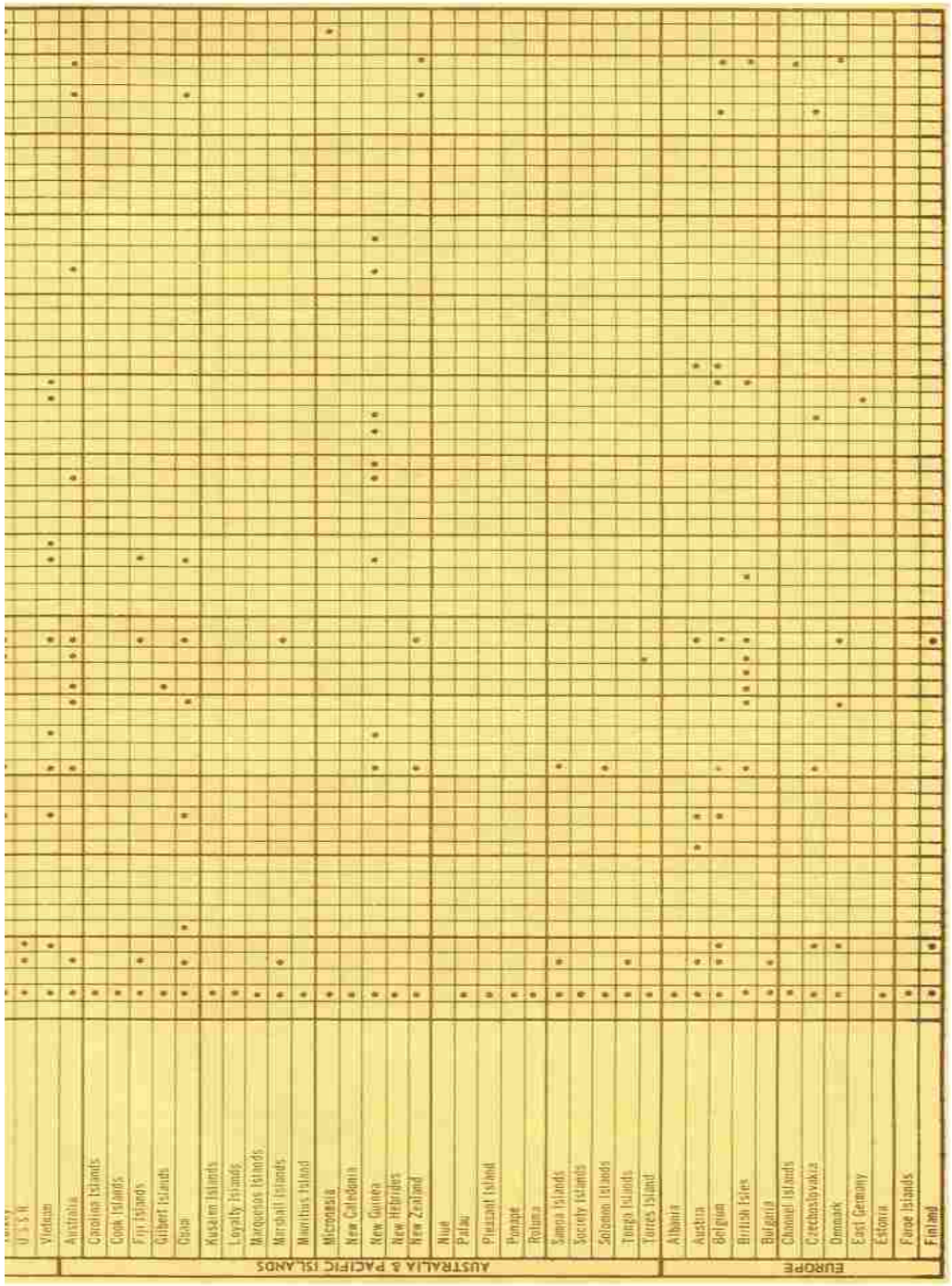

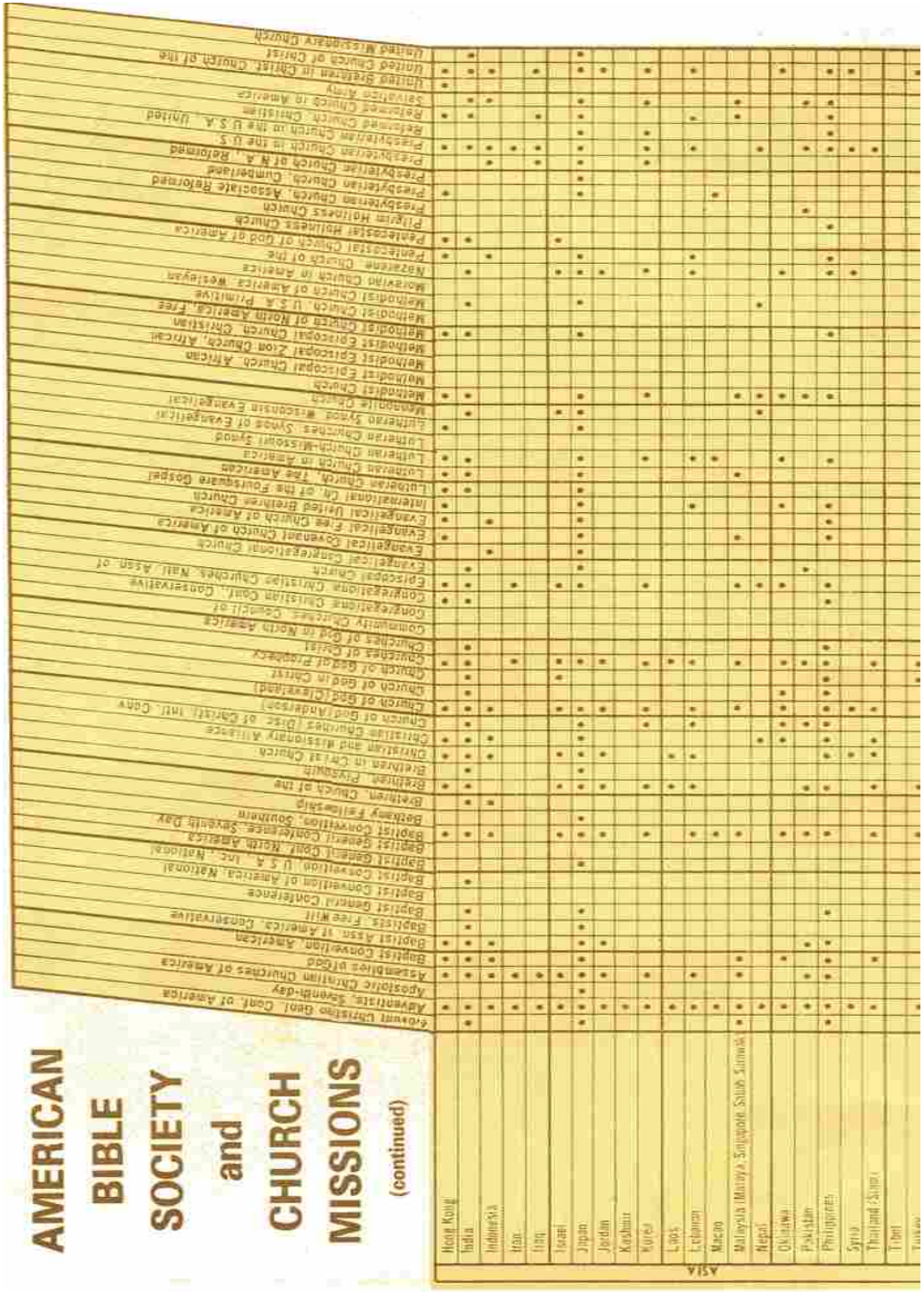




13. **What did the church do when this persecution began? Revelation 12:6**

**Ans:** "And the woman _____ into the _____."

**NOTE**: The wilderness typifies the deserted and remote places of earth. God's people fled for their lives and hid in solitary places of the earth. The church dared not operate in the open else its members would not have survived. God's true church did not exist OPENLY as an ORGANIZATION from 538 to 1798 AD.

**MANY WONDERFUL CHRISTIANS** are members of churches which **WERE ORGANIZED** and **OPENLY FUNCTIONING** between 538 and 1798 AD. However, **NONE** of these churches **CAN BE GOD'S REMNANT CHURCH,** into which **HE IS CALLING ALL HIS PEOPLE TODAY** because God makes it clear that His last church **WOULD NOT EXIST OPENLY** as a formal organization **DURING THIS PERIOD**.

## GOD'S REMNANT (LAST DAY) CHURCH

**Look at the symbols of Revelation 12:17:**

**a.** Dragon — Devil, Revelation 12:9

**b.** Woman — True church (see question #5)

**c.** Remnant — Last day or end time

**d.** Commandments — The 10 commandments, Exodus 20:3-17

**e.** Testimony of Jesus — Spirit or gift of Prophecy, Revelation 19:10

Now, let's put the verse in todays language:
AND THE DEVIL WAS INFURIATED WITH THE TRUE CHURCH AND WENT TO FIGHT AGAINST GOD'S CHURCH IN THE VERY LAST DAYS WHICH KEEPS THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND HAS THE GIFT OF PROPHECY".

14. **What two characteristics of God's last day remnant church are mentioned in Revelation 12:17; Revelation 19:10**

**Ans:** _____ the commandments. have the _____ of prophecy.

**NOTE**: So God's last day church will have the gift of prophecy and will keep all the commandments, including the seventh-day Sabbath of the fourth commandment, Jesus is still saying, "If you love me, keep my commandments," John 14:15. It is impossible to really love Him and knowingly break His commandments. 1 John 5:3.

**THERE ARE MANY TRUE CHRISTIANS** in churches which do not keep the Sabbath or have the gift of prophecy.

However, **NONE** of these churches **CAN BE GOD'S LAST DAY REMNANT CHURCH**, into which He is calling **ALL HIS PEOPLE**. His Church must qualify in **BOTH AREAS**.

## THREE SPECIAL MESSAGES

Here is something startling! Jesus assigns us **THREE GREAT POINTS** in proclaiming **TO ALL THE WORLD** the **EVERLASTING GOSPEL** in these last days. Revelation 14:6; Matthew 24:14

**15. What are these "three great points"? Rev. 14:6-11; 182, 4**

**a. Rev. 14:7** - "The hour of God's _____ is come ... worship Him which made _____ and _____."

**NOTE**: God's church will be teaching that God's judgment is now in session and that we must worship and honour Him as Creator by keeping His Sabbath, the sign of His creative power. (See Lesson 10).

**b. Rev. 14:8**; 18:2, 4 - `Babylon is _____ come _____ of _____ my _____ ."

**NOTE**: Is it possible that you are in Babylon? God's church for today must be calling people out of Babylon. We will take up a detailed study of Babylon in Lesson 21.

**c. Rev. 14:9** - Beware of the beast and his image and his _____.

**NOTE**: God's church for today will be telling people how to avoid the mark of the beast.

God's true **CHURCH** for **TODAY** will be presenting the **THREE POWERFUL MESSAGES WORLD-WIDE**. Many devout loyal Christians are members of churches which do not teach this three-point message. However, **SUCH** churches **CANNOT** be **GOD's SPECIAL CHURCH FOR TODAY, INTO WHICH HE IS CALLING ALL HIS PEOPLE**, because God's **LAST DAY CHURCH** must be preaching these three messages **WORLDWIDE**.

**16. What other key point will God's true church for the last days stress? Revelation 12:11**

**Ans:** "And they _____ _____ by the _____ of the _____."

**NOTE**: God's church will make it very clear that salvation and righteousness come by faith in Jesus Christ alone, Acts 4:12.



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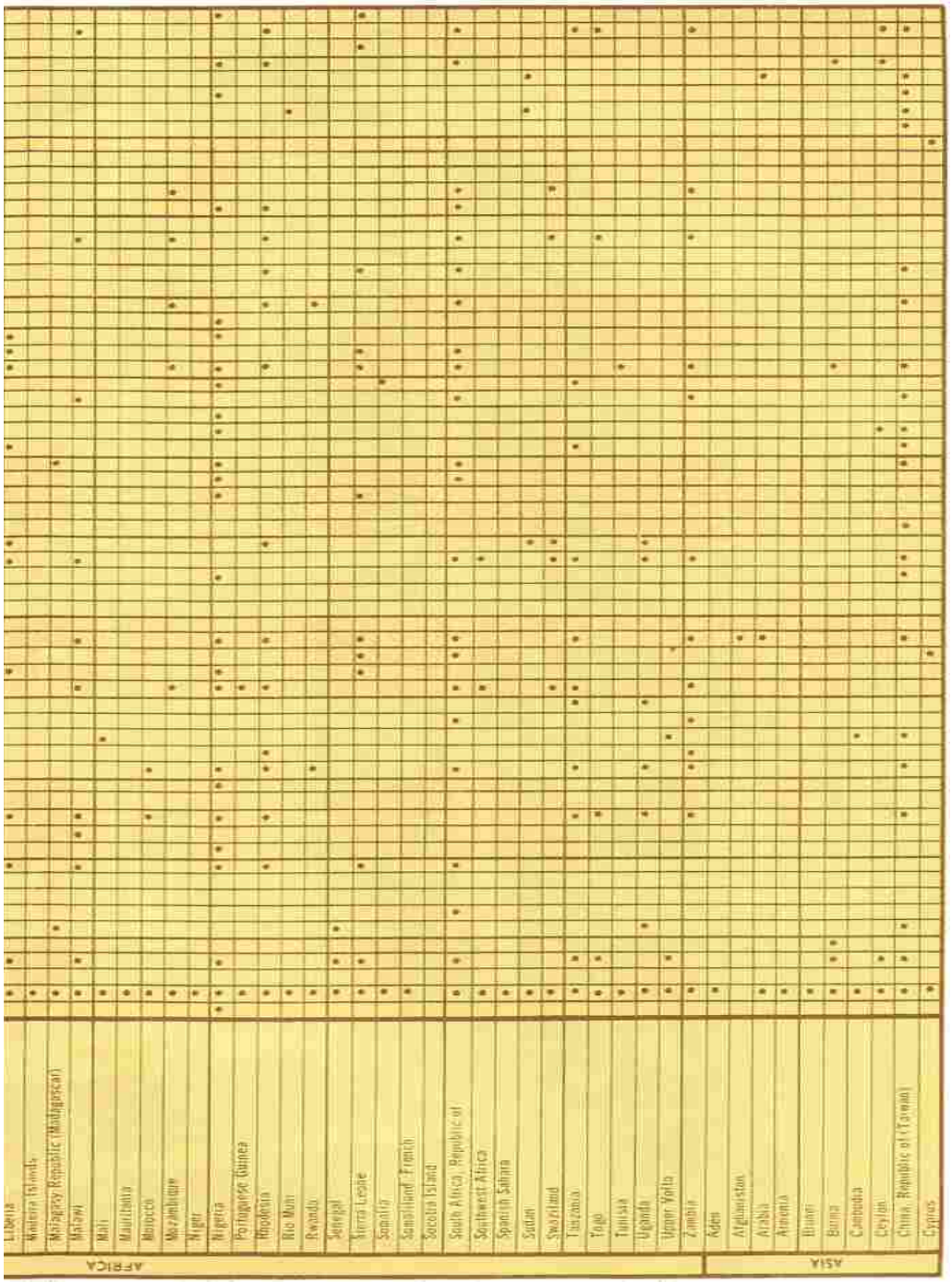

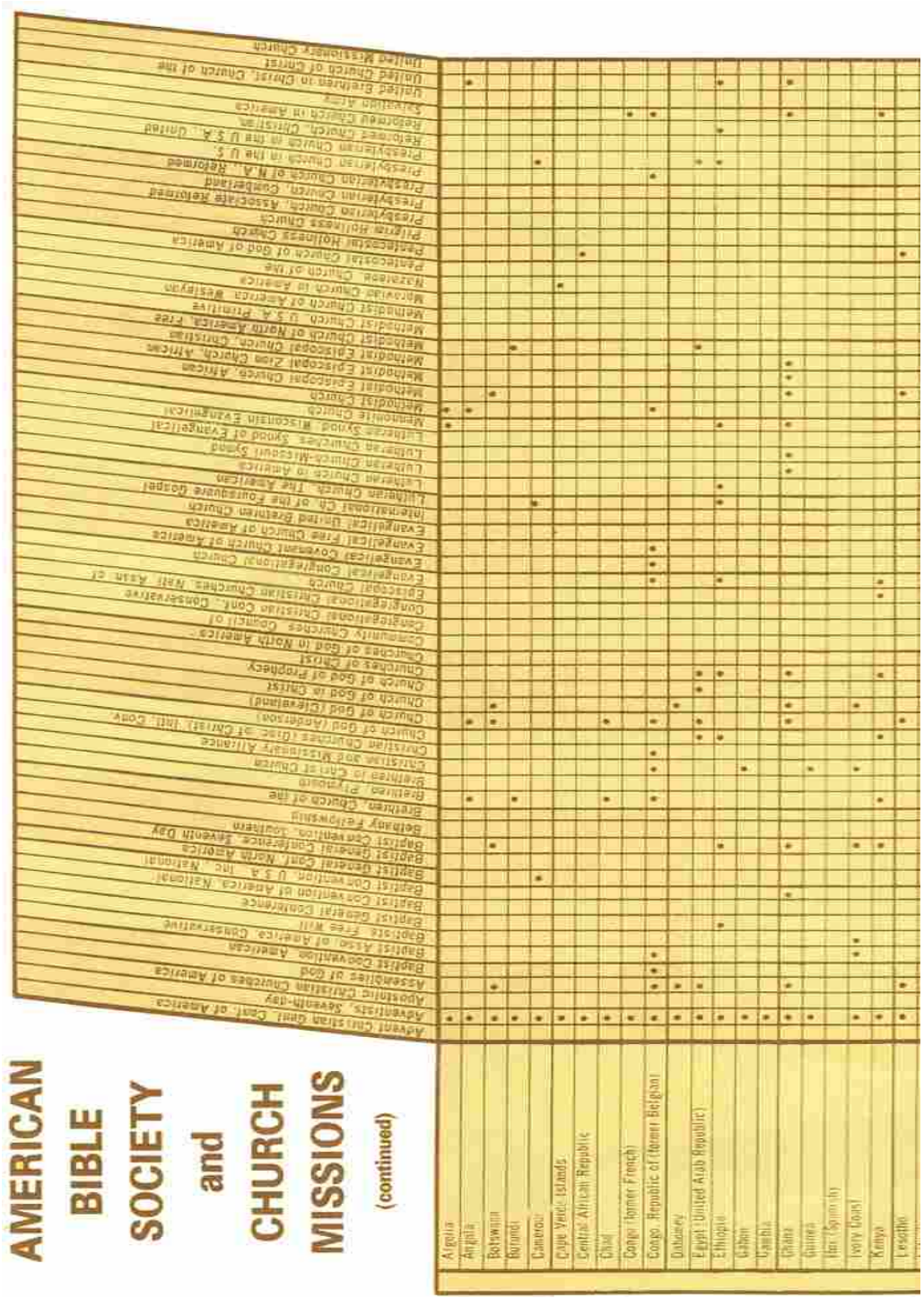




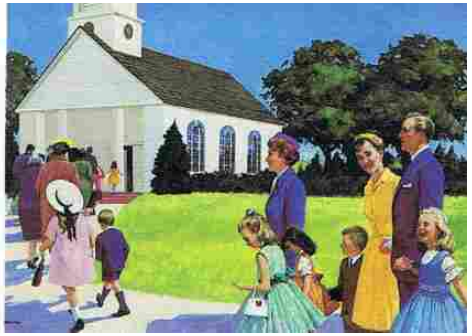

The Bible identifies God's Church.

## GOD'S CHURCH IDENTIFIED

**According to Revelation, chapters 12 and 14, the following seven great points identify God's church for today into which He is calling all His people.**

**God's church:**

1. Will appear after the wilderness — Dark Ages experience — that is, after 1798.
2. Will hold same truths as apostles (teachings will square with the Bible).
3. Will keep the Ten Commandments, including the fourth (seventh-day Sabbath).
4. Will have the gift of prophecy.
5. Will preach the final, end-time, three-point message of Revelation 14:6-12.
6. Will be a world-wide missionary church (to every nation, tongue & people).
7. Will teach salvation through Jesus Christ (the everlasting gospel).

**17. Jesus hands you these seven specifications and says, "go find my church". What does He promise when we seek? Luke 11:9**

**Ans:** "Seek and ye shall _____ ."

**18. How many church organizations in the world fit these seven points? Ephesians 4:5**

**Ans:** _____

**NOTE**: a. The church which is bringing you this Revelation Seminar fits all

seven points. Let's review quickly how it fits each point.

**b.** Let's review also the "Partners" folder.

**19. Once one recognizes God's true church, is it necessary to become a member? Acts 2:47**

**Ans:** And the Lord _____ to the _____ daily _____ as _____ be _____ ".

**NOTE**: Notice the following:

**a.** We are all called into one body — Colossians 3:15

**b.** That body is the church — Colossians 1:18

**c.** We enter the church by baptism — 1 Corinthians 12:13

**IT IS JUST AS IMPERATIVE TO ENTER GOD'S ARK OR CHURCH TODAY, AS IT WAS TO ENTER THE ARK IN NOAH'S DAY. REMEMBER THAT JESUS INTENDS TO SAVE THE CHURCH**, Ephesians 5:25-27.

**20. Revelation 1:12, 13, 20 pictures Jesus walking among His churches. He still walks among the churches today calling His people, Hebrews 13:8. As He speaks to you and calls you into His blessed ark of safety for these last days will you respond to His loving call?**
**You are precious to Him.**

**Ans:** _____





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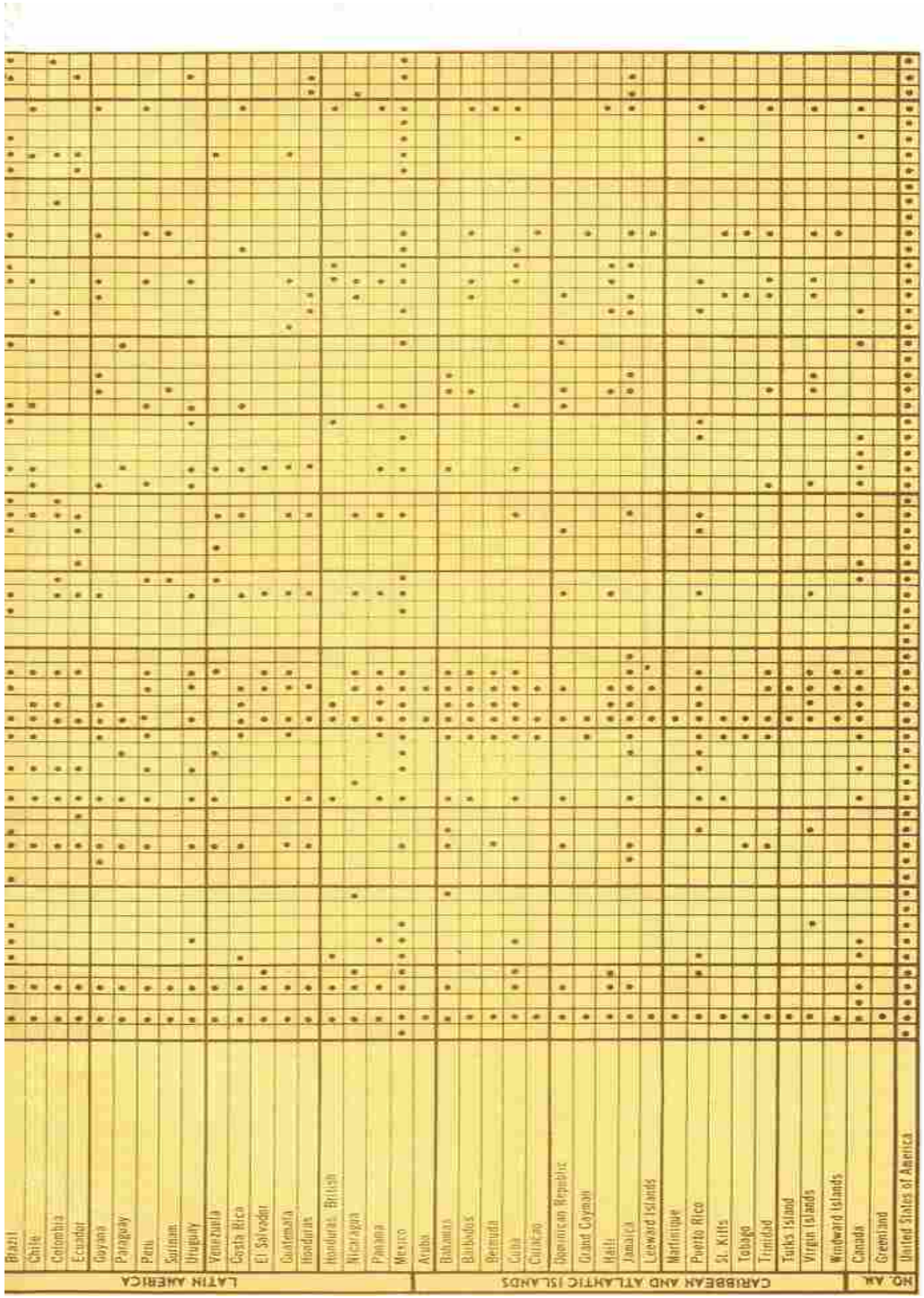

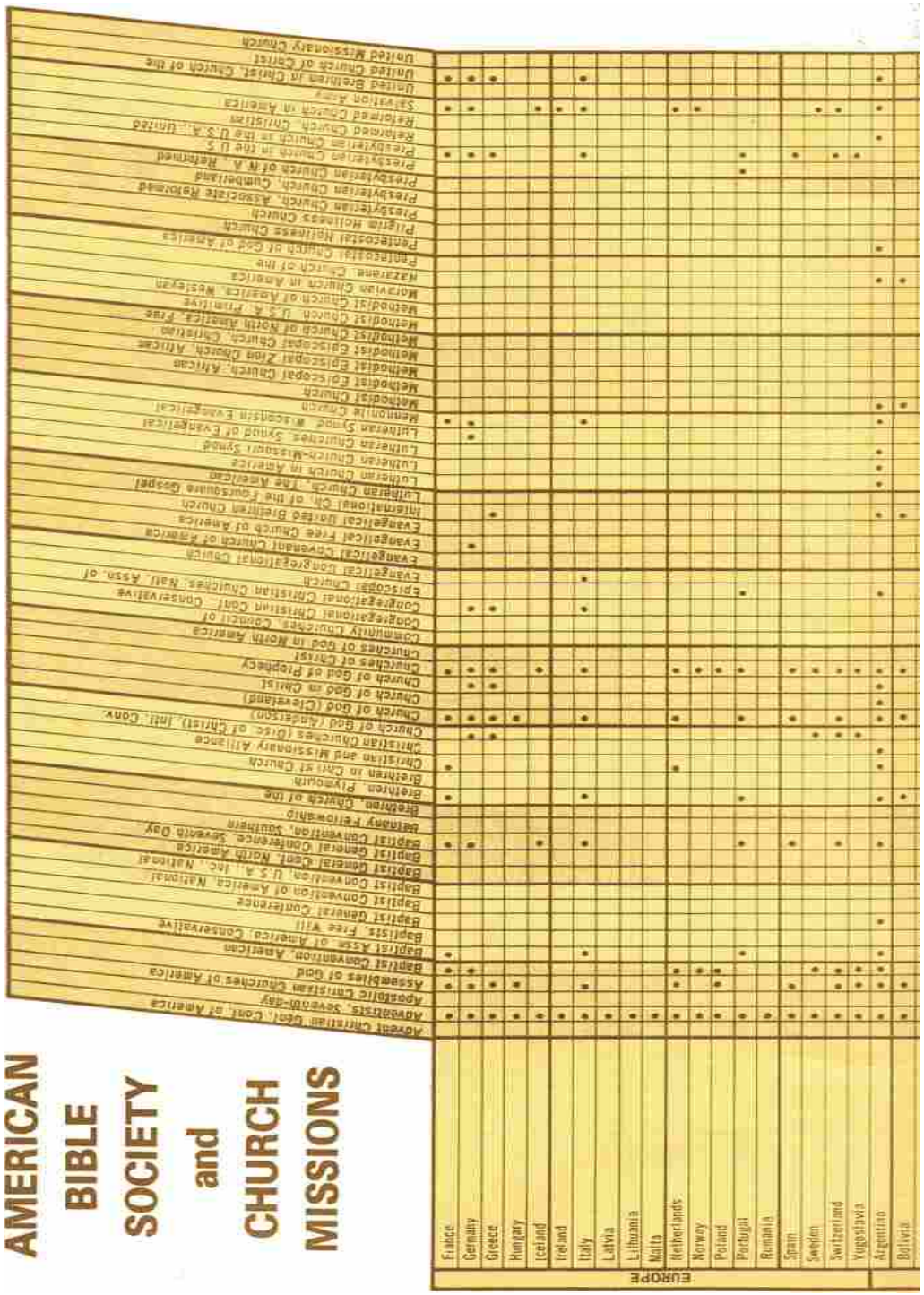






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## THREE CRUCIAL POINTS

## 1260 YEARS PERSECUTION

### THREE CRUCIAL POINTS. . .

Three facts of utmost importance to God's people are established in Revelation 12:10-12.

These facts are:

1. Jesus defeated Satan, the accuser of the brethren, at the cross
2. All of us can overcome through the blood of Jesus and by witnessing.
3. The devil is infuriated because his time is short.

We cannot expect him to behave like a gentleman. He is our bitterest enemy. The message is that Jesus, who has defeated Satan, offers His matchless power to us as a free gift. So, with Jesus' power in our lives we cannot fail. Satan's fury need not affect us.

Always remember the following four points regarding Satan:

1. He is a defeated foe.
2. He was defeated in the war in heaven and cast out.
3. He was defeated by Jesus at the cross and lost his dominion.
4. He will be defeated legally in his case in the judgment and he will again be defeated when he attacks God's holy city.

Finally, he will suffer the defeat of being blotted from the face of the earth in the lake of fire, and, most wonderful of all, Jesus promises that he will be defeated in his bitter, grudge fight to destroy you and me.

What a tremendous message of hope from Jesus!

## 1260 YEARS OF PERSECUTION

This period of tribulation is repeatedly mentioned in the Bible because it is the worst ever to face God's people, Matthew 24:21. It is referred to as 1260 days, 42 months, and 3½ times, or years, Revelation 12:6, 14; 13:5; Daniel 7:25. All add up to the same — 1260 prophetic years. The two **wings** represent speed, Deuteronomy 28:49. This tribulation is called, in Revelation 12:15, a **flood** of persecution. See Isaiah 59:19.

**History is clear that the Papacy was the power which persecuted for 1260 years. The period began in 538 A.D. when Papal power became supreme in Christendom due to the letter of Roman emperor Justinian, which acknowledged the Bishop of Rome as the head of all churches. This letter became a part of Justinian's Code, the fundamental law of the empire. The period ended in 1798 when Napoleon's general, Berthier, took the Pope captive. At least 50 million Christians died for their faith during this period of persecution.**





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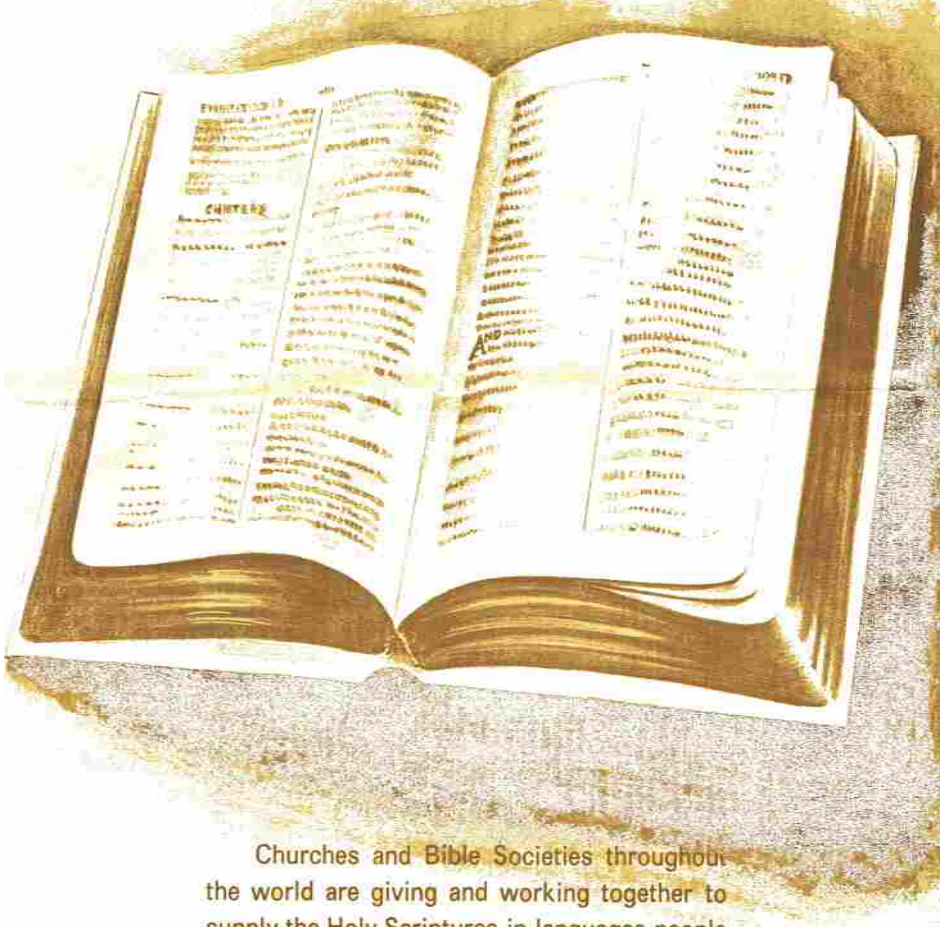

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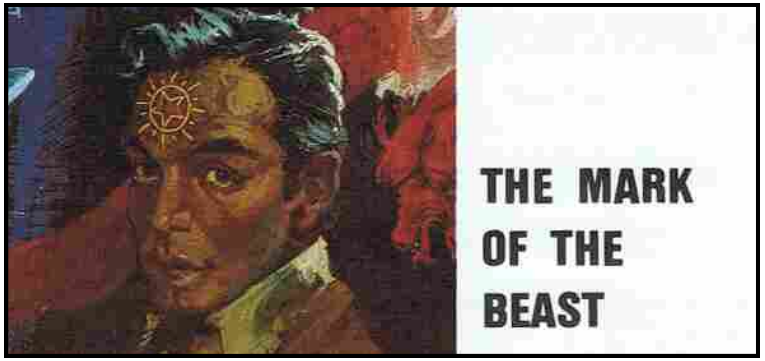


The most fearful, awesome and shocking language in all the book of Revelation is used to describe the mark of the beast.

To read how God describes the punishment for those who receive the mark of the beast, Revelation 14:9-11, is enough to immediately put a sober look on any person's face.

Revelation points out the following specifically:

**a.** Any person who receives the mark of the beast is lost

**b.** The vast, overwhelming majority of the people on this earth will receive the mark of the beast

**c.** The civil authorities will endeavour, by starvation and death threats, to compel people to receive the mark of the beast.

God teaches in Revelation that all people on this earth are rapidly dividing into two groups: one group following the God of heaven, and the other following Satan, who is represented by the beast Those who follow God will receive the sign or mark of God, (We studied God's mark, or sign, in an earlier lesson). Those who follow Satan, represented by the beast, will receive the sign or mark of the beast.

Tragically, unless a person knows for certain what the mark of the beast is, he will inevitably end up with the mark and not even be aware that he has it. Are **YOU POSITIVE** that you can identify the mark of the beast? Anything less than this can cost you your life.

This subject may cut across something you have loved from childhood. But surely, since God lovingly sends us a special message from Revelation on this subject we will all be anxious to hear what He is saying and to accept and follow His counsel. This is what Jesus asks us to do in Revelation 1:3.

This most significant subject is presented in Revelation, chapter 13.

## THE BEAST OF REVELATION 13

1. **In order to identify the "mark" we must first identify the "beast". In prophecy, what does a beast represent? Daniel 7:23; Jeremiah 50:17, 43, 44**

   **Ans:** "The fourth _____ shall be the fourth _____".

   **NOTE**: Beasts in prophecy represent kingdoms, governments, or earthly ruling organizations. The term does not denote disrespect It does not mean beastly characteristics. The description of each beast is a description of the government involved.

2. **According to Revelation 13:1 this beast, with a mark, comes up out of the sea. What does water represent in prophecy? Revelation 17:15**

   **Ans:** "The waters ... Are _____ and _____

   and _____ and _____."

   **NOTE**: Water, in prophecy, represents a populated area

3. **Read Revelation 13:1-8, 18. Notice that this beast, which has a mark that I must not receive, has eight pronounced characteristics. On Exhibit #1, we have listed these eight points and identified the power they describe. Please study this exhibit carefully before going to the next question.**

## THE BEASTS MARK OF AUTHORITY

4. **Since we have now positively identified the beast as the papacy, let's permit the papacy to tell us what its mark is. See Exhibit #2.**

## ATTEMPTED CHANGE OF GOD'S LAW

5. **It seems incredible that the papacy has been able to change the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday and have virtually the entire world follow. Did the papacy really change God's fourth commandment-Sabbath to Sunday or only think that they had changed it? Daniel 7:25**

   **Ans:** "And _____ to change times and _____."

   **NOTE**: Daniel 7 is a parallel prophecy to Revelation 13. The message is clear the papacy only thought a change had been made. The Sabbath of the





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## THE PAPACY ASKS A QUESTION

Here is the famous question which the Papacy has repeatedly. asked Protestants. And Protestants have remained strangely silent:

> "You will tell me that Saturday was the Jewish Sabbath, but that the Christian Sabbath has been changed to Sunday. Changed! But by whom? Who has authority to change an express commandment of Almighty God? When God has spoken and said, `Thou shalt keep holy the seventh day' who shall dare to say, nay, thou mayest work and do all manner of worldly business on the seventh day, but thou shalt keep holy the first day in its stead? This is a most important question which I know not how you can answer. You are a Protestant, and you profess to go by the Bible and the Bible only; and yet, in so important a matter as the observance of one day in seven as a holy day, you go against the plain letter of the Bible, and put another day in the place of that which He has commanded. The command to keep holy the seventh day is one of the ten commandments; you believe the other nine are still binding; who gave you authority to tamper with the fourth? If you are consistent with your own principle, if you really follow the Bible and the Bible only, you ought to be able to produce some portion of the New Testament in which this fourth commandment is expressly altered", **Library of Christian Doctrine**; Burns and Oates, pp. 3-4, London.

BUT AS WE STUDIED BEFORE, VIRTUALLY ALL CHURCHES ADMIT IN THEIR OFFICIAL WRITINGS THAT THERE IS NO SCRIPTURE FOR SUNDAY SACREDNESS. PROTESTANTISM STANDS GUILTY BEFORE THE JUDGMENT BAR OF GOD OF THROWING OUT THE BIBLE SABBATH! GOD, HIMSELF, GAVE THE SABBATH AS A SIGN OR MARK OF HIS POWER TO CREATE AND HIS POWER TO SANCTIFY OR SAVE, Exodus 31:17 (141); Ezekiel 20:12 (1238). DARE ANY MAN TAMPER WITH THIS SACRED SIGN WHICH REPRESENTS THE GREAT GOD OF HEAVEN AND ALL THAT HE STANDS FOR?

Please review again Exhibit #3 from Lesson 11, if you have time. It is a brief report of what other churches say on this subject.



commandment is still binding. Sunday is not a holy day.

6. **What was God's criticism of His ancient priests or pastors? Malachi 2:7-9**

   **Ans:** "Ye have caused many to _____ at the law ... ye have not kept my ways, but have been _____ in my law".

   **NOTE**: God does not change, Malachi 3:6. He still is hurt when religious leaders are partial to the nine commandments and cause people to stumble over His Sabbath command.




It hurts God when we trample His Law

7. **How did the people in Hosea's day regard the great things of God's law? Hosea 8:12**

   **Ans:** "They were counted as a _____ thing".

   **NOTE**: Things have not changed. If you decide to keep the great, holy Sabbath of God's law, people will still consider it a strange thing.

8. **God said that the religious leaders In Ezekiel's day were profaning holy things; putting no difference between profane and holy things and showing no difference between the clean and the unclean. What specifically did He have in mind? Ezekiel 22:26**

   **Ans:** "They have _____ their _____ from my _____ ."

   **NOTE**: It is still happening today. Many religious leaders say, "There is no difference between Sabbath and Sunday", or "any day will do if you are sincere". But God still says, "Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast profaned my Sabbaths", Ezekiel 22:8. He also says He will pour out His "indignation", Ezekiel 22:31, upon those who say, "Thus saith the Lord God, when the Lord has not spoken", Ezekiel 22:28. To claim that God says Sunday is a holy day when God has, instead, ordained the Sabbath is a very serious matter which He will not overlook

9. **What did God say about attempts to change His law or word in any way?**

**Ans: a. Deuteronomy 4:2** — Do not _____ or _____ a single thing.

**b. Proverbs 30:5, 6** — If I add to His word He counts me a _____.

**c. Luke 16:17—** _____ and _____ will sooner pass away than for one tittle of the _____ to fail.

## POPULAR CHURCHES ARE EMBARRASSED

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10. **When we ask the papacy, "How could you change God's holy law" they are embarrassed. But their response is even more embarrassing to Protestants. See Exhibit #3.**

## HOW THE MARK IS RECEIVED

11. **Where is the beast's mark placed on people? Revelation 13:16**

**Ans:** "In their right _____ or in their _____ ."

**NOTE**: The mark is not literal. Remember, we are dealing with symbols. The forehead represents the mind with which we serve God, Romans 7:25, and the hand is a symbol of work, Ecclesiastes 9:10. Those who accept Sunday observance willingly are marked in the forehead. Those who agree to work Sabbath to avoid boycott or death are marked in the hand.

12. **Do people who now observe Sunday as a holy day have the mark of the beast? Revelation 13:16, 17.**

**Ans:** "And that _____ man might _____ or _____ save he that had the _____."

**NOTE**: No one has the mark of the beast now. No one will be marked until the law forces a person to stop buying and selling unless he has the mark. When it becomes a major issue and men are forced to decide for either the mark of God or the mark of the beast, then those who work on Sabbath or observe Sunday as a holy day will be marked. Sabbath breaking, however, even today, is a very serious matter, because it involves sin, I John 3:4. Those who knowingly profane God's holy day now, will lose the ability to think and see clearly and will end up in darkness, John 12:35.





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## THE PAPACY SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

One day a man picked up Peter Geiermann's Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine and read the following on p. 50:

**Q. Which is the Sabbath day?**

**A.** Saturday is the Sabbath day.

**Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?**

**A.** We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday".

The man was dumbfounded and supposed there must be some mistake so he wrote a letter to the then famous James Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, and asked if the Catholic church did, indeed, change the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday. The Cardinal replied, "Of course, the Catholic church claims that the change was her act. And the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters".

Notice, also, the following words from **The Catholic Record** of London, Ontario, Canada, September 1, 1923: "Sunday is our MARK of authority ... the church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact".

Notice this from A Doctrinal Catechism by Stephen Keenan:

**Q. Have you any other way of proving that the church has power to institute festivals of precept?**

**A.** Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her, she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority".

**The Papacy claims that it changed the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday and that Sunday or Sunday-keeping is its mark of authority and power. God's mark or sign of power, is Sabbath and Sabbath-keeping and the beast's sign or mark of power, is Sunday and Sunday-keeping.**

congenial, courageous person who loves God. This lesson is not an attack upon our Christian Catholic friends. It is an attack upon the devil who is responsible for the entire miserable affair. It is true, however, that God, Himself, has told us that this system has a mark which we dare not receive. Sincere Protestants, Catholics, Jews and the unchurched will all be anxious to discover what this mark is so they can avoid receiving it. Thank God that He has, in the book of Revelation, uncovered Satan's ugly plans to destroy us all.


1 Adolf Harnacl **What is Christianity**; New York; Putnam, 1901, pp. 269,270

2 Joseph DeHarbe, **Catechism of the Catholic Religion**; New York; W. H. Sadler, Inc. 1924, P. 279

3 Christopher Marcellus, **Oration in the Fifth Lateran Council**, Session IV (1512) in Mans, S.C., Vol. 32, Col. 761 (Latin)

4 **Catholic National**, July, 1895

5 Joseph Rickaby, **The Modern Papacy**, in Lectures on the History of Religion, Vol. 3, Lecture 24, p. 1. (London: Catholic Truth Society, 1910)

6 **Our Sunday Visitor**, April 18, 1915, in answers to readers questions.

7 W.E.H. Lecky, **History of the Rise and Influence of the Spirit of Rationalism in Europe**; New York; Braziller, 1955, Vol. 2, pp. 40-45




**13. In these last days, God has commanded His angels to hold back the winds of strife from the earth until something happens to His people. What is that something? Revelation 7:1-3**

**Ans**: "Hurt not the _____ ... till we have _____

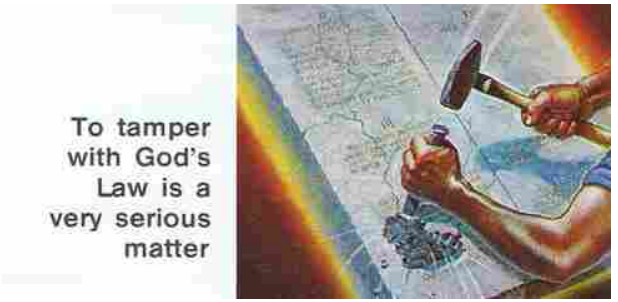
The _____ of God in their _____."

**NOTE**: God is holding back devastating destruction from the earth until His people receive His seal, sign or mark, which is His Sabbath. Soon every person on earth will be in one of two groups: God's group, with His Sabbath mark, or the beast's group, with his counterfeit Sunday mark. The Holy Spirit is working with almost desperation to clearly show people that loyalty to God is involved here and to impress them to accept God's Sabbath mark which represents His creative and redemptive power. It is not enough to claim that we serve God. We must also obey Him, Luke 6:46. Winds blowing represent strife, war and commotion, Jeremiah 49:36, 37; 4:11-13 and Zechariah 7:14.

**14. Who will receive God's wrath in the last days? Revelation 14:9, 10**

**Ans**: Those who receive the _____ of the _____ .

**NOTE**: God's wrath is contained in the seven last plagues which we will study in a soon coming lesson, Revelation 15:1; Revelation 16:1, 2




## A TEST OF LOYALTY

**15. How does God decide who it is we serve? Romans 6:16**

**Ans:** "His _____ ye are _____ to _____ ye."

NOTE: God chooses to save everybody, I Timothy 2:3, 4. The devil desperately wants all to be lost. We choose whom we will serve by whom we obey, Joshua 24:15. I obey God and serve Him by accepting his mark It is not a matter of days but rather a question of loyalty to Christ or anti-Christ, which is another name for the beast. God's Sabbath is like a banner or flag. When I obey Him I step under His Sabbath banner. When I, with

my eyes wide open, step under the Sunday banner of the beast, God counts me as serving the beast.

**16. Now does God count me if I am neutral? Matthew 12:30**

**Ans:** "He that is not _____ me is _____ ."

**17. According to Revelation 13:11, John saw another beast rise up out of the earth about the time that the beast of verse 1 went into captivity (vs. 10). Whom do you think this beast represents?**

**Ans:** _____

**NOTE**: No other country except the United Sates can fit here. It came up from an uninhabited area (the earth). It was lamblike (peaceful and docile) and it arose around 1798 when the Pope went into captivity. It was in 1776 that America declared her independence. Obviously, government attitude must change before this prophecy can be fulfilled. But since God predicts that it will do so there is no question about it happening.

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**18. What two tragic things does this second beast cause people to do? Revelation 13:12, 16**

**Ans**: To "_____ the first beast" and "to receive a mark"

in the hand or _____."

**NOTE**: America will lead out in forcing people to receive the mark of the beast. That magnificent country will soon repudiate religious freedom and will force people into false worship.

**19. Now will the second beast convince people they should listen to him? Revelation 13:13, 14**

**Ans**: "And _____ them ... by the means of those

_____ which he had _____ to do".

**20. To whom will this second beast make an image? Revelation 13:14**

**Ans:** "Saying ... that they should _____ an _____ to

the _____ which had the _____ _____ and

did _____ ".

**NOTE**: An image is a copy. The first beast supported false worship by the **arm** of the state and persecuted and killed those who refused to comply.



the Pope as "Vicar of Christ", will enclose the words in quotation marks because they are a translation of his title or name. The book of Revelation is saying that the Roman numeral value of the letters of his name will equal 666.

**Let's see if it does:**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| V - 5 | F - 0 | D - 500 | 112 |
| I - 1 | I - 1 | E - 0 | 53 |
| C - 100 | L - 50 | I - 1 | 501 |
| A - 0 | I - 1 | 501 | 666 |
| R - 0 | I - 1 | | |
| I - 1 | 53 | | |
| U - 5 | | | |
| S - 0 | | | |
| 112 | | | |

So the Papacy fits the sixth point.

**7. Would be a religious power — it is involved in _____(vs. 5, 8).**

**NOTE**: This power is not a secular government but is involved in spiritual matters. The word "worship" is used four times in Revelation 13. The chapter is about false worship. Again, the Papacy fits the identification point.

**8. Would war with and persecute the _____, (vs. 7).**

It is common knowledge that the Papacy did persecute and destroy conscientious Christians, especially during the peak of its period of control, during the middle ages. Many historians say that more than fifty million people died for their faith during this period of great tribulation. The church felt it was doing God a favour in stamping out "heresy", but the fact remains that it did persecute and destroy. Many modern Catholics disapprove of these persecutions. The Papacy fits this point, also.

> **There may be two sides to some questions, but there is only one side here: the beast of Revelation 13:1-8,18 represents the Papacy. And this power has a mark that I dare not receive.**

**NOTE**: There are many beautiful, sweet, loving Roman Catholic Christians who serve Jesus gladly and whom Jesus counts as His children. Pope John Paul II, himself, seems to be a warm, gracious,

Berthier, took the Pope captive and he died in exile. Please note that 538 AD. to 1798 A.D. is exactly 1260 years, as prophecy predicted. Again, the Papacy fits the identification point. No other power could possibly fit THIS point.

**4. Would be guilty of _____, (vs. 5, 6).**

**NOTE**: The Bible defines blasphemy as claiming to be God, John 10:33 and claiming power to forgive sins, Luke 5:21. Once again the Papacy fits the identification point.

**It claims to forgive sins.** From a catechism we note the following:

"**QUESTION**: Does the priest truly forgive the sins, or does he only declare that they are remitted?
**ANSWER**: The priest does really and truly forgive the sins in virtue of the power given him by Jesus Christ." [2]

**It claims to be God.** "Thou art another God on earth." [3] "The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ, Himself, hidden under the veil of flesh." [4]

**5. Would receive a deadly _____ which would heal. Then the entire world would follow Him, (vs. 3).**

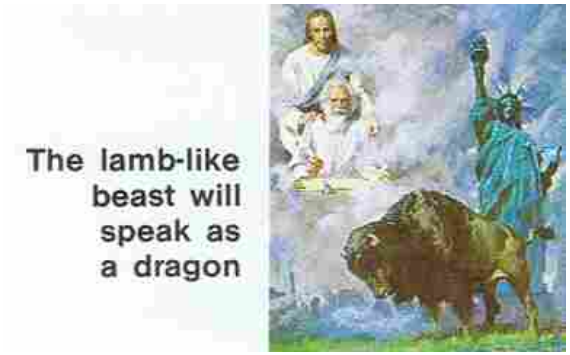
The Papacy was dealt what appeared to be a death blow when in 1798 Napoleon's general, Berthier, took the Pope captive and he died in exile.[5] Half of Europe thought that the Papacy had ended with this event. God, however, was on record that the wound would be healed and that the influence of the Papacy would grow till all the world followed her leading. Even a novice recognizes today that the Papacy is, in many ways, the most influential power on earth. And with each trip of Pope John Paul II, the Papacy's influence and power increases. Multiplied millions from all over the world look to the Papacy today as the only hope for world unity, love, peace and decency — precisely as God predicted. So, again, the Papacy fits the identification point.

**6. Would have the mystic number _____, (vs. 18).**

Revelation 13:17, 18 says to count the number of the beast's name and that it is the number of a man. The man we think of when the Papacy is mentioned is the Pope. What is his name? One of the Pope's official titles is "VICAR OF THE SON OF GOD" [6] which in Latin is "VICARIUS FILII DEI". Often newspaper articles, when referring to



The second beast will do the same. We see omens today of such things in the uniting of church and government leaders to enforce religious morality to stem the tide of evil in our decaying society. Their motives are very good but FORCED worship is always evil. FORCED prayer in public schools and FORCED Sunday blue laws can be dangerous for the same reason. The second beast will utilize boycott and death threats to force people into line, Revelation 13:15-17. THE IMAGE'IS UNION OF CHURCH AND STATE WITH FORCED WORSHIP. Remember God does not force our worship or obedience. In love, He always gives us the freedom of choice.




## GOD'S PEOPLE LOVINGLY OBEY

**21. What did the disciples say about whether we should obey God or man? Acts 5:29**

**Ans:** "We ought to obey _____ rather than _____ "

**NOTE**: And Jesus said, "In vain they do worship me, teaching for, doctrines the commandments of men", Matthew 15:9.

**22. What can I do to make certain I will not receive the mark of the beast? Revelation 14:12**

**Ans:** "Keep the _____ of _____ and the _____ of _____ _____ ."

**NOTE**: Revelation 14:9-11 warns against receiving the mark of the beast Verse 12 tells what the victorious saints do to avoid the mark They keep God's commandments and have Jesus' faith. Praise God it is Jesus' faith that makes the miracle of commandment-keeping possible. My faith in Jesus' indwelling presence is the key. Jesus fulfils God's commands IN me by His miracle-working power, Romans 8:3, 4.

## GOD'S LAST WARNING MESSAGE

God's last message to the world, Revelation 14:6-12, includes:

**a. WORSHIP OF THE CREATOR** (vs. 7) which means I keep the sign or mark of His creatorship, His Sabbath. For emphasis, verse 7 even quotes part of the Sabbath commandment: "made heaven and earth and the sea," Revelation 14:7; Exodus 20:11.

**b. DO NOT RECEIVE THE MARK OF THE BEAST** (vs. 9-10) which means I must not accept and receive the devil's counterfeit sign of Sunday sacredness.

It is God who gives us these two solemn warnings. What could be more sobering? Satan, who hates God, asks for my allegiance through the adoption of his mark Jesus, my Saviour, asks for my allegiance through the adoption of His sign or mark.

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**23. Is it now clear to you that a person who receives the mark of the beast is lost?**

**Ans:** _____

**24. When you decide to accept Jesus and fully follow Him, what happens? Matthew 11:28-30**

**Ans:** "Ye shall find _____ unto your souls. For my yoke is _____ and my burden is _____."

**NOTE**: Deciding to follow Jesus fully and to accept His holy sign brings rest, peace, joy, happiness, and blessings which are indescribably glorious. It is one of the most exciting decisions of a life time. The word "Sabbath" means "rest". Accepting God's Sabbath sign brings rest and release from the burdens of life. Such blessed relief can come from no other source.

**25. Jesus is waiting at the door of your heart for your answer, Revelation 3:20. Will you decide now to receive His glorious sign as evidence that you accept Him as your blessed redeemer?**

**Ans:** _____





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## IDENTIFYING THE BEAST OF REVELATION 13:1-8, 18

The beast has eight points of identification.

**Let's review them:**

**1. It would receive its _____: seat**

**And _____, (vs. 2).**

**NOTE**: The dragon, Revelation 12:3, 4, 9, though primarily representing Satan, also represents Pagan Rome, whom Satan used to try to destroy Jesus when Herod, a Roman ruler, killed the babies of Bethlehem, Matthew 2:16-18. History is clear that the Papacy received its power, authority and capital city from old Pagan Rome. This quote from history is typical:

> "The Roman church ... pushed itself into the place of the Roman world empire, of which it is the actual continuation. The Pope ... is Caesar's successor." [1] Obviously the Papacy fits point number one.

**2. Would become a _____—wide power, (vs. 3,7).**

**NOTE**: None would dispute that during the middle ages the Papacy was indeed a world-wide power so, once again, the Papacy fits the identification.

**3. Would rule for 42 _____ (vs. 5).**

**NOTE**: Remember that, in prophecy, one prophetic day equals one literal year, Ezekiel 4:6. The time of the Papacy's rule is repeatedly referred to in prophecy as 1260 days, 42 months or 3½ years. All equal the same thing: 1260 prophetic days or 1260 literal years. The power of the Papacy became supreme in Christendom in 538 A.D. due to the letter of Roman Emperor Justinian, which acknowledged the bishop of Rome as the head of all churches. This letter became part of Justinian's code, the fundamental law of the empire. The power and status of the Papacy reached its lowest ebb in 1798 A.D. when Napoleon's general,

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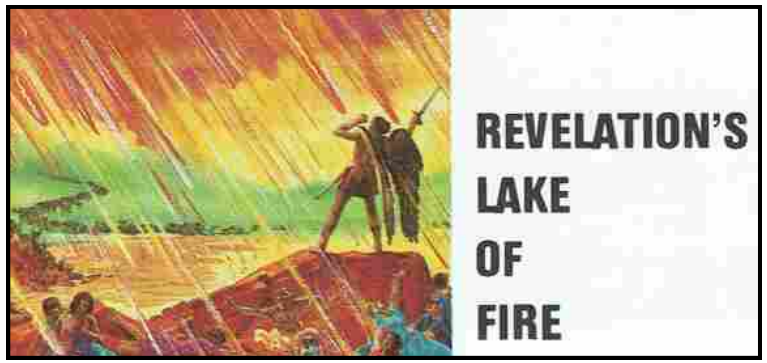


Revelation, in most graphic language, repeatedly refers to the lake of fire, hell and the punishment of the unsaved. Fifteen times Jesus pointedly mentions the lake of fire so John will know that the fire is not a fable but rather a very necessary part of God's plan to abolish sin and make the righteous safe for eternity.

However, grave problems confront many when they study the subject of hell in Revelation. Thinking people have been shocked to read that the unsaved will be "tormented day and night forever and ever" = Revelation 20:10, because such words fill the mind with serious questions about God's mercy and justice.

Are all the wicked punished forever regardless of the degree and number of their sins? Does a sinner who died three thousand years ago receive three thousand years more punishment than one who dies today and is lost for the same sin? How can God get rid of sin if sinners are kept alive forever in a fire? in light of these questions, this subject becomes one of exceeding great importance.

Millions have turned their back on Jesus because of such teachings and others have said, "lf God is like that, I hate Him!" At stake here is the character and reputation of the great God of heaven. Let us examine carefully the Bible evidence.

## GOD'S FINAL JUDGMENT

1. **When will the wicked he punished in the fire? 2 Peter 2:9**

   **Ans:** "The Lord knoweth how to . . . _____ the _____

   unto the _____ of _____ to be _____."

2. **When is the judgment day? John 12:48; Matthew 13:39-42**

**Ans**: **a. John 12:48 —** "The same shall judge him in the _____ day."

**b. Matthew 13:40-42 —** "In the _____ of this _____."

**NOTE**: Clearly the judgment day is the end of the world. We would not think of sending a person to prison until he was tried or judged. Neither will God punish people till they face Him in the final judgment before His throne at the end of the world.

3. **Thought Question: Since the wicked are not to be punished in hell until the judgment day at the end of the world, how many lost souls are in hell now?**

**Ans:** _____

4. **Since the wicked do not go into hell fire at death where do they go? Job 21:30, 32**

**Ans:** "He shall be brought to the _____ and shall remain in the _____."

**NOTE**: Jesus also plainly stated in John 5:28, 29 that all who have died are in their graves until called forth by Jesus on the resurrection day. This is why we can be positive that not one single lost soul is in hell now. Jesus says they are all in their graves.

5. **What rewards do the righteous and wicked receive? Romans 6:23**

**Ans:** "The wages of sin is _____ . . . the gift of God is eternal _____."

**NOTE**: The righteous receive eternal LIFE and the wicked receive DEATH.

6. **Which death do the wicked receive in the fire? Revelation 21:8**

**Ans:** "Which is the _____ death."

NOTE: The difference in the first and second death is that there is no resurrection from the second death. It is final.

7. **Many people say that souls never die, but what does God say? Ezekiel 18:4, 20**

**Ans:** "The _____ that _____, it shall _____."





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# PARABLE OF RICH MAN AND LAZARUS
## Luke 16:19-31

A parable is a story to illustrate a point. It may be a true story or simply a fabricated illustration.

Parables cannot always be taken literally, Judges 9:8-15.

Read Luke 16:19-31. This parable cannot be accepted literally because:

**A.** Abraham's bosom is **NOT** the home of the saved, Hebrews 11:10, 16. Abraham's bosom is a **FIGURATIVE** representation of heaven. The representation of hell is also **FIGURATIVE**. **BOTH MUST BE LITERAL OR BOTH FIGURATIVE.**

**B.** Those in heaven will NOT be able to talk with those in hell. Isaiah 65:17 says the former things will not even be remembered, and Revelation 21:4 says the former things are passed away, which includes hell.

**C.** The Bible indicates that the dead, (good and bad), are in their graves, Job 17:13; Job 21:30-32; and that they will hear Jesus' voice **FROM THEIR GRAVES**, John 5:28, 29, and not from Heaven or hell.

**D.** The Bible teaches that men will receive their reward at the second coming, and not at death, Revelation 22:11, 12; Matthew 16:27.

**E.** It would make Jesus contradict Himself, Matthew 13:3842; Matthew 16:27.

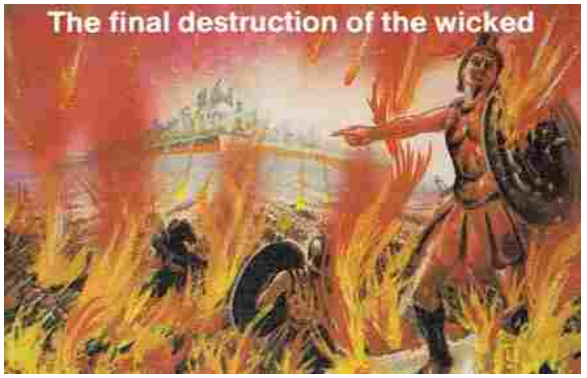
Note that even if taken literally, this parable would refute the idea of disembodied souls going to hell, for it describes the rich man with eyes, tongue, and lips. If taken literally, this parable would prove that men are cast into hell, soul and BODY, at death.

Bodies of the dead have been exhumed after having been dead for months. It is a well-known fact that the eyes are still in the body even then; hence the absurdity of taking the parable literally is further seen. The "eyes" are in the grave, not in hell-fire.

In this parable, Christ was simply using a common belief of the day to illustrate the truth of Luke 16:31: namely, if a man refuses to be guided by the scripture, there is no hope for him.



**NOTE**: So on God's own authority souls that sin will receive death, and not everlasting torment, in the fire.




# GOD'S FIRE DESTROYS

At the end of the 1000 years (Rev. 20), the Holy City with all the saints comes down from heaven, and settles on the Mount of Olives. The wicked of all ages are resurrected and Satan leads them in a dramatic attempt to capture the City. At this time fire comes down from God out of heaven, This is the "hell fire" spoken of in the Bible.

**8. What does this fire do to the wicked? Rev. 28:9**

**Ans:** "Fire came down from God out of heaven and _____ them."

**NOTE**: When a child devours a bar of candy, how much is left? Likewise, when sinners are devoured in the fire they are put out of existence. Please note also that Revelation 20:9 teaches that the fire will be set here on the earth. Proverbs 11:31 also says that the wicked will receive their reward on the earth.

**9. How big will the fire be and what will it do to the earth and the elements? 2 Peter 3:10**

**Ans:** "The elements shall _____ with fervent heat, the _____ also and the works that are therein shall be _____ _____."

**NOTE**: The fire will be the exact size of the earth because it will be the earth on fire. The elements and the earth will melt from the heat and everything on the face of the earth will be burned up.

**10. How did Malachi describe the fire and what it will accomplish? Malachi 4:1**

**Ans:** a. The day will burn as an _____; **b.** all that do wickedly shall be _____; **c.** It will burn them _____; **d.** leave them neither _____ nor branch.

**NOTE**: The wicked will burn like stubble or dry tinder, not asbestos as nary believe, The fire will burn them "up". The little word "up" denotes completion,

**11. Will the fire go out? Isaiah 47:14**

**Ans:** "There shall _____ be a _____ to _____ at, nor _____ to _____ before it".

**NOTE**: The fire burns them as stubble. There is no escaping the flames, But when the stubble is burned up the fire goes out and not even a coal is left glowing. Isaiah 47 uses symbols and language very similar to that of Revelation, chapters 16 to 19, and for very good reason: both refer to the punishment and destruction of Babylon, or the unfaithful. Lesson 21 takes up a full study of spiritual Babylon.

**12. What it left when the fire goes out? Malachi 43**

**Ans:** _____

**13. David, in the Psalms, says that in a little while the wicked will not be found no matter how diligently one may search. What did he say was the reason? Psalm 37:10, 20**

**Ans:** "Into _____ they shall _____ _____."

**NOTE**: The wicked will not be found, because in hell they went up in smoke. It would be easy to find the wicked if they were screaming for mercy somewhere in hell, but David says that is not so.

## GOD'S JUSTICE COMPLETE

**14. How long will the wicked suffer in the fire? Revelation 22:12**

**Ans:** "To give every man according as his _____ shall _____."

**NOTE**: Jesus says He will reward or punish all according to their works or conduct. Some will suffer longer than others, but soon the fire goes out, and



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## BIBLE PASSAGES ABOUT HELL EXPLAINED

### TORMENTED FOREVER AND EVER
### Revelation 20:10

FOREVER in the Bible is a period of time, limited or unlimited, depending upon what is being described. The word FOREVER in the Bible is like the word TALL. Tall has different meanings depending on what is being described, such as a dog, or house, or a mountain. The word FOREVER is used 56 times in the Old Testament in connection with things already ended. In the case of man, the Bible teaches that FOREVER means MAN'S LIFETIME or AS LONG AS A MAN LIVES. In the case of Samuel, FOREVER meant "AS LONG AS HE LIVETH", I Samuel 1:22,28 (442). In Psalm 48:14 (892) FOREVER means until death. Burning FOREVER in the fire means that man burns until he dies.

### FIRE UNQUENCHABLE
### Luke 3:17

Jerusalem was destroyed with unquenchable fire, Jeremiah 17:27, but it is not still burning today. 2 Chronicles 36:19, 21 says Jerusalem was burnt with fire to fulfill Jeremiah's prophecy. Unquenchable fire cannot be PUT out, but it GOES out when everything is burned up.

### EVERLASTING OR ETERNAL FIRE
### Matthew 25:41

Jude 7 says God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah with everlasting or eternal fire. And Peter says in II Peter 2:6 that the fire turned those cities into ashes as an example to those who live ungodly. So eternal or everlasting fire turns things to ashes and then goes out. It is everlasting in its EFFECT and not its DURATION.

### EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT
### Matthew 25:46

Note that it is not everlasting PUNISHING but rather PUNISHMENT. Paul says that the punishment for sin is DEATH, Romans 6:23. And Revelation calls this death the SECOND DEATH which the wicked die in the fire, Revelation 21:8. That death or destruction will be eternal because there is no resurrection from it.

**24. Will sin ever rise up again after it is destroyed in hell fire? Nahum 1:9**

**Ans:** “Affliction shall not rise up again the _____ time"

**NOTE**: Praise God! Never again will sin rear its ugly head.

**25. What will God do after sin and sinners are destroyed? Isaiah 65:17; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:3**

**Ans: a.** Isaiah 65:17; 2 Peter 3:13 — "Behold I create new _____ and a new _____. . . wherein dwelleth righteousness.”

**b.** Revelation 21:3 — “God . . .will _____ with _____.”

NOTE: Utterly fantastic! God moves in with His people on the new earth to be their loving Father and neighbour. Everything that Adam and Eve lost will be restored, Acts 3:19-21. God’s people will, at long last, have found joy unspeakable without end.

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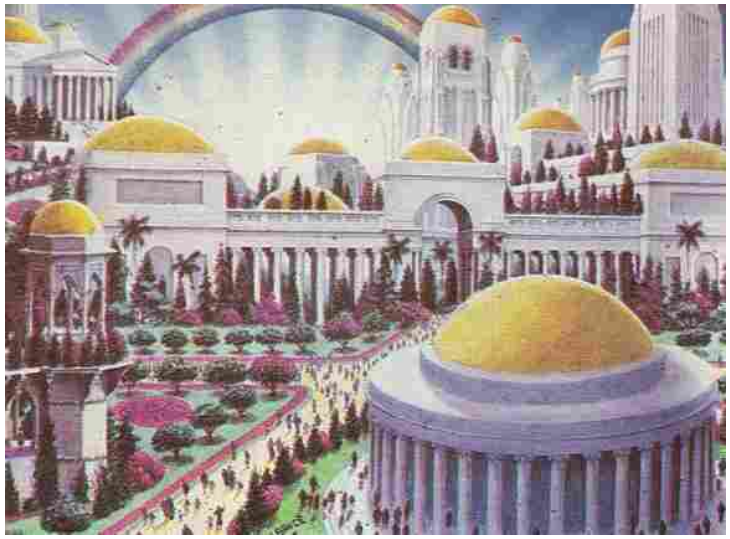
**26. Jesus invites you to live in His fabulous new kingdom. Will you accept His invitation now and let Him work the miracles which will lake you into His kingdom?**

**Ans:** _____





all are turned to ashes. Jesus will handle the destruction of hell fire quickly. Being destroyed in hell is not the great tragedy of sin. The great tragedy of sin is missing heaven and an eternity with Jesus.

**15. When the devil is placed in the fire, Revelation 20:10, what happens to him? Ezekiel 28:17-19**

**Ans:** "I will bring thee to _____ upon the _____.”

**NOTE**: He is turned to ashes and his existence ends. Ezekiel 28:19 says of the devil, "never shalt thou be any more".

**16. Will people enter the fire in bodily form or as spirits? Matthew 5:30**

**Ans:** “Thy _____ _____ should be _____ into _____ .”

**NOTE**: People enter hell “alive” - Revelation 19:20, and in bodily form with eyes, hands and feet. The picture is of real, live human beings being destroyed by fire.

**17. Some say that the soul burns forever and only the body is destroyed in hell but what does Jesus say? Matthew 10:29**

**Ans:** "Fear him which is able to destroy both _____ and _____ in hell".

**NOTE**: The scripture makes it easy to understand. Both soul and body are destroyed in hell. Everything that comprises a person: his intelligence, personality, life and all else that makes him an individual will be destroyed in the fire.




## SATAN MISREPRESENTS GOD

What a tragedy that God is credited with teaching ETERNAL TORMENT when He taught something ENTIRELY DIFFERENT. Could you stand to

see your child burn for even one hour for a terrible crime? Yet men accuse God of burning His disobedient children for eternity.

**18. What is Job's fitting question regarding God's justice? Joh 4:17**

**Ans:** "Shall mortal _____ be more _____ than _____."

**NOTE**: It is slander on the holy name of God to accuse Him of far crueller and more heartless treatment of people than has occurred in the very worst of war atrocities. Eternal torment is not a part of God's great plan. Such a teaching has made God haters and infidels of many people through the centuries. An eternal hell of torment would be hell for God who loves even His worst enemies with a love that is indescribably deep and heartfelt.

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**19. For whom did God plan the fires of hell? Matthew 25:41 (1**

**Ans:** "Prepared for the _____ and his _____."

**NOTE**: God prepared hell to destroy sin, the devil and his angels. His plan is to isolate sin and then eradicate it from the universe with fire. Like a cancer, sin would jeopardize the universe unless eradicated. The ugly cancer of sin must be destroyed in the fire. If I hang on to sin I will have to be destroyed with it. God cannot permit that ugly thing which deals such misery and woe and which killed His Son to enter His new kingdom. He pleads with me daily to let Him remove sin from my life and bury it under the sea, but He will not force it. The choice is mine. If I choose to go my own way here I would do the same in heaven. Besides, those who refuse to follow Jesus here would be in abject misery in a place where only holiness exists. It would be cruel to force them to live under such conditions.

## GOD'S LOVE VINDICATED

**20. What is God's act of destroying people in the fire called? Isaiah 28:21**

**Ans:** "His strange _____ ... His _____ act".

**NOTE**: Jesus came to save people. Destroying even those who hate Him is so contrary to His nature that it is called His strange act. God's great heart will be torn asunder when He is forced to destroy those whom He dearly loves, Ezekiel 33:11. He is not willing that any should perish, 2 Peter 3:9. He will cry out as He did with Ephraim, "How can I give you up?" Hosea 11:8 [Phillips Translation]. And He will with anguish ask, "What more could I have done than I did do to save them?" Isaiah 5:4. It will be the most horrible moment heaven has ever spent when God's disobedient children must be destroyed because they refused His love.



**21. When the new kingdom is set up what happens to all former things, including hell? Revelation 21:4**

**Ans:** "The _____ things are _____ _____."

**NOTE**: ALL former things are passed away. No exception is made to keep hell burning somewhere in God's universe. God's plan is to completely rid the universe of evil. An eternal hell would perpetuate sin and evil and make it impossible to ever forget it.

**22. What should be my reason for serving Jesus? John 14:23, 24**

**Ans:** _____

**NOTE**: No one will be in heaven because they were afraid of hell. People will be in heaven because they loved Jesus first, last and always. And those who love Jesus will have no need to fear hell, 1 John 4:18

**23. Earthly governments cannot remain stable without the meting out of justice. But some say God is too loving to ever punish or destroy the wicked. What does the Bible say? Exodus 34:6, 7**

**Ans:** "The Lord. ..will by _____ means _____ the _____."

**NOTE**: It is because God **IS** loving that justice is a must. God's justice is based upon the choices people make after being fully informed. It would be unfair to impose a life-style upon a person contrary to the one he has chosen. Divine justice is just as essential as divine love. In fact, divine justice **IS** divine love. God loves us enough to permit us freedom to choose the lifestyle we prefer. God's justice simply insists that we receive what we have chosen with all of its consequences. Those who choose sin choose death, Romans 6:23; Proverbs 8:36.

SOME WONDER about Bible passages which speak of being tormented FOREVER and EVER; ETERNAL fire, EVERLASTING punishment, UNQUENCHABLE fire, and THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS. For a discussion of these points see EXHIBITS # 1 and # 2.



## GOD'S TRUE CHURCH TODAY

**18. In Noah's day those who were to he saved had to enter the ark. Believing was not enough! In Jesus' day those who were to be saved had to enter Jesus' fold. After being called out of Babylon, what must we enter today if we would be saved? Acts 2:47**

**Ans:** "And the Lord _____ to the _____ daily

such as _____ be _____".

**NOTE**:, The Scripture is crystal clear on this point. Notice the following:
**a. We are all called into one body**, Colossians 3:15;
**b. That-body is the church**, Colossians 1:18;
**c. We enter the church by baptism**, 1 Corinthians 12:13;
**d.** Lesson #18 clearly identifies God's true church for today.

IT IS JUST AS NECESSARY FOR A PERSON TO ENTER GOD'S TRUE CHURCH TODAY AS IT WAS FOR PEOPLE TO ENTER THE ARK IN NOAH'S DAY.

**19. If I remain in Babylon, how will Sod count me, and what does He say will happen to me? Revelation 18:4**

**Ans:** I will partake of her_____ and receive of her _____ ."

**NOTE**: The plagues will fall on all who are in Babylon. The only safe thing to do is to get out of Babylon quickly.

In Noah's day only eight people entered the ark which God lovingly provided for their salvation. The rest of mankind needlessly perished. **IN OUR DAY**, God gives us the church as an **ARK OF SAFETY**, which He **LOVES** and **PROTECTS**, Ephesians 5:25-33. But only a few will enter, Matthew 7:14. The **MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION** we have today is "Will you and I, and our families, **BE IN THIS ARK OF SAFETY**?" **NOW IS THE MOMENT** to make that decision.

**20. What will your decision be?**

**Ans:** _____

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Revelation contains God's last loving call to the people on earth, Revelation 14:6-14. It also exposes Satan's plots and snares and describes the organizations through which he works. No book has ever been written with more importance to modern man today. Its message is so crucial and imperative that God pronounces fearful sentence upon all who, in any way, tamper with it Revelation 22:18, 19.

Listen to these awesome words from Revelation 14:8 and Revelation 18:2, 4, 5, "BABYLON IS FALLEN ... AND IS BECOME THE HABITATION OF DEVILS. . . COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, THAT YE BE NOT PARTAKERS OF HER SINS, AND THAT YE RECEIVE NOT OF HER PLAGUES. FOR HER SINS HAVE REACHED UNTO HEAVEN, AND GOD HATH REMEMBERED HER INIQUITIES".

The message is clear, "Come out of Babylon or be lost". Do you know what Babylon is? Is there a chance that you might be in Babylon and not know it? It is no disgrace to be in Babylon. God says many of His people are still in Babylon. God's people will come out of Babylon when they hear Jesus call.

In this lesson, we identify BABYLON. May God's blessed Holy Spirit speak to us all. Please read Revelation, chapters 17 and 18 before beginning study of this lesson. It will make the lesson much easier to understand.

## SYMBOL OF SPIRITUAL APOSTASY

**1. God's final three-point message of love and mercy is being taken to the entire world in our day, Revelation 14:6-12. What is the second part of that message? Revelation 14:8**

**Ans:** "_____ is _____."

2. **What is God's command regarding Babylon, and to whom is it given? Revelation 18:4**

**Ans:** "Come _____ of her _____ people".

**NOTE**: The command is to God's people. Many are still in Babylon. God is lovingly calling them out before the plagues fall upon Babylon.

3. **Some say that Babylon refers to the literal Biblical city of Babylon restored. What does the Bible say regarding this? Isaiah 13:19-21**

**Ans:** "And Babylon ... shall never be _____."

**NOTE**: Restored literal Babylon is not a possibility. God said it would never happen.



4. **What reasons does God give for telling His people to come out of Babylon? Revelation 18:2-5**

**Ans:** Babylon is become the habitation of _____.

Babylon is become the hold of every foul _____.

All nations have drunk of her _____.

Kings of earth have committed _____ with her.

That ye be not _____ of her _____.

That ye receive not of her _____.

Her sins have reached u _____.

God hath remembered her _____.

**NOTE**: There is no question that God means business about Babylon. Whatever Babylon may be, God's people had better be making their exodus.

5. **Under what symbolism does God picture Babylon in Revelation 17:1-5?**

**Ans:** A _____ riding a _____.

**NOTE**: God pictures Babylon as a whore riding upon a beast with seven heads and ten horns. As we have previously learned, a pure woman represents God's church (see Lesson 18). A corrupt woman represents a fallen church, Jeremiah 3:1-8, 20; Ezekiel 16:26, 27; Isaiah 50:1; Jeremiah 13:27, Hosea 2:2-5; Ezekiel 23:2-21; Revelation 14:4.



15. **"The power is gone," they say. What is the reason? Revelation 14:8**

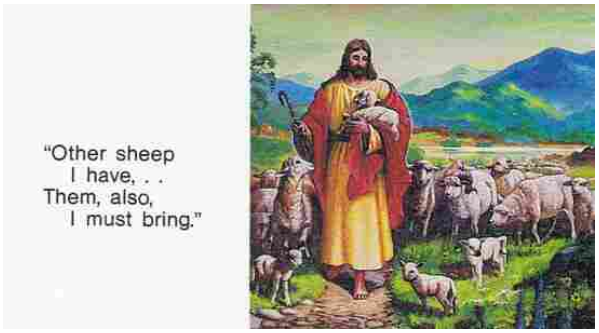
**Ans:** "Babylon is _____."

**NOTE**: The reason is that God said the churches would FALL from their high position with heaven. The reformation preachers were great men of God and in their day the churches stood tall. But today, compromise and the acceptance of man-made teachings have taken the fire and Holy Spirit out of many of the churches and God says they have fallen.

16. **Some feel we should try to reform the churches that have fallen. What does God say? Revelation 18:4**

**Ans:** "Come _____ of _____ my people that ye receive_____ of her_____."

**NOTE**: The fallen churches will NOT accept reformation, consequently they will receive the plagues and be destroyed. So God commands His people to get out so the plagues will not fall on them. Notice, that the last 12 verses of Revelation 17 and all but the first seven verses of chapter 18 refer to the time of the 6th and 7th plagues.




17. **God calls Christian people who are in Babylon "my people", Revelation 18:4. Jesus refers to Christian people who are not in His church as other sheep". What does Jesus say will happen to His "other sheep" that are not yet in His fold? John 10:16**

**Ans:** "Them also I must, and they shall _____ my _____ and there shall be _____ fold, and _____ shepherd".

**NOTE**: Jesus openly said that He has beautiful sheep who are not yet in His fold, but He states just as clearly that He will call them and that they will come into His fold. He says, "My sheep hear my voice. . . and they follow me", John 10:27. God's sheep in Babylon today will also hear Him calling and will enter His fold.

**WAS** — during the 1260 years of Papal control, Revelation 13:5, 7

**IS NOT** — time of Papal dormancy from "deadly wound" until full recovery, Revelation 13:3

**YET IS** — time of last-day, miraculous recovery from deadly wound until 10 kingdoms give power to beast for one hour, Revelation 13:3; 17:12, 13.

**13. A mountain in prophecy represents a king or nation [see Jeremiah 51:24, 25]. What nations or powers are represented by the seven mountains of Revelation 17:9-11?**

**Ans:** "The seven _____ are seven mountains, on which the _____ sitteth".

**NOTE**: We must not be dogmatic on this because there is room for some difference of opinion. However, since the overall "time frame" or point of reference for chapter 17 occurs after the 1260 years of Papal persecution and before the angels pour out the plagues, Revelation 17:1, we suggest:

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|---|---|
| **a. Five are fallen (vs. 10)** | **1.** Babylon **2.** Medo-Persia **3.** Greece **4.** Rome **5.** Papacy (during 1260 years) |
| **b. One is (vs. 10)** | **6.** Papacy (from "deadly wound" until recovery) |
| **c. Not yet come (vs. 10)** | **7.** Papacy (from miraculous recovery until 10 kings support) |
| **d. He is the 8th (vs. 11)** | **8.** Papacy [during the ten horns confederacy (vs. 12, 13)] |

**14. What do the ten horns represent? Revelation 17:12**

**Ans:** "The ten _____ are ten _____."

**NOTE**: These kings are commonly referred to as the nations of modern Europe: England, France, Germany, Italy, etc., (see Lesson 12), or they may be the major nations which are in control just before probation closes, such as the European common market. It is not wise to be dogmatic on unfulfilled prophecy when God has not made the matter crystal clear.

## FALLEN CHURCHES REFUSE REFORM

Many ask why their church is so cold and worldly: "They wonder why is God's Law not taught with power and why sin is not condemned?'








**6. What is "Babylon the Great" called in Revelation 17:5?**

**Ans:** "The mother of _____."

**NOTE** The symbolism here is of a great mother church which has daughters who have sprung from her. It takes no genius to figure this one out. The great Roman church claims openly to be the mother church and repeatedly makes public appeals to her separated children to return to her. The daughters who came from her "protested" and pulled away from the mother and became known as Protestants. The name BABYLON is a family name which includes both mother and children. It is shocking and sobering to realize that God is clearly indicting both mother and daughters as fallen.

This DOES NOT MEAN that those who are still in BABYLON are not sincere Christians. IN FACT Jesus refers to them as "MY PEOPLE" Rev. 18:4 (1819). BUT He calls them OUT OF BABYLON, and His people will GLADLY OBEY His voice.

## A UNIVERSAL RELIGIOUS SYSTEM

**7. Let us review other evidence that "Babylon" refers to the papacy.**

**a.** The beast the woman rides, Revelation 17:3, is the same beast as pictured in Revelation 13:1. Both beasts have seven heads, ten horns and deal with worship and blasphemy. The beast of Revelation 13 was identified in Lesson 19 as the papacy. Chapter 17 portrays the same beast as that of Revelation 13 in a new setting.

**b.** She persecutes as did the beast of Revelation 13. See Revelation 17:6; 18:24.

**c.** Revelation 17:18 says she is the power of Babylon that was ruling in John's day which was Rome, Luke 2:1. We established in Lesson 18 that Pagan Rome's power and authority were assumed by Papal Rome and that she then ruled in place of Pagan Rome.

**NOTE**: The facts are that both Daniel and Revelation so clearly identify the beast and Babylon as the Papacy that many notable Bible commentaries agree that it is so. The reformation preachers virtually all taught it, also. Look it up in the Bible commentaries at your public library when you have an opportunity.

**8. What is the source of the name "Babylon"? Genesis 10:9, 10; Genesis 11:5-9**

**Ans:** "Therefore is the _____ of it called _____ because the Lord did there _____ the _____ of all the _____".

**NOTE**: Babylon comes from the tower of Babel. The word means CONFUSION, (see Bible margin). The wicked decided to build a tower to reach high enough into the sky to escape another possible flood. God suddenly caused them all to speak different languages so it became impossible to finish the project because of the confusion that resulted. Since that day the name BABEL or BABYLON has stood for confusion



The word "Babylon" (from "Babel") means confusion.

## FALSE DOCTRINE INTOXICATES

**9. What is it that causes the confusion of spiritual Babylon? Revelation 17:2, 4; 18:3**

**Ans:** "The inhabitants of the _____ have been made _____ with the _____ of her fornication".

**NOTE**: Her wine is her doctrine or teachings, 2 Kings 11:2,3, 7 cf Isaiah 44:15,19, 20; Jeremiah 25:15-18; Jeremiah 51:7. Her wine (or doctrine) brings spiritual drunkenness. It causes people to stumble at the truth, Malachi 2:8; to flounder spiritually, Ephesians.4:14 and to become dull of understanding, Hebrews 5:11-14.





**10. In Revelation 14:8, what specific reason does God give for punishing Babylon and calling people out?**

**Ans:** "Because she _____ all nations _____ of the _____ of the wrath of her_____."

**NOTE**: Her false teachings are God's reason for punishing her and calling His people out.

**11. What are some of Babylon's teachings (wine) that are unscriptural and thus bring confusion and make people spiritually drunk?**

**Ans:** a. That the ten commandments are not binding (See Lesson 11)
**b.** Sunday sacredness (See Lessons 10 & 11)
**c.** Second chance (See Lesson 7)
**d.** Secret rapture (See Lesson 6)
**e.** Eternal torment (See Lesson 20)
**f.** Immortality of the soul (See Lesson 13)
**g.** Counterfeit baptisms (See Lesson 16).

**NOTE**: A big danger is this: A man reads the Bible and it says clearly to him that the wicked are-turned to ashes and put out of existence in the fire of hell. But since he has been taught eternal torment by his church, he assumes it is so and surmises that he simply is unable to understand the Bible. So he abandons Bible study as too deep for him. The truth is that he understood correctly but had been taught falsely.

Further, the teachings of men anchor people to falsehood and prevent their looking at truth because they are certain they already possess it. Jesus refuses to accept tradition or the doctrines of men because such teachings undermine His truth, Matthew 15:3-9.

## PAPACY — PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

**12. How does God describe the beast in Revelation 17:8?**

**Ans:** "The beast that_____, and is _____ and yet _____."

**NOTE**: Both chapters 13 and 17 of Revelation depict the Papacy. In chapter 13 no distinction is made between the religious and political aspects of this power. In chapter 17 a distinction is made. The fallen woman is the apostate church. She rides upon the beast (the state or government) which indicates she is supported by the state and is in control. Here, a combination of church and state is clearly pointed out.

The mysterious phrase: "was, and is not and yet is" refers to the Papacy. Since the specific setting or "time frame" for verse 8 occurs just after the papal persecutions of Revelation 17:6, we suggest:

where several decisive battles were fought. Its literal location means nothing here, however, because all the Old Testament locations mentioned in Revelation are symbolic. Examples are Babylon, Egypt, Sodom and Euphrates. In the last great battle, "the kings of the earth and of the whole world are involved". No little spot in Palestine could hold them. Jeremiah 25:31 calls it the Lord's "controversy with the nations".

The entire sinful world is arraigned on one side with Satan as its leader, and on the other side, the kings of the east (Jesus and His kings). Armageddon refers to the destruction or slaughter of the unsaved at Jesus' second coming. The "gathering" together for the battle of Revelation 16:14, 16, refers to the unifying of religionists of all kinds, world-wide, against Bible truth. God's destruction of the wicked is also world-wide. It is not limited to some small battle area in Palestine.

The battle of Armageddon, in which the wicked are destroyed, is described in Revelation 1:7; 6:14-17; 14:19, 20; 16:17-21; 17:14 and 19:11-21. The wicked are about to destroy God's people when the Lord returns and the wicked are instead, destroyed in what is called ARMAGEDDON. At the close of the 1000 years (see Lesson 7) the wicked still have the same bitter hatred of God and His people and the same desire to destroy them. So they surround the Holy City to capture it. At that point, the final portion of Armageddon takes place as the wicked are destroyed by fire, Revelation 20:9.

## COMING AS A THIEF

The warning here is that unless we daily seek the Lord and keep our relationship with Him at top priority we could end up surprised and lost in that great day.

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## THE SEVEN PLAGUES OF REVELATION

Suppose that on a dark, rainy night you were speeding along the highway in your automobile. Suddenly, seven red lights loomed up out of the darkness. They were stretched across the road in front of you. Would you stop? Of course, you would. Red lights signify emergency. danger and disaster.

In Revelation, chapters 15 and 16. God has stretched seven brilliant red lights across the road to the future. He is saying, "Stop! Look! Listen! Pray! Seven terrible scourges or plagues lie just ahead. Beware!"

Television sometimes warns that sensitive people may find a certain program offensive. Likewise, we must alert you that the contents of this lesson are not pleasant to ponder. The lesson is, in fact. shocking. The seven plagues are horrible, grim, unnerving and upsetting. Most would prefer to look the other way.

But GOD intended that we should soberly consider these awesome plagues, so He dedicated two chapters of the great book of Revelation to their presentation. And, in Revelation 1:3. He pronounced a blessing upon all who take heed to the warnings and messages of the hook. Certainly God would not waste two chapters of His last message to the church on something nonessential. He included the plagues for very good reasons.

God is loving. forgiving, caring, kind, patient and gracious beyond description. But people often misunderstand His love. There is extreme danger in viewing God as a benevolent grandfather who can see nothing wrong with His earthly grandchildren, no matter what they do. The death of Jesus is proof that God does not count sin a small thing. It will be dealt with in no uncertain terms. Its continued existence would jeopardize the universe.

God DOES draw lines. We had better understand this. He drew a line once in Egypt centuries ago and sent ten devastating plagues upon the people. He is about to draw a line again. This time, seven severe and terrible scourges will smite this earth and its people.

Thank God there **IS** a way of escape! The purpose of this lesson is to clearly reveal that escape mechanism.

## THE WRATH OF GOD

1. **What are the seven plagues called? Revelation 15:1**

   **Ans:** "Having the _____ last _____ ; for in them is filled up the _____ of _____."

   **NOTE**: The seven last plagues are called the wrath of God.

2. **The last three-point message of love and warning to the world is found in Revelation 14:6-12. What two punishments are mentioned for the wicked? Revelation 14:10.**

   **Ans:** "Drink of the wine of the _____ of _____ ... be tormented with _____ and _____."

   **NOTE**: The WRATH OF GOD (the seven plagues) is for those who receive the mark of the beast, Revelation 16:2. The FIRE is for all the lost (see Lesson 20). The wrath of God, in no way, depicts Jesus' wrath as human anger. It simply refers to the Divine judgment on sin.

3. **Who will escape the plagues? Revelation 15:2**

   **Ans:** "Them that have gotten the victory over the _____ and over his _____ and over his _____ and over the _____ of his _____ ."

   **NOTE**: This passage makes clear how extremely important it is to avoid receiving the mark of the beast. Everyone will receive one of two marks; either God's mark or the mark of the beast. To receive God's mark is to be saved. To receive the mark of the beast is to receive the plagues and be lost. Solemn. solemn thought! No wonder Revelation says so much about these two signs or marks.

4. **Whom do the saved praise for their deliverance? Revelation 15:3, 4**

   **Ans:** "Great and marvellous are thy _____ _____ _____."

   **NOTE**: Salvation is through the Lord only. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ", 1 Corinthians 15:57





## THE KINGS OF THE EAST

The words, KINGS OF THE EAST, refer to King Jesus and certain of those who assist Him in heaven who are also called kings in Revelation 1:6 and Revelation 5:10. The EAST, in prophecy, refers to heaven. The glory of God came from the east in Ezekiel 43:2. The angel of Revelation 7:2 comes from the east. Cyrus, who conquered earthly Babylon, came from the east, Isaiah 46:11; 41:2; 44:28; 45:1. Cyrus represents Jesus and His kings who come from the east (heaven) to destroy spiritual Babylon. The "way of the kings of the east", Revelation 16:12, is prepared by the drying up of the support of Babylon by its adherents. In other words, the people's disgust with and turning away from Babylon, prepare the way for Jesus' coming.

## THE THREE UNCLEAN SPIRITS FROM THE MOUTH OF THE BEAST, DRAGON AND FALSE PROPHET

THE BEAST IS THE PAPACY (see Lesson 19). Revelation 19:20 makes it clear that THE FALSE PROPHET IS FALLEN PROTESTANTISM, which is pictured in Revelation 13:11-17, being led by America, (Lesson 19 also discusses this). THE DRAGON, though primarily Satan, also REPRESENTS old Pagan Rome and thus PAGANISM IN GENERAL. So the picture here is of Catholicism, apostate Protestantism and Paganism (all the religions of the world) being united by spirits of devils who work through them to prepare people world-wide to attack God's people and thus God, Himself. Great miracles will be wrought through these spirits of devils to endeavour to prove that their work is of God.

## GATHERED TO ARMAGEDDON

ARMAGEDDON means MOUNT OF SLAUGHTER OR DESTRUCTION. It comes from two Hebrew words: HAR, which means "mount" and MEGIDDO, which means "slaughter" or "destruction". Megiddo is a small, strategically located valley in northern Palestine,

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## THE SIXTH PLAGUE - ARMAGEDDON

Even non-church people discuss Armageddon. It is, perhaps, the most widely discussed battle of all time. But what is it? Five points should be covered to clarify this plague:

1. **The drying up of the Euphrates,** Revelation 16:12.
2. **The kings of the East,** Revelation 16:12.
3. **The three unclean spirits from the mouth of the beast, dragon and false prophet,** Revelation 16:13, 14.
4. **Gathered to Armageddon**, Revelation 16:14, 16.
5. **Coming as a thief**, Revelation 16:15.

Let us review these points separately.

## THE DRYING UP OF THE EUPHRATES

OLD BABYLON was situated upon the EUPHRATES river, Jeremiah 51:12, 13, 63, 64. Cyrus, commander in chief of the Medo-Persian armies, dammed up the river which flowed beneath the city walls, and thus his army gained entrance to the city at night and conquered it, [see Daniel, chapter 5]. WATER, in prophecy, represents people, Revelation 17:15. THE DRYING UP OF THE WATER OF THE EUPHRATES means that the support of the people who are followers of Satan's kingdom (which is spiritual Babylon, as we learned in Lesson 21) will be dried up. Disillusioned, they part company with their leaders. The LITERAL drying up of the river takes place under the extreme heat of the fourth plague, Joel 1:19-20.









## SALVATION'S DOOR CLOSES

5. **When will the plagues begin to fall? Revelation 15:8**

   **Ans:** "The _____ was filled with _____ ... and no _____ was able to _____ into the _____, till the ... were _____ ."

   **NOTE**: "No man" able to enter the "temple in heaven indicates that the judgment, which is now in progress there, ends because every case has been decided. Then the seven last plagues fall. See Lesson 15 for details on the judgment.

6. **What announcement will Jesus make that will Indicate the heavenly judgment has ended? Revelation 22:11, 12**

   **Ans:** "He that is _____, let him be unjust _____: and he which is _____ , let him be filthy _____: and he that is _____ let him be righteous _____: and he that is _____ , let him be holy _____."

   **NOTE**: When the judgment ends in heaven, Jesus makes an announcement that all people have made final decisions and that none will ever choose to change. At that moment, probation for all people closes, forever. Each person has closed his own probation by his own choices.

## NO SECOND CHANCE

**7. Sometimes illness or disaster clarifies a persons thinking and causes him to turn to God. In the cases of the plagues, however, no one will be converted. What purpose does God have in sending the plagues? Revelation 16:10, 11, 21**

**Ans:** "They. . . blasphemed the God of _____ ... and _____ not."

**NOTE**: FOR AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION OF QUESTION 7, SEE EXHIBIT #1.

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## GOD'S PLAGUES PRONOUNCE PUNISHMENT

**8. Now long will the plagues last? Revelation 18:8**

**Ans:** "Therefore shall her _____ come in one _____".

**NOTE**: The plagues will probably last about one year. The Bible rule is: one prophetic day equals one literal year, Ezekiel 4:6: Numbers 14:34. Apparently the plagues are not all universal, else none would survive.

**9. What are God's acts of punishment and judgment called in Isaiah 28:21?**

**Ans:** "His _____ work ... His strange _____ ".

**NOTE**: Acts of punishment and judgment, like the plagues, are so foreign to God's nature that the Bible calls them strange. He has "no pleasure in the death of the wicked", Ezekiel 33:11. He will. however, "not at all acquit the wicked", Nahum 1:3 or "clear the guilty", Exodus 34:7.

**10. What is the first plague? Revelation 16:2**

**Ans:** "A _____ and _____ sore?

**NOTE**: Each plague strikes a blow at some aspect of false worship or apostate religion. This plague exposes the false miracle workers of Revelation 13:13, 14; 16:14. They cannot cure the sores.

**11. What happens during the second plague? Revelation 16:3**

**Ans:** "The _____ ...became as the _____ of a _____ man".

**NOTE**: The nations, (a united world-wide movement), which forced people





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## SINCE THE PLAGUES CONVERT NO ONE, WHY DOES GOD SEND THEM?

The plagues will make very clear where every person stands by his own free choice. The sin problem will not be settled in God's universe until it becomes totally clear to all that Satan's charges against God are false, and that HIS plan for people brings only heartache, tragedy and woe. Further, it. must become clear that every person on earth really decides his own destiny by his own choice. Those who are lost would never choose to change no matter what God did to influence them, Isaiah 3:10, 11.

The plagues, which would wake up a sincere, but misguided person, only confirm the wicked in their rebellion. During the seventh plague they are still blaspheming God, Revelation 16:21. Thus they reveal the spirit of rebellion which fully controls their lives. Sin cannot safely be destroyed until angels, men and the inhabitants of unfallen worlds* all see clearly that Satan is an incurable rebel and deceiver, I Corinthians 4:9; that God is loving, just and caring, and that all rewards or punishments are given based on people's own choices, Isaiah 3:10, 11.

The final events of earth prove that the saints would rather die than deny faith in Jesus, and that the wicked would, if permitted, kill God's people because of their rebellion and hatred of God. Thus, it will be demonstrated what the universe would be like if Satan were in control. At long last, all beings will be totally clear in regards to God's marvellous plan for people and His justice in dealing with those who rebel against Him. Finally, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess, including Satan and his angels, that God has been just and kind, and that every lost human being and angel is lost because he wilfully chose a life-style of rebellion even after fully understanding the folly of sin and disobedience. Then, and only then, can sin and sinner safely be destroyed. See Romans 14:11 and Philippians 2:10, 11.

sincerely ask Him. In fact, He can hardly wait for my request.

**20. The book of Revelation contains God's last imperative message for planet earth. What did God say He would do to anyone who tried to add anything to the book of Revelation 22:18**

**Ans:** `God shall _____ unto him the _____."

**NOTE**: God means for Revelation to be taught NOW — JUST AS IT IS, AND WITH GREAT URGENCY. And woe be to the person who tries to add something to it. Such a person is promised the plagues because he interferes with God's last urgent, precious message to the people He loves.

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**21. What does God promise the righteous in regard to the plagues?**

**Ans:** "Neither shall any_____ come nigh thy _____."

**22. What plan does God have to protect His people from the plagues? Psalm 91:11**

**Ans:** "For He shall give His _____ charge over thee to _____ thee".

**NOTE**: Angels that excel in strength protect the righteous from the plagues.

**23. What other wonderful promise. regarding the time of the plagues, is given God's people? Psalm 91:5**

**Ans:** "Thou shalt not be _____."

**NOTE**: Praise God! Not a single plague will affect God's people. Angels will be their companions to protect them and not one of God's children will EVEN BE AFRAID during the dreadful and traumatic plague crisis. What a blessed privilege to serve such a wonderful Lord!

**24. Jesus desperately wants to assign angels to protect you during the plagues. Will you invite Him to he your Saviour and Lord so He can do so? He's waiting with great anticipation for your answer!**

**Ans:** _____



to worship contrary to conscience, suddenly find commerce and communication disrupted by the bloody waters. This plague demonstrates God's feelings regarding this evil conglomerate. The final struggle in this world will not be atheism against democracy. It will be religious conflict between true and counterfeit religion and worship.

**12. What Is the third plague? Revelation 16:4-7**

**Ans:** "The _____ and _____ of waters ... became _____."

**NOTE**: The wicked label God's people "heretics" and many, doubtless, feel that to shed their blood would do God a favour, John 16:2. God, however, to show His feelings turns fresh water into blood and gives the wicked — blood to drink He thus exposes THEM as the real heretics. When blood comes out of the faucet for the wicked, God's people will be given fresh water, Isaiah 33:16.

**13. What takes place during the fourth plague? Revelation 16:8, 9**

**Ans:** "Men were _____ with great _____."

**NOTE**: The sun, which men have worshipped throughout history, will scorch men with great heat. Even today, in the Christian world, the majority still pay homage to the sun in giving reverence to Sunday (sun's day) as a holy day. Joel 1:15-20 gives a graphic description of the earth during this plague. During this time there is also a great famine for hearing the Word of God, Amos 8:11, 12; Luke 13:25-27. As in Amos' days, many of the wicked. though unrepentant, hunt someone to teach them the Word of God but no one can be found because God's people will have fled to the rocks and the mountains for safety, Isaiah 33:16. The response of the wicked is one of panic and fear of consequences as was that of Judas, Matthew 27:4. God's people will be protected from the heat. "The sun shall not smite thee by day", Psalm 121:6.



All with the mark of the beast receive the plagues.

**14. When the fifth angel pours out his plague upon the seat of the beast, what happens? Revelation 16:10, 11**

**Ans:** "His _____ was full of _____."

**NOTE**: When this plague is poured upon the headquarters of the beast, his kingdom, which stretches world-wide, Revelation 13:7. and embraces most of the world's population, will be enshrouded in total darkness. This literal darkness highlights the fact that because the beast refuses God's Word his kingdom is nothing but total spiritual darkness, Isaiah 8:19, 20. Revelation 16:11 points out that people still have the sores of the first plague under the fifth plague.

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## THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

**15. What happens under the sixth plague when the angel pours out his vial upon the great river Euphrates? Revelation 16:12-16**

**Ans:** "The _____ thereof was _____ up ... and he _____ them together into a _____ called ... Armageddon".

**NOTE**: UNDER THE SIXTH PLAGUE PREPARATION IS MADE FOR THE GREAT BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON. SEE EXHIBIT #2 FOR DETAILS REGARDING ARMAGEDDON.

**18. The second coming of Jesus takes place under the seventh plague. What two devastating upheavals of nature take place at that time? Revelation 16:17-21**

**Ans: (vs. 18)** — "And there was a great _____."

**. . . (vs. 21)** — And there fell upon men a great _____ out of heaven".

**NOTE**: The GATHERING together, or preparation for Armageddon, takes place under the sixth plague, but the battle, itself, takes place under the seventh plague. Jesus and his armies descend from heaven and destroy the wicked who were poised to kill God's people, Revelation 19:11-19.

The HAIL is real with each stone weighing more than 50 lbs. Job said God would use hail in the last great battle, Job 38:22, 23. God's people will be protected from the hail, Isaiah 32:18, 19.

The EARTHQUAKE is indescribably devastating. It is mentioned also in Revelation 6:14-17; Isaiah 24:1, 3, 19, 20 and Jeremiah 4:23-26.





The seventh plague brings a mighty earthquake.

**17. During the sixth plague, what happens to Babylon's three fold alliance of the beast, false prophet and dragon? Revelation 16:19**

**Ans:** "And the great _____ was _____ into _____ parts".

**NOTE**: The combined world wide alliance of religionists against God and His people falls apart.

## GOD PROTECTS HIS PEOPLE

**18. In Moses' day God sent ten plagues upon the Egyptians. How were God's people protected from the death angel of the tenth plague? Exodus 12:7, 13**

**Ans:** "And they shall take of the _____, and strike it on the two side _____ ... and when I see the _____, I will pass _____ you"

**NOTE**: They put the blood of a lamb on the door posts of their homes and the death angel promised to pass over their homes when he saw the blood. The blood represented Jesus' blood.

**19. How will God's people overcome during the seven last plagues? Revelation 12:11**

**Ans:** They _____ by the _____ of the _____."

**NOTE**: God gave the people of Moses' day a sacred, annual festival in honour of Jesus' blood which caused the death angel to pass over the homes of the righteous. The feast was called the PASSOVER. Jesus shed His blood on Calvary as OUR Passover, I Corinthians 5:7. Jesus' blood applied to my heart erases my sins of the past and provides the miraculous power for me to become fully like Jesus. It means I will gladly follow wherever Jesus leads.

The armies of the Lord will pass over me and spare my life if have Jesus blood on the door posts of my heart. He will gladly apply the blood if I but

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## REVELATION'S PAGEANT OF CONQUEST AND DEFEAT

Jesus has given us in Revelation a unique three-fold view of history from apostolic days until the end of time. These three views are given in the:
1. SEVEN CHURCHES. 2. SEVEN SEALS, and the 3. SEVEN TRUMPETS.

In the messages to the SEVEN CHURCHES (Lesson #5), Jesus unfolds the RELIGIOUS HISTORY of the Christian era He points out His people's faults and promises the victory to overcome. He makes it clear that his church is very precious to Him and that it will come through triumphantly.

The SEVEN SEALS (Lesson 9), unfold the SOCIAL HISTORY of the Christian era and trace especially the great apostasy. The seals comfort God's people by pointing out that God is in control of history and that He will bring an end to sin and suffering.

The SEVEN TRUMPETS, which we study today, depict the MILITARY HISTORY of the Christian era as it affects the church. They present Revelation's pageant of conquest and defeat.

**FIRST**, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th trumpets portray the breakup of the original Roman Empire (both east and west) in symbols that are astonishing in their detail. In symbolic language, we see the barbaric tribes which carved up the Pagan Roman Empire and prepared the way for the Papal Roman Empire. Both Daniel and John (in Revelation) prophesied that this religious power would rule and persecute Bible-believing Christians for 1260 years.

**SECOND**, the 5th and 6th Trumpets picture the onslaughts of the Mohammedan tribes, under their various leaders, which gave rise to another religious power that warred against Christianity.

**THIRD**, the 7th trumpet presents the final period of time. when God's last day church gives the everlasting gospel and the Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14:6-10 to the entire world, (Lesson 18).

The trumpets finally culminate in that great final battle of Armageddon which ushers in the second coming of Jesus and brings an end to sin.

BEFORE BEGINNING THIS LESSON, PLEASE READ REVELATION, CHAPTERS 8,9 AND 11:14-19. THEN CAREFULLY REVIEW EXHIBIT #1 WHICH EXPLAINS THE SYMBOLS OF CHAPTER 8. WE WILL NOT EXPLAIN SYMBOLS IN THE MAIN BODY OF THE LESSON SO YOUR STUDY OF EXHIBIT #1 IS CRUCIAL. KEEP THE EXHIBIT ON HAND AS YOU STUDY FOR READY REFERENCE.

## CLIMAX OF WORLD HISTORY

1. **The "silence in heaven" of Revelation 8:1 takes place at the coming of Jesus (see lesson 9). Verses 2-5 give a view inside the sanctuary. Is this sanctuary on earth or in heaven? Revelation 8:3**

   **Ans:** "The golden altar which was before the _____."

   **NOTE**: The throne is in heaven. Revelation 8:1-5 is really a continuation of chapter 6 of Revelation, and is thus part of the closing events of earth's history as portrayed in the sixth and seventh seals.

2. **Where did the angel cast the censer filled with fire? Revelation 8:5**

   **Ans:** "The angel ... cast it into the_____."

   **NOTE**: Casting the censer to the earth signifies that the judgment, which is now in progress in heaven, has closed. The voices, thunderings, lightenings and earthquake take place at Jesus' coming, Revelation 16:17, 18; 6:14-17. Now, let us study prophetic history that leads up to this great event.

   The WINDS of WAR, under the 7 trumpets give rise to major religious powers that OPPOSE GOD'S PEOPLE. Here we find DANIELS PROPHECY concerning the fall and division of Pagan Rome COMING TO PASS UNDER THE FIRST, SECOND, THIRD and FOURTH TRUMPETS. Brutal attacks by the OSTROGOTHS (Goths), VANDALS, HERULI and HUNS FULFILLED this prophecy of Daniel 7. See Lesson 12, Exhibit # 2.

## MILITARY CONQUESTS DESTROY ROME

3. **What was cast upon the earth when the FIRST TRUMPET sounded? Revelation 8:7**

   **Ans:** "Hail and _____ mingled with _____."

   **NOTE**. Most Bible commentators agree that the hail, “fire and blood” represent the savage attack upon Rome by the GOTHS under their ruthless leader ALARIC. They came like a hail storm with massacre, arson and cruel



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THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

| | 1st Trumpet | 2nd Trumpet | 3rd Trumpet | 4th Trumpet | 5th Trumpet | 6th Trumpet | 7th Trumpet |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Who Warring? Against Whom? | Alaric & Goths vs. Western Rome | Genseric & Vandals vs. Western Rome | Attila & Huns vs. Western Rome | Odoacer & Herull vs. Western Rome | Saracens & Islam vs. Eastern Rome | Turks & Islam vs. Eastern Rome | Jesus vs. Wicked |
| Approx. Dates | 395 – 419 A.D. | 419 – 456 A.D. | 456 – 476 A.D. | 476 – ? | 1299 – 1449 150 years | 1449 – 1840 391 yrs – 15 days | 1844 – New Earth |
| Major Events | | | | Fall of Western Rome 476 A.D. | Rise of Ottoman Empire 1299 A.D. | Fall of Eastern Rome 1453 A.D.<br>Collapse of Ottoman Empire 1840 A.D. | Judgment Begins in Heaven – 1844<br>Nations Angry<br>7 last plagues – Armageddon<br>2nd Coming<br>Destruction of all nations<br>Holy City Descends<br>Wicked Destroyed<br>Saints Rewarded New Earth |

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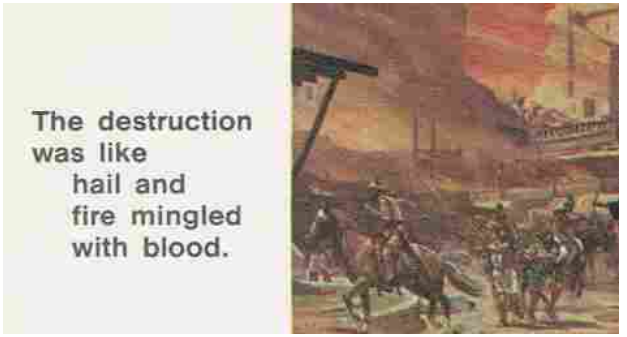
## SYMBOLS — THE THREE TRUMPETS (WOES) OF REVELATION 9

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Verse 1 | **Star** | Mohammed (stars are leaders) | Daniel 8:10,24 (1312) |
| Verse 1 | **Key** | Symbol of control and power | Matthew 16:19 (1425); cf 18:15-18 (1428) |
| Verse 1 | **Bottomless pit** | Abyss – Empty deserted area – Desert of Arabia | Genesis 1:1,2 (1); cf Jeremiah 4:23-28 (1112); Isaiah 24:1-4;19 (1050) |
| Verse 2 | **Smoke** | Spiritual Darkness<br>The way error spreads | John 3:19 (1556); Acts 26:18 (1641); Romans 13:12 (1664); Isaiah 9:2 (1034) |
| Verse 4 | **Green things/tree** | God's people | Isaiah 44:4 (1077); 61:3 (1098); 65:22 (1103) |
| Verse 4 | **Seal or mark of God in foreheads** | Sign of God's ownership | Ezekiel 9:4-6 (1220); Revelation 7:1-3 (1807) |
| Verse 3,5 | **Scorpion sting** | Demonic power | Luke 10:18-20 (1512) |
| Verse 3,7 | **Locusts/grasshoppers** | Forces of men | Nahum 3:15,17 (1363); Judges 7:12 (406) |
| | The locusts of Revelation 9 represent the Arab Saracen warriors. Note how the symbolism fits: | | |
| | **a.** shaped like horses – they fought on their famous Arabian horses<br>**b.** crowns of gold – bright turbans or headresses, Ezekiel 23:42 (1247)<br>**c.** faces of men – had beards<br>**d.** hair of women – had long hair<br>**e.** teeth like lions – fearless fighters, Joel 1:6,7 (1333)<br>**f.** breastplates of iron – used iron breastplates called the cuirass | | |
| Verse 9 | **Wings/sound chariots, horses** | Battle noise | Joel 2:4-7 (1334) |
| Verse 10 | **Stings in tails** | Their sting was in the Mohammedan religion (Islam) which they left behind when they conquered. Their religion:<br>**a.** substituted another day of worship for Sabbath (Friday)<br>**b.** has a false prophet, Mohammed<br>**c.** rejects Jesus as the Messiah<br>**d.** replaced the Bible with the Koran<br>**e.** Teaches righteousness by works | |
| Verse 11 | **Abaddon** | Destruction – ruin | |
| Verse 11 | **Apollyon** | A destroyer | |
| Verse 11 | **King over them** | Othman, who founded the Ottoman Empire | |
| Verse 14 | **Four angels** | **a.** Four leading sultanies of the Ottoman Empire: Aleppo, Iconium, Damascus, Bagdad | **b.** Also the four angels of Revelation 7:1-3 (1807) |
| Verse 14 | **Great River Euphrates** | Territory or people of the Ottoman Empire | Revelation 17:15 (1819) |
| Verse 16 | **Two hundred thousand, thousand** | 200,000,000 | Represents vastness of their armies. Sometimes up to 700,000. |
| Verse 17 | **Breastplates of fire, jacinth & brimstone** | Colors of their uniforms | Fire – Red<br>Jacinth – Blue<br>Brimstone – Yellow |
| Verse 17 | **As heads of lions** | Conquest/fearlessness | Job 4:10 (819); Isaiah 5:29 (1030); 31:4 (1060); Jeremiah 50:44 (1193) |
| Verse 17 | **From horses mouths issued fire, smoke and brimstone** | Smoke and fire from guns which were fired in line with horses mouths so smoke and fire appeared to be coming out of their mouths. | |
| Verse 19 | **Tails like serpents** | Same as scorpions | See this Exhibit for Verses 3,5,10 |
| Verse 15 | **Hour, day, month, year** | 391 years & 15 days | Ezekiel 4:6 (1213) |
| | **a.** Hour – 15 days<br>**b.** Day – 1 year<br>**c.** Month – 30 years<br>**d.** Year – 360 years<br>391 years, 15 days | | |



oppression. Family members were separated and people were treated with brutality as the hordes swept over Greece, Asia Minor, Italy, Spain and southern France. The city of Rome was invaded and ravaged for six days in 410 A.D.




**4. The trees of Revelation 8:7 represent Gog's people. What happened to them?**

**Ans**: 'The third part of the _____ was _____ up."

**NOTE**: Trees being burned up represent severe persecution upon and mass destruction of God's people. Grass also refers to God's people. The burnt grass refers to the desolation and difficult times that came to there.

**5. A mountain represents a nation or kingdom, (see Exhibit skit. When the nation of the SECOND TRUMPET was cast into the sea. what happened? Revelation 3:8**

**Ans:** The third part of the sea became _____ ."

**NOTE**: Blood refers to the bloodiness of their onslaughts. This fiery mountain represents the VANDALS under their leader GENSERIC. The "ships" of verse 9 indicate that the power was a maritime power which. indeed it was. Their ships controlled the Mediterranean. At one time these pirates destroyed 1,110 Roman ships in one night. On land they pillaged and plundered. The word VANDAL comes from their exploits. They ravaged the city of Rome for 14 days in 455 A.D. taking 1,000 captives, including the Empress and her daughters.

**6. How many sea creatures and ships were affected when the vandals struck? Revelation 8:9**

**Ans:** "The _____ part."

**NOTE**: "Creatures... in the sea" and "ships" refer to the sea of humanity and

their possessions. "The third part" means that a sizeable portion of people and their possessions were wiped out. See Exhibit 1.

**7. What fell from heaven when the THIRD TRUMPET sounded? Revelation 8:10**

**Ans:** "A great _____, burning as it were a _____."

**NOTE**: This flaming meteor represents ATTILA, the leader of the HUNS. His troops devastated and occupied Europe from the Volga river to the Danube. They killed or forced survivors to pay large indemnities. Attila called himself the SCOURGE OF GOD and boasted that the grass never grew where his horses trod. His warriors scarred their faces to add terror to their appearance. Once his warriors, on horseback, trampled 200 young ladies to death and left their bodies for the vultures. The word HUN is still a synonym for plunder and pillaging.

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**8. What was the star called? Revelation 8:11**

**Ans:** The star is called _____

**NOTE**: WORMWOOD means BITTERNESS and it represents the bitter, cruel and heartless onslaughts of the Huns which resulted in the death of many people.

**9. When the FOURTH TRUMPET sounded, what was smitten and became dark? Revelation 8:12**

**Ans:** "A third part of the _____ and _____".

**NOTE**: Some say the sun, moon and stars refer to the Roman emperors, senators and consuls who were either destroyed or hindered from doing their work effectively. However, they also symbolize the light of the gospel which was darkened during this onslaught. See Exhibit #1.

**10. What power was it that darkened the sun, moon and stars under the fourth trumpet? (see note below)**

**Ans:** _____

**NOTE**: The fourth trumpet power is the barbaric HERULI led by their king ODOACER. He deposed Romulus, the Roman emperor, and abolished the Roman empire of the west. Rome surrendered to him in 476 AD. . . Government officials (sun. moon and stars) were unseated as pointed out in the note under question 9. Rome, shortly after this, was broken up into the ten kingdoms that became modern Europe. The attacks upon Pagan Rome during the first four trumpets led to the demise of that proud empire which





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## SYMBOLS — FOUR TRUMPETS OF REVELATION 8

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Verse 3 | **Golden Censer** | A portable metal bowl for carrying coals of fire and incense. Used by priests in sanctuary services | Leviticus 10:1 (175); 16:12,13 (189); Numbers 16:46 (250) |
| Verse 3 | **Incense** | Prayers of God's people | Revelation 8:3,4 (1808) |
| Verse 3 | **Golden Altar** | Altar of incense. Article of furniture in Holy Place of the sanctuary. | Exodus 30:1-9 (138) |
| Verse 7 | **Hail, fire, blood** | Judgment and destruction | Psalm 11:6 (866); 18:8 (869); Ezekiel 38:22 (1273); Isaiah 28:1,2 (1054); 29:1,6 (1056) |
| Verse 7 | **Trees burnt** | Judgments upon and destruction of God's people | Jeremiah 11:16,17 (1125); 21:14 (1139); 22:7 (1140); Ezekiel 15:6,7 (1228); Joel 1:18,19 (1334); Zechariah 11:1,6 (1385); Isaiah 10:16-20 (1036) |
| Verse 7 | **Grass dried & burnt** | God's people made desolate | Joel 1:19,20 (1334); Psalm 37:1,2 (883); Psalm 90:5-7 (925); 92:7 (926); Isaiah 40:6,7 (1071) |
| Verse 7, 8, 10, 11, & 12 | **Third part** | The "third part" used so frequently in connection with the trumpets denotes partial measure or incompleteness. In connection with the plagues this term is never used, indicating, no doubt, the much greater extent and severity of these judgments as compared with the trumpets. Many actions of the Bible took place in series of threes denoting completeness: Exodus 23:14,17 (125); Deuteronomy 16:16 (318); II Chronicles 8:13 (710); Numbers 22:28 (260); Numbers 24:10 (263); Judges 16:15 (423); I Samuel 20:41 (478); I Kings 9:25 (567); I Kings 17:21 (584); Daniel 6:10,13 (1307); Acts 11:10 (1611). When God foretold the doom of nations and the coming of Christ, He declared: "I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: and it shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it to Him", Ezekiel 21:27 (1242). A single overturning would have been incomplete, only a third of the whole. | |
| Verse 8 | **Mountain** | Government or nation | Isaiah 2:2,3 (1025); 13:4 (1039); Daniel 2:35,44,45 (1298); Jeremiah 51:24,25 (1185) |
| Verse 8 | **Fire** | Destructive judgment | Psalm 50:3 (893); 97:3 (929); Jeremiah 4:4 (1111); Isaiah 10:16-18 (1036); II Samuel 22:9-16 (537) |
| Verses 8-11 | **Sea/waters** | People/inhabited areas | Revelation 17:15 (1819) |
| Verse 8 | **Blood** | Bloodshed, strife | I Kings 2:5 (547); Joel 2:30 (1336); Micah 3:10 (1356); Ezekiel 32:6 (1260); 38:21,22 (1273) |
| Verse 9 | **Creatures, ships in sea** | Sea of humanity and their possessions | Ezekiel 47:9,10 (1290); Habakkuk 1:14-17 (1366); Zephaniah 1:2-4 (1369) |
| Verse 10 | **Star** | Top leader, "star" of the show, mighty one | Daniel 8:10,24 (1312); Numbers 24:17 (264) |
| Verse 11 | **Wormwood** | Bitterness, sorrow and death | Deuteronomy 29:18 (339); Jeremiah 9:15,16 (1121); Amos 5:7 (1342); Acts 8:23 (1605); Hebrews 12:15 (1771) |
| Verse 12 | **Sun, moon, stars smitten** | **a.** Light of gospel replaced by darkness | Psalm 84:11 (920); John 9:5 (1565); 12:35 (1573); Isaiah 60:1-3 (1096); Revelation 12:1 (1812) |
| | | **b.** Government leaders ousted | Judges 5:20 (401); Daniel 8:10,24 (1312); Genesis 37:9,10 (61) |

AT THIS POINT, CAREFULLY REVIEW EXHIBIT #3 BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH LESSON.

**18. Obviously, we are living in momentous. exciting and most solemn hours — just moments, as it were, before the Lord's return. What if it were today? Are you ready?**

**Ans:** _____

**19. Have you made your salvation certain? The most dangerous thing a person can do is to delay. WAIT is the fatal word that will doom millions. To delay seems so innocent but nothing is more dangerous. Jesus is waiting for you to ask Him into your life. Will you say "yes" to Him today?**

**Ans:** _____







had murdered untold thousands of God's people.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THREE OF THE FOUR BARBARIC POWERS PICTURED UNDER THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS, WERE UPROOTED AND DESTROYED BY THE LITTLE HORN POWER OF DANIEL 7. THEY WERE THE VANDALS, OSTROGOTHS (GOTHS) AND HERULI, (SEE EXHIBIT #2, LESSON 12). THE LITTLE HORN, PAPAL ROME, EMERGED AS PAGAN ROME WAS BEING DESTROYED. THUS THE PAPACY WAS ESTABLISHED. THE PAPACY IS ALSO IDENTIFIED AS THE BEAST OF REVELATION 13 WHICH HAS A MARK, (SEE LESSON 19). IT ESTABLISHED A COUNTERFEIT DAY OF WORSHIP AND ELEVATED TRADITION ABOVE THE HOLY BIBLE.

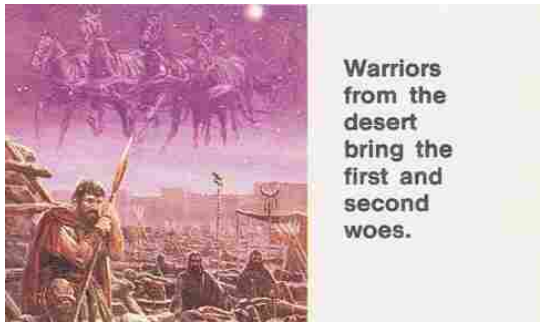
BEFORE PROCEEDING, STUDY THE SYMBOLS OF CHAPTER 9. SEE EXHIBIT #2.

## MOHAMMEDANISM'S BLOODY CONQUESTS

**11. The last three TRUMPETS ARE ALSO CALLED WOES because they are so extensive and devastating. When the 5th trumpet sounded (first woe) a star fell to earth and was given the key to something. What was the key to? Revelation 9:1**

**Ans:** "The _____ the bottomless _____."

**NOTE**: The bottomless pit here represents the vast wastes of the Arabian and Sahara deserts from whence the warriors of this trumpet came. See Exhibit #2.




**12. The warriors are represented by what insect? Revelation 9:3-7**

**Ans:** "And there came out of the smoke _____."

**NOTE**: LOCUSTS represent the Arabs or SARACENS, (see Exhibit #2). The "star" of verse 1 represents MOHAMMED whose religion of ISLAM formed the basis for welding these desert nomads into a mighty war machine which in a few years conquered Persia, Syria. Egypt, Africa and Spain. The SARACENS converted two-thirds of the Christians of Africa and Asia to

ISLAM. They brought in a false Sabbath Friday: a false prophet (Mohammed); and a counterfeit Bible (the Koran). They reject Jesus as the Messiah and teach righteousness by works. So effective was their religious persuasion that they threatened to obscure the light of the gospel. Their onslaughts were largely against Eastern Rome.

**13. How long were the Saracens given power to hurt and torment people? Revelation 9:5, 10**

**Ans:** _____

**NOTE**: For hundreds of years the Mohammedan tribes were nomadic with little organization. Near the close of the 13th century Othman welded them together and formed the Ottoman Empire. The **five months** are 150 years prophetic time (5 X 30 = 150). The 150 years **began** on July 27, 1299 AD., when Ottoman invaded Nicomedia and **ended** on July 27, 1449 A.D. By this date, the Empire had attained such power that the Greek Emperor Constantine had to ask its permission before mounting the throne. This 150 year period helps anchor this prophecy.

**14. The sixth trumpet {second woe) symbolizes the Ottoman Empire whose Turks overthrew the Eastern Roman Empire. Who did the angel of the sixth trumpet set loose? Revelation 9:14**

**Ans:** "The four _____ ... bound in the ... river Euphrates".

**NOTE**: Revelation 7:1; tells us that four angels are holding back the winds of war and strife from the earth. Doubtless, angels have controlled war through the centuries. Here they turn lose the Ottoman Empire to permit her to go to war successfully. In a secondary sense the four angels apply to the four leading sultanies (kingdoms) of the empire. The Euphrates [water — Revelation 1715 is a symbol of the people of the empire. Study Exhibit -2.

**15. For how long was the Ottoman empire to continue? Revelation 9:15**

**Ans:** An_____, day, _____, and year.

**NOTE**: This is 391 years and 15 days prophetic time. See Exhibit 2. The empire was established as of July 27, 1449. Adding the 391 years and 15 days would reach to August 11, 1840. Based on this calculation, Josiah Litch, an American clergyman, predicted in 1888 that the Ottoman Empire would lose power on August 11. 1840. Egypt was threatening Turkey and was well able to conquer her. Hopeless and helpless. Turkey appealed to the European nations which agreed to protect her. The ultimatum they sent to Egypt arrived on the dot — August 11, 1840. Turkey was finished. From then on, Turkey was called THE SICK MAN OF THE EAST. Infidels who had laughed at Litch's audacity were so impressed that over 1,000 of them wrote him of their conversion to Christianity. The Turks, incidentally, brought the Eastern





Roman Empire to an end. Islam, the Turkish religion, now numbers adherents in the hundreds of millions and its followers are among the most difficult to reach with the gospel.




## GOD'S TRUE CHURCH APPEARS

As the 6th trumpet finished its message and the 7th began to sound, a special religious movement arose (Lesson 16). called by God as His REMNANT CHURCH to give a positive three fold message TO ALL THE WORLD before Jesus returns, Revelation 14:6-14. THREE TIMES God repeats significant events to happen during the 7th trumpet which sounds until the end of the world, Revelation 11:15-17; 18; 19.

**16. What apartment of the heavenly sanctuary does verse 19 take us into?**

**Ans:** "And there was seen ... The _____ of His testament."

**NOTE**: The ark is in the second apartment of the heavenly sanctuary. Here is a view into the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary where the judgement, which began in 1844 is in session. See Lesson 14.

**17. Revelation 11:18 gives us a dramatic view of events train our day through the final destruction of the wicked.**

**Note the steps:**

**a. "Nations were angry"** — World Conditions Today.

**b. "Thy wrath is come"** — 7 last plagues/Armageddon (Revelation 16); Overthrow of all earthly powers by Jesus.

**c. Judgment of the dead** — During the 1000 years (Revelation 20)

**d. Reward saints/destroy earth's destroyers** — Fire or heaven at close of 1000 years (See Lesson 7, 15)

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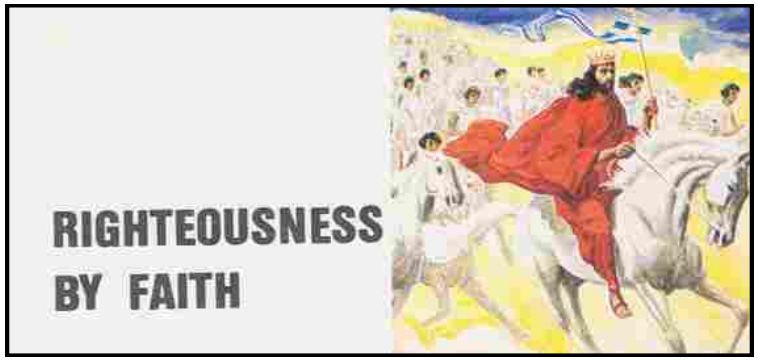
# REVELATION SEMINARS




It seems only yesterday we began the Revelation Seminar and suddenly, it is all over. We are now studying our final lesson together.

We have received wonderful new views of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. And how thrilling to be reminded that God, the Father, also loves us more than words express.

In Revelation, Jesus our loving Saviour, has in special kindness and mercy given us the help and information WE MUST HAVE for these last days. Our ONLY HOPE is to obey His counsel and accept His offer of assistance. Jesus stated it clearly “BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY: BLESSED IS HE THAT KEEPETH THE SAYINGS OF

THE PROPHECY OF THIS BOOK”, Revelation 22:7. The New International Version translates Revelation 1:3 thus, “BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO READS THE WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY, AND BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR IT AND TAKE TO HEART WHAT IS WRITTEN IN IT, BECAUSE THE TIME IS NEAR”.

ln Revelation, Jesus is lovingly calling His sheep to follow Him. He provides the map and promises to lead them safely through the harrowing, confusing crises of the last days. But it is imperative to CHOOSE to follow Him. He will not force the issue. He simply invites us to follow. He says, “WHOSOEVER WILL, LET HIM TAKE OF THE WATER OF LIFE FREELY”, Revelation 22:17.

At this closing Seminar we study “righteousness by faith”. Righteousness comes only through faith in Jesus. There is no other source of righteousness and there is no other subject in the Bible so exciting. It is the prize at the end of the race, the dessert of the meal, the icing on the cake.

BEFORE WE PRAYERFULLY TAKE UP A STUDY OF THIS SPLENDID SUBJECT, LET’S REVIEW QUICKLY WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM OUR STUDY OF REVELATION: Look at Exhibit #1

## SALVATION BY FAITH

1. **How is righteousness obtained? Romans 3:22**

   **Ans:** "Even the _____ of God which is by _____ of Jesus _____."

2. **Do my works contribute to salvation? Ephesians 2:8,9 (1715)**

   **Ans:** "For by grace are ye _____ through _____. and that _____ of yourselves: it is the _____ of God: not of _____, lest any man should _____."

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## OUR JUSTIFICATION

3. **Salvation consists of three parts: JUSTIFICATION, SANCTIFICATION and GLORIFICATION. What does Justification accomplish for me? Romans 3:24, 25**

   **Ans:** "Being justified ... to declare His _____ for the _____ of sins that are _____".

   **NOTE**: Justification removes all the sins of the past.

4. **What must I do to receive justification or forgiveness for past sins? 1 John 1:9**

   **Ans:** "If we _____ our sins, He is faithful and just to _____ us our sins, and to cleanse us from all _____."

   **NOTE**: When I confess, He forgives all my sins of the past and cleanses me from all unrighteousness. This miracle takes place instantly. He, at once, COUNTS me righteous. In justification I am delivered from the PENALTY of sin on the spot.

5. **What else is justification called? John 3:3**

   **Ans:** "Except a man be _____ _____, he cannot see the Kingdom of God".



## ~ NOTES ~

## MEMBERSHIP REQUEST FORM

**Please check (✓) the statements on this form that you personally accept.**

( ) I believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God. I believe in God the Father, the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ.

( ) I accept Jesus as my Saviour and invite Him to take full control of my life.

( ) Since Jesus is my Saviour and because I love Him will keep His commandments.

( ) I wish to be ready when Jesus comes again.

( ) I believe the seventh-day Sabbath was blessed and sanctified at Creation and God included it in the 10 Commandments for our blessing. Jesus kept the Sabbath and by the power of God I plan to observe it also.

( ) I want to have my name written in the Book of Life.

( ) I recognize the three Angel's messages of Revelation 14 to be a special communication from God to His last day church. The realization that the judgment is presently under way helps me to see the importance of having my life fully surrendered to Jesus.

( ) I plan to be a faithful steward and will return to God His tithe and give Him offerings of thanksgiving and love.

( ) I realize my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Consequently I wish to honour God by caring for my body temple by observing Biblical standards both in dress and in principles of good health.

( ) I realize that both the righteous and wicked sleep in death until their resurrection.

( ) I wish to be baptized by immersion following the example and command of Jesus.

( ) I wish to be re-baptized because I have learned significant new truth.

( ) I have been baptized by immersion and wish to become a member of God's Remnant Church by Profession of Faith.

( ) I believe the Seventh-day Adventist Church is God's last day church, and I desire to be accepted into its membership.

**NAME**: _____ **Age**: _____



**NOTE**: It is called the new birth or being born again because when justified I have no past. I start all over again as a newborn babe.




## OUR SANCTIFICATION

**6. What Is sanctification? 1 Thessalonians 4:3-12**

**Ans:** (vs. 4) — "That everyone of you _____ know how to _____ his vessel in _____ and _____ ."

**(vs. 7)** — "For God hath not _____ us unto _____ but unto _____ ."

**NOTE**: This passage says that sanctification is right living, or holiness.

**7. Now long does it take for a person to become fully sanctified? Ephesians 4:13**

**Ans:** "Till we _____ come in the _____ of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the _____ of the _____ of the _____ of _____ ."

**NOTE**: It is the work of a life-time. We keep maturing till we become fully like Christ. GROWTH is another name for sanctification. To be BORN is a wonderful miracle, but it is not enough. We must also GROW. JUSTIFICATION IS BIRTH. SANCTIFICATION IS GROWTH. It is a great tragedy when a baby is born but never grows. It is a great SPIRITUAL tragedy when a person experiences the new birth (justification) but never grows (sanctification).

**8. How is sanctification accomplished? John 17:17**

**Ans:** "_____ them through thy _____ :

thy _____ is truth".

**NOTE**: Sanctification takes place as we obey the word of God. 1 Peter 1:14-16, 22 points out that people become "holy" and "purified" by obeying the truth. This holiness is sanctification. Sin is breaking God's law, 1 John 3:4. In sanctification, God delivers me from the POWER of sin. Sanctification is VICTORIOUS LIVING, 1 Corinthians 15:57; 2 Corinthians 2:14. And it is accomplished IN ME, by Jesus, 1 Corinthians 1:30.

**9. Do I obey the word or does Jesus do it IN me? Romans 8:3, 4**

**Ans:** "God sending His own Son ... that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled _____ us."

**NOTE**: Jesus does it within me by His blessed Holy Spirit, John 14:16, 17, 18, 26. JUSTIFICATION COUNTS me righteous. SANCTIFICATION actually MAKES me righteous. Both are miracles accomplished by Jesus for me and in me.

**10. What does God ultimately accomplish in me through sanctification? Romans 8:29; Colossians 3:8-10**

**Ans**: "To be _____ to the _____ of His _____."

**NOTE**: We were made in God's image in the beginning, Genesis 1:26, 27. God's plan is to impart His righteousness to us until we are restored to that original image in which we were created. Acts 3:20, 21 makes it clear that everything that Adam and Eve lost will be restored to the redeemed, including their holy characters. Sanctification accomplishes this character restoration. Praise God for such a, fabulous arrangement.

## SALVATION; PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

**11. How does the Bible emphasize that salvation involves past, present_ and future? 2 Corinthians 1:10**

**Ans:** "Who _____ us from so great a death, and doth _____ : in whom we trust that he will _____ _____ us".

**NOTE**: Here is how the Bible presents it:

**a. JUSTIFICATION is conversion. R delivers us from sin's PENALTY.**

**b. SANCTIFICATION is victorious living. It delivers daily from sin's POWER**

**c. GLORIFICATION (entering heaven) will deliver us from sin's PRESENCE**





**d.** Where are the wicked cast after the 1000 years end? *Lesson 7 & 20*

Ans. _____

**e.** What will the fire do to the wicked? *Lesson 20*

Ans. _____

**Revelation Chapter: 21**

**a.** How big is the Holy City, New Jerusalem? *Lesson 8*

Ans. _____

**b.** Where is it now? *Lesson 7 & 8*

Ans. _____

**c.** Where will it be after the 1000 years close? *Lessons 7 & 8*

Ans. _____

**d.** What will happen to pain, tears, and sorrow in the New Kingdom? *Lesson 8*

Ans. _____

**e.** Where will the saints live when God sets up His new kingdom? *Lesson 8*

Ans. _____

**Revelation Chapter: 22**

**a.** How many different kinds of fruit does the tree of life bear? *Lesson 8*

Ans. _____

**b.** What does the tree of life do for people? *Lesson 8*

Ans. _____

**c.** Who does the Lord say is especially blessed in Chapter 22? Those who: Verse 7 — Ans. _____

Verse 14 — Ans. _____

**b.** In the forehead? *Lesson 19*

Ans. _____

**Revelation Chapter: 15 & 16**

**a.** When will the seven plagues fall? *Lesson 22*

Ans. _____

**b.** How long will it take? Lesson 22 Ans. Upon whom will they fall? *Lesson 22*

Ans. _____

**Revelation Chapter: 17 & 18**

**a.** Why don't we join Babylon and try to turn it around? *Lesson 21*

Ans. _____

**b.** What do we come into when we come out of Babylon? *Lesson 21*

Ans. _____

**Revelation Chapter: 19**

Who is the man on the white horse that leads the armies of heaven? *Lesson 6 & 7*

Ans. _____

**Revelation Chapter: 20**

**a.** What marks the beginning of the 1000 years? *Lesson 7*

Ans. _____

**b.** What marks the end of the 1000 years? *Lesson 7*

Ans. _____

**c.** What is the bottomless pit? *Lesson 7*

Ans. _____



This means that:

**a. God HAS SAVED us from sin's PENALTY 1 — JUSTIFICATION**

**b. God IS SAVING us from sin's POWER 2 — SANCTIFICATION**

**c. God WILL SAVE us from sin's PRESENCE 3 — GLORIFICATION**

Paul tells us that the gospel is the "power of God unto salvation", Romans 1:16. The gospel includes God's power to save us PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE from sin's PENALTY, POWER and PRESENCE. Any GOSPEL which does not include all of these is not the true gospel. And any SALVATION offered which ignores any of these is not salvation at all.

**12. Is Jesus the sole basis for my salvation? Acts 4:12**

**Ans:** "_____ is there _____ in any _____ for there is none other _____ under _____ given among _____, whereby we _____ be _____."

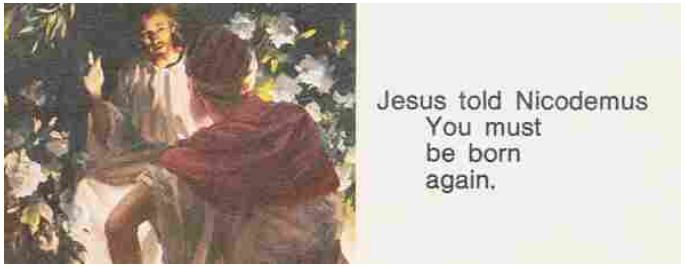
**NOTE**: Salvation is by Jesus, alone.

**13. What part do I play in salvation? 2 Corinthians 8:12**

**Ans:** "If there be _____ a willing _____ it is _____ according to that a man _____, and not _____ to _____ he hath _____."

**NOTE**: My part is to willingly follow Him. I must crown Him Lord and let Him call signals in my life. He will work the miracles but I must be willing for Him to do it.

1. Romans 8:2-4
2. 1 Corinthians 1:18; Acts 2:47 RSV
3. Matthew 24:13; Revelation 2:10 last part.



## CHRISTIAN GROWTH A NECESSITY

**14. What, according to Isaiah, is the big problem of sin? Isaiah 53:6**

**Ans:** "We have _____ every one to his _____ way and

God hath _____ on him the _____ of us all".

**NOTE**: Sin consists of me wanting to have my own way — be my own boss or Lord. Isaiah says it was this "sin" that killed Jesus.

**15. Now hard is it for me, sometimes, to let Jesus rule my life? Matthew 5:30 .**

**Ans:** "If thy _____ hand _____ thee, _____ it off'."

**NOTE**: Giving up my own way and letting Jesus lead is, sometimes, as hard as cutting off my hand.

**16. Can I lose salvation once I have received it? John 15:2**

**Ans:** "Every _____ in me that _____ not _____

he taketh _____ ."

**NOTE**: If I do not permit Jesus to impart sanctification to me (bear fruit) I will lose salvation. Fruit-bearing, or growth, is essential for retaining salvation.

## SALVATION AND THE BOOK OF LIFE

**17. Can my name be removed from the book of life once it has been written there? Revelation 22:19**

**Ans:** _____

**NOTE**: The names of all God's faithful appear in the book of life, Revelation 13:8. Those whose names are in the book of life will be the only ones permitted to enter God's new kingdom, Revelation 21:27. The Bible teaches that a Christian who turns away from God may have his name removed from the book of life and be lost, though he was once saved.

**18. Can I be sure of salvation once I accept Jesus? Philippians 1:6**

**Ans:** "Being _____ of this very thing, that _____

which hath _____ a good _____ in you will _____





**c.** What country forms an image to the best? *Lesson 19*

Ans. _____

**d.** What is this image? *Lesson 19*

Ans. _____

**Revelation Chapter: 14 (Let's review the 3 Angels' Messages.)**

**1 — FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE**

**Worship the Creator — His Judgment Hour Is Come**

**a.** What must I do to show I believe in Jesus the Creator? *Lesson 10*

Ans._____

**b.** When did the judgment begin? *Lesson 14*

Ans. _____

**c.** When will it end? *Lesson 15*

Ans. _____

**2 — SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE**

**Babylon is Fallen — Get Out or Be Lost**

**a.** What is mother Babylon? *Lesson 22*

Ans. _____

**b.** Who are her daughters? *Lesson 22*

Ans. _____

**3 — THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE**

**Beware of the mark of the beast!**

**What does it mean to receive the mark of the beast:**

**a.** In the hand? *Lesson 19*

Ans. _____

**Revelation Chapter: 7**

What is the sign, seal or mark of God? *Lesson 10*

Ans. _____

**Revelation Chapter: 8 & 9**

**a.** What do the seven trumpets depict? *Lesson 23*

Ans. _____

**b.** What time period do they cover? *Lesson 23*

Ans. _____

**Revelation Chapter: 10**

What was the little book that John ate? *Lesson 23*

Ans. _____

**Revelation Chapter: 11**

Where was the Bible "killed" for 31/2 years and atheism born? *Lesson 12*

Ans. _____

**Revelation Chapter: 12**

This chapter is about a good woman. What does she represent? *Lesson 18*

Ans. _____

**Revelation Chapter: 13**

**a.** Who is the beast? *Lesson 19*

Ans. _____

**b.** What is his mark? *Lesson 19*

Ans. _____



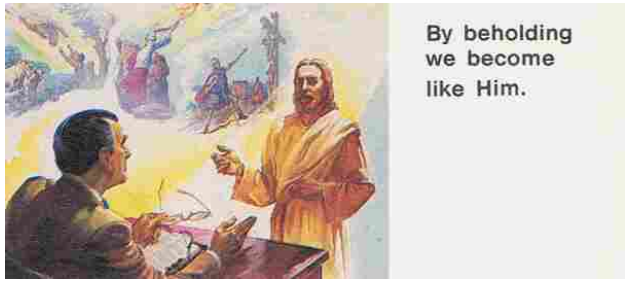
it until the _____ of Jesus _____ ".

**NOTE**: The promise is that Jesus who converts me, by a great miracle, will give me continued victory by a continued miracle. WE CAN BE SURE OF HIS PERFORMANCE IN US, WHICH GIVES FULL CONFIDENCE! Praise His wonderful name!

**19. The Bible says to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling", Philippians 2:12. How do I accomplish this? Philippians 2:13**

**Ans**: "For it is _____ which _____ in you _____ to _____ and to _____ of His good _____."

**NOTE**: I work out my own salvation by turning my life over to Jesus who makes me desire to do right, and then, miraculously works out right doing within me by His indwelling Holy Spirit.




## JESUS OUR WONDERFUL SAVIOUR

**20. What did the angels, the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures say when they reviewed Jesus' matchless plan of salvation? Revelation 5:12**

**Ans:** "_____ is the _____ that was _____ "

**NOTE**: "Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share that we might be justified by His righteousness in which we had no share. He suffered the death that was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. With His stripes we are healed ... It was Satan's purpose to bring about an eternal separation between God and man; but in Christ we become more closely united to God than if we had never fallen.*

NO WONDER THE ANGELS, ELDERS AND LIVING CREATURES SAID, "WORTHY IS THE LAMB!"

***Desire of Ages**, p. 25, E G. White, Pacific Press Publishing-1940

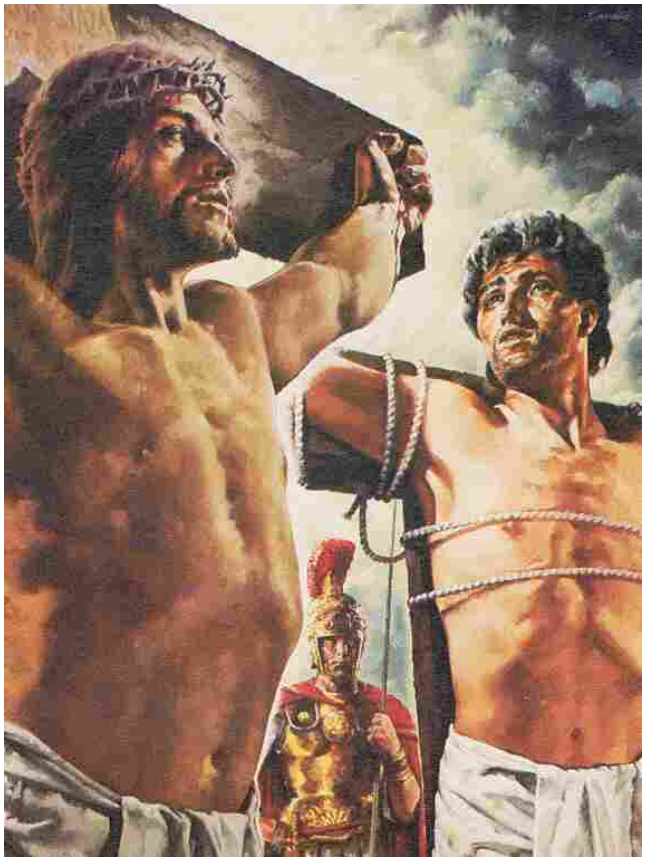
**21. What is Jesus saying to all of us? Matthew 11:28-30**

**Ans:** "_____ unto me, all ye that _____ and are heavy _____ and I will _____ you _____."

**NOTE**: He promises peace, release and rest from the stress, heartaches, fears, burdens and guilt of life.

**22. Will you accept that blessed peace and rest from His gracious hand**

**Ans:** _____



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# REVELATION SEMINARS

## A REVIEW OF REVELATION

**Revelation Chapter: 1**

Who is the being standing among the candlesticks? *Lesson 2*

Ans. _____

**Revelation Chapter: 2 & 3**

**a.** What do the seven churches mean? *Lesson 5*

Ans._____

**b.** What time period do they cover? *Lesson 5*

Ans. _____

**Revelation Chapter: 4 & 5**

**a.** Who opened the book in God's hand? *Lesson 2*

Ans. _____

**b.** Who is the lamb? *Lesson 2*

Ans. _____

**c.** When John saw the seven lamps of fire in heaven, what apartment of the heavenly sanctuary was he seeing? *Lesson 14*

Ans. _____

**Revelation Chapter: 6**

What time period do the seals cover? *Lesson 9*

Ans. _____