

1.

From Apostolic to Apocalyptic

I. The History

He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now...But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:4-8

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he [Paul] is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. Acts 9:15

- Jerusalem, Antioch
- Asia Minor (Turkey), Greece, Rome (Italy)
- Constantine (272-337)
- Holy Roman Empire
- 1500's—Protestant Reformation
- Puritans, Pilgrims, and America
- New Heights Church

II. The World/the Ages

...evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 2 Timothy 3:13 (NIV)

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 2 Timothy 4:3-4

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. 2 Timothy 3:1-5

- Israel
- Syria/ISIS
- Iraq (Assyria/Babylon)
- Iran (Persia)
- Egypt
- Russia
- Turkey

III. The Bridge

The Apostle John to the 21st Century Church

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. Revelation 1:3

Introduction to Revelation (part 2)

From last week: History

Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They [James and John] said to Him, "We are able." So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup..." Matthew 20:22-23

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." John 14:26

Eschatology: The Study of Last Things (End times)

- Preterist: Historical Record of the 1st Century
- Historicist: Sweeping View of Church History
- Symbolic/Idealist: Allegorical, Timeless Battle Between Good and Evil.
- Futurist/Literal: although the book contains 1st century history (chapters 1-3), has church-age reference (also chapters 1-3), and uses symbolism, it is to be read, interpreted, and understood as any other work of Scripture—in its literal, future-fulfilled meaning.

1000-year Reign of Christ on Earth [Revelation 20 = 4 X]

- Post-millennial: Christ comes *after* the millennial kingdom*.

*[That kingdom is already here = Church. And, no literal 1000-year reign/rule of Christ on earth = Church]

- Amillennial: No Millennium
- Pre-Millennial: Literal 1000-year Reign

Dispensational: Stewardship/Management (Ephesians 1:10)

...you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the [dispensation] of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ. Ephesians 3:1-9

Dangers of Dispensationalism (Unchecked)

- Dates, Times, & Predictions
- Dismiss Books of Scripture
- Somehow, Many are Arminian in Theology

Intro to Revelation—part 3

THE KEY TO REVELATION/ESHCATOLOGY
= ISRAEL

- Calvinism, Reformed Theology and *Sola Scriptura*

I. How You Interpret "Scripture Alone" Means Everything.

- Grace Alone
 - Unconditional Election
 - Irresistible Grace
 - Perseverance of the Saints

- Reformed Theology vs. Reformed Tradition

Replacement Theology/ Supersessionism

- Augustine (354-430)

My Elect = Israel & The Church

- Isaiah 45:4, 65:9, & 65:22

The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers. Deuteronomy 7:6-8

"Not for your sake, but My Name's sake" (4 times in Ezekiel 20)

II. If Israel has Lost Their Election, Your Salvation is in Big Trouble.

I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! Romans 11:11-12

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in...Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Romans 11:25-29

III. The Church Does Inherit the Promises of Israel...

...But, Not to the Exclusion of Israel.

And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:29

IV. When Revelation says Israel, it means Israel.

And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written. Romans 11:26

4.

Intro to Revelation—part 4 Odds, Ends, and iRevelation

One more Kingdom point:

- Old Testament
 - Israel at the time of Christ
 - Jesus
 - The Apostles
 - The New Testament Writers

iRevelation

1. iNtroduction

- Holy, Holy, Holy
- A Very Different Jesus

Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth will move out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts and in the day of His fierce anger. Isaiah 13:13

- Names, Numbers, & Drop-Down Menus
- Symbolism Explained
- 7's, 3's, 12's, & 24's

2. iNtiation

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. Revelation 1:3

3. iLluminatation

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:12-14

4. iNvitation

For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." Joel 2:32, Acts 2:21, & Romans 10:13

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. Revelation 22:17

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5.

**Revelation 1:
Finally, the Future**
(Verses 1-6)

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. Revelation 1:1-3

1. Title = Purpose

Revelation: Apocalypse/to Reveal or Uncover
(used 18 X in the New Testament)

2. Theme = Jesus Christ in His Fullness

[Jesus]: "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given." Matthew 13:11

3. Literality = "must...take place" & "the Word of God"

John: Apostle, Servant, & Martyr

4. Urgency = "shortly take place" & "for the time is near"

Time: Era/Dispensation is Next

John, to the seven churches which are in Asia; Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Revelation 1:4-6

5. Audience = 7 Churches (Real, Historical)
7 Types of Churches
7 Historical Church Eras

6. Names of Christ = Him who Is...And who Was
...and who is to Come

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

- Faithful Witness
- Firstborn from the Dead
- Ruler over the Kings
- Him who Loved Us, Washed Us, Made Us

7. Kings and Priests

Homework: Study Guide Question 1, page 10
(along with "verses to consider")

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Revelation 1:7-20
Blessed Assurance

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. Revelation 1:7
[& Zechariah 12:10]

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8 (2 X)

Setting

- John & Patmos
- In the Spirit [Ezekiel, Peter, Paul]
- On the Lord's Day

Symbols

- 7 Stars = 7 Angels (Messengers)
- 7 Lampstands = 7 Churches

1. Empowers the Church (1:12-13a, 20b)

He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13

2. Intercedes for the Church (1:13b)

Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf. Hebrews 7:25 (NLT)

3. Purifies the Church (1:14-15a)

Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. Ephesians 5:25-27

4. Comforts the Church (1:15b)

5. Controls the Church (1:16a)

6. Protects the Church (1:16b)

Jesus: "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand, My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one." John 10:28-30

7. Revealed through the Church (1:16c)

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known... Ephesians 3:10 (NIV)

**Homework: Study Guide Question 2 (page 10), 3 (page 11),
& 12 (page 14)**

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7.

Revelation 2:1-7
When Love Grows Cold

- The Review/Preview Pattern
- The Commendation, Command, & Counsel Pattern

Review = "He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands"

Revelation 2:1

Ephesus

- i. Paul
- ii. Aquila & Priscilla
- iii. Apollos



Idolatry

iv. Paul—Three Years & Speech to Ephesian Elders

For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. Ephesians 20:29-31

False Teachers

v. Paul's Letter to Ephesus

Encouragement, Doctrine, Conduct

vi. Timothy 2 Letters (& John Himself)

False Doctrine, Leadership, Godly Character

vii. Jesus' Letter

Left 1st Love

- Spirit and in Truth

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth," John 4:24

- Christ

"These things I command you, that you love one another," John 15:17

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 1 John 4:20

"To him who overcomes..."

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

Preview: "I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." Revelation 2:7

Homework in Study Guide: Read and Answer "Drawing Near" & "Context", page 15. Also Questions 1, page 20 & 12, page 23

8.

Revelation 2:8-11
Promised Persecution

Review: "The First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life" (verse 8 & 1:17-18)

Smyrna— _____

Commendation: Your Faith is Not in Vain _____

"I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich)..." (verse 9)

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Matthew 6:19-21

Command: Faith Over Fear _____

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. (verse 10)

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 2 Timothy 3:12

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Counsel: Remain Faithful _____

Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. (verse 10) [also James 1:12]

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Preview: "He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death." (verse 11)

Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Revelation 20:14

Homework in Study Guide: Question 2 (page 20)

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9.

Revelation 2:18-29
When Sin is Tolerated

Review: "These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass" (verse 18)

Thyatira:

Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. And when she and her household were baptized... Acts 16:14-15

1. The Commendation: Service in Love

"I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first. (verse 19)

But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:7

Note:

- Ephesus had great doctrine/moral standard, but no love.
- Thyatira, just the opposite: Great love, but no doctrine of moral standard.

2. The Command: Stop Ignoring Sin

Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate... (verse 20, NIV)

...unless they repent of her ways. (verse 22, NIV)

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate... Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. 1 Corinthians 5:1, 6-7 (NIV)

Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you, except to hold on to what you have until I come.' (verses 24-25, NIV)

3. Counsel [and the Preview]: Love & Godliness Together

And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'—as I also have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star. Revelation 2:26-28

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." Revelation 22:16

Homework in Study Guide: Question 4 (page 21), 9 (page 22), & Read "Truth for Today" (page 22)

10.

Revelation 3:1-13

Sardis: Pathology of a Dying Church

Review: *He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars...* (verse 1)

Sardis: _____

- Commendation: There's Always a Remnant

You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. (verse 4)

- Command: Go Back to the Word

Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die...Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. (verses 2-3)

- Counsel: Blessing for Obedience

The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. (verse 5)

Preview:

I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. (verse 6)

Philadelphia: Signs of a Faithful Church

Review: *"These things says He who is holy, He who is true"*

Philadelphia: _____

- Commendation: Well Done

you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name...you have kept My command to persevere... (verses 8 & 10)

- Command: There is None Here...Keep it Up!

- Counsel: Others Will Want to Rob You of Devotion

"Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown." (verse 11)

Preview:

I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. (verse 12)

Homework in Study Guide: Questions 1, 2, & 3 (page 29)

11.

Revelation 2:12-17
The Church of Compromise

Review: "These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword..." (verse 12) [also in Revelation 1:16]

Pergamos/Pergamum—_____

- Commendation: Faithful in Trial

"I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith..." Revelation 2:13

Caesar, Zeus, & Asklepios

- Command: A 90% Pure Church is Not Enough

But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. Revelation 2:14-15

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with [Satan]? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? ...Come out from among them. And, be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean. 2 Corinthians 6:14-16

Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. James 4:4

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." 1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

- Counsel: Do the Hard Work In-house

"Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth." Revelation 2:16

Preview: Bread of Life & Privileged Entry

"To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it." Revelation 2:17

Homework in Study Guide: "Going Deeper" (page 21),
Questions 7, 8, & 11 (pages 22-23)

Revelation 3:14-22
Laodicea: The Lukewarm Church

Review: "These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:"

Laodicea: _____

After you have read this letter, pass it on to the church at Laodicea so they can read it, too. And you should read the letter I wrote to them. Colossians 4:16 (NLT)

Commendation: _____ None _____

Command: You're Only Fooling Yourself _____

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot.
Revelation 3:15

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

Note:

1. No Persecution from the World or the Enemy

Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. Luke 6:26 (NIV)

2. The only One who Could not Stand them Was: Christ

3. There were no Faithful Holdouts

Two Famous Passages:

- Lukewarm— *I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.* Revelation 3:15-16
- At the Door— *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.* Revelation 3:20

Counsel: "...be zealous and repent." (verse 19)

Preview: "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne..." (verse 21)

Homework in Study Guide: Question #4 (page 30) & Question #11 (page 32)

Revelation 4 *After These Things*

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." Revelation 4:1

1. "After this"

1a. 24 Elders, Crowns, Robes & The New Song

2. Specific Rapture Doctrine

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. John 14:2-3

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

2a. Judgment of Believers

3. The Promise & Model of Deliverance

"Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth." Revelation 3:10

3a. Pre-Tribulation

4. The word(s) "church/churches" not mentioned again until Revelation Chapter 22.

Viewing Heaven:

- Sky—Earth's atmosphere/birds
 - Space—stars/planets
 - A Third Dimension—The Throne room of God
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Homework in Study Guide: "The Context" (pages 33-34)

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Revelation 4 Verses 1-6a

Only 7 Accounts of Heaven we Should Believe:

- Jesus Christ
- Isaiah
- Ezekiel
- Daniel
- Paul
- John
- Other Bible Prophets

I. The Sovereignty of God

- a. Throne is used 11 times in verses 1 thru 11
- b. On, Around, From, Before, & Toward the Throne
- c. Rule, Authority, Majesty, & Glory
- d. The Human Witness is Never at Peace

So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." Isaiah 6:5

So when I saw it, I fell on my face...I sat among them for seven days—deeply distressed. Ezekiel 3:15 (NIV)

Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength. Yet I heard the sound of His words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground. Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. Daniel 10:8-10

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. Revelation 1:17

II. The Holliness of God

- Seen in the Colors, Purity, & Brilliance
- Heard Through the Thunder, Lightening, & Voices

And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" Isaiah 6:3

God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. Psalm 47:7-8

- Confirmed by the 7 Lamps = The Holy Spirit

III. The Orderliness of God

Ordered Institutions Ordained by God

1. The Church

For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord's people...But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way. 1 Corinthians 14:33 & 40

2. The Home

3. Government

Homework in Study Guide: Drawing Near Questions (page 33),
#1 (page 38), & #11 (page 41)

Revelation 4 Verses 6-11

The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. Revelation 4:7

Lion—King

Calf/Ox—Servant

Man—Humanity

Eagle—Deity

Roles of Christ The Gospels Banners of Israel

1. Cherubim

Each one had four faces...And the cherubim were lifted up. Ezekiel 10:14-15

2. Enforcement of Judgment

So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. Genesis 3:24

3. What Satan Once Was

"You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you." Ezekiel 28:14-15

And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" Revelation 4:8

- Holy = Purity/Sinless
- Almighty = All Powerful
- Was, is, is to come = Eternality

Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne... Revelation 4:9-10

Biblical Heavenly Worship

A. There is No Concern over What...

- ...Sounds Good
- ...Feels Good
- ...Looks Good

B. It is Never for the Benefit of the...

- ...Worshipper, but the One Being Worshipped

C. Everything is Left...

- ...On the Field

Homework in Study Guide: Questions #2 (page 38),
#6 (page 40), & 12 (page 41)

Revelation 5—Part 1

Verses 1-4

And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. Revelation 5:1-4

The Scroll

I signed and sealed the deed of purchase before witnesses, weighed out the silver, and paid him. Then I took the sealed deed and an unsealed copy of the deed, which contained the terms and conditions of the purchase. Jeremiah 32:10-11 (NLT)

- The Title Deed to Creation

What are those Terms and Conditions?

Now when I looked, there was a hand stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. Then He spread it before me; and there was writing on the inside and on the outside, and written on it were lamentations and mourning and woe. Ezekiel 2:9-10

Who is/are the Previous Owner(s)

So God created man in His own image...Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it: have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:27-28

Then the devil...showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Luke 4:5-6

Why Not one of Us?

So I wept much, because no one was found worthy... (verse 4)

As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one"...For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:10 & 23

The Biblical Reality = Total Depravity

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath...But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved). Ephesians 2:1-5

Homework in Study Guide: No Study Guide Homework. See how many times you can read chapter 5 this week.

Revelation 5—Part 2
Verses 5-7

But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." Revelation 5:5

Lion of Judah

For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah... Hebrews 7:14

"Judah, your brothers will praise you. You will grasp your enemies by the neck. All your relatives will bow before you. Judah, my son, is a young lion...The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from his descendants, until the coming of the One to whom it belongs, the One whom all nations will honor." Genesis 49:8 & 10 (NLT)

Root of David

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. Isaiah 11:1

"In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David A Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In those days Judah will be saved, And Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which [the city] will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." Jeremiah 33:15-16 (& 23:5-6)

*[Jesus]: "...I am the Root and the Offspring of David..."
Revelation 22:16*

Overcome/Prevailed

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God...for whatever is born of God overcomes the world. 1 John 5:1 & 4

Lamb (slain)

*"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"
John 1:20*

- Lamb in the New Testament: 4 Times
- Lamb in Revelation: 31 Times

"I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:13-14

Homework in Study Guide: Questions #3 & #4 (page 38)

Revelation 5—Part 3
Verses 8-14

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals... Revelation 5:8-9

- Harp: Prophecy
- Incense: Prayers of the Saints
- Song: New and from the Redeemed

...according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet...
Ephesians 1:19-22

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the Name which is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

In my Praise, what would it look like for me to give Him the...

...Power: _____

...Riches: _____

"For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field are Mine...For the world is Mine, and all its fullness." Psalm 50:1-12

...Wisdom: _____

...Strength: _____

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."
John 15:5

...Honor: _____

...Glory: _____

...Blessing: _____

Homework in Study Guide: #5 (page 38), #10 (page 41),
& #13 (page 42)

The End Revealed

Review & Preview

Now when the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp. Numbers 11:1

The Wrath of God:

- Numbers—11 times
- Deuteronomy—18 times
- Jeremiah—34 times

1. Directed at His people.
2. In Defense of His people

Why Would We Say God is Angry Today?

3. Out of Responsibility

"But if the watchman sees the enemy coming and doesn't sound the alarm to warn the people, he is responsible for their captivity. They will die in their sins, but I will hold the watchman responsible for their deaths." Ezekiel 33:6 (NLT)

4. Out of Love

What, then, is God so Angry About?

- SIN

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened...Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. Romans 1:18-21 & 32 (NKJV & NIV)

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!
2 Timothy 3:1-5

5. Scene Shift

- From Heaven to the Heavens
- From the Eternal to Earth

The End Revealed

*The Beginning of the End
Revelation 6:1-8*

- 1st Four Seals = First half of Tribulation
- 5th Seal = Bridging the Halves
- 6th & 7th Seal = Second half of Tribulation
 - Also called "The Great Tribulation", "The Great Day of the Lord", & "Jacob's Trouble".
- Follows/Parallels Matthew 24

I. False Peace (vss. 1-2)

Horse: White—Peace is king
Rider: Antichrist

- A Bow with No Arrows
- A Crown handed to him
- But a Conqueror

The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception... 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

*Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week.
Daniel 9:27*

- Type/Model found in Daniel 11

II. True War (vss.3-4)

Horse: Red—Fire/Blood/Conflict
Rider: Unnamed

III. Global Famine (vss. 5-6)

Horse: Black—Starvation (*Lamentations 5:10*)
Rider: Unnamed

IV. Inconceivable Death (vss. 7-8)

Horse: Ashen—Death
Rider: Death
Cohort: Hades

...the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you. Exodus 12:23

- Named in Hosea 13, 1 Corinthians 15, Revelation 20
- Sword, Famine, Pestilence, Wild Beasts

By the Numbers

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The End Revealed

Revelation 6—part 2

Verses 9-11

When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed. Revelation 6:9-11

- Power/Force: The Prayers
- Agent: Tribulation Saints/Martyrs
- Buzz Word: Vengeance

...It is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 1:6-8

The Promise:

*Jesus: "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake."
Matthew 24:9*

Bad Doctrine = The Holy Spirit taken out of the world.

And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

1. You cannot remove the Holy Spirit from anywhere.

He is Omnipresent.

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

Psalm 139:7-10

2. Believers still come to Christ, in the same way, after the Rapture.

The Persecutors: The World

The False Church

The Beast

He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time. Daniel 7:25

**Homework: Study Guide—Question #9 (page 52)
& # 11 (page 53)**

The End Revealed

Revelation 6—part 3
Verses 12-17

- Power/Force: Wrath resulting in Fear
- Agent: God
- 2nd ½ of the Tribulation

1. The Reason for Fear (6:12-14)

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

The Sky, the Heavens, & Heaven

- Several Hebrew and Greek words
- The atmosphere & where birds fly
- Outer space: where the stars, sun, and planets are
- The abode of God—another dimension

Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up... (Verse 14) Also Isaiah 34:4

“...hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne...” (Verse 16)

Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God... Matthew 3:16

- 2 Kings 6:17

2. The Range of Fear (6:15)

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. Revelation 1:7

3. The Reaction to Fear (6:15-17)

Jesus: “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.” Luke 21:25-26

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Hebrews 10:31

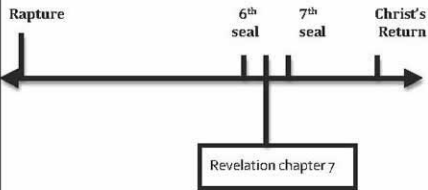
4. The Rescue from Fear

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1

Homework: Study Guide—Questions #7 & #10 (page 52)

The End Revealed

Revelation 7—part 1
Verses 1-8



Return to the Covenant

"I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Genesis 12:2-3

"And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you." Genesis 17:7

"And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, but one-third shall be left in it; I will bring the one-third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; and each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'" Zechariah 13:8-9

I. Wrath Restrained (verse 1)

- Noah-Family-Genesis
 - Lot-Family-Genesis
 - Moses-Israel-Exodus
 - Faithful-Jerusalem-Ezekiel

II. Saints Sealed (verses 2-3)

Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000 who had His name and His Father's name written on their foreheads. Revelation 14:1 (NIV)

III. Servants Identified (verses 4-8)

- 144,000
- 10 Lost Tribes
- Judah First & No Dan or Ephraim

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved...For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
Romans 11:25-26 & 29

Homework: Study Guide—Romans Chapters 9-11

The End Revealed

Revelation 7—part 2
Verses 9-17

Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'" Isaiah 49:6

Jesus: *"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."* Luke 10:2

1. The Fruits of the Servants (verses 9-10)

Jesus: *"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."* Matthew 24:14

2. The Response of Heaven (verses 11-12)

Jesus: *"I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance."* Luke 15:7

3. The Removal of Mystery (verses 13-15)

They are not...

...the Church

...the 144,000

...Israel

4. The Promise of Rest (verses 16-17)

Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. Revelation 20:6

5. The Rejection of the World

The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshipping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts. Revelation 9:20-21 (ESV)

The "If Only" Delusion

Homework: Study Guide—Questions #5 & 6 (page 50)

The End Revealed

Revelation 8—part 1
Verses 1-6

A Quick Review

1st Seal—White horse to conquer

2nd Seal—Red horse to take peace

3rd Seal—Black horse to disrupt agriculture & commerce

4th Seal—Pale horse to kill with plagues, war, disease, & animals

5th Seal—Cry/prayers of the Tribulation martyrs

6th Seal—Cosmic disturbances and receding of the sky

7th Seal = 7 Trumpet Judgments

- [7 Bowl Judgments]

A. The Deafening Silence (verse 1)

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: ...A time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak. Ecclesiastes 3:1 & 7

You caused judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared and was still, when God arose to judgment...

Psalm 76:8-9

"But the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him." Habakkuk 2:20

"Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for He is aroused from His holy habitation!" Zechariah 2:13

B. The Assembly of Seven (verse 2 & 6)

And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God... Luke 1:19

Biblical Use of Trumpets: summon congregation, alarm, war, feast/celebration, news, king's arrival, & worship

C. The Response to Supplication (verses 3-4)

The LORD is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29

D. The Divine Storm (verse 5)

The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets. From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before Him, and around Him a tempest rages. He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that He may judge His people: ...And the heavens proclaim His righteousness, for He is a God of justice... Psalm 50:1-4 & 6

E. The Set Stage

So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. Revelation 8:6

The End Revealed

Revelation 8—part 2
Verses 7-13

Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things...[they] exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. Romans 1:22-23 & 25

1st Trumpet = 1/3 of All Plant Life

And Moses stretched out his staff toward heaven; and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire darted to the ground. And the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail... Exodus 9:23-24

2nd Trumpet = 1/3 of All Sea Life

"I will utterly consume everything from the face of the land," Says the LORD; "I will consume man and beast; I will consume the birds of the heavens, the fish of the sea..." Zephaniah 1:2-3

And all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. The fish that were in the river died, the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink the water of the river. So there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. Exodus 7:20-21

3rd Trumpet = 1/3 of All Freshwater

And the LORD said, "Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, nor walked according to it, but they have walked according to the dictates of their own hearts..." therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will feed them, this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink." Jeremiah 9:13-15

"For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." Revelation 7:17

4th Trumpet = 1/3 of All Natural Light

Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light: the sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine. Isaiah 13:9-10

"And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord GOD, "That I will make the sun go down at noon, And, I will darken the earth in broad daylight." Amos 8:9

"WOE"

Homework: Question #3 (page 60)

The End Revealed

Revelation 9—part 1
Verses 1-12

Fifth Trumpet = Hell on Earth

I. UnLocked (verses 1-2)

Connection between Stars and Angels/Fallen Angels

"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?...When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" Job 38:4 & 7

How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God." Isaiah 14:12-13 (NIV)

After being made alive, He [Jesus] went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. 1 Peter 3:19-20 (NIV)

And they [the demons] begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Luke 8:31

II. UnLeashed (verses 3-6)

- Sealed = 144,000 & (likely) All Redeemed

Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

2 Timothy 2:19

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Ephesians 1:13

III. UnVeiled (verses 7-10)

Surely nothing shall escape them. Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; and like swift steeds, so they run. With a noise like chariots over mountaintops they leap, like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble, like a strong people set in battle array. Before them the people writhe in pain; all faces are drained of color... Joel 2:3-6

IV. UnMasked (verses 11-12)

- Hebrew: Abaddon
- Greek: Apollyon
 - = Destroyer

The End Revealed

Revelation 9—part 2
Verses 13-21

I. The Release (verse 13-14)

- 4 Angels = Even More Demons

Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. Daniel 10:20

- 4 Kingdoms:
 - Babylon
 - Persia
 - Greece
 - Rome
- 4 Armies = 50 Million Each

The Euphrates River

Mentioned 21 Times in Scripture

- Garden of Eden
- Tower of Babel—Kingdoms of Babylon & Assyria
- Border for Persia & Rome
- Past & Future Border of Israel

II. The Return (verses 15-19)

- Death
- Horse = Speed
 - Lion = Power
 - Serpent = Lethal

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Remaining on Earth:	4.9 Billion
Killed in Seals 5-6	
<u>& Trumpets 1-5:</u>	<u>? (-1 Billion)</u>
Remaining on Earth:	3.9 Billion
<u>1/3 Killed in Revelation 9:18</u>	<u>1.3 Billion</u>
Remaining on Earth:	2.6 Billion

III. The Reaction (verses 20-21)

Idolatry = Demonology

For all the gods of the peoples are idols... Psalm 96:5

- Greek Translation: "idols" = demons

What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything? Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.

1 Corinthians 10:19-20

- Murders
- Sorceries = pharmakeia = Drugs
- Sexual Immorality
- Thefts

The End Revealed

Revelation 10

Final Judgment Questions:

- Why? [Romans 1 = Rejection of God/Embracing Sin]
- How? [Revelation chapters 6-22]
- When?

Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing. Why, then, do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves? Habakkuk 1:13 (NIV)

5 Components of the "When"?

1. Another Angel (verses 1-2)

- a. Not One of the Trumpeting Angels
- b. Not One of the Fallen Angels

2. A New Location (verses 2-3)

- a. Sea & Land of the Trumpet Judgments
- b. Authority on Earth/Creation

God thunders marvelously with His voice; He does great things which we cannot comprehend. Job 37:5

3. A Foreign Command (verse 4)

[I, Paul] was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

2 Corinthians 12:4

4. A Glorious Announcement (verses 5-7)

...that there should be delay no longer, but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets. Revelation 10:6-7

- The Mystery Finished?
 - a. Jesus Christ = God in Flesh to Pay Sin's Price
 - b. A Personal Covenant Relationship with God
 - c. The Gentiles Included in Salvation
- The Last Person Saved?

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But, the Day of the Lord will come... 2 Peter 3:8-10

5. An Unusual Act (verses 8-11)

And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you." So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness. Ezekiel 3:3

But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

Luke 4:4 & Deuteronomy 8:3

Homework: Study Guide "Drawing Near" Questions & "The Context" (page 65). Also Question #9 (page 74)

The End Revealed

Revelation 11—Part I

Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, " Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months." Revelation 11:1-2.

Temple Connection

Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: " Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest!" And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, " Who is this?" So the multitudes said, " This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee." Then Jesus went into the temple of God— Matthew 21:9-12

Temple Timeline

I. Promise

Temple #1: Solomon's Temple, *960 B.C.
Destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, 586 B.C.

II. Pitiful

Temple #2: Ezra/Nehemiah/Zerubbabel, 516 B.C.
Rebuilt by Herod the Great, 20 B.C.

III. Pretense

Temple #3: Herod's Temple 64 A.D.
Destroyed by the Romans, 70 A.D.

IV. Priesthood

Temple in Heaven

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Hebrews 9:11

V. Play

Temple #4: The Tribulation Temple, Pre-Trib?
Desecrated by Antichrist, Mid-point of Tribulation

VI. Prince

Temple #5: Millennial/Christ/Saints
End of the Tribulation, 1000-year Reign

The visions were like the vision which I saw by the River Chebar; and I fell on my face. And the glory of the LORD came into the temple by way of the gate which faces toward the east. The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple. Ezekiel 43:3-5

VII. Paradise

Eternal Temple
End of 1000-Year Reign

"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God." Revelation 21:3

But I saw no temple in it [the New Jerusalem], for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. Revelation 21:22

Homework: Question #2 (page 71) & Ezekiel Chapter 43

31.

REVELATION 11—PART 2
Verses 1-6

I. New Players: 2 Witnesses

Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Hebrews 11:28
[Deuteronomy 17, Matthew 16, 2 Corinthians 13, 1 Timothy 5]

II. Historic Ministry (verse 3a)

- Prophecy = To Explain, to Proclaim, or to Preach
- Time = 1260 days
- Which ½ ?

III. Serious Posture (verse 3b)

For this, clothe yourself with sackcloth, lament and wail. For the fierce anger of the LORD has not turned back from us.
Jeremiah 4:8

- Mourning
- Lament
- Woe

These people are stubborn rebels who refuse to pay attention to the LORD's instructions. They tell the seers, "Stop seeing visions!" They tell the prophets, "Don't tell us what is right. Tell us nice things. Tell us lies. Forget all this gloom."
Isaiah 30:9-11 (NLT)

IV. Speculated Identity (verse 4)

So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What are these, my lord?" Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord." So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD...: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit.' Zechariah 4:4-6

Word:	Zerubbabel—	Civil	Law	Moses
Spirit:	Joshua—	Religious	Prophets	Elijah

V. Divine Authority (verses 5-6)

- Fire
- No Rain
- Blood
- Plagues

"But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!"
Luke 5:24-25

Jesus: "The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves."
John 14:10-11

REVELATION 11—PART 3
Verses 7-14

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved...Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Romans 11:25-29

- "In part" = not total, but chronic
- "Until" = not permanent, but temporary
- "Irrevocable" = not up to them, but up to God

The Two Witnesses

A. The Death of the Two Witnesses

- (Verse 7): Finished = 1260 Days
The Beast = 36 More Times
- (Verse 8): The Great City = Jerusalem
 - Sodom = Center/Representative of Immorality
 - Egypt = Birth/Core of Idolatry

B. The Disdain for the Two Witnesses

- (Verse 9): 3 ½ days of Celebration

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight! Isaiah 5:20-21

C. The Departure of the Two Witnesses

- How is it possible that "all peoples" see this?
- Group 1— Fear, but no Repentance

But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' Luke 16:31

- (Verse 13): Great Earthquake & 7,000 dead
- Group 2— Fear coupled with Repentance

And the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven. Revelation 11:13

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10

Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come..." Revelation 14:6-7

REVELATION 11—PART 4
Verses 15-19

THY KINGDOM COME

Jesus: "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen" Matthew 6:9-13

7th Trumpet = Coronation Trumpet = 7 Bowl Judgments

I. Understanding the "Kingdom"

Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." Luke 4:5-7

Jesus: "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out." John 12:31 [John 14:30 & 16:11]

"you...shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And, He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Luke 1:31-33

II. Grasping the "Have Become"

- "The One who is and who was and who is to come" (verse 17)

"I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall [rule] them with a rod of iron..."

Psalm 2:7-9 [Daniel 2 & 7, & Zechariah 14]

III. Knowing why the "Nations Were Angry"

Why are the nations so angry? Why do they waste their time with futile plans? The kings of the earth prepare for battle; the rulers plot together against the LORD and against His Anointed One. "Let us break Their chains," they cry, "and free ourselves from slavery to God." Psalm 2:1-3 (NLT)

Jesus: "And this is the condemnation: that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed." John 3:19-20

IV. Comprehending the Payment

- Everyone's Getting Something: Wrath or Reward

REVELATION 12—PART 1
Verses 1-6

The War of the Ages

Character: The Woman (verses 1 & 6)

Clues:

- *“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.” Matthew 1:23 & Isaiah 7:14*
- [Joseph said], *“I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me.” So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?” Genesis 37:9-10*
- Isaiah 26, 54, & 66, Jeremiah 4, Hosea 13, & Micah 4-5
- [God]: *“I will put enmity between you [Satan] and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall [crush] your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” Genesis 3:15*

Conclusion: The Woman Represents Israel

Character: The Dragon (verses 3 & 4)

Clues:

- *So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Revelation 12:9 & 20:2*

Conclusion: The Dragon is the Devil

“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ Isaiah 14:12-14 & Ezekiel 28

Character: The (Male) Child (verses 2, 4, & 5)

Clues:

- *For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. Isaiah 9:6-7*

Conclusion: The Child is Jesus Christ

REVELATION 12—PART 2
Verses 7-12

The War of the Ages II

GOD AND MAN MAN AND GOD MAN AND MAN

1. Heaven's Battle (verse 7-8)

- Michael = The Archangel

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And, the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus, we shall always be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

"At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And, at that time, your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt."
Daniel 12:1-2

2. Heaven's Victory [or Purging] (verse 9)

One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them..."Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."
Job 1:6-11 (NIV)

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. Zechariah 3:1

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12

3. Heaven's Celebration (verses 10-12)

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.
2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)

- "REJOICE"
- "WOE"

HOMEWORK: Study Guide Question #2 (page 83)
& # 12 (page 88)

REVELATION 12—PART 3
Verses 13-17

The War of the Ages III

Episode 1: Rebellion

Episode 2: War for Man/Creation*

Episode 3: Fight to Devour the Child

Episode 4: Battle to Stop His Church

Episode 5: Persecution of the Woman* (verses 13-14)

- A Great Eagle

...After the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai...And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall...tell the children of Israel: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.'"

Exodus 19:1-4

"He found him [Israel] in a desert land and in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. As an eagle stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, spreading out its wings, taking them up, carrying them on its wings, so the LORD alone led him..."
Deuteronomy 32:10-12

- Wilderness

Jesus: "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains." Matthew 24:15-16

"He [the Antichrist] shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon." Daniel 11:41

= Modern Day Jordan (Petra)

Episode 6: Destroy Her in Hiding (verses 15-16)

- Flood
- Earth

...As he finished speaking all these words, that the ground split apart under them, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Korah, with all their goods. So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished... Numbers 16:31-33

Episode 7: Combat Her Offspring (verse 17)

- Keep the Commandment of God
- Have the Testimony of Jesus Christ

HOMEWORK: Study Guide Question #3 (page 83)

REVELATION 13—PART 1
The Method of the Imposter

The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. Revelation 13:1 (NIV)

- White Horse—Revelation 6

Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition... 2 Thessalonians 2:3

- He is both a king and a kingdom
- Given All Authority & Follows the will of his father

The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. Revelation 13:2

- In the image of his father = 10 Horns & 7 Heads

I saw a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads. Revelation 12:3

- An advocate who points all things back to him
= False Prophet
- A following of devoted worshippers = Apostate Religion
 - That system called a Harlot/Whore

JESUS CHRIST

Feet Touch Down—Zechariah 14

Jesus: "I came forth from the Father and have come into the world." John 16:28

His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. Revelation 19:12

- White Horse—Revelation 19

"Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed." Luke 17:30

- He is both a King and a Kingdom
- Given All Authority and Follows the will of His Father

"Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!" Revelation 5:13

- In the Image of His Father

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. Colossians 1:15

Jesus: "...He who has seen Me has seen the Father." John 14:9

- An Advocate who points all things back to Him
= Holy Spirit
- A following of devoted worshippers = the Church
 - That system called a Bride

HOMEWORK:

REVELATION 13—PART 2
The Method of the Imposter

Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. Revelation 13:2

From Daniel: The Beast(s) Represented Kingdoms

...four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. The first was like a lion... "And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear..." "After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard..." "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong..." "These four huge beasts represent four kingdoms that will arise from the earth." Daniel 7:3-7 & 17 (NLT)

1. The Beast is a Conglomeration of:

...All Kingdoms/Empires:

7 Heads

- Lion = Gold= Babylon
- Bear = Silver= Persia
- Leopard = Bronze= Greece
- Beast = Iron (clay)= Rome
 - Egypt, Assyria, & the Future Empire

Geographically

- As far North as Russia/Germany
- As far East as India/Pakistan
- As far South as Ethiopia/Sudan
- As far West as Morocco, Spain/England

Babylon—Rome—Jerusalem

The Beast is a Conglomeration of:

2. ...All Significant World Leaders:

- Political
- Nebuchadnezzar*, Cyrus the Great, Alexander the Great, Caesar Augustus, Pharaoh, Tiglath-Pileser, ...Modern
- Military

3. ...All Aspects of Life:

- Social
- Economic
- Religious

4. ...All World Religious Founders/Leaders:

[Everything except Biblical Judaism/Christianity]

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. 1 John 2:18

I say this because many deceivers have gone out into the world. They deny that Jesus Christ came [or will come] in a real body. Such a person is a deceiver and an antichrist. 2 John 1:7-8 (NLT)

Jesus: "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect." Matthew 24:23-24

REVELATION 13—PART 3
The Method of the Imposter

- Daniel 2:31-44



I. The Same Empires from the Daniel 7 Dream.

"You are the head of gold. But after your kingdom comes to an end, another kingdom, inferior to yours, will rise to take your place. After that kingdom has fallen, yet a third kingdom, represented by bronze, will rise to rule the world. Following that kingdom, there will be a fourth one, as strong as iron. That kingdom will smash and crush all previous empires."

Daniel 2:38-40 (NLT)

II. The Dream Leads to an Idea

King Nebuchadnezzar made a gold statue ninety feet tall and nine feet wide and set it up...in the province of Babylon.

Daniel 3:1 (NLT)

III. That Idea Becomes Battleground

"People of all races and nations and languages, listen to the king's command! When you hear the sound of the...musical instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue." Daniel 3:4-5 (NLT)

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. But even if He doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up." Daniel 3:16-18 (NLT)

Connection to Revelation

The 10 Toes in the Daniel Statue =
The 10 Horns/Crowns on Revelation Beast

Jesus: "The day is coming when you will see what Daniel the prophet spoke about—the sacrilegious object that causes desecration standing in the Holy Place." Matthew 24:15 (NLT)

He ordered the people to make a great statue of the first beast...He was then permitted to give life to this statue so that it could speak. Then the statue of the beast commanded that anyone refusing to worship it must die.

Revelation 13:14-15 (NLT)

REVELATION 13—PART 4
The Method of the Imposter

[Daniel Under the Guidance of Gabriel]:

1. His Pretense & Countenance

“And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their fullness, a king shall arise, having fierce features, who understands sinister schemes. His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, and shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people. Through his cunning he shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; and he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without human means.”

Daniel 8:23-25

- “sinister schemes & cunning” = Intrigue
- destroy, deceive, & doom

2. His Promises & Covenants

“The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And, at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

Daniel 9:26-27 (NIV)

- “the ruler who will come” = Roman Empire
- “covenant with many” = Jews & Muslims

3. His Pattern & Conflicts

Daniel 11:1-35

- Near Fulfillment
 - Future Fulfillment

4. His Persona & Character

“Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done. He shall regard neither the gods of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all. But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.” Daniel 11:36-39

- “the gods of his fathers” = _____
- “the desire of women” = _____
- “a foreign god” = _____

41.

REVELATION 13—PART 5
The Method of the Imposter
(13:1-10)

I. His Ancestry (vs. 1)

- Spawn of Satan
- Rises out of the Sea
= The Abyss (spiritual)/Nations (physical)

II. His Authority (vs. 2)

- Conglomeration of:
 - Empires
 - Rulers
 - Systems/Institutions
 - World Religions

III. His Acclaim (vs. 3)

And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. Revelation 13:3

[He] causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. Revelation 13:12

...the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. Revelation 13:14

- Copy: Revelation 5:11-12

I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

IV. His Adoration (vs. 4)

- The Repeated Statue/Image

V. His Arrogance (vss. 5-6)

- The Lust of the Eyes, the Lust of the Flesh, & the Pride of Life

VI. His Action (vs. 7)

"I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them." Daniel 7:21

He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time. Daniel 7:25

VII. His Admirers (vss. 8-10)

The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 (NIV)

1 Kings 22: _____

Homework: "Antichrist" (page 76) & Question #10 (page 87)

REVELATION 13—PART 6
The Assistant of the Antichrist
(13:11-18)

The Ministry of the Prophet

- The History: Moses, Samuel, Elijah, John the Baptist, *Jesus, John, & the Early Church
- The Requirements for a Prophet

But any prophet who falsely claims to speak in My Name or who speaks in the name of another god must die.
Deuteronomy 18:20 (NLT)

- The Rarity of Accompanying Signs, Wonders, and Miracles: to Authenticate the Word
- The Counterfeit of Prophets: Deception

God: "Do not listen to these prophets when they prophesy to you, filling you with futile hopes. They are making up everything they say. They do not speak for the LORD! They keep saying to those who despise My Word, 'Don't worry! The LORD says you will have peace!' And... 'No harm will come your way!'... 'I have not sent these prophets, yet they run around claiming to speak for Me. I have given them no message, yet they go on prophesying. If they had stood before Me and listened to Me, they would have spoken My Word..."

Jeremiah 23:16-17 & 21-22 (NLT)

- The Counterfeit Market: psychics, seers, clairvoyants, wise men (people), astrologers, and false prophets

The Second Beast

- Many antichrists—one Antichrist
- Many false prophets—one False Prophet
- Greek: Pseudo-prophētēs

And the Beast was taken, and with him the False Prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them... These both were cast alive into a lake of fire...

Revelation 19:20

I. His Appearance

- Earth, Lamb, & Words

II. His Credentials

- Authority, Signs, & Wonders

III. His Scheme

- Deception, Captivity, & Death

Homework: Study Guide Questions 5 & 7 (page 84)

REVELATION 13—PART 7
Identity of the Antichrist
(13:18)

1. The Mark:

- Not Original

They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. Revelation 22:4

- Not Social Security, B of A, or Tattoos
- Not be Subtle, Secret, or Sneaky

2. The Number:

Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666. Revelation 13:18

- Has Meaning in Greek, Latin, & Hebrew
- Those in the End will Know
- Certainly the Number of Man and Imperfection.
- God is Associated with 7
- Note: The Number Isn't "6, and 6, and 6"...
...It's 600 and 60 and 6.

3. The Speculation:

- Various Roman Emperors: Nero, Caligula, Domitian
- Various Historical Rulers: Napoleon, Hitler, Stalin.
- Various People and Movements:
John Knox, almost every modern US President, Iranian Presidents and Ayatollahs, and many more

Islam's Eschatology:

4a. Mahdi/12th Imam

- Rises out of the Well
- Rides in on a White horse
- Finds & Reveals Hidden Scriptures
- Rules for 7 Years
- Leads a Massive Army under the Black Flag
- Begins with Covenants...Breaks them ½ Way Through
- Sets up Global Seat on the Temple Mount
- Requires a Mark on all True Muslims
- Beheads all who Refuse
- Promises Blessing Rain, Crops, and Wealth on Faithful
- Many Believe he's Alive Right Now
- Global Caliphate Ushered in Through Chaos, War, & Fire

Their Savior is the Bible's Antichrist

4b. Isa (Jesus*)

- Meek
- Validates New Scriptures
- Teaches All
- Works miracles and wonders
- Claims to have never Died, Resurrected, or Atoned for Sins.

Their Jesus is the Bible's False Prophet

4c. Dajjal

- Deceiver
- False Miracle Worker
- Claims to be God

Their Antichrist* is the Bible's Jesus

Note: About 50-60% of the old Roman Empire is now under Islamic Control = North Africa, Western Asia/Turkey, Sections of Eastern Europe, & Gaining Influence in most of Western Europe

REVELATION 14—Part 1
Verses 1-5

Review: Where the Narrative Left Off

Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God...Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.
Revelation 11:15-16 & 19

The 144,000

1. Their Qualities

- Protected
- Preaching
- Encouraging
- Undefined

"Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness," says the Lord GOD. Ezekiel 14:14

- Blameless
- Genuine truth
- Faithful
 - Hebrews chapter 11

2. Their Example

- Our Calling and Role as Pre-Tribulation Saints

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God...Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless. 2 Peter 3:11-12 & 14

But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober.
1 Thessalonians 5:4-8

Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Hold firmly to the Word of life.
Philippians 2:14-16 (NLT)

3. Their Results

- New Location (verse 1)
 - Jesus from Heaven to Earth
 - Redeemed now from Earth to Heaven
- New Song (verse 3)
 - Song of Moses (15:3)
- New Event (remainder of chapter and next)
 - A Harvesting of Redemption
 - A Harvesting unto Wrath

Revelation 14—part 2
Verses 6-11

The Final Message

I. The Angel of Life (verses 6-7)

- Midst of heaven = Mid-heaven

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

- The Everlasting Gospel
 - Matthew 4:23—Gospel of the Kingdom
 - Mark 1:1—Gospel of Jesus Christ
 - Mark 1:14—Gospel of God
 - Acts 20:24—Gospel of the Grace of God
 - 2 Corinthians 4:4—Gospel of the Glory of Christ
 - Ephesians 1:13—Gospel of Salvation
 - Ephesians 6:15—Gospel of Peace
 - 1 Timothy 1:11—The Glorious Gospel

Jesus: *“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”* Matthew 24:14

- The Battle for the Beginning

II. The Angel of Purity (verse 8)

- Preview: chapters 17 & 18
- Babylon
- Ancient City, Tower, & Empire
- A Rebuilt City/Empire
- A Pagan, Evil False Religion (Whore)

III. The Angel of Destiny (verses 9-11)

The Reality of Hell

- Forever
- Torment
- Darkness
- Full Consciousness and Knowledge

- Points the Elect in Two Directions:

- Evangelism

Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire.

Jude 21-23

- Perspective

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

2 Corinthians 4:17

Where is America in End Times Prophecy?

[Ranked from least likely to most likely]

6. She's the Obscure "young lions" of Ezekiel 38

"Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish (Possibly Spain), and all their young lions will say to you (Possibly Antichrist), 'Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take loot, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?'" Ezekiel 38:13

5. She's the Equally Obscure "Eagle" of Revelation 12

4. In Much of Liberal Theology, America is Babylon

Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?' "They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.' Revelation 18:17-19

3. She's Still Here—Just Insignificant to World, Middle East, & Israeli History.

2. She's Part of the Revived Roman Empire = One of the 10 Toes of Daniel 2

- Founded by Europeans: Spanish, British, French, Italian, German,...

1. She Ends up Imploding or Exploding Before the End.

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness... Romans 1:24

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions...Romans 1:26

Even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting... Romans 1:28

Who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. Romans 1:32

- Impact of the Rapture: No Restraint _____

- Cycle of Empires:

"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves [money] from the public treasury...These nations have progressed through the following sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith, from spiritual faith to great courage, from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to selfishness, from selfishness to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependency and from dependency back into bondage." --Alexander Tyler, 1787

Revelation 14—part 3
Verses 12-13

*This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus. Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."
Revelation 14:12-13 (NIV)*

- Blessed = Joy, Happiness, in Line for Reward

Perseverance of the Saints

Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. Hebrews 2:14-15 (NIV)

1. God's Promises

*And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life.
1 John 2:25*

*God wanted to make the unchanging nature of His purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised. He confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged.
Hebrews 6:17-18 (NIV)*

2. God's Plan

3. God's Power

4. God's Grace

He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of His grace He declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life. Titus 3:5-7 (NLT)

5. Saints Persevere

- Historic and Contemporary
- 144,000
- Tribulation Saints
 - Keep His Commands
 - Remain Faithful to Jesus
- Deeds will follow (From Last Week: too easy to forget)

For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. Hebrews 6:10

*Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world
Matthew 25:34-36*

Homework: Study Guide Question #10 (page 101)

Revelation 14—part 4
Verses 14-20

Jesus' 1st Coming vs. 2nd Coming

• 1st Coming:

Jesus: "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10

Jesus: "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

Jesus: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:17

• 2nd Coming:

His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Revelation 19:13-16

- Great Day of the Lord—2 Peter 2:9 & 3:7, Isaiah 13:11-13, 24:21-23, 63:1-6, Jeremiah 46:10, Ezekiel 30:3-4, Romans 2:16, Amos 5:18-20, Malachi 4:1-2, & dozens more.

I. The Grain of Judgment

Therefore, be patient," says the LORD. "Soon I will stand and accuse these evil nations. For I have decided to gather the kingdoms of the earth and pour out my fiercest anger and fury on them. All the earth will be devoured by the fire of my jealousy." Zephaniah 3:8 (NLT)

- The Reaper
- The Ripeness = Too Ripe/Rotting/Withered
- The Reaping [Burning]

II. The Grapes of Wrath

"Assemble and come, all you nations, and gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD. "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down: For the winepress is full, the vats overflow—For their wickedness is great." Joel 3:11-13

- The Reaper
- The Ripeness = To Its Fullest/Bursting/Mature
- The Reaping [Crushing]

Armageddon—4 Feet Deep—200 Miles Long—Chapter 19

[Rejection of Messiah = The Bread and the Wine]

Homework: look up and take notes on the "Great Day of the Lord" passages on the left

Revelation 15—part 1
Verses 1-4

- The Vengeance of God
- The Character of God
- The Plan of God

1. Vengeance

...a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries...For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." says the Lord...It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Hebrews 10:27 & 30-31

For our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:29

By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 2 Peter 3:7 (NIV)

O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs— O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth! Rise up, O Judge of the earth; Render punishment to the proud. LORD, how long will the wicked, how long will the wicked triumph? They utter speech, and speak insolent things; all the workers of iniquity boast in themselves. They break in pieces Your people, O LORD, and afflict Your heritage. They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless. Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, nor does the God of Jacob understand." Psalm 94:1-7

...those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name... Revelation 15:2

- The Beast = Vengeance = Death
- His Image/Mark = Character = Evil = Deception
- The Number of His Name = Plan = Worship/Rule

2. Character

The Song of Moses: Exodus 15

The Song of the Lamb: Revelation 5

Great, Marvelous, Almighty, Just, True, King, Fear, Glory, Holy

"For all nations shall come and worship before You."
Revelation 15:4

From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before Me." says the LORD. Isaiah 66:23 (NIV)

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Philippians 2:9-11

Homework: Study Guide "Going Deeper" (page 99-100)
Question #3 (page 98), 7, & 8 (page 100)

Revelation 15—part 2
Verses 5-8

Last Week:

- The Vengeance of God
- The Character of God

The Plan of God

- The Amount: 7 Angels
- The Instruments: 7 Bowls

Bowls/Vials
Shallow Saucers/Pans
Poured Out Instantly/Not Slowly

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. Revelation 5:8

- The Contents: 7 Plagues

Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. Revelation 15:1

I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. Psalm 116:13

The Deeper Question = Why Save Some...And Not All?
Is God Unfair?

What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion." So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy. For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth." Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens. You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?" But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?" Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor? What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, even us whom He called...? Romans 9:14-24

1. To Show His Holy Wrath
2. To Show His Holy Power
3. To Show His Holy Grace

- Some Get Undeserved Mercy.
 - Most Get Deserved Wrath.
 - No One Gets Injustice.

Homework: "Reflecting on the Text" & Question 11 (page 101)

Revelation 16—part 1
Verses 1-11

Egypt of Exodus: Localized
Trumpet Judgments: 1/3 of Earth
Bowl Judgments: Global

1st Bowl: Foul and Loathsome Sores

Then they took ashes from the furnace and stood before Pharaoh, and Moses scattered them toward heaven. And they caused boils that break out in sores on man and beast. Exodus 9:10

Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes. Job 2:7-8 (NIV)

"There was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores...Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores." Luke 16:20-21

Sore = English word: Ulcer

2nd Bowl: All Oceans Turned to Blood

- All Aquatic Plant and Animal Life
- Oxygen (70%)
- Shipping
- Stench and Disease
- Insects

3rd Bowl: All Fresh Water Turned to Blood

- Possibly No Wind (Revelation 7:1)
- No Rain (Revelation 11:6)
- Only Stored/Bottled Water
- All Agriculture
- More Stench, Disease, & Insects

"For they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve." Revelation 16:6

4th Bowl: Sun's Heat Intensified/Atmosphere Breakdown

- Torment
- Burning
- Polar Ice Melts = Dead Ocean Floods

5th Bowl: Utter Darkness on Beast's Kingdom

The LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt." Exodus 10:21

- Sun's rays Still Burn

That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of devastation and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness. Zephaniah 1:15

A Living Preview of Hell

Revelation 16—part 2
Verses 12-16

The 6th Bowl: Preparation for Battle

Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon. Revelation 16:12-16

Two Places: Euphrates River & Armageddon

Two Parties: Unholy Trinity Armies & Jesus Christ

Place #1—The Euphrates

- *"Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."* Revelation 9:14
- *...with a scorching wind He will sweep his hand over the Euphrates River. He will break it up into seven streams so that anyone can cross over in sandals.* Isaiah 11:15
- **Flooded** from the 4th Bowl
- **Blood-filled** from the 3rd Bowl

Party #1—The Unholy Trinity Armies and World's Armies

- Led by Deceiving Demons (as Frogs)
- Signs (wonders, miracles, lies)
- 10 Kings (Daniel & Revelation)

Party #2—Jesus Christ and the Armies of Heaven

- Pause as was between 6th and 7th Seal & Trumpet
- Sudden = Tribulation beginning & 2nd Coming
- Matthew 24, 1 Thessalonians 5, 2 Peter 3, & Revelation 3

Place #2—Armageddon

- Not An Event, but a Real Place
- Arm (English) and Har (Hebrew) = Mount
- Mount Megiddo and the Valley Below it
- Joshua, Judges, 1st & 2nd Kings, 1st & 2nd Chronicles

Homework: Study Guide—2nd Question under "Drawing Near" (page 89)

Revelation 16—part 3
Verses 17-21

The 7th Bowl

I. The Great Earthquake:

"For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and I will shake all nations..." Haggai 2:6-7

See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken..." Hebrews 12:25-27

- Jerusalem Split
-

- The Nations Fall
-

- Babylon Remembered

- Chapters 17 & 18

- Every Island and Mountain Gone
-
-

II. The Great Hailstones

- 100 lbs
-
-

- The Reaction:

Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great. Revelation 16:21

- The Pattern

...they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.
Revelation 16:9

But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts. Revelation 9:20-21

Homework: Study Guide Question 5 (page 99)

Revelation 17—part 1
Verses 1-6

- Mystery: _____
- Babylon: _____
- Great: _____
- Mother: female, religious, giving birth/life
- Harlot: spiritual prostitution—claiming to be real
- Abominations: the most detestable in God's eyes

Political

Economic

Religious

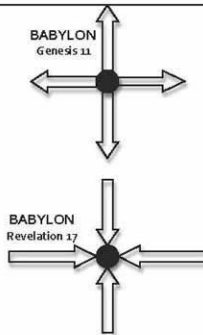
Origins:

Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD." And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel... Genesis 10:8-10

Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves..." Genesis 11:3-4

- Us (man)
- Build ourselves (works)
- Who makes stone? Who makes brick?
- Top in the heavens...name for ourselves.

Result: Every single philosophy, religion, branch, sect, cult, movement, & faith that is NOT biblical Christianity.



They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they did not know, to new gods, new arrivals... Deuteronomy 32:17

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons... 1 Timothy 4:1

We know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 8:4-6

- Isaiah 44

Homework: Study Guide "Keys to the Text" (page 104) & Questions 1 & 2 (page 110)

Revelation 17—part 2
Verses 7-18

1. Explanation of the Harlot

- Last Week's Message
- Woman (vs.18) = Babylon (the religion)
 - Thrives in 1st 3 ½ years
 - Dismantled in 2nd 3 ½ years

Her Sponsor

- Beast = Antichrist
 - Savior, Healing, & Monster
 - 7 heads/7 mountains = 7 Kings/Kingdoms
- Egypt-----
- Assyria
- Babylon
- Persia
- Greece-----
- Rome----- " ...one is... "
- Antichrist/Beast (Babylon 1st half)---"yet to come"
 - Antichrist/Beast (Babylon 2nd half)

- 10 Horns = Ten Future Kings (for John)
 - 10 Toes in Daniel Chapter 2
 - 10 Horns in Daniel Chapter 7
- Waters = All the World

2. Extermination of the Harlot

And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. Revelation 17:16-17

- Appears to be Dragon's Work. Actually God's Hand

And I will punish Bel, the god of Babylon, and make him vomit up all he has eaten. The nations will no longer come and worship him. The wall of Babylon has fallen!...says the Lord. Jeremiah 51:44 (NLT)

Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with Him. Daniel 2:20-22

Homework: Jeremiah 51

Revelation 18—part 1
Verses 1-5

Babylon Judged

Religious (ch. 17) Economic (ch. 18) Political (ch. 19)

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness. Romans 1:18

For the wages of sin is death... Romans 6:23

Paul: *"God...now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained."*
Acts 17:30-31

I. Judgment **Pronounced** (Verses 1-3 & 5)

"Babylon...has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit..." Revelation 18:2

Not a **Result** of her judgment, but a **Cause**

- The Nations (Religious)
- The Kings (Political)
- The Merchants (Economic)

"For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities." Revelation 18:5

- "reached" = Piled up. Literally "joined together"
- A Spiritual **Tower of Babel**

II. Judgment **Avoided** (verse 4)

And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. Revelation 18:4

1. Yet, another mini-rapture prior to judgment
2. An evangelistic call to salvation
3. A call for God's elect to flee the city
4. A discipleship call to not participate in her sins

- Option 3—Physical Removal: Isaiah 48:20, Jeremiah 50:8, 51:6 & 45

I will destroy it [Babylon] as I destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah...," says the LORD. Jeremiah 50:40 & 49:18 (NLT)

- Option 4—A Call to Purity:

Remove Yourself from the People and Places
of Temptation and Sin.

"Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the LORD. Don't touch their filthy things..." 2 Corinthians 6:17 (NLT)

Don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? James 4:4 (NIV)

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. 1 John 2:15 (NLT)

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character". 1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

Homework: Study Guide Question 11 (page 114)

Revelation 18—part 2
Verses 6-19

Babylon Judged—Continued

Religious (ch. 17) Economic (ch. 18) Political (ch. 19)

III. Judgment Defined _____ (verses 6-8)

'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'
(verse 7)

<u>Statement</u>	<u>Attitude</u>	<u>Godly Opposite</u>
I sit as queen	<u>Pride</u>	Humility
I am no widow	Self-gratification	Sacrifice/service
I will not see sorrow	<u>Self-sufficiency</u>	Reliance

How could anyone grow rich in the Tribulation?

He [the False Prophet] causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Revelation 13:16-17

He [Antichrist] will honor those who submit to him, appointing them to positions of authority and dividing the land among them as their reward. Daniel 11:39 (NLT)

- Scarcity
- Price gouging
- Hoarding

Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD...

Proverbs 11:1

IV. Judgment Lamented (verses 9-19)

- They did not Love (or fear) God.
- They loved Wealth.

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil...
1 Timothy 6:10

So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Colossians 3:5 (NLT)

Jesus: "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, "...What people value highly is detestable in God's sight." Luke 16:13-15 (NIV)

- They did not Mourn Their Sin.
 - They Mourned Their Loss.

Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.
2 Corinthians 7:9-10

- The Tax Collector of Luke 18

Homework: Study Guide Question 4 (page 111)
& Question 10 (page 113)

Revelation 18—part 3
Verses 20-24



V. Judgment Enjoyed (verse 20)

For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He [the Father] sent Me [the Son] after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye. Zechariah 2:8

Saints—Apostles—Prophets

- Now: We weep, while the world Rejoices
- Then: The world weeps, while we Rejoice
- Rejoice (verb) = to Celebrate/Party
- The world has had its Party

By faith, Moses...[chose] rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin... Hebrews 11:24-25

VI. Judgment Completed (verses 21-23a)

- Suddenly and Completely
- Never to be Inhabited Again
- Proving God to be: True, Right, & Faithful

VII. Judgment Justified (verses 23b-24)

- Merchants—Profited
- Nations—Deceived
- Sorcery—*pharmakeia*—drugged

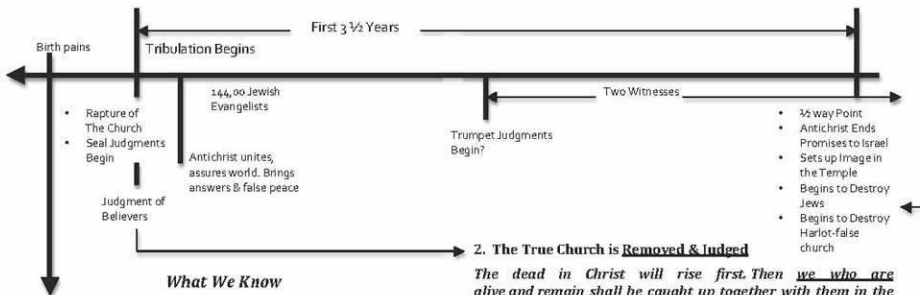
But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, till there was no remedy. 2 Chronicles 36:16

- All of God's Messengers—Israel, Jesus, & the Church

All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and...God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with His powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His might on the day He comes to be glorified in His holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony... 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (NIV)

Homework: Study Guide #9 (page 113)

Revelation Review—part 1

1. All Things Grow Darker

- The World:

"You will hear of wars and rumors of wars...but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places." Matthew 24:6-7

- The Culture:

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come; For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God... 2 Timothy 3:1-4

- The Church:

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but...they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 2 Timothy 4:3-4

2. The True Church is Removed & Judged

The dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

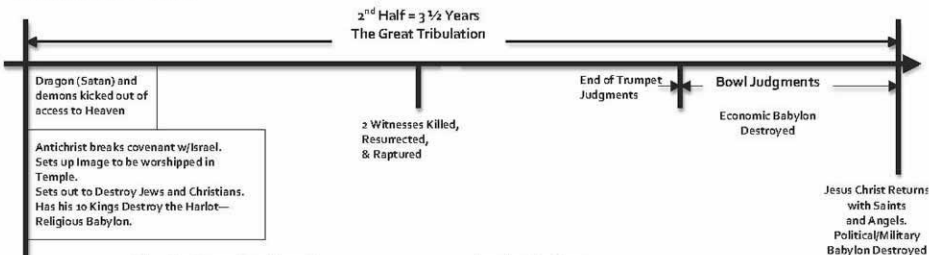
3. Antichrist Takes Over & Tribulation Begins

For that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

What We Don't Know

- When: _____
- Who: _____
- How Long: _____

Revelation Review—part 2



What We Know [Continued]

Heaven Purified:

War broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer...He was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. "...Woe to the inhabitants of the earth...! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time." Revelation 12:7-9 & 12

He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him." Daniel 9:27 (NIV)

[The False Prophet tells] those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. Revelation 13:14-15

Creation Undone:

- Genesis—Light, Separate Heavens from Earth, Seas, Plant Life (Oxygen), Stars/Sun/Moon, Sea & Bird Life, Land Animal Life, & Man.
- Revelation—Man & Animals Destroyed, Heavens Shaken, Plants Burned, Veil Removed, & Haunting Darkness.

For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it [Adam], in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Romans 8:19-22 (NIV)

Christ Glorified:

"These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful." Revelation 17:14

Revelation Review—Part 3
The Judgment of Believers

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.
Romans 14:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10

- Only Believers are at this Judgment
- Not Considering our Sin, but our Righteous Works
- Does not Determine Salvation or Condemnation
- Does Determine Reward and Position

The Parable of the Talents

He then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities...' For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.
Luke 19:15-17 & 26

*What did you do with what Christ gave you? [Life, Spiritual Gift for Ministry, a Testimony, Earthly Resources...]

The Huge Difference

- The Lost Person—All Good Works are NOT Counted

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags... Isaiah 64:6 (NIV)

—Yet, All Sin is Counted

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened... Revelation 20:12

Jesus: *"Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."*
John 8:24

- The Saved Person—All Sin is Not Counted

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.
Romans 8:1-2

--Yet, All Good Works are Counted

For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation, ...each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. 1 Corinthians 3:11-15

Jesus: *"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work."* Revelation 22:12

Revelation Review—Part 4
The Judgment of the Lost

“Does God Love Everybody?”

Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand; not by works but by him who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger. Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.” Romans 9:10-13 (NIV) & Malachi 1:2-3

Jacob = The Elect Esau = The Non-Elect

The LORD is on his heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; His eyes examine them. The LORD examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, He hates with a passion. Psalm 11:4-5 (NIV)

But, I've always heard: “Hate the sin/Love the sinner”

- The act of sin is proof of the heart/love of sin.
- God is not sending verbs to hell;
 - He's sending nouns.
- God is not sending “sin” to hell;
 - He's sending people.

And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind [as shown] by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled. Colossians 1:21

Jesus: “They [the elect] have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.” John 17:8-9

- Common Grace: Toward the entire World
(Life, Patience, Rain, Prosperity)
- Sufficient Death/Payment
- Yet, He Only Spiritually Resurrects the Elect

Jesus: “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.” John 6:44

It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy...Therefore God has mercy on whom He wants to have mercy, and He hardens whom He wants to harden. Romans 9:16-18 (NIV)

“But, that's Not Fair!”

One of you will say to me: “Then why does God still blame us? For who is able to resist his will?” But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? “Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’” Romans 9:19-20 (NIV)

What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, even us whom He called... Romans 9:22-24

- One Receives Mercy (the Elect)
- One Receives Justice (the Non-Elect)
- No One Receives Injustice

“Then, Why Do We Evangelize at All?”

Revelation 19—part 1
Verses 1-6

The Action:

"Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen...!" Revelation 18:2

The Command:

"Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles, [saints], and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!" Revelation 18:20

The Hallelujah Choir

- Hallelujah = Praise the Lord (Greek)
- O.T. Equivalent = Halal Yah = Praise the Lord (Hebrew)
- Always used in Connection to Righteous Judgment

May sinners be consumed from the earth, and the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

Psalm 104:35

1st Angels

2nd Redeemed

I. Salvation Realized (verse 1)

This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. Romans 13:11 (NLT)

- Glory & Power

II. Justice Rendered (verse 2)

It is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints.... 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

III. Rebellion Crushed (verses 3 & 4)

- The Devil and his Lies*
- Sin*
- False Teaching & False Religion
- Persecution of Truth/Saints
- Eternality of Righteousness

"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns."

Revelation 19:6

IV. God Glorified (verses 5 & 6)

His Attributes:

- Sovereign
- Rule, Reign, Control
- Praiseworthy,
- Almighty, All Powerful, All Knowing,
- Eternal

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:17

Homework: Study Guide—"Drawing Near" (page 115)
& Question 1 (page 123)

Revelation 19—part 2
Verses 7-10

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.) Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God." Revelation 19:7-9 (NIV)

1. The Wedding: Prearranged

• The Betrothal

He has identified us as His own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything He has promised us. 2 Corinthians 1:22 (NLT)

• The Presentation

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. Ephesians 5:25-27

• The Ceremony/Celebration/Consummation

- Revelation 19 & 21

2. The Groom: Jesus

Jesus responded, "Do wedding guests fast while celebrating with the groom? Of course not. But someday the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast." Luke 5:34-35 (NLT)

3. The Bride: the Church

I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to Him. 2 Corinthians 11:2 (NIV)

Jesus: "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." John 14:2-3

4. The Invited Guests: Old Testament Believers

Jesus: "Many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 8:11 (NIV)

John the Baptist: "It is the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the best man is simply glad to stand with him and hear his vows. Therefore, I am filled with joy at his success." John 3:29 (NLT)

*"For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."
Revelation 19:10*

Homework: Study Guide—

Revelation 19—part 3
Verses 11-16

HIS RETURN

I. His Ride:

Donkey—'Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly and sitting on a donkey...' Matthew 21:5 [Zechariah 9:9]

- White Horse

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

II. His Names:

- Faithful
- True—'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God.' Revelation 3:14 [21:5 & 22:6]
- Unknown (Past)
- The Word of God (Present)
- King of kings/Lord of lords (Future)

Noticeably Absent: Jesus = God Saves

III. His Appearance:

- Fierce
- Eyes of Fire

Crown of Thorns

- Many Crowns
- Foreign Blood—*Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? "I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes.* Isaiah 63:2-3

IV. His Word:

Creation—Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..." Genesis 1:26

Life/Comfort—Peter: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." John 6:68

- Condemnation—*And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse.* Revelation 19:21

V. His Mission:

- Judge
- War
- Strike/Wrath
- Rule

Homework: Isaiah 63 & Matthew 24

Revelation 19—part 4
Verses 11-16 Continued

HIS RETURN

“Faithful & True” = Fulfills the Promises of Scripture

➤ Promises Regarding Israel

Jesus: “I will establish My covenant as an everlasting covenant between Me and you [Abraham/Israel] and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.” Genesis 17:7-8

‘After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the LORD who does all these things.’ Acts 15:16-17 [Amos 9:11-12]

Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And, in that day, His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And, the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.

Zechariah 14:3-4

➤ Promises Regarding The Church

- Glory

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Colossians 3:4

- Reward

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing. 2 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. Romans 8:16-17

- Rule

[You] have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth. Revelation 5:10

➤ Promises Regarding Creation

For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed...We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Romans 8:19 & 22

For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water. Isaiah 35:6-7

- Isaiah 11

➤ Promises Regarding Sin

Homework: Zechariah 14

Revelation 19—part 5
Verses 17-21
HIS RETURN

➤ Promise Regarding Sin

- Babylon's Third Side: Political/Military

For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty...And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon. Revelation 16:14 & 16

"I will knock the bow out of your left hand, and cause the arrows to fall out of your right hand. You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured... thus says the Lord GOD, 'Speak to every sort of bird and to every beast of the field: "Assemble yourselves and come; gather together from all sides to My sacrificial meal which I am sacrificing for you, a great sacrificial meal on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood." Ezekiel 39:3-4 & 17

And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, and their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths. Zechariah 14:12

A. The Plunder

"Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out and set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and bucklers, the bows and arrows, the javelins and spears; and they will make fires with them for seven years." Ezekiel 39:9

B. The Clean Up

"For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land. Indeed all the people of the land will be burying, and they will gain renown for it on the day that I am glorified," says the Lord GOD. Ezekiel 39:12-13

C. The Sentencing (phase 1)

Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. Revelation 19:20

- The Beast (Antichrist)
- The False Prophet
- The Lake of Fire

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- Vs. Hades

Homework:

Revelation 20—part 1
Verses 1-3

[Note: In each point, we'll include the demons as well]

1. The Entry of Satan

"You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; Therefore, I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God." Ezekiel 28:14-16

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation, on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'" Isaiah 14:12-14

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say...?" Genesis 3:1 (NIV)

- Devil = Slanderer/Accuser
- Satan = Adversary/Enemy

2. The History and Work of the Devil

Acts 5:3 & 2 Corinthians 11:14 —Corrupts the *Church
2 Corinthians 2:11 & 1 Timothy 5:15 —Divides the Church
Ephesians 6:11 & 1 Thessalonians 2:18 —Attacks the Church
Revelation 12:10 & Job 1:9 —Accuses the Church

*[Historically, all the people of God]

2 Corinthians 4:4
Ephesians 2:2 —Blinds Unbelievers to the Truth
Luke 8:12
Revelation 12:9 & 19:20
Luke 4:6 —Controls Empires/Kings
& Daniel

3. The Exit of the Dragon

"...He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."
Genesis 3:15 (NIV)

"Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit." Isaiah 14:15

And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.
Romans 16:20

Revelation 20—part 2

The Incredible Work
Of Saving Grace

The Components of Salvation:

Depravity, Election, Atonement, Grace, Perseverance

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins...
Ephesians 2:1

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Which one is the gift: Grace, Saved, or Faith?

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy... Titus 3:4-5 (NIV)

- The Lazarus Illustration

God's People: Israel

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins." For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Romans 11:25-28

- Current Condition & State [Election]

He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" Ezekiel 37:1-3 (NIV)

- Promised: Resurrection & Life & Salvation [Grace]

...there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. Then He said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel..." Ezekiel 37:7-11 (NIV)

- Including: Healing & Unity & Blessing

"I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms." Ezekiel 37:21-22 (NIV)

- Saved Unto: Witnessing & Testimony

"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."'" Zechariah 8:23

Revelation 20—part 3
Verses 4-6
The Reign of the Saints

- First Death

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned. Romans 5:12 (NIV)

- Second Death

Jesus: "He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death." Revelation 2:11

- First Resurrection: the Rapture to the Second Coming
- Second Resurrection: the Great White Throne Judgment

Jesus: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation." John 5:24-29

Paul: "I have hope in God...that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust." Acts 24:15

The Installation: Reign, Rule, & Judge

Jesus: "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne." Revelation 3:21

If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. 2 Timothy 2:12

[The Master] said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' Luke 19:17

This Saved Life is our:

- Training Ground
 - Academy
 - College of Law
 - Graduation Assessment

Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Matthew 19:28

Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? 1 Corinthians 6:2

Revelation 20—part 4
Verses 7- 10

Where does this massive population come from?

"No longer will babies die when only a few days old. No longer will adults die before they have lived a full life. No longer will people be considered old at one hundred! Only the cursed will die that young!" Isaiah 65:20 (NLT)

How could a world rebel in the midst of paradise?

- Adam and Eve

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Genesis 6:5

- The Return of the Tempter

Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations... Revelation 20:7-8

How could man reject Jesus when He's physically present?

- The Gospels

Who are Gog and Magog?

The descendants of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. Genesis 10:2

- Ezekiel 38 & 39

The End of All Sin, Rebellion, and Corruption

1. There is No Fight/Battle

And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. Revelation 20:9

...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8

2. The Heavens and the Earth are Purged

The mountains will melt under Him, and the valleys will split like wax before the fire, like waters poured down a steep place. Micah 1:4

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 2 Peter 3:10-13

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And, the day which is coming shall burn them up," says the LORD of hosts. Malachi 4:1

Revelation 20—part 5
Verses 11-15
Man's Final Day in Court

The Second Resurrection

But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. Revelation 20:5

I. The Judge (Our Advocate)

Jesus: "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son..." John 5:22

II. The Convening—Sea, Death (earth), & Hades (souls)

III. The Evidence—Books

A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. Daniel 7:10

- Book of Life (Names Only)

And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book. Daniel 12:1

Jesus: "All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but I will announce before my Father and his angels that they are mine." Revelation 3:5 (NLT)

- Books of Works (Thoughts, Words, Actions, & Inactions)

Jesus: "But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned." Matthew 12:36-37

Jesus: "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment..." Matthew 25:44-46

Jesus: "For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light." Luke 8:17

...in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ Romans 2:16

IV. The Verdict—Guilty

...what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse. Romans 1:19-20

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Romans 3:19

Revelation 20—part 6
Verses 14-15
Man's Final Day in Court

Last Week: The Verdict = Guilty

Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—That You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Psalm 51:4

For the wages of sin is death... Romans 6:23

The Sentence: The Reality of Hell

1. Degrees of Punishment (degrees of reward)

It would be better if they had never known the way to righteousness than to know it and then reject the command they were given to live a holy life. 2 Peter 2:21 (NLT)

Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." John 19:11

Jesus: "And a servant who knows what the master wants, but isn't prepared and doesn't carry out those instructions, will be severely punished. But someone who does not know, and then does something wrong, will be punished only lightly."
Luke 12:47-48 (NLT)

2. Physical & Alive

3. Fully Conscious & Aware

"If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb." Revelation 14:9-10

4. Darkness, Torment, Solitude, & Sorrow

...for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.
Jude 13

He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.' Luke 13:27-28

The poor man died and was carried by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and his soul went to the place of the dead. There, in torment, he saw Abraham in the far distance with Lazarus at his side. "The rich man shouted, 'Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in anguish in these flames.' Luke 16:23-24 (NLT)

5. Eternality

"And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night..." Revelation 14:11

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Revelation 20—part 7
Verses 14-15
Saved From What?

False Doctrines on Hell

Annihilationism = utter destruction of body and soul.

Denial = There is no real hell.

Universalism = God's so gracious, He ends up saving everyone.

Inclusivism = Only those who hear and reject Gospel go there.

Purgatory = You go to hell until you pay your sin debt/are made righteous.

SAVED FROM SIN

1. Its Consequences

Jesus: "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment...But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire." Matthew 5:21-22

"So beware, for the time is coming, says the LORD, when this garbage dump will no longer be called Topheth or the valley of Ben-Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter." Jeremiah 19:6 (NLT)

2. Its Power & Control

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people... Titus 2:11-14

3. Its Fear

Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could He die, and only by dying could He break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could He set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying. Hebrews 2:14-15 (NLT)

Heaven & Hell Comparison

Heaven

Hell

Differences:

Life (Living)

Death (Dying)

Joy

Sorrow

Glory

Pain

Relief

Torment

Light

Darkness

Water

Thirst

Road to Hard

Road to Easy

Few

Many

Reward

Punishment

Fellowship

Isolation

Presence of God

Absence of God

Forget Past

Remember Past

Similarities:

Full Consciousness

Full Consciousness

Physical

Physical

Bow to Christ

Bow to Christ

Forever

Forever

Revelation Transition

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Jesus: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

John 5:24

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5:13

1. View of God (Christ)2. View of Sin3. View of Self

- What You Love: The Word, Worship, Fellowship, Giving, Serving, Opportunities to Invite/Testify

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. 1 John 3:15

- What You Hate: The World's Ways, Pleasures, System, Sin, My Old Self, My Old Life

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 John 2:15

Jesus: "Therefore by their fruits you will know them."

Matthew 7:20

- What You Don't Do: Speak Lies, Gossip, Plotting, Swearing, Relinquish Control

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like...Those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21

- What You Do: Sin Less, Gracious, Forgive, Restrain

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Galatians 5:22-24

- Who You Are: Slave of Christ

- Who You Aren't: Slave of the Devil

Culture, Friends, Crowd, Opinion of Others, Loved by Others, Acceptance, Cowardice

Jesus: "What sorrow awaits you who are praised by the crowds..." Luke 6:26 (NLT)

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2

Revelation Transistion

The Revelation of the Cross

Without the Cross, There Would Be...

I. ...Unfulfilled Prophecy (The Word of God)

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?

Psalm 22:1

But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people. All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"

Psalm 22:6-8

II. ...An Uncertain Resurrection (The Deity of Jesus)

They gape at Me with their mouths, like a raging and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.

Psalm 22:13-18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

III. ...An Unpaid Debt (The Reconciliation with Sinners)

The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24 (NIV)

The Certainty of the Cross

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried... 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

The Revelation of the Resurrection

1. The Proof of the Resurrection

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures and that He was seen by [Peter], then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me [Paul] also, as by one born out of due time. 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

2. The Implication of the Resurrection

If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most to be pitied. 1 Corinthians 15:14-19

3. The Result of the Resurrection

- Justification [Declared Righteous]

It [righteousness] shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.
Romans 4:24-25 (NKJV & NIV)

- Assurance

"He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."
Acts 17:31

- Hope

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

- Victory

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."
1 Corinthians 15:54

Happy Easter

Revelation 21—part 1
Verses 1-8
The New Heaven

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. Revelation 21:1-3

The Diminishing Desire

Whom have I in heaven but You? And, there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. Psalm 73:25

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. Colossians 3:1-2

A Longing for Heaven is:

1. Evidence of Salvation
2. The Truest Path to Joy
3. The Best Preservation from Sin
4. The Maintainer of Zeal for Service
5. Honoring to the God who Saved

I. The Appearance of the City

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. Revelation 20:11

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and, the former shall not be remembered or come to mind." Isaiah 65:17

II. The Capitol Preview of the City

- New Jerusalem

For he [Abraham] was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. Hebrews 11:10 (NIV)

- Bride

The Betrothal

The Ceremony

The Celebration

The Consummation

The Cohabitation

'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So then, they are no longer two but one flesh.' Matthew 19:5-6

III. The Personality of the City

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 1 John 3:2

Revelation 21—part 2
Verse 3
The Broken Union Restored

And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God." Revelation 21:3

The Saga of the Union

1. Created in His Image

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him: male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27

- A Little Lower than the Angels

What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. Psalm 8:4-5

- Fellowship—Communion—Worship

2. The Sin-Severed Relationship

God: "In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground. For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:19

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned. Romans 5:12

The Restoration of the Union

3. The Redeemer Sent as a Man

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

- Dwelt = Tabernacled
- Partial Restoration

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." John 14:1-4

But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away...For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. 1 Corinthians 13:10-12

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be... 1 John 3:2a

4. The Completed Restoration

...but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 1 John 3:2b

They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. Revelation 22:4

Revelation 21—part 3
Verses 4-8

A. The Blessed Change

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Revelation 21:4

- Heart (Self/Past), Mind (Memory/Others), & Body

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows... He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:4-5

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind." Isaiah 65:17

And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man. 1 Corinthians 15:49

B. The Architect

Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End." Revelation 21:5-6a

C. The Residents

"I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son." Revelation 21:6b-7

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost." Isaiah 55:1 (NIV)

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

D. The Outcasts _____ (verse 8)

- Cowardly—_____
- Unbelieving—_____
- Abominable—_____
- Murderers—_____
- Sexually Immoral—_____
- Sorcerers—_____
- Idolaters—_____
- Liars—_____

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Revelation 21—part 4
Verse 4

We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us! 1 Corinthians 13:12 (The Message)

What We Tend to Believe:
Heaven is > Hell

What the Devil has Sold Us:
Heaven is < Earth

Result:

1. We're Reluctant to Share our Faith.
2. We Have Unrealistic Expectations on This Life and People.
3. We Fall Back Into Old Life Patterns/Practices.

What The Bible Says:
Heaven is so so so much > Earth

*But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."
1 Corinthians 2:9 & Isaiah 64:4*

*For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.
2 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV)*

*"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."
Revelation 21:4*

Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Revelation 21:5

No longer will there be any curse. Revelation 22:3

Those I Want to See: _____

Those Questions I Need Answered: _____

Those Things Not in Heaven: _____

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Revelation 21—part 5
Verse 9-21
(THE EASIEST SERMON I'VE EVER PREACHED)

Heaven's Capital City

I. Its General Appearance (verses 9-11)

- Judgment Angel— Babylon vs. New Jerusalem

<u>Babylon</u>	<u>New Jerusalem</u>
Full of Demons/Sin/Death	Full of Angels/Purity/Life
Classes/Ranks/Division	Unity/Oneness/Healing
Utter Darkness	Perpetual Light

II. Its Exterior Design (verses 12-21)

The Repeated "12"

- 12 Gates
- 12 Angels
- 12 Tribes
- 12 Foundations
- 12 Apostles
- 12 x 1000 Furlongs = 1500 Miles!
- 12 Cubits x 12 Cubits = 144
- 12 Stones
- 12 Pearls
- 12 Fruits for 12 Months (Revelation 22:2)

The 12th Gate

Options:

1. Judas
2. Matthias

And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And, he was numbered with the eleven apostles. Acts 1:26

3. Paul

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 9:1-2

3 Measurements

- Ezekiel 40
- Revelation 11
- Here
 - Literal

Then he measured the walls and found them to be 216 feet thick (according to the human standard used by the angel). Revelation 21:17 (NLT)

1 Pearl

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. 1 Peter 3:18

Revelation 21 - part 6
Verses 21:21-22:5
The Easiest Sermon (Continued)

III. Its Internal Character (21:21-22:2)

- Communion & Fellowship
- Treasure & Beauty
- Light & More Light

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And, God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. Genesis 1:3-4

Jesus: "I AM the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. James 1:17

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
1 John 1:5

- Pleasure & Joy

IV. Its Privileged Inhabitants (22:3-5)

And there shall be no more curse... Revelation 22:3

What was/is the Curse?

The LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." Genesis 3:9-10

i. The Fear of God (Rebellion, Hiding, Avoiding)

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed." Genesis 3:15

ii. The Enemy in our Path

"I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." Genesis 3:16

iii. The Turmoil in Relationships

"Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:17-19

iv. The Hostile Planet

Revelation 22—part 2
Verses 6-12
Our Response to His Return

Prologue:

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. Revelation 1:1-3

Epilogue:

—Shortly, Quickly, & Near
—Amen, Eager, & Come

(1 Corinthians 16:22) *...O Lord, come! = Maranatha*

—Some precursors:

- Gospel Preached (Matthew 24:14)
- Elect Called (2 Peter 3:9)
- Israel Prepared (Romans 11:29)
- Culture/Church Declines (2 Timothy 3:1-7)
- Antichrist Arrives (2 Thessalonians 2:3)

—Faithful and True

"Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.' ...What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do." Isaiah 49:9-11 (NIV)

OUR RESPONSE

1. Obedience (verse 7)

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless. 2 Peter 3:11-14

2. Worship (verses 8-9)

Jesus: "...rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:20 (NIV)

3. Proclamation (verse 10)

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 2 Timothy 4:2

"I have appointed you as a watchman for Israel. Whenever you receive a message from me, warn people immediately. If I warn the wicked, saying, 'You are under the penalty of death,' but you fail to deliver the warning, they will die in their sins. And, I will hold you responsible for their deaths." Ezekiel 3:17-18 (NLT)

4. Service (verse 12)

Revelation 22—part 2
Verses 13-17

The Invitation: Come

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." Blessed are those who do His commandments, [who wash their robes] that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Incentives to Come

1. The Person of Christ _____ (verses 13 & 16)

- The Alpha & the Omega: He Spoke the First Word. He'll Have the Last Word.
- The Beginning & the End: God's Purpose & Glory.
- The First & the Last: Creator, Uncreator, & Re-Creator
- The Root & the Offspring of David: the Promised One, Messiah, Savior, the 2nd Adam
- The Morning Star: Divine, Light, Resurrection, Truth

2. The Blessings of Heaven _____ (verse 14)

- Washed

"These are the ones who...washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
Revelation 7:14-17

- Life

Jesus: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

- Gate

Jesus: "I AM the gate; whoever enters through Me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture." John 10:9 (NIV)

3. The Fate of Outsiders _____ (verse 15)

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that you...may live; that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days.
Deuteronomy 30:19-20

- The Spirit Pleads: Come
- The Church Admonishes: Come
- The Individual Believer Implores: Come

Revelation 22—part 4
Verses 18-21

For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

The Conclusion of Scripture

Adding To:

- Modern Prophets/False Prophets
- The Cults
- Universalism/Unitarianism

Taking Away From:

- Liberalism

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said...?" Genesis 3:1

I. The Bible is Complete.

Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar. Proverbs 30:5-6

"This is what the LORD says: Stand in the courtyard of the LORD's house and speak to all the people of the towns of Judah who come to worship in the house of the LORD. Tell them everything I command you; do not omit a word." Jeremiah 26:2 (NIV)

II. The Bible is Closed.

"You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you." Deuteronomy 4:2

III. His Next Word is at His Second Coming

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)

Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?" For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 2 Peter 3:3-4

"Amen": Surely, Truly, Faithful, Believable

Conclusion Celebration

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. Revelation 1:3

"I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please...What I have said, that I will bring about: what I have planned, that I will do.'" Isaiah 49:9-11 (NIV)

What We Discovered:

- Revelation is A Book of Praise
- Second Only to Psalms

1. Jesus' Letters to the 7 Churches

- Types & Eras

2. The Rapture of the Church

"I Can Only Imagine"

3. Setting the Tribulation Stage

- Title Deed to Creation (The Scroll)

4. 7 Seal Judgments

All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever, Amen." Revelation 7:11-12

5. 7 Trumpet Judgments

And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned." Revelation 11:15-17

6. 7 Bowl Judgments

- Armageddon

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. Revelation 19:11-12

7. The 1000-Year Reign

8. The Final Rebellion & The Great White Throne Judgment

9. The New Heaven & The New Earth

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." John 14:1-3