

REVELATION

...bringing it to completion

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LESSON 1

Message to the Seven Churches

The book of Revelation is the only book in the Bible that contains the promise of a blessing for everyone who reads and heeds the words that are written in it. Yet many are tempted to take the promise lightly, either by not reading or by not doing what it says. As we begin this course, we need to commit to ourselves, to God and to each other the time required for study and regular attendance in class. If we remain open to the leading of the Holy Spirit and obedient to God's instructions as we learn, the blessing will become ours in the way that God intended it.

This **is** a book of hope. Nowhere else is it stated any clearer that Christ and His followers are the ultimate winners in life. And because “the Lord is not slow... but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance”¹, we can rest assured that everyone will have an opportunity to become a true follower—if he or she but so chooses for himself. ¹ 2 Peter 3:9

As you work through the week's assignment, pay particular attention to the description of the ones who overcome. Who are they? What are the promises that are made to them specifically? What do they do that makes them different from those who do not overcome? A clear understanding of the overcomer and how what is said about them relates to us today will help us in our understanding of the Church and her relationship to all the events that take place in the book of Revelation.

I. OBSERVING THE BIG PICTURE

1. Read through Revelation 2 and 3 at one sitting. As you read, do the following:
 - On a piece of scratch paper, jot down the main thoughts of each chapter—the *plain* thoughts—that which is obvious at first reading. The “main thoughts” will answer the question, “What is the author writing about?”
 - On the WordSheets for Revelation 2 and 3, mark every reference to Jesus Christ with the symbol of a cross.
 - Highlight or underline the following in a specific color so that you can readily identify it at a later time: every reference to the one who overcomes and what will happen to him.
2. If you had difficulty with the first part of question #1 above, here's another way to look at it. The messages of Chapters 2 and 3 are addressed to specific entities. In the space provided below, list the names of each of these entities.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g.

3. Using your WordSheet, read chapters 2 and 3 again. This time...
 - Underline the name of each church in red and put a number beside it (also in red) as you count them off, one through seven.
 - Then draw a line across the page after the last verse written about each church. This line will denote the paragraph divisions for Chapters 2 and 3, one paragraph for each church.
 - In the left margin, pencil in a title for each paragraph.
4. Write the chapter theme/title on the line provided at the beginning of each chapter. You may want to write this in pencil so that you are able to revise it later (if necessary) as you become more familiar with the material.
5. In the space provided beneath the Chapter Theme, enter the key verse(s) for Chapter 2 and then for Chapter 3. The Key Verse is the summary or summation statement for the entire chapter—the one from which you discerned the Chapter Theme. Most probably, in the case of Revelation Chapter 2 and 3 you will have several verses.

II. DIGGING DEEPER

1. On a separate sheet of 3-ring notebook paper turned sideways, draw lines to make 5 columns.
 - Write the following headings at the top of these 5 columns: Church, Commendations, Reproofs, Warnings/Instructions, Promise to Overcomers.
 - List the names of the seven churches in the first column (leaving space between each one so that you have room to make much larger entries in the other columns.)
 - Read through Chapters 2 and 3 one more time and fill in the blanks for each of the seven churches. NOTE: Two churches have no “Reproof” and one church has no “Commendation”.
 - Take your time with this assignment as it will give you an excellent summary of what takes place in Revelation Chapters 2 and 3. We will be using this information later in the study.
2. Now we want to see what we learn about Jesus in these two chapters.
 - Read through Chapters 2 and 3 again in one sitting.
 - Continuing on the list we started last week in class—“What Revelation Teaches About Jesus”—list everything you learn about Jesus from Chapters 2 and 3. [Hint: You marked every reference to Jesus with a cross]
3. To finish up for the week, we want to observe everything we can about the “one who overcomes.”
 - Read through Revelation 2 and 3 one final time.
 - As you read, highlight everything that is written about “him who overcomes” or anything similar. Be sure to use a distinctive color so that it will be easily recognizable when we discuss in class.

III. WRAPPING IT UP

Jesus is coming “in the clouds.” He is the God who was, who is, and who *is to come*. In the book of Revelation, there are eleven distinct places where Jesus tells us that He is coming... that He is coming quickly... that He is coming like a thief. There can be no mistaking the fact that the second coming of Christ is one of the major themes of this book.

In each of the messages to the seven churches of Asia, Jesus commends and rebukes. Some of the churches receive more commendation than reproof; others receive more reproof than commendation. At the conclusion of each message Jesus adds, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” It would appear, indeed, that Jesus is speaking to a much larger audience than just the members of the particular local church He addresses... it would appear that He is speaking to you and me as well.

Regardless, we know Jesus is coming and we know what He expects us to do. We would do well then to heed what He says. We would do well to share this wisdom with those who haven't heard. The time is near, the need is urgent. We must be about our Father's business!

LESSON 2

The Church in Heaven

A question frequently asked by students who are new to the study of Revelation is “Where is the Church in all this?” We have a wide choice of legitimate positions to choose from. And the truth is, from the moment we take a stand for one or the other of these positions, everything else we read in scripture will be understood in light of that particular perspective. This means we speak a “different language” and communication as a group is tedious, if not impossible. Therefore, in order to insure that we are on the same page for discussion purposes, we will pre-announce the position this study takes and then substantiate it as we tackle this lesson and move on through the rest of the course.

You may or may not agree with our position at this point. You may or may not agree even after you have completed the entire course. But because a study that encompasses all the views would be far too unwieldy, we will concentrate only on one—the interpretation we consider most appropriate to a literal reading of the book of Revelation. If this is not your position, the exercise can still provide you an excellent learning experience that might even help solidify your own position concerning the existence and timing of a literal “catching up” of the Church.

The phrase “After these things” at the beginning of Chapter 4 will be taken to mean “after the Church Age has been completed.” In other words, the Church has been removed from this earth and in the remainder of the book God is dealing with those who did not believe in Jesus Christ at the time He returned for His followers. Since today we are still in the Church Age, the events described in chapters 4-22 remain future to us.

The word “rapture” is not mentioned in scripture and when used in this study will simply refer to the “catching up” of believers that is referenced in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

I. OBSERVING THE BIG PICTURE

1. Using a concordance, look up every reference to the words “church” and “churches” in the book of Revelation. List chapter and verse in the space provided below. If you have a computer Bible program, print out every reference and incorporate this new page into your notebook right behind this lesson. This can be a handy resource for future lessons.

2. Carefully analyze the location of these references in relation to the whole book of Revelation. Do they seem to be clustered around a particular part of the book or are they scattered fairly evenly throughout the entire book? What significance might your observation have on an understanding of the Church and the events being described in Revelation?

3. **OBSERVATION: From what we see in #2 above, the book of Revelation—as a whole—obviously is not preoccupied with God’s plan for the church.** Consider this observation in relation to our first-day discussion concerning what the primary focus of the entire Bible concerns. Record thoughts, insights and questions here:

4. Mark in a distinctive color the phrase “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches...” in 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22. Then compare these references with Revelation 13:9. What difference do you see between them and 13:9? What *might* this tell you about the church during the time-period that’s covered in chapters 6-18?

5. **NOTE: Some general observations we want to make as we read through the entire book of Revelation (in future lessons) are as follows:**
 - Saints who come to know Christ as Lord during the period described in the chapters following chapter 4 are not referred to by any of the terms characteristically used of the church; such as, the “Body of Christ.”
 - Saints mentioned from this point on in Revelation do not lose their racial distinction as they do elsewhere in scripture. [In references to the Church elsewhere, God emphasizes the homogeneous nature of His Church... that in Christ, there is neither Jew nor Gentile, male nor female, slave or free man.]
 - From chapter 4 on, extensive use is made of Old Testament (Jewish) symbols and language such as tabernacle, the ark of the covenant, the altar, elders, censers, the Sabbath, etc. Such language seems to indicate that the author is addressing a Jewish rather than Gentile audience.

II. DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read John 14:1-3. Think through the sequence of events that are being described by Jesus in this passage.
 - What does Jesus promise to do for you in heaven?
 - What does He promise to do as far as getting you to heaven?
 - It is popular to “preach” this passage at funerals. But if Jesus is referring to His coming to get believers when they die, how often would He have to return to earth?

- In light of what you have written above, do you believe that Jesus is referring to coming to get you when you die, or is He talking about a single, one-time “catching up” of all believers at the same time?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:51-54.
 - What is the “mystery”?
 - What two “classifications” of people does the author refer to?
 - What is the “change” that takes place?
 3. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and answer the following questions:
 - What three groups of people does the author mention in this passage?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - List below the events described in vv.16-17.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 4. According to this passage, *where* will believers (both those who are alive at His coming and those who have already died) meet the Lord?
 5. Is there anything in this passage that indicates Jesus actually comes to earth; i.e., is there anything that tells us that this is the 2nd coming of Christ? If so, what is it?
 6. Is there anything in the passage that leads you to believe that this is NOT the 2nd coming? If so, record this.
 7. Read Revelation 1:7 as it relates to Jesus’ coming.
 - List below everything you learn about this coming.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - What is the mood surrounding the “coming” described in Rev 1:7?

8. Now read John 14:1-3, 1 Cor 15:51-54 , and 1 Thess 4:13-18 again.
 - Determine the mood associated with each of these references and record. (If you have difficulty with this, first jot down the what's happening in the passage and then determine what kind of mood such events would most likely evoke.)

- Do these moods seem consistent with the mood described in Rev 1:7?
9. Read 1 Thess 1:10 and 5:9. What is the promise for believers in these verses? How does this relate to Revelation 3:10?

10. Read 2 Thess 2:1-10. [A complete understanding of the passage may be beyond us at this point in our study of Revelation and we will come back to it later. At this time, I just want you to see what has to happen before the “man of lawlessness” is revealed.]
 - Who has to be taken out of the way before the “man of lawlessness” is revealed?

 - In your opinion, who might be the one referred to as “he who now restrains”? Record your thoughts below.

III. WRAPPING IT UP

As far as our study of the event many call “The Rapture” is concerned, we have just begun to scratch the surface. Hopefully, we’ve been able to establish at least a preliminary determination of when (and if) the “catching up” of the Church occurs in relation to the tribulation described in Revelation. As we move forward in our study, we must not be dogmatic in our reading, but remain open to everything the Word of God has to say (even if it means changing our position). At the same time, we want to be diligent in not overlooking a single clue God has chosen to give us. This is the challenge that makes the study of Revelation so interesting and rewarding.

In 1 Thessalonians 4:18, Paul instructs us to comfort one another with the words used to describe this “catching up” event. Before closing out your study for the week, take a few minutes to reflect on the “comfort” of 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Consider the hope you have *personally* because the words of this passage are true. Jesus says, “I am coming quickly.” Will you be among those who meet Him “in the air”?

LESSON 3

In the Throne Room of God

In the opening chapter of Revelation, Jesus appears to John in a vision and instructs him to write the things which he has seen, the things that are, and the things which shall take place “after these things.” [Rev 1:19] This then becomes the overall framework or “structure” of the book of Revelation. Accordingly, in Chapter 1 John writes about the things which he has seen. In Chapters 2 and 3, he writes about the things that are (i.e., the letter to the seven literal, local churches which also represent all churches down through the ages.) And now beginning in Revelation 4 and through the end of the book, John is writing about the “things which shall take place after these things.”

This week’s assignment covers Revelation Chapters 4 and 5, in which we will begin to read about the second (and longest) of John’s four visions. The first vision began at Revelation 1:9 and ended at 3:22. This second vision is described in Revelation 4:1 – 16:21. Our study of this vision will continue through the remainder of Revelation Part 1 and into the first part of Revelation Part 2 (next semester).

In the second vision, John is transported into the very throne room of God and from there he witnesses a scene unfolding that will ultimately reveal God’s script for the future of the universe. As we first step into the scene that John is describing for us, we see the One who sits on the throne—in all His glory—and we are witnesses to the only appropriate response believers can have as they stand before the Lord God Almighty. It’s an exciting experience and hopefully one that will enhance our understanding of what true worship is all about.

I. OBSERVING THE BIG PICTURE

1. Read Revelation Chapters 4 and 5 in one sitting. A fast reading through both chapters will take about five minutes—so settle in, **allow yourself ten minutes** of quiet time so that you can read at a pace which allows you to capture what God wants you to hear.
2. Indicate in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of each chapter’s “WordSheet” where the action or events are taking place.
3. What is(are) the time-reference(s) in 4:1?
 - Mark every reference to “after these things” in the left margin with the symbol of a clock face.
 - Now go back and re-read Chapter 1, this time marking every reference to time with the same symbol you used in 4:1.
 - What do you see as the relationship between the time phrases of Revelation 4:1 and 1:19?

10. From Chapters 4 & 5, list everything the four living creatures *do*.
11. List the sounds of heaven in these chapters. What's the impression you get from these sounds?
12. Now let's look at the word "throne." How many times does the word "throne" appear in Revelation 4? What does this tell you about the central theme of Chapter 4? Incorporating this thought, record the Chapter Theme at the top of Chapter 4.
13. How many times does the word "book" appear in Revelation 5? What does this tell you about the central theme of Chapter 5? Incorporating this thought, record Chapter Theme at top of Chapter 5.
14. One last thought concerning our Revelation text before we move on to what the rest of scripture has to say. Starting at Rev 5:9 and moving through the remainder of the chapter, make a notation in the left-hand margin as to who is singing.
- What's the progression?
 - Can you imagine what this might sound like?

II. DIGGING DEEPER

1. [Optional—if you have word-study tools] Using your Greek word-study tools, look up the Greek word translated "crowns" in Rev 4:4, 10. Record your findings below.
2. The same Greek word is used in the following passages. Look up each verse and record what you learn about the word "crown" or "wreath" from each.
- a. 1 Corinthians 9:25 –
 - b. Philippians 4:1 –

- c. 1 Thessalonians 2:19 –
 - d. 2 Timothy 4:8 –
 - e. James 1:12 –
 - f. Revelation 6:2 –
3. What clue might your understanding of the Greek word for “crown” give as far as the identity of the twenty-four elders is concerned?

 4. What is the principle activity described in Rev 5?

 5. If you have Greek word-study tools, look up the word translated “worshipped” in Rev 5:14 and record your findings below. If you do not have Greek tools, look up the word in a regular English dictionary and record what you learn.

 6. Read John 4:19-24.
 - What does Jesus tell us about how we are to worship?
 - What does it mean to worship “in spirit and in truth”?
 - How does this relate to the examples of worship John writes about in Revelation 4 and 5?

 7. Now read Romans 12:1 and consider how God’s command in this verse relates to the scene in heaven described in Revelation 3 and 4.

III. WRAPPING IT UP

What a picture John has given as to what is going on in heaven! A picture of never-ending worship of the One who sits on the throne! That day is coming soon for all believers when we will spend eternity before the throne of God the Almighty. We too will fall before Him and sing eternal praises to His holy name!

But the day is here now as well. Every time we worship the Father in spirit and in truth, we come into the very throne room of God and into the very presence of the One who sits on the Throne. We were created to worship the Creator and our hearts can be truly sated only when we are worshipping our Lord.

LESSON 4

The Lamb Breaks Six Seals in Heaven – 144,000 Are Sealed on Earth

As the book of Revelation opens, Jesus appears to John in a vision and instructs him to write the “things which you have seen, the things which are, and the things which shall take place after these things.” He goes on then to tell John what He wants him to write in a letter to the seven churches in Asia. Then in Chapter 4, the scene changes abruptly as we are transported via John’s second vision through a door standing open in heaven and into the very throne room of God Almighty.

The words that open Chapter 4, “After these things,” prompt us to ask “After *what* things?” We’ve already seen that this could be a reference to “after the Church age.” In other words, John’s second vision takes us to a future time and describes for us what is going to take place after that time—*after* the Church has been removed from earth and taken its rightful place with Jesus at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

In the throne room described in Chapters 4 and 5, we watch through John’s eyes as twenty-four elders and four living creatures fall down and worship before the One who sits on the throne and the Lamb who is standing as if slain. From our vantage point before the throne, we witness the tears that John sheds when no one can be found worthy to open the book and its seven seals... and we rejoice with him when the elder assures that the Lamb is worthy because He has purchased with his blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

Now, as we move into Chapters 6 and 7, we are still in the throne room of God. The first seal is broken...

I. THE LAMB BREAKS THE FIRST SIX SEALS

1. Read Chapter 6 and identify each of the seals by highlighting the reference to the seal and its number. (Use the same color for all six seals.)
 - Go back then and label each with a (1), (2), (3), etc so that you can easily pick out a specific seal during class discussion and personal study.
 - Determine chapter theme; record it at the top of your WordSheet on Revelation 6.
 - List the key verse(s) in the space provided under Chapter Theme.
2. Continue to read and re-read the chapter as many times as necessary to accomplish marking the following key words, each with its distinctive symbol or identifying color (either highlight or underline).
 - Living creature(s) [Use same marking as in previous chapters]
 - White robe or white garments (also mark this phrase in 3:4-5, 18; 4:4)
 - Come
 - Earthquake
 - Given, granted

3. Working through one seal at a time, mark the following:
 - The primary description of the seal (keep it simple; e.g. “a white horse,” and “souls of those who had been slain”)
 - What each is given or already has in his hand (e.g., “a bow, and a crown” and “a white robe”)
4. Throughout the book of Revelation there are “significant time phrases” that we will refer to as we interpret the book. The first of these is found in Chapter 6. Even though its significance may escape notice for now, mark the phrase “the great day of their wrath has come” (v.17) in a distinctive manner for future reference.
5. On the bottom of your Chapter 6 WordSheet list everything you learn about “the great day of their wrath” that has come.
6. Another phrase that we will be watching closely throughout the book is “those who dwell upon the earth.” Mark this phrase in v.10; then go back and mark it in Rev 3:10 as well. What do you learn from marking the two occurrences thus far?

II. 144K SEALED; GREAT MULTITUDE WORSHIPS

1. Read Revelation Chapter 7. What are the two main events taking place in this chapter? Record these as the Chapter Theme at the top of the WordSheet for Chapter 7.
2. Re-read Chapter 7 and this time mark the following (each with its own distinctive symbol, highlight or underline color):
 - “After this”, “After these things” (Use the *clock* symbol as you did in Chapters 1 and 4)
 - One hundred and forty-four thousand
 - A great multitude
 - All references to location of the action taking place
 - Every reference to angels
 - Twenty-four elders (Mark in the same way you marked in previous chapters)
 - Living creatures (Mark in same way you marked in previous chapters)
 - Worship, worshipped, worshipping [Mark also 4:10 and 5:14 with the same symbol, highlight or underline color]
 - White robes (Use same symbol, highlight or underline color as in Chapters 3 and 4)
 - Great Tribulation (Also mark 2:22 in like manner)
3. List in the upper right-hand corner of your WordSheet for Revelation 7 where the action takes place—in heaven, on earth, or both.
4. Now go back to Chapter 1 and quickly read through Chapters 1 through 5 and mark every reference to angels with the same symbol, highlight or underline color as you used above. (This will serve as review to help keep us in context)

5. In the margin of Revelation 7, list everything you learn about the 144K from vv.1-8.
6. Also in the margin of Revelation 7, list everything you learn about the great multitude from vv.9-17.
7. Who is in the center of the throne around which those discussed in #6 above are standing? From your previous study of Chapters 4 and 5, who is on the throne?

III. WRAPPING IT UP

In John's second vision that starts with Rev 4:1, he is transported into the throne room of God and from there he is shown what is going to take place "after these things." As the mystery begins to unveil, we experience a growing sense of urgency—more and more nations coming under the control of the one head, war, famine, people dying, earthquakes... a time of great turmoil, which in Rev 6:17 is called the "great day of wrath."

Scripture contains many promises for the believer regarding his or her protection from God's wrath. In finishing up your studies for the week, read John 3:36, Ephesians 5:6, 1 Thessalonians 1:10 and 1 Thessalonians 5:9. Reflect on the relationship between these verses and the description of the sixth seal in Revelation 6.

God makes it clear that His wrath was purposed for those who do not obey the Son—for the sons of disobedience He calls them. He makes it clear that Jesus was purposed to deliver true believers from the wrath that is to come. The question we must answer for ourselves is "Is the 'wrath' He promises the same as the 'wrath' described in the sixth seal?"

LESSON 5

The Lamb Breaks the Seventh Seal

By the time we reach the 8th chapter of the book of Revelation, God's action is in full-swing. We are still in the second vision, and John has been transported into the throne room of God where he witnesses the events which shall take place "after these things." And then, with the breaking of each successive seal and more of the book is revealed, the future is laid out before John.

Through the end of Chapter 6 six, seals have already been broken by the Lamb who is worthy. The breaking of the 7th seal takes place at the beginning of Revelation Chapter 8. This seal takes on a different sort of character and it is important that we recognize its unique composition. In a later lesson, we will compare the breaking of this seventh seal with the make-up of the sounding of the seventh trumpet.

In this week's lesson, you will observe the breaking of the seventh seal and the sounding by the angels of the first six trumpets.

I. OBSERVING THE BIG PICTURE

1. Read Revelation Chapters 8 and 9. What is the general nature of the content of these two chapters (i.e., what action(s) is being described... and who is performing each action)?
2. Read both chapters again and this time mark the following key words, each with own distinctive, identifying symbol, highlight or underline color.
 - Angel(s) (Use same marking as used earlier in your study)
 - Woe
 - After these things (Use face of clock as used previously)
 - Star
 - All references to location (Use same marking as used previously)
 - Given (Use same identifying mark as used in Chapter 6)
 - A third (Use the notation "1/3" in red ink or pencil)
3. Mark the reference to the seventh seal in Rev 8:1 in the same way you marked the previous six seals.
4. Identify each of the six angels who sound trumpets in these two chapters by labeling them with a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc alongside the marking you've already given them for "angel" in #2 above.

5. At the top right-hand corner of each chapter, write where the action originates and where its impact is felt (if applicable.)

II. **DIGGER DEEPER (Seventh Seal and the 1st Four Trumpets)**

1. Read Chapter 8 again, this time by itself. As you read, mark the following key words, each with the same symbol, highlight or underline color as you used in Lesson 4.
 - Earthquake
 - Those who dwell on the earth
2. Determine the main subject of Chapter 8 and record this at the top of your WordSheet in the place provided for the theme of Chapter 8. Record also its key verse(s). Because this chapter continues the action begun in Chapter 6, look back and compare the theme you recorded for Chapter 6 with the one you recorded here. There should be some continuity in thought between the two. Revise as necessary.
3. Re-read v.1 of Chapter 8 carefully.
 - Who is the “He” in v.1? [You will have to look back to an earlier chapter to determine this.]
 - What does “He” do? What does this tell you about the role “He” plays in all this?
 - What is the immediate impact *in heaven* of His action? What emotion does reading this reaction create within you?
4. According to v.2, how is the seventh seal described? Complete the equivalency below.

Seventh Seal = _____

5. Find chart “Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls” located at the end of the Appendix. In the space provided for “The Seventh Seal,” record what you determined the seventh seal to be. (Do not be concerned that you haven’t filled in the information about the first six seals just yet. You will do that shortly.)
6. In vv.3 and 4, mark the references to the prayers of the saints; then go back and mark it in Rev 5:8 as well. List everything you learn about the prayers of the saints from these references.

7. What happens when “another angel” throws the censer to the earth?

8. Mark the phrase “peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning” in the same way you marked a similar phrase in Rev 4:5.
 - Considering what the phrase signifies in Rev 4:5, what do you think might be the significance of its repeat usage in Rev 8:5?
 - Does this give any clue as to who this 8th angel (or “another angel”) might be?

9. Read Rev 8:7-12 as it deals with the 1st – 4th angels sounding their trumpets. Complete the chart “Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls.”

10. Now return to Chapter 6 and record the information for Seals 1 – 6 in the appropriate areas of the chart “Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls.” By the time you complete this, you should have appropriate information entered for everything between the 1st seal and the 4th trumpet.

III. DIGGING DEEPER (Fifth and Sixth Trumpets)

1. Re-read Chapter 9 to glean overall content of the chapter. Determine the main subject of the chapter and record in the space provided on your Chapter 9 WordSheet. Record the key verse(s).

2. List what you learn about the “star” from Chapter 9 and then the “star” in Chapter 8.

Chapter 9	Chapter 8

3. What does the phrase “which had fallen from heaven” indicate to you? [Read Isaiah 14:12, 15; Luke 10:18; Revelation 12:7-9 for additional insight.]

4. [Optional] If you have Greek word-study tools, research the word translated “bottomless” in the NASB. Record your findings.

Revelation 8 actually contains in it the rest of the book of Revelation and God's plan for the redemption of the earth.

But for now, we see that Chapter 9 concludes with the sounding of the sixth trumpet. Then there's a parenthesis around Chapter 10 and the first half of Chapter 11. Finally in Rev 11:15, we resume the narrative with the sounding of the seventh trumpet.

LESSON 6

The Seventh Trumpet and the Two Witnesses

In this week's lesson—beginning with Chapter 10—we uncover a message of hope that emerges out of the darkness of the six trumpet judgments that precede. Fires, blood, destruction, contamination, men dying... the first five of these judgments paint a picture of agony and chaos spread across the earth. Then in the sixth trumpet, four evil angels are released to go forth and kill every third person still alive. And all this time, there are souls under the altar—martyred for the testimony of Christ—who are crying out “When, oh Lord, will you avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

In the opening verses of Chapter 10, the scene changes as the “strong angel” enters the scene and swears by Him who created all things that “there shall be delay no longer.” The time has come; the mystery of God is finished! It happens in the seventh and final trumpet that is about to sound.

In that seventh trumpet, judgment of the wicked will be brought to completion. *In it*, the kingdom of the world will become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. And *in it*, God will have taken His great power and begun to reign. *In it*, the final seven bowls of God's wrath will be poured upon the earth. It's good news! The Lord our God is in control and His plan is unfolding in accordance with His will. We can know that even in the midst of chaos, we have assurance that He is in control!

I. OBSERVING THE BIG PICTURE

1. To set the context for your study of Chapter 10, re-read Rev 9:13-21, then skip over and read Rev 11:15. Based on what you observe from this, how would you anticipate the section from Rev 10:1 to Rev 11:14 to be? [Hint: How would you think Rev 10:1 through 11:14 would relate to the sounding of the trumpets?]
2. Now read Revelation 10 and 11 in one sitting. As you read, mark the following with the same symbol, highlight or underline color you used in previous chapters.
 - All references to time
 - The word angel and its pronouns
3. After reading the passage, look back at your answer to #1 above. Does what you wrote there still make sense in light of your reading of Chapters 10 and 11? Revise your answer in #1 as necessary.
4. Re-read both chapters and this time mark every phrase that indicates “location.” Use the same marking you used in previous chapters. Write in the upper right-hand corner of each chapter where the action of that chapter takes place.

II. DIGGING DEEPER (The Strong Angel and Little Book)

1. Now that we've looked at the entire passage as a whole, we want to focus a little closer on Revelation Chapter 10. Read through the chapter yet one more time, taking note of the different angels that are mentioned. As you read, further identify each "angel" reference with an additional notation to distinguish whether it's the "strong angel" or the "7th angel who blows his trumpet."
2. List everything you learn about "another angel" who is called the "strong angel."
3. In the preceding chapters, we find two other references to "another angel." Look up Rev 7:2 and 8:3 and record what you learn about these that are referred to simply as "another angel."
4. What commonality do we see in these three angels that are referred to simply as "another angel"?
5. What conclusion might you draw as to the identity of the "strong angel" in Rev 10?"
6. In addition to the "strong angel" in Chapter 10, what other character is involved in the action (other than John)? In light of who you think the "strong angel" might be, then who would this second character be?
7. According to v.7, what is accomplished during this time frame?
 - This is the second of those "significant time phrases" we mentioned earlier in Lesson 4 ("The day of their wrath has come" was the first.)
 - Although you have already marked the phrase in Rev 10:7 with a clock face indicating time, mark it again with whatever you used in 6:17 to earmark it as a "significant time phrase."
 - Compare the two references and determine what (if any) connection you can make between the two. Record your insight below.

8. [Optional] If you have Greek word-study tools, look up the word translated “mystery” in 10:7. Record your findings.
9. How is the “book” described in Rev 10:8-10? Record under “Little Book” below.

Little Book	Sealed Book

10. After you have recorded everything you learn about the “Little Book” in Chapter 10, read Rev 5:1-9 and record under “Sealed Book” everything you learn about that book as it’s referenced in Chapter 5.
11. Compare the two listings in the T-account above. Record your insights below.
12. Before leaving Chapter 10, record in the space provided on the WordSheet what you think is the main subject (or theme) of the chapter. Also give the verse references from which you base this thought (record in “key verse”.)

III. DIGGING DEEPER (Two Witnesses of Chapter 11)

1. Now it’s time to examine Chapter 11 at a deeper level. Re-read the entire chapter and as you read, mark the following with a distinctive symbol, highlight or underline.
 - Every reference to the two witnesses and any pronouns or other references to them
 - Those who dwell on the earth (use same marking as you’ve used for this before)
 - Earthquake (use same marking as you’ve used before)
 - Woe (use same marking as you’ve used before)
 - Flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder (use same markings as before)
2. Record in the space provided for Chapter Theme at the top of your WordSheet for Chapter 11 the main subject(s) for the chapter. Also record the verse(s) upon which you base this thought.
3. Read Zechariah 4:2-14 and record any insight you receive concerning the identity of the two witnesses described in Chapter 11.

4. Chapter 11 contains several phrases that describe duration of time. Mark each of these by inscribing its numbers in red across the face of the word. Use this same marking for any words that refer to this same period of time. [Example: Write the numeral 1260 across the word “twelve hundred and sixty” in v.3; and “their testimony” in v. 7.]
5. What is the name of the “great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt”? How do you know?
6. Look closely at vv. 14 and 15_a. What event takes place in these verses? [Note: We have returned to the narrative that was left off at Rev 9:21. In other words, the parenthesis has closed.]
7. In Rev 10:17 we marked the phrase “the mystery of God is finished” in a distinctive way so as to identify it as a “significant time reference.” In Chapter 11, we have two additional time phrases that need to be marked in this same distinctive manner. Mark the significant time phrases in vv. 15 and 17-18. Then copy all three phrases into the space below.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
8. What happens when the temple of God is opened in heaven and the ark of the covenant appears?
9. Look back at all the times the phrase “flashes of lightning, sounds, and peals of thunder” (in any variation) is used in Revelation. Record any insight you might have at this point as to what significance the appearance of the phrase might have.

IV. WRAPPING IT UP

In the two chapters we’ve just studied, we are reminded in a mighty way that our Lord reigns! Just as the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fall on their faces and worship Him who created all things, we too have no other response than to fall down before Him and worship the God who was, who is and who always shall be.

4. Determine the main subject of Chapter 12 and record this as the Chapter Theme at the top of the WordSheet for Revelation 12. Also record the key verse you used to come to this determination.
5. What connection, if any, do you see between Chapter 11 and Chapter 12?

II. DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Revelation 12 again. Watch for clues as to the identity of the woman and the great red dragon. What are the two “signs” that are mentioned?
2. Who is the child that the woman gives birth to in v.5? Who then would be the one who gave birth to him? (Before you write down your answer for this last question, read the following scripture and record any insight you might gain.)
 - Genesis 37:9-11—(Who do the heavenly bodies in Joseph’s dream represent?)
 - Romans 9:3-5—(From what nation will the Christ descend?)
 - Conclusion: The woman in Revelation 12 is _____.
3. Who (or what) is the great red dragon? (Be sure to include the verse reference with your answer.)
4. Now look at Revelation 12:1-6 as if it were an overview of the time period from Satan’s creation to the millennial reign. Read the following references and record what you learn about Satan.
 - Ezekiel 28:11-19
 - Isaiah 14:12-17

5. If Revelation 12:4 refers to the same event as described in the Ezekiel and Isaiah passages, what would be the chronological order of events in Revelation 12:1-6? In pencil, put the appropriate number in front of each of the events below to indicate the order in which they most likely occurred (or will occur.)

- ___ Sign of the woman appears in heaven
- ___ Sign of a great red dragon appears in heaven
- ___ Dragon's tail sweeps away a third of the stars in heaven and throws them to earth
- ___ Woman cries out in labor and in pain.
- ___ Dragon positions himself to destroy the male child as soon as it is born
- ___ Woman gives birth to male child
- ___ Male child will rule all the nations with a rod of iron
- ___ Male child is caught up to God and to His throne
- ___ Woman flees into the wilderness to be nourished for 1260 days

6. Now look at Revelation 12:7-17 as if it were a close-up view of the events surrounding the seventh trumpet. In pencil, put the appropriate number in front of each of the events below to indicate the order in which they most likely will occur.

- ___ There is war in heaven between Michael (and his angels) and the dragon
- ___ The great dragon is not strong enough and is thrown down with his angels
- ___ A loud voice in heaven proclaims, "The salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser has been thrown down."
- ___ When the dragon sees that he is thrown down, he persecutes the woman
- ___ The woman is given wings with which to fly into the wilderness to be nourished for a time, times, and half a time
- ___ The serpent pours a river from his mouth to drown the woman, but the earth helps the woman by drinking up all the water
- ___ Enraged, the dragon goes off to make war with her offspring

7. In the Rev 12:7-17 chronology in #6 above, mark the phrase that refers to the time of the seventh trumpet with the same symbol, highlight or underline color as you used on the Worksheets for "significant time phrase."
8. Still on the Rev 12:7-17 chronology, what happens between the woman and the dragon right after the "seventh trumpet statement" is made?

9. Now locate this same activity on the Revelation 12: 1-6 chronology in #5 above. (Is it possible that the time phrases “1260 days” and “time, times, and half a time” are referring to the same period of time?)
10. Now we want to look at the war in heaven in greater detail. Re-read vv.7-13 and establish in your mind once again when the action takes place. Write that here.
11. Who is fighting whom in heaven?
12. There’s a similar war going on in heaven at this very minute... even as you study this material. Paul speaks of it briefly; Daniel gives behind-the-scene detail. Read the following passages and record what you learn about spiritual warfare.
 - 2 Corinthians 2:11—
 - 2 Corinthians 10:1-6—
 - Ephesians 6:10-20—
 - Daniel 10:1-14—

III. WRAPPING IT UP

According to what we read in Revelation 10:7, it is in the sounding of the seventh trumpet that “the mystery of God is finished”—a pretty good clue that the seventh trumpet is going to play a huge role in our understanding the book of Revelation!

So what do we have so far? In Chapter 11, the two witnesses prophesy for the 1260 days *preceding* the seventh trumpet. They are killed by the beast, then resurrected and ascend into heaven *as* the seventh trumpet sounds. Then in Chapter 12, Satan is thrown down *as* the seventh trumpet sounds... he persecutes the woman and she flees into the wilderness for time, times and half a time (and that would be the 1260 days *following* the seventh trumpet.) This means that we now have a period of 3½ years *before* the seventh trumpet and a period of 3½ years *after* the seventh trumpet... for a total period of seven years.

Where is God in all this? We know that at the sounding of the seventh trumpet, He has taken His power and begun to reign. We know that the kingdom of this world has once again become His kingdom... that He is going to judge the dead and reward those who fear His name. This is His plan and we know that He is in control. Maranatha!

LESSON 8

Two Beasts, The Image, The Mark

We're still in the "parenthesis" that starts at the beginning of Chapter 12 and continues through the end of Chapter 14. Even though none of these three chapters advances the unveiling of the seals, trumpets and bowls, we saw last week that Chapter 12 fills in a lot of detail about what's going on at the time of the sounding of the seventh trumpet—the two witnesses being killed after prophesying for a period of 1260 days... their ascension into heaven at the sound of the seventh trumpet and Satan's being cast down... the woman Israel fleeing into the wilderness for a period of 1260 days following the seventh trumpet—it's a seven-year stretch of time with a lot of very interesting things going on. As we do our study this week, we want to be alert to any clues that help us place the events of Chapter 13 in relationship to the seventh trumpet as well. Slowly but surely we are building a description of the times Jesus told John that would "take place after these things."

The Greek name of the book we're studying—*Apokalupsis*—is from a root word meaning to take the lid off, to disclose. When Jesus asked John to write the revelation God gave Him and to share it with the other bond-servants, no doubt Jesus had in mind our being able to understand what was being disclosed. It's all there... God gives ample clues ... it's up to us to decipher the meaning.

I. OBSERVING THE BIG PICTURE

1. Using your WordSheet for Revelation 13, read the first sentence in v.1 and answer the question: Who is the "he"? Be sure to check your context in Revelation 12:13-17.
2. Now read through all of Chapter 13 marking the following key words in the same manner you have marked them in previous chapters. As you read, determine who the major characters are but do not mark them just yet.
 - Forty-two months
 - Those who dwell on the earth
3. Re-read vv.1-10 and record who the principle character is. Mark every reference to him and any pronouns referring to him with a unique symbol, highlight or underline color.
4. Re-read vv.11-18 and do the same thing for the second principle character.
5. What would you say is the "main thing" that Chapter 13 is talking about? Record this for "Chapter Theme" at the top of the Revelation 13 WordSheet. Also record the verse(s) from which you determine the main subject.

6. In the upper right-hand corner of the WordSheet, write where you think the action of Chapter 13 is taking place.

II. DIGGING DEEPER

1. Let's compare the descriptions of the two beasts that are mentioned in Chapter 13 and the one mentioned in Chapter 11. From Revelation 11:7, 13:1-10, and 11-17, fill in the chart below with what you learn about the beasts (give verse number with each entry.) When you have completed the chart, highlight in each column where that particular beast comes from.

Revelation 11:7	Revelation 13:1-10	Revelation 13:11-17

2. Can you see a relationship between the Beast of Revelation 11 and the fallen star in Revelation 9? If so, what?
3. What is the relationship between the Beast of Revelation 11 and either of the two beasts of Revelation 13?
4. On Chart "Comparison of Those Who Oppose Christ" located in the Appendix, record everything you learn about the beast of Revelation 13.
5. Compare Revelation 13:4 with Isaiah 14:14 and record any connection you observe.
6. Re-read Revelation 13:9. Where have you seen this phrase before? Look up the previous times this phrase was used and compare them with the phrase that is written here in Revelation 13:9. What difference do you see? What might this explain?

7. During the next two weeks we will be dealing with the identity of the Beast of Revelation 13 using a number of different cross-references that will shed some light on the subject. This week we'll begin with what John has to say in his letters, the Epistles of John. Read the following passages and record everything you learn about the one he calls "antichrist." Record your observations on Chart "Comparison of Those Who Oppose Christ."
- 1 John 2:18-23
 - 1 John 4:1-6
 - 2 John 1:1-9
7. Record in the space below everything that Beast₂ forces those who dwell on the earth to do.

8. What is the mark of the beast?

III. WRAPPING IT UP

This is just the beginning of a very important part of our study of the book of Revelation—getting a handle on who the beast of Revelation 13 is... and his involvement in the events surrounding the seventh trumpet. This week we looked at the "antichrist" John mentions in his letters; next week we'll explore Daniel, 2 Thessalonians and Matthew. Who is this beast of Revelation 13? What do we know about his personality, his leadership, his rise to power? By exploring the entire counsel of God's word on this subject, we will begin to piece together a cohesive picture of the one who comes to oppose the Christ and to set himself up as god, even above the one true Sovereign Lord Himself.

How do we escape the coming night? How do we *not* be a part of the famine and destruction coming upon the world? God's word makes it abundantly clear—He did not destine us for His wrath. The answer lies in our acceptance of the grace God so freely offers. The answer lies in Christ and the sacrifice He was willing to make in order to rescue us from the coming darkness.

LESSON 9

Who He Is, What He Does, When He Comes

John is in the throne room of God... and from his vantage point he watches the Lamb unroll the scroll sealed with seven seals. With the breaking of each seal, we're witness to another scene of destruction playing out on earth. When at last the seventh seal is broken and the book lays open for all to see, a series of seven trumpet blasts sound, one after another... each heralding a judgment more devastating than the one that goes before it.

Then the seventh trumpet crashes upon the earth with a vengeance. Witnesses are lifted up, Satan is cast down, Israel flees into the wilderness, a beast comes up out of the sea, another out of the earth... an idol is set up that everyone must worship in order to buy and sell in the market place. In other words, it's only by taking the mark of the beast that humanity is able to survive. Who is this beast? What does he want? In this week's lesson we'll examine many of the clues God gives throughout the entire counsel of His word.

I. THE PRINCE WHO IS TO COME (Daniel 9)

1. Read Daniel 9:24-27 at least twice and do the following (re-read as many times as necessary to get everything identified and marked):
 - With a bright color, write the numeral "70" over the "seventy weeks" in v.24
 - Draw a bracket over the words "seven weeks and sixty-two weeks" in v.25 and then using this same color write the numeral "69" over the bracket.
 - In v.26 write the numeral "69" over the words "sixty-two weeks." [You read it right—"69"! This will be explained in class.]
 - In v.27, mark the reference to "one week" and "the week" with the numeral "1" over each.
 - In v.25, circle the word "from" and the word "until" with a regular pencil.
 - Mark the key phrase "the prince who is to come," its synonyms and pronouns with a distinct symbol, highlight or underline color.
 - Mark Messiah with a cross
 - Put a box above the word "city" and all its pronouns. Put the letter "c" inside each box.

2. List everything that has to be accomplished during the seventy weeks.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.

3. What has to happen during the first sixty-nine weeks of this seventy-week period?
4. Then what happens after the sixty-nine week period is complete? Has this happened yet?
5. In v.27, what does the “prince who is to come” make with the many for “one week”?
6. What happens in the middle of that week?
7. What ultimately happens to the “one who makes desolate”? By what other name do we know this same entity from earlier in the passage?
8. List everything you learn from Daniel 9:24-27 about the “prince who is to come” under the appropriate column on the chart, “Comparison of Those Who Oppose Christ.”

II. THE MAN OF LAWLESSNESS (2 Thess 2:1-12)

1. Read 2 Thess 2:1-12 at least twice to acquaint yourself with the overall text. Then re-reading as often as necessary, mark the following in their own distinctive symbol, highlight or underline color:
 - The man of lawlessness, its synonyms and related pronouns
 - References to the “one who restrains” and related pronouns
 - All references to Christ and God with a cross and triangle, respectively
2. The following events are taken from vv.3-8 and listed in the order they appear in the text. This may not be the order in which they actually happen. Read the text carefully; then determine the chronological order and indicate by putting a number in the blanks before each event.
 - ___ The day of the Lord will not come unless the apostasy comes first
 - ___ The man of lawlessness is revealed
 - ___ The man of lawlessness takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God
 - ___ He who restrains is taken out of the way
 - ___ The Lord will slay the lawless one with the breath of His mouth at His coming
3. After you have put these in order, number them on your WordSheet for 2 Thess 2:1-12 so you are able to see this clearly any time you re-read the passage.

4. Re-read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2. What appears to be the problem that the author is addressing?
5. Note: We are not yet in a position to define what the “day of the Lord” is. This will be covered in Revelation 2. For now, we need to note *when* it starts. Record your insight below.

The Day of the Lord starts after _____.

6. Using the Chart “Comparison of Those Who Oppose Christ,” list everything you learn about the man of lawlessness in the appropriate column.

III. THE LITTLE HORN (Daniel 7:1-28)

1. Read the passage Daniel 7:1-28. As you read, mark references to “another horn,” “a little one,” this/that horn,” in the same symbol, highlight or underline color you used for the man of lawlessness (2 Thess 2) and the prince who is to come (Daniel 9). Mark related pronouns as well.
2. Draw a line across the page at the end of Daniel 7:14. Label the section above that line (vv.1-14) “The Dream/Vision” and the section below the line, “The Interpretation.”
3. Now re-read the section that tells about the dream (vv.1-14). On your WordSheet, number each of the four great beasts with a 1, 2, 3, or 4. Write the letters “DT” over the fourth beast. Give a description of each of the four below:
 - a. First Beast—
 - b. Second Beast—
 - c. Third Beast—
 - d. Fourth Beast—
4. Now read the section regarding the interpretation of the dream (vv.15-28) and add anything you learn about the four beasts to what you’ve recorded above.
5. According to Daniel’s vision, what does the little horn do?

5. Re-read Daniel 7:1-28 and highlight or underline in a distinct color every reference to anything the little horn says.
6. What connection do you see between his actions and the description of the Beast of Revelation 13?

IV. THE KING WHO EXALTS HIMSELF (Daniel 11:36-45)

1. Read Daniel 11:36-45. Using the same notation used for the little horn, man of lawlessness, etc., mark the reference to the king in v.36 and then every pronoun that refers to him.
2. Read the passage again and this time look for phrases that are similar to descriptions found in the 2 Thessalonians and Daniel 7 passages. Identify the corresponding phrases in a such a way that you can easily compare them at a later time.
3. Mark all references to time with the face of a clock.
4. On Chart “Comparison of Those Who Oppose Christ,” list everything you learn about the king who exalts and magnifies himself above every god.

V. THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION (Matthew 24)

1. We are going to be studying Matthew 24 in greater detail next week, but for this lesson all we want to do is glean what we can about the abomination of desolation.
2. Read quickly through Matthew 24 one time just to get the overall context of the chapter.
 - In vv.9, 21, and 29 mark the word tribulation/great tribulation in the same way you marked “great tribulation” in Revelation 2 and 7.
 - In v.15 mark the phrase “the abomination of desolation” in the same way you marked the little horn in Daniel 7, prince who is to come in Daniel 9, etc.
3. Re-read Matthew 24:15-21. then record on Chart “Comparison of Those Who Oppose Christ” everything you learn about the abomination of desolation.

VI. WRAPPING IT UP

This has been a long lesson and we have left you hanging just a bit. Next week you will have the opportunity to tie up some of the loose ends and make a little more sense of all this. In the meantime, hang in there, and remember—learning is a process that builds on itself, layer upon layer. Sometimes it takes a while before we’re able to reap the benefits of our study. But the Lord is faithful... He promises that to him who has more will be given. In other words, as you assimilate the knowledge He offers, He rewards you with even more.

So take your time. Sit at the feet of the Master, and enjoy the privilege and freedom you have to learn the message from the lips of the One who both created you and loves you.

LESSON 10

The Great Tribulation

In Revelation 13, we were introduced to a beast coming up out of the sea and another coming up out of the earth. We'll see later that the second beast is called the false prophet, so we will use the term "beast" simply to refer to the first beast that comes up out of the sea. In addition, this beast of Revelation 13 can also be known as the antichrist of 1 and 2 John, the prince who is to come of Daniel 9, the man of lawlessness in 2 Thessalonians, the little horn of Daniel 7, the king who exalts and magnifies himself above every god (Daniel 11) and the abomination of desolation of Matthew 24.

Our goal for this week is to determine what scripture tells us about the tribulation (or great tribulation) and the relationship of the beast or the beast-figure to the events and timing of this tribulation.

I. OBSERVING THE BIG PICTURE

1. It's been a while since we looked at our text in Revelation. So before you begin your new study for this week, re-read Revelation Chapter 13 paying particular attention to the beast that comes up out of the sea.
2. Now read the different descriptions you recorded on Chart "Comparison of Those Who Oppose Christ." Look for similar words and phrases among the columns. Mark the corresponding phrases with a highlight or underline of the same color in order to show where one "creature" may be similar to another.
3. Read through Matthew 24 in its entirety. You began studying the chapter last week, but now we're going to take a closer look.
 - As you read, take note of what you learn about the "abomination of desolation." (This should already be recorded on Chart "Comparison of Those Who Oppose Christ.")
 - Also mark every reference that would have meaning to a Jewish, rather than a Gentile, audience (i.e., Sabbath, holy place)
4. Draw a line across the page after v.14 and another after v.31, forming three sections in the chapter. Label the first section "The Overview." Label the second section "Details of the 2nd Coming," and the third section "Illustrations—No One Knows the Day/Hour."
5. Re-read Matthew 24:1-14 as many times as is necessary to accomplish the following.
 - Mark "location" in the same way you have marked it in previous chapters of Revelation
 - Highlight the questions the disciples ask of Jesus and number each with a 1, 2, 3.
 - Mark the words "the end" with a large "N" with a circle around it.

- Circle the word “but” at the beginning of v.8 and the word “then” at the beginning of v.9.
 - Highlight in its own unique color the phrase “all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.”
6. Re-read vv.4-14 and record below which of the disciples’ three questions Jesus is answering.
 7. What statement has Jesus just made that prompted these questions from the disciples?
 8. Locate the Chart (in Appendix) “End Time Events of Matthew 24 & Luke 21” and list the events of Matthew 24:1-14 in the first column.
 9. In v.13 we read that the one who endures to the end will be saved and in v.14 it says that the end shall come after the gospel is preached in the whole world. What do you think is the meaning of the phrase “the end” as it is used in the context?

II. DIGGING DEEPER (Matthew 24:15-31)

1. What does the “therefore” at the beginning of Matthew 24:15-31 say to you?
2. Read Matthew 24:15-31 one more time. At this point you should already have the words “abomination of desolation” and “tribulation” marked, as well as all references to anything specifically Jewish. If not, make the necessary markings before proceeding. Also mark the word “then” by putting a circle around it as you did in v.9.
3. According to v.15 where is the abomination of desolation standing? What other beast-figure does something similar to this? What might this be telling you?
4. In v.16 we read that those in Judea must flee to the mountains. Re-read vv.17-18 and record below what those verses mean in light of this flight out of Jerusalem.
5. What follows the flight out of Jerusalem?

6. Describe the great tribulation according to Matthew 24:21-28.

7. In the second column of the Chart “End Time Events of Matthew 24 & Luke 21,” list the events that are described in Matthew 24:15-31.

8. If you did not mark the phrase “the elect” when you were marking references to the Jews earlier in the lesson, do so now. Write in the space below who you think “the elect” are in the context of Matthew 24.

9. Read through the remainder of Matthew 24 and mark every phrase that refers to our not knowing when the Son of Man will return.

III. DIGGING DEEPER (Luke 21:5-38)

1. Now we’re going to study the parallel passage in Luke 21 and compare it with the events of Matthew 24. In order to set the context, first read Luke 19:47-48, then 21:1-2 and 5 in your personal Bible. Where is Jesus when he makes the statement in v.6? Write this location in the upper right-hand corner of your WordSheet for Luke 21.

2. Read Luke 21:5-38. In order to understand Luke 21, we need to identify the different periods of time that are mentioned. First, identify the questions the disciples ask Jesus in the Luke account. Highlight these in the same color you used in Matthew 24 and number them 1 and 2. Write the two questions below.
 - a.

 - b.

3. What subject do both of these questions pertain to? How is this different from the questions that are recorded in the Matthew 24 account?

4. Now, we'll identify the various time periods within the chapter.
 - Draw a line on the WordSheet for Luke 21 before v.8 and another one after v.11. Label this section "End Times"
 - Draw another line after v.24 and label this second section "Destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70."
 - Draw another line after v.36. Label this last section "End Times."

5. Determining the timing of these events is complicated. We will discuss how we go about doing that in class. However, it's good exercise for you to try to figure it out for yourself. Study each passage individually (vv.5-11... 12-24... 25-36) watching for phrases from other scripture we've studied in Revelation Part 1.
 - HINT: You will need also to read Luke 19:41-44. Record your insights below.
 - HINT: What is the time phrase at the beginning of v.12? What does it mean?
 - HINT: Was the historic destruction of Jerusalem prophesied in Daniel 9:26?

6. One of the reasons this is so confusing is that Luke 21:12-24 contains several phrases that are used in Matthew 24 to describe the period of tribulation. Keep in mind, however, that Jerusalem and the temple have been destroyed more than once already in history and the prophetic word seems to indicate a future time as well.

7. Now, from the passages we marked as "End Times," record in the third column of Chart "End Time Events of Matthew 24 & Luke 21" the events of the end times.

IV. WRAPPING IT UP

As we bring this week's lesson to a close, we have built from Matthew and Luke a picture of what the "end times" (and specifically the "tribulation") will involve. We still have not placed either of these events on our Revelation's timeline of seals, trumpets and bowls. That will be our task for next week.

LESSON 11

Seventh Trumpet Time Line

This is it—our last lesson in Revelation Part 1. This is where we put together much of what we've learned over the last three months and see how all the parts relate to one another. This is where we begin to see the sequence of the events God is unveiling before us.

When Jesus appeared to John on the isle of Patmos, He instructed him to write the “things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall take place after these things.” Obediently, John records his encounter with Jesus in Chapter 1. Then in Chapters 2 and 3, he writes to the seven churches in Asia concerning the “things which are.” In Chapter 4, John is transported into heaven where he enters into the very throne room of God. From before the throne, he witnesses the unfolding of the scroll that was sealed with seven seals—and is made privy to God's plan for Israel and the nations. Thus far in our study of Revelation, we've studied the breaking of all seven seals, and then the sounding of the seven trumpets that came forth with the breaking of that final seal. Next semester we will study the pouring out of the seven bowls of God's wrath and the ultimate climatic sequence of events as God brings His people back to Him.

In this week's lesson, you will review the readings we've covered thus far and plot the sequence of each of our Revelation Time Line of Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls.

I. REVELATION 12

1. The key to understanding the sequence of Revelation lies in recognizing the seventh trumpet every time it is mentioned in scripture. In your workbook, these references to the seventh trumpet are labeled as “significant time phrases.” Over the months, you have marked each of these with a unique symbol, highlight or underline color. Take a minute now and review these statements as they are listed in the following scripture. List each in the box on Chart “Revelation Time Line of Seals, Trumpets and Bowls.”
 - Rev 11:14-15
 - Rev 10:7
 - Rev 11:17**b**-18
 - Rev 12:10**a**
2. NOTE: As you work through this lesson, you are to record the events on the chart. You do not need to write down the answer to the questions—they are asked to help you determine what is to be recorded on the time line... and where. It's best to do your marking in pencil. You may want to change it later. And as always, be sure to record your verse reference.
3. Read Rev 12:7-12. What event takes place at the sounding of the seventh trumpet? Record this on the time line at the vertical line that signifies the seventh trumpet.

4. Read Rev 12:13-17 and 12:6. What happens to the woman Israel and what does she do about it? Does the 1260 days (time, times and half a time) occur before or after the seventh trumpet? Record this event on the time line
5. Read Rev 12:3-5. Referring back to the time sequencing you did earlier in Lesson 7, record the following on the time line:
 - Birth of male child (symbol already drawn for you on the time line)
 - Attempt on his life
 - Male child caught up (symbol already drawn for you on the time line)
 - Satan cast out of heaven (1st time)

II. REVELATION 11

1. We've already noted the "significant time phrases" in Chapter 11:13-18. Re-read the passage and underline the phrase "in that hour" that occurs at the beginning of v.13.
2. To determine what happens "in that hour," we need to review the verses that precede v.13 and those that follow. Read Rev 11:1-12, then 14-15a. Plot the following events on the time line:
 - 2 witnesses prophecy 1260 days
 - Beast kills the 2 witnesses
 - The seventh trumpet sounds
 - 2nd woe past
 - 3rd woe begins
 - 2 witnesses go up

III. REVELATION 6-10

1. Now we want to record the seven seals and the first six trumpets on the time line. Read quickly through Revelation chapters 6, 8, and 9 to review the breaking of the seals and the sounding of the trumpets. You have already marked each of these in a discernable way, so the reading should be easy and fast.
2. We cannot tell at this point in our study when the breaking of the first seal occurs in relation to the 1260-day period that precedes the seventh trumpet. But obviously, it happens *before* the seventh trumpet. (Are you with me on this?) Record the seals and trumpets on the time line for Chapters 6-10.
3. Record also the "significant time phrase" found in Rev 10:7 in the box under-and-just-to-the-left of the seventh trumpet line on the Rev 6-10 line.

IV. REVELATION 13

1. Read Revelation 13 to reacquaint yourself with the events surrounding the beast that comes up out of the sea.
2. According to vv.2-5 what authority is given the beast and by whom? When did the one who gave him authority arrive on the scene according to Rev 12:9-12?

3. Look at Rev 12:12 one more time. What did Satan know about himself when he was cast down from heaven? Record below.

4. Now... reason through this with me. If Satan knows that he has only a short time and he plans to accomplish his work through another person rather than doing it himself, *when* would he be likely to give his power and authority over to that other person? Record your thoughts below.

5. Okay then... now let's put it on the time line.
 - Record when the beast is given his authority and for how long
 - List also the nature of the authority he receives according to Rev 13:7
 - Record what happens to him according to Rev 13:8

V. GOING IT ON YOUR OWN

1. You have now recorded the events of Revelation that surround the sounding of the seventh trumpet. At this point in our study, we have a picture of how the beast of Revelation 13 fits into the overall timing of things. During our class discussion we will incorporate the activities of the other beast-figures that we've gleaned from our study of other books of the Bible.

2. However, half the fun is getting there yourself! So give it a go... try your hand at recording on the time line the events of Daniel 7, Daniel 9, Daniel 12, Matthew 24, Luke 21, and 2 Thessalonians 2. Have fun, but remember to do your work in pencil. You may need to erase! And don't allow yourself to get bogged down... if it's too hard, back off. Wait until class time. We'll work it out together!

VI. WRAPPING IT UP

After you've completed this assignment and participated in this week's class discussion, you will have the beginning of a valuable tool that you can refer to in years to come. Next semester you will add to this chart all the events of the seven bowl-judgments, the second coming of Christ, the millennial reign and the final events occurring at the end of that 1000-year period.

Beginning with Revelation 14, we preview the seven bowls and quickly discern that the dreadful and terrifying events of the first thirteen chapters are but a precursor of more agony to come. We've seen already that we-the-Church are not going to be around during this dreadful period of time. Our hearts bleed, quite understandably, for those who will. There is good news—there is hope for everyone! As we close for the semester break, take a peek at Rev 14:6. God is good! He continues to give every opportunity possible for everyone to accept the truth and be saved from the devastation of the coming darkness upon the earth.

APPENDIX

Chapter 1

Chapter Theme: _____

Key Verse: _____

[1] The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must shortly take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John, [2] who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. [3] Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

[4] John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne; [5] and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood, [6] and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father; to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. [7] Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. Even so. Amen.

[8] "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

[9] I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos, because of the word of

God and the testimony of Jesus. [10] I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, [11] saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." [12] And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; [13] and in the middle of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His breast with a golden girdle. [14] And His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire; [15] and His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been caused to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. [16] And in His right hand He held seven stars; and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength. [17] And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as a dead man. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, [18] and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. [19] "Write therefore the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall take place after these things. [20] "As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Chapter 2

Chapter Theme: _____

Key Verse: _____

[1] "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this: [2] 'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot endure evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; [3] and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary. [4] 'But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. [5] 'Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you, and will remove your lampstand out of its place-- unless you repent. [6] 'Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. [7] 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.'

[8] "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this: [9] 'I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. [10] 'Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you

the crown of life. [11] 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.'

[12] "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this: [13] 'I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith, even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. [14] 'But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit acts of immorality. [15] 'Thus you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. [16] 'Repent therefore; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth. [17] 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.'

[18] "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this: [19] 'I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first. [20] 'But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray, so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. [21] 'And I gave her time to repent; and she does not want to repent of her immorality. [22] 'Behold, I will cast her upon a bed of sickness, and those

who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. [23] 'And I will kill her children with pestilence; and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. [24] 'But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them-- I place no other burden on you. [25] 'Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come. [26] 'And he who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the NATIONS; [27] AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received authority from My Father; [28] and I will give him the morning star. [29] 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Chapter 3

Chapter Theme: _____

Key Verse: _____

[1]"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write:

He who has the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars, says this: 'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. [2] 'Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God. [3] 'Remember therefore what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. If therefore you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you. [4] 'But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white; for they are worthy. [5] 'He who overcomes shall thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels. [6] 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

[7] "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this: [8] 'I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name. [9] 'Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews, and are not, but lie-- behold, I will make them to come and bow down at your feet, and to know that I have loved you. [10]

'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth. [11] 'I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, in order that no one take your crown. [12] 'He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name. [13] 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

[14] "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this: [15] 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I would that you were cold or hot. [16] 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. [17] 'Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, [18] I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich, and white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see. [19] 'Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; be zealous therefore, and repent. [20] 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me. [21] 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. [22] 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.' "

Chapter 4

Chapter Theme: _____

Key Verse: _____

[1] After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things." [2] Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne. [3] And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance. [4] And around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads. [5] And from the throne proceed flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; [6] and before the throne there was, as it were, a sea of glass like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. [7] And the first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. [8] And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

[9] And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, [10] the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

[11] "Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created."

Chapter 5

Chapter Theme: _____

Key Verse: _____

[1] And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. [2] And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?" [3] And no one in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, or to look into it. [4] And I began to weep greatly, because no one was found worthy to open the book, or to look into it; [5] and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals." [6] And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. [7] And He came, and He took it out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. [8] And when He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. [9] And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

[10] "And Thou hast made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

[11] And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, [12] saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

[13] And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying,

"To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

[14] And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Chapter 6

Chapter Theme: _____

Key Verse: _____

[1] And I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." [2] And I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him; and he went out conquering, and to conquer.

[3] And when He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come." [4] And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men should slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.

[5] And when He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come." And I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. [6] And I heard as it were a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

[7] And when He broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come." [8] And I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. And authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

[9] And when He broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; [10] and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, wilt Thou refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" [11] And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, should be completed also.

[12] And I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; [13] and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. [14] And the sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. [15] And the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; [16] and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; [17] for the great day of their wrath has come; and who is able to stand?"

Chapter 7

Chapter Theme: _____

Key Verse: _____

[1] After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind should blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree. [2] And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, [3] saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads." [4] And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: [5] from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand, [6] from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, [7] from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, [8] from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand were sealed.

[9] After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; [10] and they cry out with a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." [11] And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12] saying,

"Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen." [13] And one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and from where have they come?" [14] And I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15] "For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne shall spread His tabernacle over them. [16] "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; [17] for the Lamb in the center of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them to springs of the water of life; and God shall wipe every tear from their eyes."

Chapter 8

Chapter Theme: _____

Key Verses: _____

[1] And when He broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. [2] And I saw the seven angels who stand before God; and seven trumpets were given to them.

[3] And another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. [4] And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. [5] And the angel took the censer; and he filled it with the fire of the altar and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

[6] And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.

[7] And the first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

[8] And the second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood; [9] and a third of the creatures, which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.

[10] And the third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters; [11] and the name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood; and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

[12] And the fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were smitten, so that a third of them might be darkened and the day might not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.

[13] And I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe, to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

Chapter 9

Chapter Theme: _____

Key Verse: _____

And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him. [2] And he opened the bottomless pit; and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit. [3] And out of the smoke came forth locusts upon the earth; and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. [4] And they were told that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. [5] And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man. [6] And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; and they will long to die and death flees from them. [7] And the appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads, as it were, crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. [8] And they had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like the teeth of lions. [9] And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle. [10] And they have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months. [11] They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.

[12] The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

[13] And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, [14] one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." [15] And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they might kill a third of mankind. [16] And the number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. [17] And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: the riders had breastplates the color of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone. [18] A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone, which proceeded out of their mouths. [19] For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads; and with them they do harm. [20] And the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; [21] and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.

Chapter 10

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[1] And I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; [2] and he had in his hand a little book which was open. And he placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; [3] and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices. [4] And when the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken, and do not write them." [5] And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven, [6] and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there shall be delay no longer, [7] but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets. [8] And the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard again speaking with me, and saying, "Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land." [9] And I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he said to me, "Take it, and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." [10] And I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was in my mouth sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter. [11] And they said to

me, "You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings."

Chapter 11

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[1] And there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Rise and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it. [2] "And leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months. [3] "And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." [4] These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. [5] And if anyone desires to harm them, fire proceeds out of their mouth and devours their enemies; and if anyone would desire to harm them, in this manner he must be killed. [6] These have the power to shut up the sky, in order that rain may not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they desire. [7] And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them. [8] And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. [9] And those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. [10] And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. [11] And after the three and a half

days the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were beholding them. [12] And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies beheld them. [13] And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

[14] The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

[15] And the seventh angel sounded; and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." [16] And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, [17] saying,

"We give Thee thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who art and who wast, because Thou hast taken Thy great power and hast begun to reign. [18] "And the nations were enraged, and Thy wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to give their reward to Thy bond-servants the prophets and to the saints and to those who fear Thy name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

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

Chapter 12

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[1] And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; [2] and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth. [3] And another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. [4] And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven, and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. [5] And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. [6] And the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she might be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

[7] And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war, [8] and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. [9] And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. [10] And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,

"Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who

accuses them before our God day and night. [11] "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even to death. [12] "For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time."

[13] And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. [14] And the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, in order that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. [15] And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. [16] And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. [17] And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

Chapter 13

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[1] And he stood on the sand of the seashore.

And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. [2] And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. [3] And I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; [4] and they worshiped the dragon, because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" [5] And there was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies; and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. [6] And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven. [7] And it was given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them; and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. [8] And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain. [9] If anyone has an ear, let him hear. [10] If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.

[11] And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. [12] And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. [13] And he performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. [14] And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. [15] And there was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast might even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. [16] And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand, or on their forehead, [17] and he provides that no one should be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. [18] Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

Chapter 14

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[1] And I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. [2] And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps. [3] And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth. [4] These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. [5] And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless.

[6] And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; [7] and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

[8] And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality."

[9] And another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand, [10] he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. [11] "And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." [12] Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

[13] And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

[14] And I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head, and a sharp sickle in His hand. [15] And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, because the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe." [16] And He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth; and the earth was reaped.

[17] And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. [18] And another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe." [19] And the angel swung his sickle to the earth, and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God. [20]

And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press,
up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.

Chapter 15

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[1] And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, which are the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.

[2] And I saw, as it were, a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had come off victorious from the beast and from his image and from the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God. [3] And they sang the song of Moses the bond-servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying,

"Great and marvelous are Thy works,

O Lord God, the Almighty;

Righteous and true are Thy ways,

Thou King of the nations.

[4] "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Thy name?

For Thou alone art holy;

For all the nations will come and worship before Thee,

For Thy righteous acts have been revealed."

[5] After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened, [6] and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in linen, clean and bright, and girded around their breasts with golden girdles. [7]

And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. [8] And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

Chapter 16

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[1] And I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth."

[2] And the first angel went and poured out his bowl into the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore upon the men who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.

[3] And the second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like that of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died.

[4] And the third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood. [5] And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous art Thou, who art and who wast, O Holy One, because Thou didst judge these things; [6] for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and Thou hast given them blood to drink. They deserve it." [7] And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Thy judgments."

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

[10] And the fifth angel poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain, [11] and they

blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.

[12] And the sixth angel poured out his bowl upon the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, that the way might be prepared for the kings from the east. [13] And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; [14] for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. [15] ("Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments, lest he walk about naked and men see his shame.") [16] And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called HarMagedon.

[17] And the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air; and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done." [18] And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty. [19] And the great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath. [20] And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. [21] And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

Chapter 17

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[1] And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I shall show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, [2] with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality." [3] And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. [4] And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality, [5] and upon her forehead a name was written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." [6] And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. And when I saw her, I wondered greatly. [7] And the angel said to me, "Why do you wonder? I shall tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. [8] "The beast that you saw was and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and to go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth will wonder, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come. [9] "Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, [10] and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one

is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while. [11] "And the beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction. [12] "And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. [13] "These have one purpose and they give their power and authority to the beast. [14] "These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful." [15] And he said to me, "The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues. [16] "And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire. [17] "For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God should be fulfilled. [18] "And the woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth."

Chapter 18

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[1] After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory. [2] And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! And she has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. [3] "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality."

[4] And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of her plagues; [5] for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. [6] "Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back to her double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her. [7] "To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as a queen and I am not a widow, and will never see mourning.' [8] "For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong. [9] "And the kings of the earth, who committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning, [10] standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, 'Woe, woe,

the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.' [11]

"And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more; [12] cargoes of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every kind of citron wood and every article of ivory and every article made from very costly wood and bronze and iron and marble, [13] and cinnamon and spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and cargoes of horses and chariots and slaves and human lives. [14] "And the fruit you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and men will no longer find them. [15] "The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, [16] saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls; [17] for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!' And every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor, and as many as make their living by the sea, stood at a distance, [18] and were crying out as they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What city is like the great city?' [19] "And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!' [20] "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her."

[21] And a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer. [22] "And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and

trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer; [23] and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery. [24] "And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all who have been slain on the earth."

Chapter 19

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[1] After these things I heard, as it were, a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

"Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God; [2] because His JUDGMENTS ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and He has AVENGED THE BLOOD OF His bond-servants ON HER." [3] And a second time they said, "Hallelujah! Her smoke rises up forever and ever." [4] And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" [5] And a voice came from the throne, saying,

"Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great." [6] And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude and as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying,

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. [7] "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." [8] And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. [9] And he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God." [10] And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said

to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

[11] And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war. [12] And His eyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head are many diadems; and He has a name written upon Him which no one knows except Himself. [13] And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of God. [14] And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. [15] And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. [16] And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

[17] And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God; [18] in order that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."

[19] And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, assembled to make war against Him who sat upon the horse, and against His army. [20] And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. [21]

And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat upon the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Chapter 20

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[1] And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. [2] And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, [3] and threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

[4] And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. [5] The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. [6] Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

[7] And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, [8] and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. [9] And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the

camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. [10] And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

[11] And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. [12] And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. [13] And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. [14] And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. [15] And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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[1] And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. [2] And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. [3] And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them, [4] and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." [5] And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." [6] And He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. [7] "He who overcomes shall inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. [8] "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

[9] And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I shall show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." [10] And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, [11] having

the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper. [12] It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are those of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. [13] There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west. [14] And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. [15] And the one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall. [16] And the city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal. [17] And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, according to human measurements, which are also angelic measurements. [18] And the material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. [19] The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; [20] the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. [21] And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. [22] And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb, are its temple. [23] And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. [24] And the nations shall walk by its light, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it. [25] And in the daytime (for there shall be no night there) its gates shall never be closed; [26] and they shall bring the glory and the honor of

the nations into it; [27] and nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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[1] And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, [2] in the middle of its street. And on either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. [3] And there shall no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His bond-servants shall serve Him; [4] and they shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. [5] And there shall no longer be any night; and they shall not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall illumine them; and they shall reign forever and ever.

[6] And he said to me, "These words are faithful and true"; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must shortly take place. [7] "And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book."

[8] And I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. [9] And he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book; worship God."

[10] And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. [11] "Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and let the one who is

filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and let the one who is holy, still keep himself holy." [12] "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. [13] "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." [14] Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city. [15] Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

[16] "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star."

[17] And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.

[18] I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book; [19] and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

[20] He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

[21] The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

Daniel 9:24-27

[24]"Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place. [25] "So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. [26] "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. [27] "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

[1] Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together to Him, [2] that you may not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. [3] Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, [4] who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. [5] Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things? [6] And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he may be revealed. [7] 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. [8] And then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; [9] that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, [10] and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. [11] And for this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they might believe what is false, [12] in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

Daniel 7:1-28

[1] In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind as he lay on his bed; then he wrote the dream down and related the following summary of it. [2] Daniel said, "I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. [3] "And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another. [4] "The first was like a lion and had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind also was given to it. [5] "And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, 'Arise, devour much meat!' [6] "After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. [7] "After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed, and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. [8] "While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth uttering great boasts.

[9] "I kept looking

Until thrones were set up,

And the Ancient of Days took His seat;

His vesture was like white snow,

And the hair of His head like pure wool.

His throne was ablaze with flames,

Its wheels were a burning fire.

[10] "A river of fire was flowing

And coming out from before Him;

Thousands upon thousands were attending Him,

And myriads upon myriads were standing before Him;

The court sat,

And the books were opened.

[11] "Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire. [12] "As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time.

[13] "I kept looking in the night visions,

And behold, with the clouds of heaven

One like a Son of Man was coming,

And He came up to the Ancient of Days

And was presented before Him.

[14] "And to Him was given dominion,

Glory and a kingdom,

That all the peoples, nations, and men of every language

Might serve Him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion

Which will not pass away;
And His kingdom is one
Which will not be destroyed.

[15] "As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed within me, and the visions in my mind kept alarming me. [16] "I approached one of those who were standing by and began asking him the exact meaning of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things: [17] 'These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth. [18] 'But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.' [19] "Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, and which devoured, crushed, and trampled down the remainder with its feet, [20] and the meaning of the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, and before which three of them fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great boasts, and which was larger in appearance than its associates. [21] "I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them [22] until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom.

[23] "Thus he said: 'The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms, and it will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it. [24] 'As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings. [25] 'And he will speak out against the Most High and wear down the

saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. [26] 'But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. [27] 'Then the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.' [28] "At this point the revelation ended. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts were greatly alarming me and my face grew pale, but I kept the matter to myself."

Daniel 11:35-45

[35] "And some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge, and make them pure, until the end time; because it is still to come at the appointed time.

[36] "Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god, and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done. [37] "And he will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will magnify himself above them all. [38] "But instead he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor him with gold, silver, costly stones, and treasures. [39] "And he will take action against the strongest of fortresses with the help of a foreign god; he will give great honor to those who acknowledge him, and he will cause them to rule over the many, and will parcel out land for a price.

[40] "And at the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen, and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow them, and pass through. [41] "He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon. [42] "Then he will stretch out his hand against other countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape. [43] "But he will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans and Ethiopians will follow at his heels. [44] "But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy

and annihilate many. [45] "And he will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

Matthew 24

[1] And Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. [2] And He answered and said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here shall be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

[3] And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" [4] And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. [5] "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. [6] "And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. [7] "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. [8] "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. [9] "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name. [10] "And at that time many will fall away and will deliver up one another and hate one another. [11] "And many false prophets will arise, and will mislead many. [12] "And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. [13] "But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved. [14] "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.

[15] "Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), [16] then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; [17] let him who is on the housetop

not go down to get the things out that are in his house; [18] and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak. [19] "But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days! [20] "But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath; [21] for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall. [22] "And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short. [23] "Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe him. [24] "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. [25] "Behold, I have told you in advance. [26] "If therefore they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go forth, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe them. [27] "For just as the lightning comes from the east, and flashes even to the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be. [28] "Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

[29] "But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken, [30] and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. [31] "And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

[32] "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; [33] even so you too,

when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door. [34] "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. [35] "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away. [36] "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. [37] "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. [38] "For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, [39] and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be. [40] "Then there shall be two men in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. [41] "Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. [42] "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. [43] "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. [44] "For this reason you be ready too; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.

[45] "Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time? [46] "Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. [47] "Truly I say to you, that he will put him in charge of all his possessions. [48] "But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My master is not coming for a long time,' [49] and shall begin to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards; [50] the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know, [51] and shall cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; weeping shall be there and the gnashing of teeth.

Luke 21:5-38

[5] And while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, He said, [6] "As for these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down." [7] And they questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, when therefore will these things be? And what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" [8] And He said, "See to it that you be not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time is at hand'; do not go after them. [9] "And when you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately."

[10] Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, [11] and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. [12] "But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake. [13] "It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony. [14] "So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; [15] for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute. [16] "But you will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, [17] and you will be hated by all on account of My name. [18] "Yet not a hair of your head will perish. [19] "By your endurance you will gain your lives.

[20] "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is at hand. [21] "Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are in the midst of the city depart, and let not those who are in the country enter the city; [22] because these are days of vengeance, in order that all things which are written may be fulfilled. [23] "Woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land, and wrath to this people, [24] and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

[25] "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, [26] men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. [27] "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. [28] "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

[29] And He told them a parable: "Behold the fig tree and all the trees; [30] as soon as they put forth leaves, you see it and know for yourselves that summer is now near. [31] "Even so you, too, when you see these things happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near. [32] "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all things take place. [33] "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

[34] "Be on guard, that your hearts may not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day come on you suddenly like a trap; [35] for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth. [36] "But keep on

the alert at all times, praying in order that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

[37] Now during the day He was teaching in the temple, but at evening He would go out and spend the night on the mount that is called Olivet. [38] And all the people would get up early in the morning to come to Him in the temple to listen to Him.

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