

# Revelation's Blessings

## Thought-Provoking Questions

The purpose of the questions is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Book of Revelations and ourselves. The questions may be answered by each reader, or used by a Bible study group leader or church pastor.



Each question is designed to facilitate learning. Some questions are intended to enhance learning via the determination of opinions; some are designed to illuminate our personal lives; and others are written to reinforce important content in Revelation (which requires additional Bible reading). As such, no answers are provided.

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## Chapter 1

- Revelation 1:1-3 (pages 5-6)
  - Fill in the blanks: The Book of Revelation is about the revealing of \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ who reveals \_\_\_\_\_. Explain what this means.
  - What are the criteria for being blessed, and what is the difference between each?
  - How did the text explain “shortly take place” and “the time is near?” Do you agree/disagree?
  - Why would Jesus tell us to be continually ready for His return (Matthew 24:36-44 page 6), when He knew hundreds of years would pass before He returns?
    - Was this message important for someone living in the year 900, 1475 and 1850? Why?
    - Based upon our nature, how do we normally respond to requirements when we know they are not “due” until sometime in the far future?
    - Does this provide insight into God’s knowledge as to how we think and are motivated?
  
- Revelation 1:4-7 (pages 7-9)
  - The angel described Jesus from three different perspectives: faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.
    - Explain the relevance and power of each declaration.
    - Are they listed in sequential order?
    - Are they interdependent? If yes, explain.
  - Page 7: The text says Jesus was the faithful witness in that He exemplified and testified of God by mirroring God. Do you agree? If yes, how did Jesus mirror God?
  - Page 8: Scripture says Jesus washed us from our sins in His own blood.
    - What is the relevance of the blood of Jesus Christ?
    - How does the blood of Christ cleanse us?
      - How do we feel on the inside when we sin?
      - How do we feel on the inside after we ask for forgiveness?
      - If Christ did not die and shed His blood...would this be possible?
    - Is “washing” a one-time event? Or, do we need to be continually washed (i.e. like our dirty clothes)?
  
- Revelation 1:8 (page 10)
  - Why would Jesus say He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end?
  - What does Jesus mean when He said He is, was, and is to come?
  
- Revelation 1:9-11 (page 10)
  - Why was John on the island of Patmos?
  - What was the island used for?
  - What was John asked to do?
  
- Revelation 1:12-15 (page 11)
  - What did John see when he turned to look at who was speaking to him?
  - What did he see (and what is the spiritual relevance of what he saw)?

- Revelation 1:16 (page 11):
  - The scripture states “out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword.”
  - What does this mean to you? (Read Hebrews 4:12 page 11)
  - Have you ever experienced the power of God’s word illuminating the thoughts and attitude of your heart? Explain.
  - This scripture describes the countenance (face) of Jesus was like the sun shining in its strength. This phenomenon is also described in Exodus 34:29-30; Luke 2:9; Matthew 17:2, 28:3; Acts 9:3, 12:7; and in Revelation 21:23, 22:5. It is possible to gain understanding and explain this amazing, wonderous and illuminating light by studying the following scripture.

“But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

- Who blinds the minds of those who are perishing?
  - Who propagates (spreads, proliferates) darkness?
  - What is meant by the “gospel is veiled?”
  - Can you compare the consequences of physical darkness at night with spiritual darkness?
  - What happens when you cannot see (physically and spiritually)?
  - What happens when light shines in darkness (physically and spiritually)?
  - When the light shines upon us:
    - What is spiritually illuminated (within us)?
    - What do we spiritually see and understand?
  
- Revelation 1:17-18 (page 11):
  - Why do you think John fell at His feet as if he was dead?
  - If Jesus appeared to you this very moment:
    - What would be your first response?
    - Would you feel worthy to be in His presence or ashamed? Why?
  - How did Jesus respond to John?
  - Does the response by Jesus reveal aspects of His nature? Explain.
  
- Revelation 1:19-20 (page 12):
  - What are the three things Jesus told John to write, and how is this relevant when studying Revelations?
  - What is the spiritual significance of the seven stars and seven golden lampstands?

## Chapter 2 & 3

The following questions should be answered after reading Revelation chapters 2 and 3 (pages 13-25).

Jesus spoke to the seven churches.

- Are His words relevant to churches today? If yes, how?
- Are His words relevant to individual believers? If yes, how?

In your opinion, which of the seven churches was in the:

- Worst condition? Explain.
- Best condition? Explain.

Jesus used the word “overcome” when He spoke to each church.

- What does overcome mean?
- Did Jesus speak the word to each church or to the persons within each church?
- Numerous rewards will be given to those who overcome. Can you identify at least 7?

Revelation 3:19 (page 24): Jesus said “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.”

- How are we chastened?
- If you have been chastened, how do you feel?
- If you are chastened, is this both a bad and good thing? Explain.

Revelation 3:20 (page 24): Jesus said “If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.”

- How does someone “hear” His voice?
- How does one open the door?
- What is meant by:
  - He will enter?
  - He will dine with him and he with Me?

## Chapter 4

The following questions should be answered after reading Revelation chapter 4 (pages 26-29).

(Page 29): The text (middle of the page) says anyone who enters into Heaven will know, understand and proclaim they are there because of what Jesus Christ has done for them, and not what they did for Jesus Christ. For He alone is worthy!

- Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
- What would you say to someone who thinks their “good works” are sufficient to get into Heaven?
- Why would God design salvation that is based upon His grace and His mercy (via His Son’s death on the cross)—as opposed to meeting a minimal behavioral standard?
- Take a moment and consider what Heaven would be like if entrance into Heaven was not based upon God’s grace, but based upon our works.
  - Would some express boastful pride? Explain.
  - Would there be some degree of entitlement? Explain.
  - What sort of impact would this have upon loving and worshipping God?
  - What do you think was the core sin in the heart of Lucifer that caused him to fall?
  - Consider and reflect upon Ephesians 2:8-10: **For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10**
- The twenty-four elders had crowns. What do think the crowns represent?
- Why would the twenty-four elders cast their crowns before the throne? (Revelation 4:11)
- 1 Corinthians 3:9-15 describes building a foundation of works that are comprised of materials that can withstand the test of fire, and materials that cannot. Can you give examples of work that will endure and that which will burn?
- Read the scripture below and consider the foundational importance of the motivations of our heart and the spiritual benefits of our faith. A mite is worth about one penny.

**“Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.’” Mark 12:41-44**

## Chapter 5

- Revelation 5:1-3 (page 30)
  - Why do you think the angel proclaimed with a loud voice “Who is worthy to open the scroll and loose its seals”?
  - What is the spiritual relevance of no one in heaven, no one on the earth, and no one under the earth was worthy?
  
- Revelation 5:4-5 and 5:6 (page 31):
  - How was the One who is worthy visually described by John?
  - Why is Jesus referred to as the Lamb of God?
  - Can you identify at least 3 reasons why Jesus is worthy to open the scroll and loose its seals?
  - How does the descriptive words of Lamb of God contrast to the Lion of the tribe of Judah?
  
- Revelation 5:7, 5:8 and 5:9-14 (pages 32-33):

The worthiness of Jesus to take the scroll from the hand of His Father was revealed as a significant event in Heaven.

  - Why do you think this is important?
  - How did the four living creatures and elders respond?
  - Who sang a new song?
  - Who said with a loud voice “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain...?”
  - Who said “Blessing and honor and glory...?”

## God's Covenants

- God's Covenants (page 34):

All of God's covenants are unconditional—except for the Mosaic Covenant.

  - Why would God make a conditional covenant with Moses?
  - What was the Mosaic Covenant foundationally based upon?
  - Who was responsible to keep the covenant active?
  - Why was the covenant broken? (See Isaiah 1:11-20 pg. 37)
  - Is this a good thing? If yes, explain.
  
- The Tabernacle and the Temple (pages 35-39):
  - Is it possible to correlate the major components of the Tabernacle and Temple to our body, soul, heart, spirit, and daily Christian life?
    - Wall
    - Bronze altar
    - The Holy Place
    - The Most Holy Place
  - The veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom when Jesus died (Matthew 27:50-51 pg. 39).
    - What did this signify?
    - What does this mean to each Christian?
    - How does the following scriptures relate to the veil of the Temple being torn?
      - “Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.’” Luke 22:20
      - “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” John 4:6
      - “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
  
- The Temple Mount (pages 40-41)
  - The Israelites rejected God's New Covenant (His Son) as a perfect sacrifice for sins (which replaced the need to shed the blood of animals for sin). Upon the death of Jesus, the Temple Veil was torn. In 70 AD the Temple was destroyed and has not been rebuilt. As such, the Israelites do not have a means to make sacrifices and offerings for their sins.
    - How “open” do you think the Israelites are to someone who will make it possible to resume sacrifices and offerings by rebuilding the Temple?
    - Given the amount of tension and strife in the region, if a person is able to make this occur...is it possible they may consider this person as the Messiah (or at least a person worthy of praise and adoration)?

## **Four Key Introductory Topics**

- The Tribulation (page 42):
  - What is the difference between the Tribulation and the Great Tribulation?
  - What event will begin the Tribulation?
  - What event will begin the Great Tribulation?
  - What will occur during the Great Tribulation?
  - What event concludes the Great Tribulation?
  
- The Beast and the False Prophet (pages 43-45):
  - How would you describe the Beast?
  - Who indwells within the Beast?
  - How will the Nation of Israel likely perceive the Beast?
  - Why does Satan want the Temple rebuilt?
  - Identify at least 3 different prophetic actions of the Beast and the False Prophet.
  - Who will proclaim an edict mandating the mark of the beast?
  
- The Mark of the Beast (pages 45-48):
  - What is the mark of the beast?
  - What does it allow and disallow?
  - What are the benefits and consequences of accepting the mark?
  - What are the consequences and benefits of not accepting the mark?
  - The text states the mark is the final dividing line or “wedge” (page 46). Explain.
  - Once introduced and prior to the mark’s implementation:
    - How do you think Christians will respond during this period of time?
    - How do you think Christians will be viewed during this period of time?
  - After the mark is implemented:
    - How do you think Christians will survive?
    - Is it possible the perception of Christians by those who accept the mark will worsen? Explain.
  
- The Seven Seals, Seven Trumpets and Seven Bowls (page 49):
  - How would you explain the seals, trumpets and bowls to someone who never heard of them?
  - The text says each judgment is progressively worse as each seal is opened, each trumpet sounds and as each bowl is poured. Do you agree? Explain.



## Chapter 6:

- 1st Seal (pages 50-51):
  - Do you think the full power, influence and capabilities of Satan, fallen angels and demons have been restricted over time? If yes, explain.
  - During the last days, do you think the full power, influence and capabilities of Satan, fallen angels and demons will be unrestrained and allowed to proliferate? If yes, explain.
  - Who is the One that restrains the power and influence of Satan, fallen angels and demons?
  - Can you describe the spiritual state (and consequences) of those who will believe the deceptive lie of the lawless one (2 Thessalonians 2:6-12)?
  - What is the relevance of the white horse?
  - Why would it be important for the beast to be initially perceived as a “good guy” with the right intentions? Explain.
  
- 2nd Seal (page 51):
  - Who allows the rider on the fiery red horse to take peace from the earth?
  - What is the one common denominator between all wars, battles, skirmishes, killings and murders?
  - Do you think delusional-based lies will be used to expand hatred and animosities between peoples and nations? Explain.
  
- 3rd Seal (page 52):
  - How can war, conflict and strife cause famine?
  - How can war, conflict and strife increase the wealth of some persons?
  
- 4th Seal (page 52):
  - Does the fourth seal magnify and culminate the first three seals? If yes, how?
  - Do you think the fourth of the earth is based upon geography or number of persons? (Compare the 6th Trumpet on page 62).
  
- 5th Seal (page 53):
  - The fifth seal (and Revelation 20:4) reveals Christians will be killed for their testimony of Jesus Christ.
    - What did Jesus say would happen to Christians during the last days (Matthew 24:9-14)?
    - What delusional lie do you think will be used to justify these crimes?
  - Here are websites that track and support persecuted Christians.
    - <https://www.martyrsforchrist.org/home/1>
    - <https://www.persecution.com/>
    - <https://www.opendoorsusa.org/>
  
- 6th Seal (pages 53-54):
  - Do you think a small, medium or large percentage of the world will attempt to seek shelter (that is impervious to the ongoing destruction) from the great earthquake?
  - How will those who seek shelter know the global earthquake is due to the wrath of God?
  - How will they know the great day of His wrath has come?
  - Why will they seek the mountains and rocks to fall on them and hide them from God?

## Chapter 7

- Revelation 7:1-8 (pages 55-56):
  - Will there be a short period of time when the devastation will cease? If yes, why?
  - Why did God seal the 144,000?
  - Why do you think God's selection criteria for the 144,000 is very specific?
  
- Revelation 7:9-12 and 7:13-17 (pages 56-57)
  - Why did God allow John to see the uncountable multitudes worshipping and praising Jesus?
  - Who are the worshippers and where did they come from?
  - What was their experience and condition when they were physically living?
  - What will motivate their worship and praise when they spiritually stand before Jesus?

## The Rapture

The following questions are based upon the Rapture (pages 57-58).

- How do you think the world will respond when the rapture occurs?
- If the rapture occurs prior to the Great Tribulation (the second half of the Tribulation), how will the multitudes of those who are not raptured, and are saved during the Great Tribulation:
  - Respond to the disappearance of those they knew—including their testimonies and warnings?
  - What will be required of them to overcome all that will occur?
- The text states there are two absolutes regarding the rapture.
  - What are they?
  - Why is the Bible not specific regarding when?
- Jesus reinforced the need to watch and be ready multiple times (Mark 13:32-37; Matthew 25:1-13; Luke 12:35-40; Revelation 16;15).
  - What did Jesus mean when He said “watch and be ready”?
  - Are you prepared for His return?

## Chapter 8

- 7th Seal (page 59):
  - Take a moment and attempt to put yourself into John's place as he witnesses what occurs.
    - Consider the length of silence in Heaven.
    - Contemplate the symbolic action by the angel with the golden censer.
    - Reflect upon the noises, thunderings, lightnings and earthquake as the angels prepare to sound their trumpets.
  - How would you define the mood in Heaven at this time?
  - How would you feel knowing 1/3 of the earth, 1/3 of the ocean; 1/3 of all fresh water; 1/3 of the atmosphere, 1/3 of mankind will be destroyed—plus the marked will be tormented to the point where they will attempt suicide, but will not be allowed to die.
  
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Trumpets (pages 59-61)
  - Upon what is God's wrath first deployed? Why?
  - What does this say to all living persons?
  - What did the angel declare after the 4th trumpet was sounded?
  - Do you think there will be any doubt on earth of what's going on (and from whom)?

## Chapter 9

- 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet
  - Revelation 9:1-2 (page 62)
    - What is the bottomless pit?
    - What does it contain?
  - Revelation 9:3-6 (pages 62-63) and 9:7-12 (pages 63-64)
    - What came out of the pit?
    - Why do you think they were instructed to:
      - Not to harm anything on earth except those who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads?
      - Torment and not kill?
    - Is it possible that because they were instructed to only harm those who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads means there are those who are living that have God's seal?
    - How will the tormented respond to:
      - Their torment?
      - Those who have God's seal and are not tormented? Plus, what does this confirm?
  
- 6th Trumpet
  - Revelation 9:13-16 (page 64), 9:17-19 (pages 64-65) and 9:20-21 (page 65)
    - Consider the destruction from the previous seals and trumpets.
    - Now add to this the massive amount of death from the 6th trumpet.
      - How deep is the darkness, deception, hardened hearts, and hatred of those who do not repent?
      - What do they prefer over truth?

## Chapter 10

The following questions should be answered after reading Revelation chapter 10 (pages 65-68).

- What is the Mystery of God?
- How does the following scriptures reveal God's love and His desire for us to love Him?
  - "Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8
  - Jesus was asked "'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?' Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.'" Matthew 22:36-38
- Does God love the Israelites?
  - Explain.
  - How does the following scripture:
    - Convey God's love towards the Israelites?
    - Describe when they will realize Jesus is the Messiah?

Jesus said "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'" Mat 23:37-39

## Chapter 11

- Revelation 11:1-2 (page 69)
  - Can you describe your vision of what will occur to the Temple and Jerusalem during this time?
  - How do you think the Israelites will feel, and how do you think they will respond?
- Revelation 11:3-6 (pages 69-70)
  - Why would God send His two witnesses?
  - What will they say?
  - How do you think those who believe in the Beast and those who believe in Jesus will respond?
  - Do you envision conflict during this time? Explain.
  - Why do you think God will give them power?
- Revelation 11:7-10 (page 70)
  - Why do you think God will allow the Beast to kill the two witnesses?
  - Why do you think God will allow their dead bodies to lie in the street of Jerusalem for 3½ days?
  - How will those who believe in the Beast and those who believe in Jesus respond?
- Revelation 11:11-12 (pages 70-71)
  - How will those who believe in the Beast and those who believe in Jesus Christ respond to hearing God's voice, and then seeing the resurrection and ascension of the two witnesses?
- Revelation 11:13-14 (page 71)
  - Why do you think a great earthquake will occur—causing a portion of the city to be destroyed and seven thousand deaths—in the same hour as their resurrection and ascension?

- 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet Revelation 11:15-19 (page 72)
  - If the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ:
    - Who was the prior “owner?”
      - But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, **whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.** 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
      - Jesus spoke to Paul who persecuted Christians, and said **“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.”** Acts 26:15-18
    - Consider the darkness that is in the world today (and throughout time); and reflect upon the hearts and the lives of those who are lost.
      - Have they been blinded by the god of this age? Explain.
      - Consider and correlate the world to a very large and completely darkened room (zero light) that is filled with people. How will they move about, interact, attempt to figure out what’s going on, and live their lives? Does this depict reality for many? Explain.
      - No consider what would happen if a very small candle is lit in the corner of the room. What would change?
      - Jesus said **“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”** Matthew 5:14-16

## Chapter 12

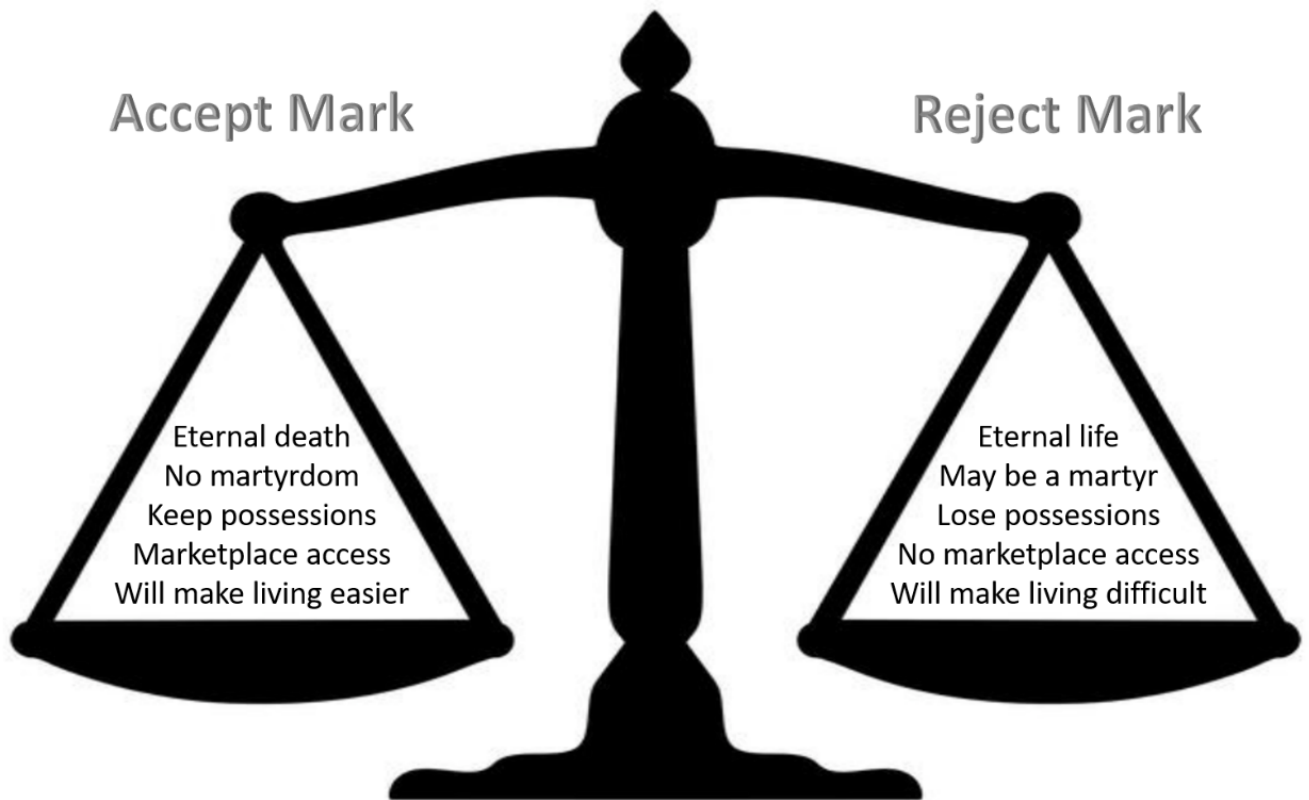
- Revelation 12:1-5 (pages 73-74)
  - Who is the woman?
  - Who is the dragon?
  - Who are the stars of heaven who were thrown to earth?
  - Who threw the stars of heaven to earth?
  - Do you think Satan knew:
    - God’s plan to send His Son into the world?
    - Jesus would be God’s sacrifice for the sins of the world?
  - If Satan knew Jesus would die on the cross for our sins, would he have crucified Him?
  - Do you think God uses Satan as a means to accomplish His will? Explain.
  - Do you think God will use Satan, the Beast and the False Prophet during the last days to accomplish His will?

- Revelation 12:6 (page 74)
  - When will Israelites flee into the wilderness?
  - Do you think the Israelites who flee into the wilderness will have been prewarned?
  - If yes, who will prewarn?
  - Why do you think God will prepare a protective place?
  - From what will they be protected?
  - How long will they be protected?
  - Will this time of protection extend beyond God's wrath that will be poured out upon the earth?
  - Is it possible to compare this event to the time of Noah? Explain.
  
- Revelation 12:7-9 (page 75)
  - What type of angel was Lucifer (Satan)?
  - What blessings did God give to Lucifer?
  - Iniquity (sin) was found in Lucifer. What type(s) of sin do you think were found?
  - Why did Michael and his angels fight with Lucifer and his angels, and what was the result?
  - Do you know of someone who has a gift and they use it to glorify themselves?
  - What is the eternal value of using one's blessings for themselves (or hiding it), versus using it to glorify God?
  
- Revelation 12:10-12 (page 76)
  - Who is the accuser, what accusations does he make, and to whom does he accuse?
  - Why does he do this?
  - Have you ever felt guilty, remorse, or emotional pain for a sin that was forgiven?
  - What type of influence does this have on the faith or a believer?
  - Consider the following scripture. ["For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." Psalms 103:11-12](#)
    - Is it possible to measure the distance from the north to the south?
    - Is it possible to measure the distance from the east to the west?
  
- Revelation 12:13-17 (pages 76-77)
  - The text says no other group of people have endured persecution like the Israelites.
    - Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
    - Can you identify examples of past and present persecution?
  - During the last days the Israelites will be persecuted again; but God will provide a means to escape (given two wings of a great eagle that she may fly into the wilderness to her place).
    - Will Satan attempt to stop their escape? How?
    - What will happen to Satan's attempt?
    - After he fails, upon whom will he redirect his anger?
    - If the rapture occurs prior to this time, who are these people?

## Chapter 13

- Revelation 13:1-2 (page 78)
  - Compare and contrast the
    - Relationship between Jesus and God versus the Beast and Satan.
    - The objectives of Jesus versus the Beast.
  - The text says God will use Satan and the Beast as one of His means to deliver His wrath upon the earth. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
    - Is God in control?
      - Consider the response by Jesus when Pilate said to Him **“Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and the power to release you?”** Jesus answered, **‘You could have no power against Me unless it had been given you from above.’** John 19:10-11
      - Consider the prior knowledge and prophetic warning by Jesus. **“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place’ (whoever reads, let him understand), ‘then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.’”** Matthew 24:15-22
    - Why would God allow the tribulation of the last days to occur?
- Revelation 13:3-4 (page 79)
  - What do you think is the intent, purpose and outcome of the mortal wound?
  - How will the world respond to the healing?
    - Who will be worshiped?
    - Who will be feared?
  - Will this event magnify:
    - Deception? Explain.
    - The Beast’s perceived power? Explain.
- Revelation 13:5-8 (page 79)
  - There are two new powers given / granted to the Beast (unrelated to expanded authority).
    - What are they?
    - What will he do with these additional powers?
  - There are two references to expanded authority. Explain the difference between the two.
  - Why do you think all who dwell on the earth will worship him?
  - What are the consequences of those who worship him?
  - Can you envision a great divide between Christians who are living at this time and those who are deceived? Explain.

- Revelation 13:9-10 (page 79)
  - Imagine what it will be like for Christians living during this period of time.
    - Why is the word “patience” included?
    - What will foundationally support the faith of the saints?
  
- Revelation 13:11-12 and 13-15 (page 80)
  - What do you think is the primary role/purpose of the second beast (False Prophet)?
  - What means will he use to deceive?
  - What will be the consequences of those who do not worship the Beast?
  
- Revelation 13:16-17 (pages 80-81)
  - Take some time and think about:
    - The influential power of the mark.
    - The options each person will face when deciding between accepting or rejecting the mark.



- How do you think Christians will meet their basic needs of food, clothing and shelter?
- The text states the mark is an absolutely diabolical, cruel, evil—but yet an incredibly ingenious means to globally attack all of the saints, right where they live, in every corner of the world. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
- As you consider these future events...how do you feel on the inside? Are you able to experience (or get a “taste of”) the pending darkness? This is where Satan dwells, and what he will propagate across the globe.



## Chapter 14

- Revelation 14:1-5 (page 82)
  - Who is standing on Mount Zion?
  - Who are the 144,000?
  - What is written on the foreheads of the 144,000?
  - What did John hear coming from Heaven?
  - Who do you think wrote the new song that was sung?
  - What else does this scripture reveal about the 144,000?
  
- Revelation 14:6-7 (page 83)
  - Why do you think the angel says to fear God, give glory to God, the hour of His judgment has come, and to worship God?
  - How does each proclamation conflict with those who are following the Beast?
  - How will the saints respond?
  
- Revelation 14:8 (pages 84-85). This scripture is an introduction to Babylon. As such, questions regarding Babylon are on page 18.
  
- Revelation 14:9-12 (page 86)
  - What degree of influential power will this angelic proclamation have upon each person's decision to accept or reject the mark of the beast? Explain.
  - Can you identify at least 3 consequences of mark acceptance proclaimed by the angel?
  - Here is an additional consequence (the first bowl): ["Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, 'Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.' So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image."](#) Revelation 16:1-2
  - What will foundationally support and reinforce the patience of the saints?
  - Can you describe what the thoughts and emotions will be like during this period of time?
  
- Revelation 14:13 (page 87)
  - Why will Christians be killed?
  - Describe the thoughts and emotions during this period of time of those who trust in the Beast and the False Prophet versus those who believe and trust in Jesus Christ.
  - What will Christians do to remain steadfast and overcome?
  
- Revelation 14:14-16 and 14:17-20 (pages 88-89)
  - Why will the earth be ripe for a harvest?
  - When a farmer harvests his crop (i.e. fruit) by hand:
    - Does he harvest all growing fruit, or does some remain? Explain.
    - Is it possible to correlate the above scenario to God's harvest? Explain.
    - Is it possible some will remain after the harvest who did not worship the Beast and accept his mark? Explain.

## Chapter 15

- Revelation 15:1-4 (page 90) and Revelation 15:5-8 (page 91)
  - John first saw seven angels.
    - What do each of the seven angels have in their possession?
    - What does it mean by “for in them the wrath of God is complete”?
    - Has the possession of the angels been used/delivered at this point?
  - John then saw people standing on the sea of glass.
    - Who are those who are standing on the sea of glass and singing to God?
    - Who remains on earth at this time?
  - What was given to the seven angels?
    - What occurred when this happened?
    - Why do you think no one was able to enter the Temple until the seven angels completed their task?

## Chapter 16

- Revelation 16:1-9 (pages 92-93)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Bowl:
    - Why do you think those who have the mark of the beast and worshiped his image received the first bowl of God’s wrath?
    - Does this wrath cause torment or death?
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Bowl:
    - What will be the global and individual impact (economy, production and distribution of food, employment, day-to-day survival, etc.) when:
      - Every living creature in the sea dies?
      - All drinkable water is turned into blood? (Plus, why did God do this?)
      - People are scorched by the sun?
    - Will the challenges and difficulties experienced by those who receive the first four bowls be considered less, same or more than the challenges and difficulties experienced by those who rejected the Beast and his mark? Explain.
- Revelation 16:10-11 (page 94)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Bowl
    - Compare Exodus 10:21-23
    - Why do you think the 5<sup>th</sup> Bowl is comprised of absolute darkness?
    - Will this cause them to solely focus on their pain—thereby magnifying God’s punishment?
    - How did they respond?
- Revelation 16:12-14 (page 94-95)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Bowl
    - Why does the Euphrates dry up?
    - What comes out of the mouth of Satan, the Beast and the False Prophet, and what is their purpose?
    - Do you think the rationale supporting the gathering of armies to attack Israel will be based upon truth, or based upon a lie?

- Revelation 16:15 (page 95)
  - To whom was Jesus speaking when He stated to watch and keep their garments?
  - What are the consequences of obedience and disobedience to these words?
  - Who do you think these people are?
  
- Revelation 16:16 (page 95)
  - If possible, Google Mount Meggiddo. Research the history and view pictures of the site.
  
- Revelation 16:17-21 (page 95)
  - Where did this angel pour out the bowl? How was this different from where the other six angels poured out their bowls?
  - Who do you think declared “It is done!”
  - What happened to Babylon (the great city)?
  - What happened to the earth?
  - Given the sequence of what will occur, do you think God’s final wrath is initially directed upon Babylon, and then it spreads across the earth?
  - What happened to those living on earth?
  - How will those who are living respond?
  - Read Isaiah chapter 24 to gain additional insight into the global impact of the 7<sup>th</sup> bowl—which is both a punishment and preparation for the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ from Mount Zion.

**Chapter 17, 18 and 19:1-4: Babylon**

The following questions are based upon Babylon, and should be answered after reading the following scriptures in Revelation: 14:8 (page 84); and 17:1-18, 18:1-24, 19:1-4 (pages 96-102).

- Multiple names were written on her forehead (Revelation 17:1-5 page 96).
  - Mystery is defined as anything that is kept secret or remains unexplained or unknown. Why do you think she was she given this name?
  - Why do you think she was also named Babylon the Great?
  - Why do you think she was named the Mother of Harlots and of the Abominations of the Earth?
- What do you think is the most egregious (outstandingly bad, shocking) sin of Babylon?
- God will deliver His wrath upon Babylon in different ways. Explain. (Hint: In this order read Revelation 18:6-8; 17:15-18; 16:17-21; 18:21-24.)
- Who is Babylon? To gain insight, complete the analytical (and learning) exercise below.
  - Right 4 rows: USA=America; CC=Catholic Church; 2 blanks=other Babylons you enter.
  - 2 blank rows are provided at the bottom to insert additional scriptural indicators.
  - Assign a “relevance” number from 0 to 3 in each cell. 0=not relevant; 1=some relevance; 2=relevant; 3=very relevant. Add up and enter the total score at the bottom of each column. The higher the total score equates to an increased likelihood of being Babylon.

Indicator	Scripture	Babylon			
		USA	CC		
A great city	Rev 14:8				
Babylon sits on seven mountains	Rev 17:9				
Babylon sits on many waters (global influence)	Rev 17:1, 15				
She glorifies herself and lives in luxury	Rev 18:7				
Described as wearing purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold, precious stones and pearls	Rev 17:4				
Babylon is a great city which reigns (rules over, has influence) over the kings of the earth)	Rev. 17:1-2, 15, 18; 18:3, 9				
Babylon conducts trade with the kings of the earth	Rev 18:11-19				
Merchants, kings, nations and persons have become rich through the abundance of her luxury	Rev 18:3, 9, 17				
Merchants will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their merchandise from her anymore	Rev 18:11-13, 15-19				
The city is responsible for the blood of God’s prophets and those who bore testimony to Jesus	Rev 17:6; 18:24				
God’s people will be called out of the city so that they will not share in her sins and God’s judgment	Rev 18:4-8				
The light of Jesus, the voice of the bridegroom and the bride existed in Babylon prior to her destruction	Rev 18:22				
	<b>Total</b>				

## **Chapter 19:5-21**

- Revelation 19:5-10 (pages 102-103)
  - Who is the Bride of Christ?
  - What is she arrayed in, and what does it represent?
  - What happened when John fell at the feet of the angel to worship him? What does this reveal about angels in Heaven?
  
- Revelation 19:11-16 (page 103)
  - The first seal (Revelation 6:1-2 pages 50-51) reveals a rider on a white horse. This scripture reveals a different rider on a white horse.
    - What is the difference between the two riders?
    - How are the two riders described?
    - What are the intentions of each rider?
    - How will this rider defeat His enemies?
    - Are these actions against His enemies a delivery of God's wrath?
    - What is written on His thigh?
  - Once He destroys His enemies, how will He rule?
  
- Revelation 19:17-21 (pages 103-104)
  - Do you think the announcement by the angel to the birds in the midst of Heaven (that eat rotting flesh) occurred before the battle begins? If yes, why would the angel provide this instruction prior to the event?
  - How did Jesus kill His enemies?
  - What happened to the Beast and the False Prophet?
  - Note: Satan is then thrown into the bottomless pit (Revelation 20:1-3). God is not done with him yet.

## **The Millennium Reign and Earthly Kingdom of Jesus Christ**

The following questions should be answered after reading pages 105-109.

- Who will be:
  - Allowed entry?
  - Disallowed entry?
- Can you define the heart, soul and mindset of those who live during Christ's Millennium Reign?
- What will day-to-day life be like:
  - When Jesus rules with a "rod of iron?"
  - Without the influence of Satan?
- Who will reign with Jesus?

## **Chapter 20**

- Revelation 20:1-3 (page 110)
  - Who cast Satan into the bottomless pit (the Abyss)?
  - Where did the authority to cast Satan into the bottomless pit come from?
  - What will Satan not be able to do for 1,000 years?
  - What is the primary means by which Satan leads a person away from Jesus Christ and into sin and darkness? How does he do this?
- Revelation 20:4 (pages 110-111)
  - What deceptional lie do you think will motivate someone to decapitate a Christian?
  - What will comprise their mindset?
  - What degree of hatred and anger and darkness will be in their heart and soul?
  - Contrast the mindset and emotions of the executioner against the one who is beheaded for their witness to Jesus, who had not worshiped the Beast, and had not received his mark.
  - What will happen to those who are beheaded?
- Revelation 20:5-6 (page 111)
  - Who will be part of the first resurrection?
  - Who will be part of the second resurrection?
  - When will the second resurrection occur?

- Revelation 20:7-10 (page 112)
    - Why do you think God will allow Satan to be released from the bottomless pit?
    - What will Satan do during this time?
    - What will be his objective?
    - Will this be Satan’s third attempt and final failure in forming a coalition to defeat God?
      - Hint: Consider the rebellion in Heaven, Armageddon, and post Millennium attempts.
      - Why do you think God has allowed each attempt?
      - Who were led astray in the first attempt?
        - Do you think the angels who joined Satan loved and obeyed God?
        - What were the consequences of their actions?
      - Who will be led astray and will join Satan in the next two attempts?
        - What deceptual justification do you think Satan will use to muster the armies?
          - Do you think the justification will be foundationally similar to the deceptual lies used to motivate the fallen angels?
          - How will he “position” the saints and Jesus in the mindsets of those who will join him?
            - Will those who join the Beast love God and desire to obey Him?
            - What will be the consequences of their actions?
    - Is it possible to correlate God’s allowance of Satan’s actions:
      - To the use of a selective herbicide (a toxic substance used to destroy unwanted vegetation)? Explain.
      - As a means to separate the wheat from the chaff? Explain.
- Revelation 20:11-15 (page 112)
  - What is the Great White Throne Judgment?
  - Why will persons be cast into the lake of fire?
  - What else will be cast into the lake of fire?
  - Will “religious people” be judged during the Great White Throne Judgment? Explain.
  - Why is being cast into the lake of fire called the second death?

## **Chapter 21**

- Revelation 21:1-4 (page 113)
  - If the righteous are in Heaven and the unrighteous are in the lake of fire, what is left on the “old” earth?
  - What is the most important difference in the new Heaven and the new earth?
- Revelation 21:5-8 (page 113)
  - What does “It is done” mean?
  - What must one do to inherit all things?
- Revelation 21:9 (page 114)
  - Who is the bride?
  - Do you agree or disagree with the correlation between a husband and his wife, and Christ and His wife (as defined in Ephesians 5:22-23)? Explain.
- Revelation 21:10-27 (page 115)
  - What 3 things do you find most interesting about the New Jerusalem?
  - What was the purpose of the Temple in Old Testament times?
  - Why is no need for a Temple in the New Jerusalem?

## **Chapter 22**

- Revelation 22:1-21 (pages 116-118)
  - Which versus in chapter 22 speak to your heart?
  - What do the versus say to you?
  - Is there anything you should do differently in the future?

One more question. Revelation 1:1-3 (page 5) says he who reads, hears and obeys this prophecy (The Book of Revelation) will be blessed. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.