

# The Revelation Of Jesus Christ Workbook

“Blessing and honor and glory and power  
Be to Him who sits on the throne,  
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

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This is not an easy book. A misunderstanding of the Revelation can drag Christians to strange and terrible places where common sense is abandoned. To prevent that from happening to us, we need to dedicate the time to understand this book with a simple, logical, and biblical approach. This way we can negate any misunderstanding of Revelation that we are approached with in our future.

Paul said that all scripture is inspired by God and beneficial. The Revelation is scripture, so it is beneficial. It is something that makes men and women of God complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. I believe that once we have invested the energy to understand the book, we will find the Revelation to be rich, encouraging, and beneficial for our lives with Christ. Hopefully, this class and workbook will aid us to reach that goal.

### **Layout of the Revelation**

Jesus gives John His Revelation of things that will soon take place. John passes on this information to the Christians in Asia. The first thing Jesus addresses is His awareness of what is going on in seven local churches in Asia. He knows about the good and the bad and commands repentance where it is needed. We discover from the first three chapters that these Christians in Asia have been under heavy persecution; one of them has even been murdered for his faith. Jesus takes the opportunity to ensure the Christians about the near future. He guarantees that He is aware of the situation, and He is about to do great things to preserve His people.

Chapter 4 changes the pattern of the vision. John is taken before the throne of God. From that point through the rest of the book, the Revelation becomes more like Ezekiel or Daniel than that of a New Testament epistle. God showed Ezekiel and Daniel the future of God's people by using visions of incredible beasts, events, and imagery to explain the movement of the nations and kings. God does this again, by giving John a vision of the things that will soon take place. It is revealed that many of the major events in the first century were caused by the Lord or the devil. The Lord assures Christians through John that He is in complete control of these events and that ultimately these events will lead to protection of His church.

### **The Date**

When we get to chapter 6, we will need to address the dating of the book to explain the symbols of the book. The date identifies the major "villain" of the book that the Lord is going to destroy. If you believe that Revelation was recorded **before** 70 AD, the major villain of the book is Jerusalem. If you believe that Revelation was recorded **after** 70 AD, the major villain is Rome. I am going to try to do my best to explain both positions and let you decide for yourself. Our lesson questions, however, will not be about history, but exclusively about what John wrote.

Please do not confuse the date with what some have labeled as the "70 AD Doctrine." The "70 AD Doctrine" is a belief that **all** New Testament prophecies were fulfilled at the destruction of Jerusalem. So, they do not believe that Jesus is coming back to destroy the world and begin the final judgment. That belief ignores simple passages like 2 Peter 3, 1 Corinthians 15, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 1. The "70 AD Doctrine" is a false teaching that is another misunderstanding of the Revelation.

We will need to read a whole chapter per class. Since the reading is heavy, the questions will be light. You will get out of this class what you put into it. If you do the reading and do the questions, you will enjoy this class; however, if you do not plan to prepare, then prepare for a miserable three months.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

1. Who gave the Revelation to Jesus?
2. When will most of the events take place? (v.1-3)
3. List some of the accomplishments of Jesus found in v.5-6.
4. What does Jesus mean when He says, “I am the Alpha and Omega”?  
(The answer is in the verse.)
5. What is John to the people he is writing to? (v.9)
6. What day did John receive the Revelation? (v.10)
7. What did the Lord’s voice sound like?
8. What came out of His mouth?
9. What was His “countenance” (NKJV) like?
10. How did John feel about seeing the Lord?
11. After comforting John, what does the Lord command John to do?
12. What are the seven stars?
13. What are the seven lampstands?

The Churches: Part I

1. Who did the church at Ephesus test and find to be liars?
2. What did Christ have against Ephesus?
3. How should the church of Ephesus have repented?
4. What does Jesus and the church of Ephesus hate?
5. What reward does Christ promise to the overcomers? (v.7)
6. Who has been persecuting the church at Smyrna?
7. What reward does Christ promise to the overcomers? (v.11)
8. What did Christ have against Pergamos?
9. What reward does Christ promise to the overcomers? (v.17)
10. What does v.19 mean about Thyatira when it says, “your works, the last are more than the first”?
11. What reward does Christ promise to the overcomers? (v.26-28)



The Churches: Part II

1. How does the church in Sardis have “a name that (they) are alive, but (they) are dead”?  
What does that mean?
2. How are they told to repent?
3. Are all of the Christians at Sardis doing a poor job of being disciples?
4. What reward does Christ promise to the overcomers? (v.5)
5. Who seem to be causing trouble for the church in Philadelphia?
6. What will the church’s reward be for persevering? (v.10)
7. What reward does Christ promise to the overcomers? (v.12)
8. What does Christ mean by the church of the Laodiceans being “neither cold nor hot”?
9. Did Christ rebuke them harshly because He was simply angry with them? (v.19)
10. What reward does Christ promise to the overcomers? (v.21)





A Throne Set in Heaven

1. What did John see there at the throne?
2. Who was around the throne?
3. What was burning before the throne? (v.5)
4. What else was before the throne?
5. Describe the four living creatures that were around the throne?
6. What did the four living creatures say?
7. What happened every time the four living creatures gave honor and glory to God?

To be done in class

- a. What is the Old Testament connection to the imagery of the throne of God?
- b. What is the Old Testament connection to the twenty-four elders?
- c. What is the Old Testament connection to the seven flames?
- d. What is the Old Testament connection to the glass sea?
- e. What is the Old Testament connection to the four living creatures?



The Lamb Arrives

1. What did John see in the right hand of God?
2. Why did John begin to weep?
3. How is Christ introduced? (v.5) In contrast, what did John see Him as? (v.6)
4. What happened when the Lamb took the scroll?
5. Where could the Lamb find people to redeem? (v.9)
6. What did those redeemed people become? (v.10)
7. We already know there are four living creatures and twenty-four elders in this scene. At this point, how many angels are found around the throne?
8. Who else joined in this praise? (v.13)
9. Who agreed (said, "Amen")? (v.14)
10. What do the twenty-four elders do when the four living creatures give glory to God? (4:9-10, 5:14)
11. Thought Question: If chapter 4 was the throne of God during the Old Testament, then chapter 5 is the throne of God during the \_\_\_\_\_.

12. Optional Question: Can you name some hymns that we sing that are based on this chapter?

The Seven Seals

1. When the Lamb breaks the first seal, the white horse and a rider appear. What is said about the rider?
2. What is said about the rider of the red horse after breaking the second seal?
3. What is said about the rider of the black horse after breaking the third seal?
4. What is said about the rider of the pale horse after breaking the fourth seal?
5. Who was calling out for an avenger for their deaths? (v.9-10)
6. What were they told? (v.11)
7. What happened after the sixth seal was opened? (Just use v.12-13)

To be done in class

- a. Who were the fellow servants of the slain?
- b. What does the sun going black and the moon turning to blood usually mean in the Bible?
- c. Who are the stars that usually fall in the Bible?
- d. Who prophesied that people would say this line from verse 16?



The Sealed People

1. The angels were told not to harm the earth, sea, or trees until what had happened?
2. Who were the 144,000 that were sealed? (v.4)
3. What could no one do with the great multitude? (v.9)
4. Where all was the great multitude from? (v.9)
5. Thought Question: Thinking about events during the life of Christ, when did a great multitude have palm branches and praise Jesus?
6. What is the great multitude praising God about? (v.10)
7. Who joined in with the great multitude?
8. Who is the great multitude according to the elder? (Just use v.14)
9. Thought Question: After reading v.14-17, who is the great multitude? (Just answer with your best guess.)

To be done in class

- a. What is the major difference between the 144,000 and the great multitude?

b. Who is the 144,000?

c. Who is the great multitude?

d. Where is Paul?

e. Where is Moses?

f. Where am I?

g. Where is Abraham?



First Four Trumpets

1. When the Lamb opens the seventh seal, what happens?
2. What was the smoke of incense mixed with as it ascended before God? (v.4)
3. What was destroyed by the first trumpet?
4. What was destroyed by the second trumpet?
5. What was destroyed by the third trumpet?
6. What was destroyed by the fourth trumpet?
7. What did the flying angel do when he called out to the earth?



The Fifth and Sixth Trumpet

1. What did the fifth trumpet release from the bottomless pit? (v.3)
2. What was the locust not allowed to harm?
3. So, what was the locust supposed to torment?
4. What would men want in those days? (v.6)
5. How long were these terrible locusts allowed to harm men? (v.10)
6. What was the sixth trumpeter commanded to do? (v.14)
7. Based on verse 16, what were these four angels controlling?
8. What did this army go out to do? (v.18)
9. After seeing this devastation, did the people repent and follow God?



The Little Book

1. Can you describe some of the characteristics of this mighty angel John saw?
2. What did he have in his hand?
3. What did it sound like when he cried out with a loud voice?
4. What did the voice say from heaven? (v.4)
5. When will the mystery of God that was declared to the prophets be finished? (v.7)
6. What was John going to do with the little book?
7. What was John going to have to do now? (v.11)

To be done in class

- a. Who does the mighty angel represent?
- b. What is the Old Testament connection to the little book?

c. At what point were all Old Testament prophecies fulfilled? (Luke 21:22)

d. Does that include prophecies in the New Testament?

The Seventh Trumpet

1. What was John supposed to measure?
2. Why was John not allowed to measure the court?
3. Thought Question: God gives power to two witnesses. They have the power to stop the rain and turn water into blood. Which prophet stopped the rain? Which prophet turned water into blood?
4. Thought Question: Thinking about the life of Christ, when were both prophets seen with Jesus?
5. When the prophets were done, what happened to the witnesses? (v.7)
6. Where would their dead bodies lie? (v.8)
7. What happened to their bodies in verse 11?
8. What happened that same hour? (v. 13)
9. What did the voices in heaven say when the seventh trumpet sounded? (v.15)
10. What building was now opened “for business”? (v.19)





“...and a war broke out in Heaven”

1. What are the characteristics of the mother in verse 1?
2. What did the dragon try to do as soon as the Child was born?
3. Thought Question: Looking at verse 5, who is this Child?
4. What happened to the woman after her Child was caught up? (v.6)
5. What are the other names for the dragon? (v.9)
6. What did the dragon used to do day and night? (v.10)
7. How did the brethren overcome the dragon’s accusations? (v.11)
8. When the dragon was angry that he had been cast down, who did he go persecute? (v.13, 17)

To be done in class.

- a. What events took place on earth in verses 1-6?
- b. What is the Hebrew word for *accuser*?

- c. Why was Michael able to cast out the devil?
  
- d. What can the dragon no longer do today?
  
- e. Why does the dragon still try harm God's people today?

Two Beasts Help the Dragon

1. Where did this beast come from? (v.1)
2. What animals did the beast look like? (v.2)
3. What was interesting about the seven-headed beast? (v.3)
4. Who all worshiped the beast? (v.8)
5. How was the second beast described? (v.11)
6. What does he cause the people on earth to do? (v.12)
7. What does this beast do to identify those who belong to him? (v.16)
8. How does he punish those who refuse to follow the beast? (v.17)

To be done in class

- a. Who is the sea beast?
- b. Who is the second beast?

- c. Why does the second beast mark those that are loyal to him?
  
- d. What is the warning given to Christians in verses 9-10?
  
- e. What does the symbolic number “666” represent?

The Grapes of Wrath

1. Where is the Lamb standing?
2. Who is standing with Him?
3. What did the first angel fly out to do? (v.6)
4. What did the other angel following him proclaim? (v.8)
5. In general, what did the third angel warn? (v.9-10)
6. What did the one who looked like the Son of Man begin to do? (v.16)
7. An angel appeared with another sickle, but what did he do with his grapes? (v.19-20)

To be done in class

- a. Who are the 144,000?
- b. Why are the blessed those who die in the Lord from now on?
- c. What is the difference between the two reaping?

d. What was the purpose of the angel getting fire from the altar?

The Temple

1. What would be completed with these seven angels and the seven last plagues?
2. Who is praising God before the angels go out? (v.2)
3. At the end of their song, what do they say has been manifested? (NKJV, v.4)
4. What was opened? (v.5)
5. How were the seven angels dressed? (v.6)
6. What did one of the living creatures give to the angels? (v.7)
7. What happened to the temple immediately afterward? (v.8)
8. When would people be able to enter the temple again? (v.8)

To be done in class

- a. Why are these plagues going to be poured out on the people? (Deut. 28:58-59)
- b. Why is the sea mingled with fire?

- c. What other times did God fill His sanctuary with smoke from His glory?
  
- d. What did the filling of the sanctuary with smoke symbolize?
  
- e. Around this time, what had been completed?



The Bowls of Wrath

1. What did the first bowl do? (v.2)
2. What did the second bowl do? (v.3)
3. When the third bowl turned the water to blood, what reason did the angel give for this plague? (v.6)
4. Who agreed with the angel? (v.7)
5. What did the people refuse to do after receiving the fourth plague? (v.9)
6. Where was the fifth bowl poured out on? (v.10)
7. For what purpose did the sixth bowl dry up the river Euphrates? (v.12)
8. What happened to “the great city” when the seventh bowl was poured out? (v.19)

9. What was heard out of the temple of heaven when the seventh angel poured out his bowl?  
(v.17)

Babylon and the Beast

1. What sin was the great harlot mainly guilty of? (v.2)
2. What was the woman sitting on? (v.3)
3. What was her name written on her forehead? (v.5)
4. What was this woman “drunk with”? (v.6)
5. What are the seven heads? (v.9)
6. What is the eighth of? (v.11)
7. The eighth is going to \_\_\_\_\_ . (v.11)
8. Why will the lamb overcome the ten kings? (v.14)

9. How do the ten horns of the beast feel about the harlot? (v.16)

10. The woman is the great city which reigns over whom? (v.18)

To be done in class

a. Who are the seven kings of Rome?

b. How does the great city reign over the kings of the earth?

The Finality of Babylon's Fall

1. What is proclaimed by the first angel? (v.2)
2. What warning did the other voice give? (v.4)
3. What do the kings see that make them weep for her? (v.9)
4. Why do the merchants of the earth weep for her? (v.11)
5. Who else weeps for the great city? (v.17-18)
6. Who has God avenged by destroying Babylon? (v.20)
7. In general, what would no longer exist in Babylon anymore? (v.21-23)
8. What was found in Babylon? (v.24)



Alleluia!

1. Why is Heaven rejoicing? (v.2)
2. What is said about God's judgments? (v.2)
3. Research Question: What does the word *omnipotent* mean? (NKJV v.6)
4. What does the great multitude rejoice about in verse 7?
5. Look through verses 11-16. What are some names by which this rider goes?
6. What does the angel call for in verse 17?
7. Were the beast, the false prophet, and the armies successful by going to war with Christ? (v.20-21)

To be done in class

- a. Are we talking about the destruction of the world?
- b. What is the marriage of the lamb?

c. How would the beast, the false prophet, and the kings go to war with Christ?

d. Why does John begin worshiping the angel?



Christ's Reign

1. What does the angel from heaven do to Satan? (v.2-3)
2. What can Satan no longer do? (v.3)
3. Was Satan to be bound forever? (v.3)
4. Who lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years? (v.4)
5. What does John call this event of the dead reigning with Christ? (v.5)
6. What happens when the one thousand years are expired? (v.7)
7. What will Satan, Gog, and Magog do? (v.9)
8. What will God do as soon as Satan is about to act? (v.9-10)
9. What are the people judged by? (v.12)
10. What gave up its dead? (v.13)
11. What did God do to Death and Hades? (v.14)

12. Who all were saved? (v.15)

To be done in class

- a. When does this chapter begin to talk about future events?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. When did Christ's reign begin?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. How is Satan bound?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- d. Will Christ reign literally for a thousand years?

The New Jerusalem

1. When the new earth and heaven appeared, what disappeared? (v.1)
2. Where is the tabernacle from now on? (v.3)
3. What did God command John to do? (v.5)
4. What does it take to be called God's child or God's son? (v.7)
5. Thought question: Can you sum up into one word all the people in verse 8?
6. What does the angel show John? (v.10)
7. What was written on the twelve foundations of the city? (v.14)
8. What did the angel do in the city? (v.15)
9. Why was there no temple in the city? (v.22)
10. Why was there no sun or moon in the city? (v.23)
11. How does one gain entrance into this city? (v.27)

To be done in class

- a. What is the Old Testament reference to the new heaven and the new earth?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. What is the Old Testament reference to the magnificent city and the angel measuring it?

The River of Life

1. Where did the river of life proceed from? (v.1)
2. What was growing in the middle of the river? (v.2)
3. When will this book of prophecy take place? (v.6)
4. What was John not to do? Why? (v.10)
5. Who are those who have the right to eat of the tree of life? (v.14)
6. What does the bride and the Spirit invite everyone to do? (v.17)
7. Who will receive the plagues from this book? (v.18)
8. Whose name will be taken from the book of life? (v.19)