

Introduction

“Despite all the terrifying judgments, which by this time all will acknowledge to be from God (Revelation 6:15–17), and the worldwide preaching of the gospel (Matthew 24:14) by the 144,000 and others, people will still refuse to believe (see Revelation 9:20–21; 16:9, 11). It seems incredible that, having experienced the fury of God’s judgment and heard the message of salvation, people will stubbornly cling to their sin. But the sad truth is that ‘the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed’ (John 3:19–20).

John MacArthur

Revelation: The Christian’s Ultimate Victory, p. 98

This year we are memorizing Ephesians 2. This week’s verse is Ephesians 2:22: “...in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.”

Day One

*Read Selected Scriptures from Revelation 5–6; **The Seven Seals***

1. From Revelation 5:5, who is qualified to open the scroll and its seven seals?
 - a. In 5:9–10, what else do we learn about the worthy one around whom this heavenly scene is centered?

2. From Revelation 6:1–14, what is the result of each seal being broken?

Seal	Verse(s)	Description
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3. According to 6:15–17, what will be the reaction of the unbelieving world to the opening of the sixth seal?

4. Remembering the big picture of redemption, do you think these judgments and displays of God’s holy wrath come as a surprise to the readers of Revelation? Why or why not? (See Joel 2:30–32, Matthew 24, and 2 Thessalonians 1:5–10.)
 - a. How does knowledge of the coming judgment deepen your understanding of God’s character? What motivation, challenge, or conviction results from that understanding?

Day Two

Read Selected Scriptures Revelation 7-9; **The Seven Trumpets**

1. In Revelation 7:1-8 who are included in the first group who will survive the fury of God's judgment and enter the millennial kingdom alive?

2. In 7:9-17, how are those in the second group described? (Those who were saved during the Tribulation and then died or were martyred and escorted into heaven)

3. In Revelation 8:1-13, what is the result of the seventh seal being broken? What does it represent?

4. From Revelation 8:1-9:19, what is the result of each of the six trumpets being blown?

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5. According to Revelation 9:20-21, from what sins did these survivors refuse to repent?

Day Three

Read Selected Scriptures Revelation 10-11; **The Scroll and The Witnesses**

1. In Revelation 10:1-11, what does the angel command John to do, and what was the effect?
 - a. Why do you think the scroll was both sweet and bitter when John ate it?

 - b. In what ways is this passage instructive to you as you study Revelation? How should you respond to passages that demonstrate God's justice and wrath?

2. From Revelation 11:1-14, *summarize briefly* the ministry of the two witnesses, the result of their ministry, and their final destination.

- a. What can you learn regarding about God as He works through His prophets in the Tribulation?
3. In Revelation 11:15–18, the long-awaited kingdom has arrived. How does this demonstrate God’s sovereignty and the ultimate purpose of all the preceding events in Revelation?
 - a. Why do you think the announcement of the kingdom is placed right in the center of God’s judgments in Revelation?

Day Four

*Read Selected Scriptures from Revelation 12–13; **War in Heaven***

1. In Revelation 12:7–17, *summarize briefly* the war in heaven and its outcome.
 - a. What does this vision teach will happen to Israel during the Tribulation? How does this display God’s covenant faithfulness? (See also Exodus 19:4 and Deuteronomy 32:9–12.)
 - b. What does God’s care for Israel reveal about their spiritual relationship to God during this time? (See also Revelation 12:10–11 and Romans 11:25–27.)
2. How can the knowledge of God’s eternal purposes and Satan’s hatred for God’s people, both Jews and Gentiles, motivate your prayers for the saints and for your unbelieving friends and family?
3. Some scholars refer to Satan and the characters introduced in Revelation 13 as the “Unholy Trinity.” Describe these characters and what they do.
4. Should the dreadful realities of Satan’s character and evil intent affect or alter the way you approach each day? Explain your answer.

Day Five

*Read Selected Scriptures from Revelation 14–18; **Heaven’s Gospel Proclamation and Babylon’s Judgment***

1. In Revelation 14:6–13 and Matthew 24:14, what are the three angels doing?
2. According to Romans 1:18–21 and Proverbs 1:7, why is it important to fear God?

- a. What does fearing God look like personally in your life? In what areas are you struggling to reverence God in the way He deserves?
3. From Revelation 15:3–4, what does the “song of Moses” say about God?
 - a. Which revelation of God’s holiness and righteousness has particularly affected your view of God during this study?
4. According to Revelation 17:6 and 14, what do the worldwide false religion and the Antichrist do?
5. In 17:16–18, once Antichrist has used the false religious system to gain control of all, he will turn against the system and destroy it. How do these verses show that God is in control of what is happening?
 - a. In Revelation 18:4–8, what is God’s message to His own?
 - b. How does seeing God’s sovereignty and care for His own people throughout earth’s most evil times encourage you and build your confidence in Him now?
6. If the current world system is doomed and destined for destruction, what practical steps can you take to make sure you and your family can live in the world without getting ensnared by it?
7. How has Revelation 6–18 enlarged your view of God’s character and deeds? What difference is that truth going to make practically in your life this week?

Revelation 4–18

The Future Revealed, Part 1

“Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.” *Revelation 1:19*

- I. The Glory of God in the Lamb (4:1–5:14)
- II. The Glory of God in Justice (6:1–11:19)
- III. The Glory of God in Judgment (12:1–18:24)



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• Lesson 22 • Revelation 4-18: The Great Tribulation •

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