

# Bible Study Notes and Questions on the Book of Revelation

**Introduction:** This writer believes the Book of Revelation is essential reading for all true disciples of Jesus Christ in view of the blessing in reading, hearing and keeping what is written (**Revelation 1:3; 22:17**). Whilst there are different views held on this book, a willingness to study this book should show that God has revealed things which have been seen, things that are at the present time and things to come (**Revelation 1:19**).

The writer cannot accept this book to be just allegorical or mainly mystical or even not necessary reading! This book is the word of God where God makes things clear. None of us will understand all that is written in this book but we can know from it that there is a glorious future for all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. They will live in the presence of God for ever and ever in the new heaven and the new earth (**Revelation 21:1-27; 22:1-5**). The future for unbelievers will be ultimately in eternal torment in hell in the lake of fire (**Isaiah 66:24; Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:43-49; Revelation 14:10-11; 19:20; 20:14-15; 21:8**).

The study of this book will be done in sections with only a brief commentary on each chapter given. It is not the intention of the writer to give a detailed exposition of his interpretation of this book, but to encourage you, the bible student, to study from the questions given. You can find out further information for yourself from the many commentaries and relevant books giving an exposition of the Book of Revelation. There is a short bibliography given to help you read up more about this book if you so wish.

## Chapter 1

Whilst on the island of Patmos, John received a message about what will come to pass (**1:1-3, 9-10**). He wrote of what Jesus had done for us at his first coming to earth and also wrote of his second coming (**1:4-8**). John received a vision of the risen, glorified Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### Questions

- Q.1)** How and where did John receive the message of the book of Revelation? See **1:1-3,9-10**.  
**Q.2)** Why is it important to read and study the book of Revelation? See **1:3 and 22:7**.  
**Q.3)** Who are the seven Spirits? See **1:4**.  
**Q.4)** What do we know of the first coming of Jesus Christ? See **1:5, 7**.  
**Q.5)** What do we know of the second coming of Jesus Christ? See **1:7**.  
**Q.6)** What will be the place for all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ in the future in view of what is written in **1:6**? See also **5:9-10**.  
**Q.7)** What titles are given to Jesus Christ in this chapter? See **1:5,8-11**.  
**Q.8)** In this chapter what do we know of John, the writer of this book? See **1:9-10**.  
**Q.9)** Describe the vision John saw of Jesus Christ in **1:10-18**. Do we have evidence of a risen glorified Saviour?  
**Q.10)** Is it true to say the Book of Revelation will reveal the future things to come? See **1:1-3,19; 4:1**.

## Chapters 2 and 3

A message was sent by Jesus Christ to each angel of the seven churches.

### Questions

It is advisable to read both chapters several times if possible before attempting the questions.

- Q.1)** What is common to all seven churches?  
**Q.2)** What are the rewards to those who overcome? See **2:7,10-11,17,26-28; 3:5,12,21**.  
**Q.3)** Consider carefully the things the Lord had against the following five churches:  
**Ephesus 2:4-5; Pergamos 2:20-23; Thyatira 2:14-16; Sardis 3:2-3; Laodicea 3:15-17**.  
**Q.4)** How did the Lord deal with the five churches in **Q.3**? See **2:5,16,21-25; 3:2-3,18-20**.

**Q.5)** How does Jesus Christ strengthen and encourage the church in Smyrna and Philadelphia? See **2:9-10** and **3:8-11**.

**Q.6)** What does God reveal of himself to the seven churches?

Read carefully through **chapters 2 and 3**.

**Q.7)** Consider any lessons we can learn from the seven churches in view of what is happening to the church today?

**Q.8)** If time allows try to find out some information about the seven cities of **Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea**.

At this point it is the view of this writer that the church of Jesus Christ will be in heaven from **chapters 4 to 19**. The rapture (catching up or snatching away) of the church (**1Thessalonians 4:13-18**) will take place before the opening of the seven seals (**Revelation 6:1-17; 8:1-5**) and before the time of the great tribulation on the earth for seven years (**Daniel 9:24-27**). This is the pre-tribulation view of the rapture of the church when believers are delivered from the wrath of God to come (**1Thessalonians 1:10**). The great tribulation period could start when the first seal will be opened. There are differences of opinion when the other seals will be opened and when the seven trumpets will be sounded (**Revelation 8:6-13; 9:1-21; 11:15-19**) and finally the pouring out of the vials/bowls filled with the wrath of God (**Revelation 15:1-8; 16:1-21**).

It is appreciated that many Christians do not hold this view of the rapture. The bibliography gives some recommended reading for you to find out further views of the rapture.

### Chapters 4 and 5

John had a vision of the throne of God (**4:2-6**). He saw that God was continually worshipped by four beasts (**4:6-9**) and twenty-four elders (**4:10-11**). There was a book in the right hand of God (**5:1**) that was taken by the Lamb (Jesus Christ) (**5:7**). He could open the book to release the seals (**5:1-5**). The Lamb (Jesus Christ) was truly worshipped (**5:8-14**).

### Questions

**Q.1)** Can we say with certainty that what John saw was in the future and still to be fulfilled? See **4:1**.

**Q.2)** What are we told of the throne of God? See **4:2-11; 5:1-7**.

Can you see what God is about to do?

**Q.3)** Who are the seven spirits of God? See **4:5; 5:6**.

**Q.4)** What do you know about who God is in **4:8-11**?

**Q.5)** Who are the four beasts? See **4:6-9; 5:6,11-12**.

See also **Isaiah 6:1-8; Ezekiel 1:4-28; 10:1-22** and **Revelation 7:11-12**.

**Q.6)** Who are the twenty-four elders? See **4:4,10-11; 5:5-6,8-12**. See also **7:11-17**.

**Q.7)** Our Lord Jesus Christ will be presented as the Lamb and the Lion. What is meant by the use of these titles? See **5:5-6**.

**Q.8)** Who will worship the Lamb? See **5:8-14** and **Philippians 2:10-11**.

**Q.9)** What do we learn from the new song in **5:9-10**?

### Chapter 6

Six of the seven seals will be opened by the Lord Jesus Christ (The Lamb).

### Questions

**Q.1)** Study each seal from one to six and try to find out what they reveal. See **6:1-14**.

**Q.2)** How will the world leaders react after the sixth seal will have been opened in **6:12-17**?

**Q.3)** Read **Matthew 24:4-13**. Do the prophetic words of Jesus Christ parallel with what John wrote in **Revelation 6:1-17**.

**Q.4)** What is meant by the wrath of God in **6:16-17**? It is helpful to read **Jeremiah 30:4-7;**

**Joel 2:11, 31; 3:14-16; Zephaniah 1:14-18; Malachi 3:2; Matthew 24:21-22; Mark 13:19-20.**

### Chapter 7

**7:1-8:** 144000 servants of God are sealed. They will be all of the tribes of Israel, 12000 from twelve tribes. They will be Jewish believers who are saved during the early part of the tribulation period.

**7:9-17:** John saw a great multitude probably millions, countless in number from all nations and languages worshipping the Lamb (Jesus Christ). They are Gentile believers who will be saved through faith in Christ during the tribulation period.

#### Questions

**Q.1)** Can you suggest why the name of Dan and Manasseh are not mentioned in the twelve tribes? See also **Deuteronomy 29:29**.

**Q.2)** Who are the four angels in **7:1-2**?

**Q.3)** What did John see in **7:9-12**?

**Q.4)** Describe carefully what is known of the Gentile believers in **7:15-17**?

**Q.5)** How is God worshipped in **7:9-12**? See also **4:8-11** and **5:8-14**.

### Chapter 8

The seventh seal will be opened leading to a silence in heaven for half an hour (**8:1**). Seven angels will appear before God to be given seven trumpets (**8:2**). They will prepare themselves to sound the seven trumpets (**8:6**).

Four trumpets are shown to be sounded in this chapter (**8:7-13**). God is clearly moving in judgement on the earth.

#### Questions

**Q.1)** How significant are the prayers of the saints? See **8:3-5**.

**Q.2)** What is revealed when trumpets one to four are sounded? See **8:6-13**.

**Q.3)** Do you notice what is happening to the inhabitants of the earth? Read again **8:6-13** and look carefully at **verse 13**.

**Q.4)** Is there evidence that God is revealed through his anger through these trumpets showing that the day of his wrath has come?

### Chapter 9

The fifth and sixth trumpets are shown to be sounded revealing further judgments from God on the earth which seem to be coming more severe.

#### Questions

**Q.1)** Who is the star in **9:1**? Consider also **Isaiah 14:12-14** and **Luke 10:18**.

**Q.2)** Where is the bottomless pit (the abyss)? See **9:1-2,11**.

**Q.3)** What will come out of the bottomless pit? See **9:2-3,11**.

**Q.4)** What is revealed when trumpet five has been sounded? See **9:1-12**.

**Q.5)** What is revealed when trumpet six has been sounded? See **9:13-21**.

**Q.6)** Show the evidence that the judgments of the fifth and sixth trumpets are more severe. See **9:5-6,18-19**.

**Q.7)** How do the surviving men respond to these trumpet judgments? See **9:5-6,20-21**.

**Q.8)** Who are the four angels? See **9:14-15**.

**Q.9)** Look carefully at **9:16-19** and discuss what is known about the army of horsemen?

### Chapter 10

A mighty angel with a little book stands on the sea and the earth (**10:1-2**). He speaks of the mystery of God finishing during the days of the seventh trumpet. John was told to eat the little book and then told of bringing God's word to many nations, languages and rulers.

## Questions

**Q.1)** Is there evidence that the mighty angel could be Jesus Christ in **chapter 10**? The following scriptures are helpful: **Revelation 1:7, 15-16; 4:3; Psalm 104:3; Daniel 7:13; Exodus 16:10; 19:9; 24:15-18; 34:5.**

**Q.2)** Why did this angel (possibly Jesus Christ) take an oath in **10:6**?

It is helpful to read **Acts 2:29-30; Hebrews 6:13-20; 7:20-22.**

**Q.3)** What does it mean in **10:7** when it says “the mystery of God should be finished”?

**Q.4)** What is the significance of John eating the little book? See **10:8-11** and also **Psalm 119:103; Jeremiah 15:16; Ezekiel 2:9-3:4; John 1:14; Matthew 4:4; 1 Corinthians 3:1-2; 1 Peter 2:2.**

**Q.5)** Why did John experience the sweetness and the bitterness of the little book? You may find it helpful to read **Acts 20:27; 2 Timothy 4:1-5.**

## Chapter 11

**11:1-2:** John was shown what was to happen to Jerusalem during the tribulation period. He was given a strange request by an angel to measure the temple of God, the altar and the worshippers. He was told that Jerusalem will be given to the Gentiles for forty two months (Three and a half years).

**11:3-14:** God will raise up two witnesses to manifest his power for 1260 days (three and half years). They could be Elijah and Enoch See **Hebrews 9:27; Genesis 5:21-24; 2 Kings 2:9-11.** Other Christians believe they are Moses and Elijah (**Matthew 17:18; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36**). They will be killed but brought to life again after three and a half days.

**11:15-19:** The seventh angel will sound the seventh trumpet. The eternal rule of Christ will be declared. God is worshipped (**11:16-17**). God’s wrath will be revealed to those men who have rejected him (**11:18-19**).

## Questions

**Q.1)** Does the bible teach that the temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem before or during the tribulation period of seven years? See **Revelation 11:2; Daniel 9:27; 12:11; Matthew 24:15-22; Mark 13:14-20; Luke 21:24; 2 Thess 2:4.**

**Q.2)** What is the purpose of the two witnesses? See **11:3-14 and Zechariah 4:2-14.**

**Q.3)** What is the message of the seventh trumpet? See **11:15-17.**

**Q.4)** What does this time of judgment reveal in **11:18-19**?

**Q.5)** What do we know of the temple of God in heaven in **11:19**? See also **15:5-8; 16:1.**

## Chapter 12

John was shown a woman which many Christians including this writer believe is Israel (See **Genesis 37:9-11**). She is persecuted by the dragon who is the devil and Satan. The devil has always hated Israel and hence the Jewish people. He will be cast out of heaven onto the earth along with his angels (demons) after being completely defeated by Michael and his angels as a result of a war in heaven (**12:7-9**). God will protect the woman (Israel) for three and a half years in the wilderness. The man child is Jesus Christ, the coming world ruler (**12:5**) who is caught up to heaven.

## Questions

**Q.1)** What do we know about the dragon in this chapter?

**Q.2)** How does heaven react to the dragon in this chapter being cast down to the earth? See **12:10-12.**

**Q.3)** Is there evidence that the devil still has access to heaven at the present time? See **12:8,10.** It is helpful to read **Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Ephesians 2:2.**

**Q.4)** What will happen to believers during this time? See **12:11,17.**

**Q.5)** How is God dealing with Israel (The Jewish people) at this time in **12:6,13-17**?

### Chapter 13

**13:1-10:** The beast (antichrist) will rise to power to rule the world for a very short time of forty-two months (three and a half years). He will be worshipped throughout the world. True believers in Jesus Christ will be known at this time and they will suffer persecution for not worshipping the beast.

**13:11-18:** A false prophet will be raised up, being a miracle worker who will deceive people worldwide. He will force people to take the mark of the beast in their right hand or forehead.

#### Questions

**Q.1)** What is known about the beast in this chapter? See also **11:7; 17:8,11**.

**Q.2)** What happens to the true believers (the saints) during this short reign of the beast for three and a half years? See **13:7,10,15**.

**Q.3)** What is known about the false prophet in **13:11-18**?

**Q.4)** Who will worship the beast on the earth? See **13:4,8,16-18**.

**Q.5)** What is significant about the number 666? See **13:18**.

**Q.6)** What does the sea symbolise in **13:1**? See **17:15**.

**Q.7)** What do the three animals tell us about the beast in **13:2**? See also **Daniel 7:1-8,15-28**.

**Q.8)** What do the seven heads and the ten horns represent in **13:1**?

See also **Daniel 7:24-25; Revelation 17:11-13**.

**Q.9)** Is there evidence that this beast has been resurrected? See **13:3,12,14**.

**Q.10)** Is it true to say that the dragon, beast and false prophet make up a counterfeit trinity?

### Chapter 14

John saw 144000 sing a new song before the throne of God (**14:1-5**). The everlasting gospel was seen being preached by an angel (**14:6-7**). Another angel followed to proclaim the fall of Babylon, the great city (**14:8**). A third angel followed to give a severe warning not to take the mark of the beast (**14:9-11**). The saints were encouraged (**14:12-13**). John then saw God bring a harvest, one of reaping and the other of treading (**14:14-20**).

#### Questions

**Q.1)** What do we know of the 144000 in **14:1-5**?

**Q.2)** Which Mount Zion are the 144000 standing on in **14:1**? See also **Psalms 2; 48 and 132; Isaiah 2:2-4; 24:23; Joel 2:32; Obadiah 17, 21; Micah 4:1-7**.

**Q.3)** Why could not anyone else sing the new song of the 144000 in **14:3**? It may be helpful to read **Psalm 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; 98:1; 144:9; 149:1**.

**Q.4)** Look carefully at **14:6-7** and consider what the angel is preaching.

**Q.5)** What does it mean to say "Babylon has fallen" in **14:8**? See also **Isaiah 21:9; Jeremiah 51: 7-8, 64; Revelation 18:2-3, 10-11, 18-21; 16-19**.

**Q.6)** What happens to any man who receives the mark of the beast in **14:9-12**?

**Q.7)** What does "drinking the cup" mean in **14:10**? See also **Isaiah 51:17-20; Jeremiah 25:15-28; 49:12-13; 51:7-9; Revelation 14:8; 18:3**.

**Q.8)** How are the saints blessed in **14:12-13**?

**Q.9)** Study carefully **14:14-20**. Can you see what the two kinds of harvest show?

**Q.10)** In view of **14:6-11**, is it possible for people living on earth still to be saved during the time of tribulation of seven years?

**Q.11)** Who is sitting on the white cloud in **14:14**?

**Q.12)** Read Chapter 14 again. There are seven proclamations which can be seen in **14:1-5; 14:6-7; 14:8; 14:9-12; 14:13; 14:14-16; 14:17-20**. Summarise where possible the message of each proclamation.

## Chapters 15 and 16

John was shown seven angels who came out of the temple in heaven. They are given from one of the four beasts seven vials (bowls) filled with the wrath of God, which are the seven last plagues (**15:1, 5-8**). God will be worshipped for bringing justice (**15:2-4**).

The seven angels will be sent to pour out the seven vials (bowls) of the wrath of God upon the earth (**16:1**). The first three vials will bring sores on men and the sea and the rivers will become blood (**16:2-4**). God will be worshipped again for his justice (**16:5-7**). The remaining vials will bring men to be scorched with great heat; the kingdom of the beast (antichrist) will be plunged into darkness, the river Euphrates will dry up and then a great earthquake will come (**16:8-21**). Men will continue to reject God in refusing to repent (**16:9,11,21**). God will have shown his final judgments by revealing his wrath upon the world that refused to accept him as God. The wrath of God will be completed.

### Questions

- Q.1)** Who are the people standing on a sea of glass? See **15:2**.
- Q.2)** What does the song of Moses reveal to us in **15:3-4**?
- Q.3)** What does the clothing of the angels remind us of? See **15:6**.
- Q.4)** Can you see three phrases referring to God in **15:1-2,7,8**?
- Q.5)** What do the seven last plagues suggest is about to happen? See **15:1**.
- Q.6)** What is happening in the temple? See **15:5-8; 16:1**.
- Q.7)** Read carefully God's work of judgment using the seven angels, particularly in **15:6-7; 16:1**. When could the angels pour out the vials (bowls) of God's wrath?
- Q.8)** Where possible, write a summary of what happens when each vial (bowl) is poured out. Read and study **16:2-21**.
- Q.9)** How do we know that God shows his justice is right? See **15:3-4** and **16:5-7**.
- Q.10)** How do we know from the seventh vial (bowl) poured out that the wrath of God will be completed? See **16:17-21**.
- Q.11)** Consider carefully the response of men towards the judgments of God by the seven vials (bowls). See **16:9,11,21**. Can you see why they took this response?
- Q.12)** Can you see the reason for Armageddon in **16:16**?  
Read also **Psalms 2 and Revelation 17:14; 19:11-21**.
- Q.13)** Is there evidence to show that the demonic activity will bring together the final conflict at Armageddon? See **16:13-14**.
- Q.14)** What is the blessing given to believers in the time of great tribulation? See **16:15**.
- Q.15)** Who will receive the grievous sores from the first vial poured out? See **16:2**.

## Chapters 17 and 18

John was shown the judgment of the great whore which is possibly religious Babylon. He saw a woman riding a scarlet coloured beast (**17:3-6**). John was given more detail about the woman and the beast (**17:7-18**). The woman will be destroyed by the ten kings who are under the power of the beast. There are differences of opinion amongst Christians regarding Babylon. Some Christians see Babylon as Rome which will become the spiritual and religious centre of the world. It could also be the political and economic centre and therefore the headquarters of the entire world system. It is believed that the beast will then destroy the religious system by the end of the first half of the tribulation period so that he can take control for the next three and a half years that he is allowed to rule the world.

John was shown by another angel the judgment on Babylon, the world centre for trade and where much wealth was gained by the kings of the earth who were dependent upon Babylon (**18:3**). The world city will be completely destroyed bringing much grief to the kings of the earth and all traders who came to that city (**18:9-19**). In heaven there will be great rejoicing at Babylon's downfall (**18:20**). The world city will have murdered many believers during the times of the tribulation on earth.

**Questions**

- Q.1)** Who is speaking to John in **17:1**?
- Q.2)** Who is the great whore? See **17:1-7,9,15-18**.
- Q.3)** Who is the beast that carries the woman? See **17:3,7-8,11-13,16-17**.
- Q.4)** Who are the ten horns? See **17:3,7,12-13,16-17**.
- Q.5)** What has happened to the saints during this time and how had the whore treated believers in Jesus Christ? See **17:6**.
- Q.6)** What do the seven heads represent in **17:3,7**?
- Q.7)** How much power does the whore appear to have in view of **17:15**?
- Q.8)** Suggest why the whore is destroyed in **17:16-17**.
- Q.9)** Is it possible the beast (antichrist) had been resurrected? See **17:8,11**.
- Q.10)** What do we know of Babylon's greatness? See **18:3,7,10-19,22-23**.
- Q.11)** What will finally inhabit Babylon? See **18:2**. Contrast what will finally inhabit Jerusalem?
- Q.12)** Is it possible that some believers had survived when told to leave Babylon? See **18:4-5**.
- Q.13)** Suggest the reasons for God's wrath on Babylon. See **18:4-7,20**.
- Q.14)** Can you suggest how Babylon was destroyed in **chapter 18**?  
It may be helpful to read **Isaiah 13:1-22**.
- Q.15)** Can you name specific sins of Babylon which God will judge? See **18:7** and **Isaiah 47:7-9**.
- Q.16)** Is it true to say that we are taught separation of believers from the world in **18:4**?  
See also **Genesis 12:1; Jeremiah 50:8; 51:6; Romans 16:17-18; 2Corinthians 6:14-7:1; Ephesians 5:11; 1Timothy 5:22**.
- Q.17)** Looking at the evidence of **chapters 17 and 18**, do you think that there will emerge a one world city of Babylon which will be Rome?

**Chapter 19**

- 19:1-4:** God will be worshipped for his justice because of Babylon being destroyed.
- 19:5-6:** God will be worshipped because he has all authority and power.
- 19:7-9:** The marriage feast of the lamb will be revealed.
- 19:10:** John was told by the angel only to worship God.
- 19:11-21:** Jesus Christ will return in judgment to rule the world. He will totally defeat and destroy the armies of the antichrist and the false prophet. Both of them will be thrown into the lake fire.

**Questions**

- Q.1)** Is it true to say that God will avenge the blood of his servants?  
See **19:2** and also **6:10-11; 13:10; 16:6; 17:6; 18:20,24**.
- Q.2)** What do we know of the Lord our God in **19:1-6**?
- Q.3)** Who will worship God in **19:1-6**?
- Q.4)** Who is the wife of the Lamb in **19:7-9**?
- Q.5)** Who are the guests at the marriage supper of the Lamb? See **19:9**.
- Q.6)** What is the purpose of the marriage supper of the Lamb?  
See **19:7-9 and Ephesians 5:25-27**.
- Q.7)** How meaningful is the testimony of Jesus in view of what is said in **19:10**?
- Q.8)** What do we know about the angel who spoke to John in **19:10**?
- Q.9)** Write down the names of our Lord Jesus Christ in **19:11-16**.
- Q.10)** Who are the armies with Jesus Christ with Jesus Christ in **19:14**?  
See also **Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 25:31; 1Thessalonians 1:10; 3:13; 2Thessalonians 1:17**.
- Q.11)** Describe what happens to the armies of the world and why they came against God in **19:17-21**. See also **17:14** and **Psalms 2:1-12**.
- Q.12)** What is significant about the name "The Word of God" given to Jesus Christ in **19:13**?
- Q.13)** What had the great whore done that caused God to bring upon her such a severe judgment? See **19:2** and also **17:2; 18:3,9**.
- Q.14)** What is heaven rejoicing about in **19:2**? See also **15:3; 16:7; 18:20**.
- Q.15)** What is the purpose of Jesus Christ coming to earth in **19:11-21**?

## Chapter 20

It is the belief of the author that Jesus Christ will rule visibly on earth for 1000 years. This period of time is known as the millennium (mille meaning a thousand and annum meaning year). This view is known as pre-millennialism when Jesus Christ returns in judgment before he begins his worldwide rule of all nations on earth for 1000 years. During this time Satan will be bound in the bottomless pit until the end of the millennium (**20:1-6**). He will be released for a very short time to deceive the nations to come against the camp of the saints in Jerusalem (**20:7-9**). His final attempt to fight against God will lead him to be cast immediately into the lake of fire. All his followers will be devoured by fire from God out of heaven (**20:9-10**).

The Great White Throne Judgment will be revealed where the dead are judged **20:11-15**.

There are two further views of the millennium held today by believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. 1) Post millennialism: Jesus Christ returns to bring final judgment and the eternal state after a golden millennial age of peace when the church has set up the kingdom of God on earth. The church will grow increasingly powerful through the universal preaching of the gospel to all nations leading to the world being Christianised. 2) A-millennialism: Jesus Christ returns to bring final judgment (**Revelation 20:11-15**) when believers and unbelievers are resurrected and the eternal state of the new heaven and a new earth begins (**2Peter 3:10-13**). There is no millennium before or after the second coming of Jesus Christ.

For further study on millennialism you will find recommended material in the bibliography.

### Questions

**Q.1)** Who will reign with Christ on earth for 1000 years in **20:1-6**?

**Q.2)** What do we understand by the first resurrection in **20:5-6**?

**Q.3)** Can you see the four names for the tempter (evil one) and say what each name could mean? See **20:2**.

**Q.4)** Where do you think the bottomless pit could be? See **20:1,3** and also **9:1-2,11; 11:7; 17:8**.

**Q.5)** Who are the rest of the dead who do not live again until the 1000 years will be finished? See **20:5**.

**Q.6)** Who are the people that follow Satan in his final conflict after the millennium will be finished? See **20:8-9**.

**Q.7)** What do we know about the lake of fire in **20:10,14**? See also **19:20** and **21:8**.

**Q.8)** What happens to the dead at the Great White Throne Judgment in **20:11-15**?

**Q.9)** What do you understand by death and hell (hades) in **20:14**? See also **6:8** and **Luke 16:19-31**.

**Q.10)** What happens to heaven and earth in **20:11**? See also **2Peter 3:7-13**.

**Q.11)** What does it mean "the sea giving up the dead that were in it" (**20:13**)?

**Q.12)** Are there believers among the dead being judged at the Great White Throne Judgment? See **20:12-13,15**.

**Q.13)** Does the Great White Throne Judgment show a resurrection for all unbelievers to eternal damnation? See also **Daniel 12:2; John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15**.

**Q.14)** Is it true to say there is an existence for the devil, his angels and all unbelievers after death? See **20:10-15** and also **19:20; Matthew 18:8; 23:15,33; 25:41,46; Mark 9:43-48**.

**Q.15)** Who is the judge at the Great White Throne Judgment? It is helpful to read **Matthew 19:28; John 5:22-30; Acts 17:31; 2Timothy 4:1**.

**Q.16)** Why is Satan set free for a very short time to lead a massive revolt after the millennium is finished in **20:7-8**?

**Q.17)** What is known about the books in **20:13**? See also **Malachi 3:6; Luke 10:20; Philippians 4:3; Revelation 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27; 22:19**.

**Q.18)** Is it true to say there will be different levels of punishment for the wicked depending on their works? See **20:12** and also **Matthew 11:20-24**.

**Q.19)** How does God judge the revolt of Satan in **20:9**?

**Q.20)** What is the purpose of the Great White Throne Judgment in **20:11-15**? See also **Psalms 9:7-8; Romans 2:5; Jude 6**.



### Chapter 21:1 to 22:5

There will be a new heaven and a new earth. There will be the New Jerusalem, the Holy City, which has been revealed to John in some detail such as the size, the walls the glory of God, the water of life and the tree of life. God will live face to face with all believers in Jesus Christ who will live in His light forever in continual fellowship with him.

#### Questions

- Q.1)** Consider carefully what you will see in the new heaven and the new earth in **21:1-27** and **22:1-5** and see also **Isaiah 51:6; 65:17; 66:22; Hebrews 1:10-12; 2Peter 3:7-13.**
- Q.2)** What will the relationship be between God and man in the new heaven and the new earth? See **21:3, 7; 22:3-5.**
- Q.3)** What are the former things that will end? See **21:4-5.**
- Q.4)** What is known of the New Jerusalem in **21:2, 9-21; 22:1-5?**  
See also **Galatians 4:26; Hebrews 11:9-10; 12:22-24.**
- Q.5)** Who are the citizens of the New Jerusalem? See **21:3, 7, 24, 27; 22:4.**
- Q.6)** Who are the people that will live in the lake of fire as seen in **21:8?**
- Q.7)** Why does the angel say to John "Come hither" in **21:9?**
- Q.8)** Who is the bride in **21:9?**
- Q.9)** Look carefully at **21:22-23, 25, 27** and show what is not there in the New Jerusalem compared to the earthly Jerusalem. See **22:1-5.**
- Q.10)** Is there evidence of nations on the new earth? See **21:24, 26.**
- Q.11)** Is there any distinction between the bride (the church), Israel and Gentile nations in the new heavens and the new earth? See **21:9,12,24.**
- Q.12)** What is known of the tree of life? See **22:2,14.**
- Q.13)** What will believers do in the New Jerusalem? See **22:3,5.**
- Q.14)** What is known of the first heaven and how will the new heaven be different in **21:1-22:1-5?**  
See also **2Corinthians 12:1-5; Job 38:31-33; Ephesians 2:2.**
- Q.15)** Why did the first heaven and the first earth pass away (**21:1**)?

### Chapter 22:6-21

Closing words have been given to John to show encouragement, warnings, invitations and testimony. Jesus Christ will return to earth. Hallelujah!

#### Questions

- Q.1)** Why can we rely on what is written in **22:6,20?**
- Q.2)** Can we say with confidence that Jesus Christ will return to earth? See **22:7,12,21.**
- Q.3)** How do we know John was an eyewitness of seeing things to come? See **22:8-10, 20.**
- Q.4)** Who will not enter the New Jerusalem in **22:15?**
- Q.5)** Is it true there will be two kinds of people until every man is judged of his works?  
See **22:11-12.**
- Q.6)** How do we know Jesus is God and man? See **22:16.**
- Q.7)** Using **22:6-21** write down the possible titles or names given to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Q.8)** What are the rewards for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ? See **22:14.**
- Q.9)** What is the invitation given in **22:17?**
- Q.10)** What are the warnings given in **22:18-19?**
- Q.11)** Why was John told not to seal the book in **22:10?** Compare with Daniel **12:4a, 8-9.**
- Q.12)** Why has God delayed the return of Jesus Christ for two thousand years?  
See **2 Peter 3:1-9** and **Revelation 22:7,12,20.**
- Q.13)** What is our responsibility as believers now in view of the assurance of what is to come?  
See **22:6-12,14** and **Hebrews 11:10,13-16.**

### Miscellaneous Questions on the Book of Revelation

The following questions may require some extensive study. It is for this reason that such questions maybe better used for individual study

#### Questions

**Q.1)** What does this book reveal of who Jesus Christ is and will be? You will need to read through the book to see again what is known of the Lord Jesus Christ. A number of names and titles for the Lord Jesus Christ are seen in **1:8,11; 3:14; 5:5; 17:14; 19:13,16; 21:6; 22:13,16**.

It may be helpful to write out a list.

**Q.2)** Who are the “inhabitants of the earth” or those that “dwell upon the earth”?

See **3:10; 6:10; 8:13; 11:30 (twice); 12:2; 13:8,12,14; 14:6; 17:2,8**.

**Q.3)** What do we know of the temple in heaven? See **11:19; 14:7; 15:5-8; 16:1**.

**Q.4)** What do we learn from God being worshipped? Read **4:8-11; 5:9-14; 7:12; 11:15-17; 14:3; 15:3-4; 16:5-7; 19:1-7**.

**Q.5)** Summarize the seven seals, seven trumpets and seven vials. Do you notice what is happening in the series of judgments?

**Q.6)** If possible in a group, discuss and study what the Book of Revelation teaches about Babylon using **chapters 17 and 18**. Consider reading other scriptures that help to show what is known of Babylon in **Genesis 11:1-9; Isaiah chapters 13 and 47 and Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51**.

**Q.7)** Find the scriptures that use the title “**The Lamb**”. Why is it used so much for Jesus Christ? Look carefully at **1:5-6; 5:6,9-10,12; 13:8**.

**Q.8)** Read carefully the “blessed” verses in **1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7; 22:14**. What are the blessings shown here for believers in Jesus Christ?

**Q.9)** The Book of Revelation shows the number “seven” over 40 times which is used more times than all the other New Testament books put together. Make a list of the use of the number seven: for example: the seven churches.

**Q.10)** What do we know will happen during the millennium? Study first **20:1-9** and see also **5:9-10; 11:15; Matthew 19:28; 25:31-40; Isaiah 2:1-4; Micah 4:1-4; Zechariah 14:1-21**.

**Q.11)** Study the importance of the numbers **seven** and **twelve** (and multiples of twelve) in the Book of Revelation.

**Q.12)** Show how the Book of Revelation teaches us holiness.

See **1:5; 3:4; 4:8; 7:14; 19:8; 21:27**.

**Q.13)** Study carefully what the Book of Revelation teaches of the wrath of God.

See **6:16-17; 11:18; 14:9-11; 15:1, 7; 16:1-21; 19:15**.

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