

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 1

When were the things in Revelation supposed to happen? (1:1,3)

What did John bear witness to? (1:2)

Who will be blessed? (1:3)

John gives several descriptions of Jesus. (1:5-8) List them below under three categories: a) who Jesus is, b) what Jesus has done, and c) what Jesus will do.

Describe John's situation when he received this revelation. Who was he to write to and what was he to write? (1:9-11, 19)

Describe Jesus' majesty and greatness as John saw it and how he reacted to it (1:12-18)

What is the mystery of the 7 stars and 7 candlesticks? (1:20)

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 2

Each of the letters to the churches follows the same format or pattern. Write down the information you find in each letter that pertains to each of the five topics:

EPHESUS (2:1-7)

Description of Jesus

Words of Praise to the Church

Condemnation of the Church

Promise of Judgment and/or Word of Encouragement

Reward Promised to those who Overcome

SMYRNA (2:8-11)

Description of Jesus

Words of Praise to the Church

Condemnation of the Church

Promise of Judgment and/or Word of Encouragement

Reward Promised to those who Overcome

PERGAMUM (2:12-17)

Description of Jesus

Words of Praise to the Church

Condemnation to the Church

Promise of Judgment and/or Word of Encouragement

Reward Promised to those who Overcome

THYATIRA (2:18-29)

Description of Jesus

Words of Praise to the Church

Condemnation to the Church

Promise of Judgment and or Word of Encouragement

Reward Promised to those who Overcome

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 3

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SARDIS (3:1-6)

Description of Jesus

Words of Praise to the Church

Condemnation of the Church

Promise of Judgment and/or Word of Encouragement

Reward Promised to those who Overcome

PHILADELPHIA (3:7-13)

Description of Jesus

Words of Praise to the Church

Condemnation of the Church

Promise of Judgment and/or Word of Encouragement

Reward Promised to those who Overcome

LAODICEA (3:14-22)

Description of Jesus

Words of Praise to the Church

Condemnation to the Church

Promise of Judgment and/or Word of Encouragement

Reward Promised to those who Overcome

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 4

1. After John heard Jesus dictate to him the message to the seven churches, what did he see and hear? (4:1) (compare with 1:10,19)
2. Describe the One who was sitting on the throne, what was coming from the throne, and what was before the throne. (4:2-6) Compare this throne scene with the one in Ezekiel 1:26-28.
3. Who did John see around the throne? Who do these men represent? (4:4)
4. Who else did John see in the middle of the throne and around it? Describe these creatures. Who are they and what do they do constantly? (4:6-8) See Ezekiel 1:4-14 and 10:20-22 for help in identifying them.
5. What do the living creatures and the elders do and why do they do this? Do we learn anything here about our motivation for worship? (4:9-11)

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 5

1. What did John see in the right hand of the One on the throne? What is a “seal”? (5:1)
2. What question did a strong angel proclaim with a loud voice? (5:2)
3. Who could be found? How did John react to this? (5:3-4)
4. What good news did one of the elders bring? Be able to discuss with the class from the O.T. the phrases “the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah” and the “Root of David”. Who is this person and why is He able to open the book? (5:5)
5. Describe the One who took the book from the One on the throne. Comment on the figures of speech used to describe Him. (5:6)
6. How did the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders respond to the Lamb when He took the book out of God’s right hand? Why was He worthy to break the seals of the book? (5:7-10)
7. Who added to the praise offered by the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders to the Lamb and to the One on the throne? (5:11-14)

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 6

1. Read 6:1-8. Now read Zech 1:7-11 & 6:1-8. Take notes that summarize what you have read in Zechariah. Now reread Rev 6:1-8. How does Zechariah help you to understand the first four seals in Revelation?

2. What is the message of each of the four seals about the future (cp. 4:1)? :

a. first seal: white horse (6:2)

b. second seal: red horse (6:3-4)

c. third seal: black horse (6:5-6)

d. fourth seal: ashen (pale) horse (6:7-8)

3. Who did John see when the fifth seal was opened? What did they cry? How were they answered? (6:9-11)

4. Comment on the sixth seal (6:12-17) after reading it and comparing it with the following passages:

Joel 2:10, 30-31; Isa 13:6-13; Isa 34:2-4; Jer 4:23-26; Isa 2:18-21; Hos 10:8-10; Lk 23:27-31; Rev 19:17-18.

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 7

1. The four angels are pictured as holding back the four winds of the earth until what happens? (7:1-3)
2. What does it mean that God's bondservants would be "sealed"? (7:3; cp. Eze 9:3-6; 2 Tim 2:19; Rev 9:4)
3. Who are the 144,000? (7:4-8; cp. 14:1-5) What is the symbolism behind the number? Compare the listing of the tribes here with the 12 tribes of Israel (Numbers 1). How are they different?
4. Where are the 144,000 when John sees them, in heaven or on earth? In 7:1-8? In 14:1-5?
5. Where is the great multitude when John sees them, in heaven or on earth? 7:9
6. Who is the great multitude? What were they doing? How were they blessed? 7:9-17

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 8

Read Revelation 8 and 9 together. Then compare them with the ten plagues on Egypt (Ex 7-14). What similarities do you see?

The Lamb broke the seventh seal to reveal a message having how many parts? What would one of the angels who stood before God do before each part of the message was revealed? (8:1-2, 6)

What assurance is given to the saints that God will respond to their prayers? (8:3-5)

What happened when the first trumpet sounded? How should this be interpreted? (8:7)

What happened when the second trumpet sounded? How should this be interpreted? (8:8-9)

What happened when the third trumpet sounded? How should this be interpreted? (8:10-11)

Use a Bible encyclopedia or dictionary to find out about "Wormwood". (8:11)

8. What happened when the fourth trumpet sounded? How should this be interpreted? (8:12)

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 9

Use a concordance, Bible dictionary, or encyclopedia and see what you can find out about the abyss or bottomless pit. (9:1-2)

Describe the locusts who came out of the bottomless pit when the fifth trumpet sounded (9:3, 7-10)

Who could the locusts hurt and how much? (9:4-6, cp. 7:1-3)

How long would this plague last? What is the meaning of this period of time? (9:5,10)

Who is the king of the locusts? (9:11)

What was the sixth angel told to do after sounding his trumpet? 9:13-14

Why was he told to do this? (9:15)

Describe the horses and riders of the angel's destroying army. (9:16-19)

How did the men who survived the plagues respond to them? (9:20-21)

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 10

1. Describe the angel that John saw. What did John see him doing? (10:1-3)
2. What did a voice from heaven say when John was about to write down what the seven peals of thunder said? (10:4)
3. What did the angel say would happen in the days of the voice of the seventh angel? What is the “mystery of God”? Find other N.T. references that use this phrase. (10:5-7)
4. What did the voice from heaven tell John to do? What O.T. prophet was told to do this? What did John’s actions mean? What assignment was John given? (10:8-11)

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 11

1. What was John given and what was he told to do with it? Where is the O.T. background of this passage found? What is the meaning of this symbolism? (11:1-2)

2. Define the following symbols: (11:2-14)

a. nations (11:2)-

b. holy city (11:2)-

c. 42 months (11:2)-

d. two witnesses (prophets) (11:3-6)- What is the significance of “two”? Of “sackcloth”? The power of these two prophets is compared to the power of what O.T. prophets? Find the O.T. passage concerning the two olive trees and two lampstands. How does it help us to understand this passage?

e. 1260 days (11:3)-

f. beast that comes up out of the abyss (11:7)-

g. great city (11:8)-

h. three and a half days (11:11)-

3. Summarize in a few sentences the message of the two witnesses (11:3-13).

4. What announcement was made by loud voices in heaven after the seventh angel sounded and what was the reaction of the 24 elders? How does this relate to the finishing of the message of God (11:15-18; cp. 10:7)

5. What was the significance of the opening of the temple of God and the awesome appearance of the ark of the covenant at this time in John’s vision? (11:19; look at the statement in its context 11:15-19)

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 12

1. Describe the woman John saw in a “great sign”. (12:1-2) Who is this “woman”? (cp. Gen 37:9-11)
2. Describe the dragon that John saw in another sign. What did he do? What was he ready to do? (12:3-4)
3. From the description of the woman’s son, who is he? How do we know? (12:5)
4. What did the woman do after her son was “caught up to God and to His throne”? How does this compare with God’s protection of the two witnesses in 11:3-6? Who is this “woman”? (12:6)
5. Who engaged in war in heaven? What was the result? When did this war take place? Find other N.T. passages that speak of the defeat of Satan and his angels. How did Christians overcome the devil? Why was woe pronounced on the earth and the sea? (12:7-12)
6. What did the dragon do when he saw that he was thrown down to the earth? What help was given to the woman? What did the serpent do to destroy the woman? How did the earth help her? How did the dragon react when he was unable to destroy the woman? (12:13-17)
7. Summarize in a few sentences the meaning of the vision of chapter 12.

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 13

1. Fill in a chart comparing Revelation 13:1-17 and Daniel 7:

DESCRIPTION OF THE BEAST

REVELATION DANIEL

13:1 7:3

7:7

13:2 7:4-6

13:4 7:19

ACTIONS OF THE BEAST AND THE DURATION OF HIS TERROR

REVELATION DANIEL

13:5-6 7:8,11,20

7:25

13:7 7:21-22, 25-27

2. What is meant by the beast being slain and healed? (13:3)
3. Who would worship the beast and, in turn, the dragon? (13:3-4,8)
4. How would the saints be able to endure the beast's persecution? (13:10)
5. Describe the second beast, his work, and how he accomplished it? (13:11-14)

6. What would happen to all who did not worship the image of the beast? (13:15)

7. What is meant by the “mark of the beast”? (13:16-17)

8. What is meant by the beast’s number, 666? (13:18)

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 14

1. Describe the 144,000. (14:1-5) What were they doing? (recall the meaning of “new song” from our study of 5:8-10). How can you show from this passage that 144,000 should not be interpreted literal number? How is the circumstance of the 144,000 different than it was in chapter 7?
2. What was the message of the first angel? (14:6-7)
3. What was the message of the second angel? (14:8). Again we find foreshadowing. Where will we read more about “Babylon”?
4. What was the message of the third angel? (14:9-11)
5. What did a voice from heaven and the Spirit have to say about those who die in the Lord? (14:13)
6. Read the O.T. background on the figure of the “harvest” and the “winepress” (Joel 3:12-13; Jer 51:33; Isa 63:1-6) and then comment on 14:14-20.

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 15

1. What sign did John see in heaven? Why were these plagues called the last? (15:1)
2. Describe the celebration of the saints who were victorious over the beast. (15:2-4)
3. What is meant by the phrase “the song of Moses and the Lamb”? Compare Israel’s bondage in Egypt to the Christian’s persecution by Rome. What did God show about Himself on both occasions, causing His people to praise Him? (15:3, cp. Ex 15)
4. What did John see when the heavenly temple was opened? (15:5-8)
5. Read Ex 40:34-35 and 1 Kgs 8:10-13 and then comment on the glory of the Lord filling the temple and no one being able to enter. (15:8)

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 16

1. What did a loud voice from heaven tell the seven angels to do? (16:1)
2. Where was the first bowl (vial) poured and what was the result? (16:2)
3. Where was the second bowl (vial) poured and what was the result? (16:3)
4. Where was the third bowl (vial) poured and what was the result? (16:4)
5. Read the angel's praise and the altar's "amen". Who was the "target" of the third bowl? Who is the "altar"? (16:5-7; cp. 6:9-11)
6. Where was the fourth bowl (vial) poured and what was the result? Who is the "target"? (16:8-9)
7. Where was the fifth bowl (vial) poured and what was the result? (16:10-11)
8. Where was the sixth bowl (vial) poured and what was the result? (16:12)
9. What came out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet? Why did they gather the kings of the world together? Find out what you can about "Har-Magedon". (16:13-16) Where, later in Revelation, is this battle actually fought? What was the result?
10. Where was the seventh bowl (vial) poured and what was the result? Who is being judged here? (16:17-21; note chapters 17 and 18 provide additional information about who the Lord is judging)
11. Compare the 7 plagues with God's 10 plagues on Egypt and His deliverance of Israel from the Egyptians.

COMPLETE THE CHART, THEN ON THE BACK OF THE PAGE WRITE YOUR CONCLUSIONS

COMPARE THE 7 TRUMPETS AND THE 7 BOWLS (VIALS)

TRUMPET 1 BOWL (VIAL) 18:7 16:2

TRUMPET 2 BOWL (VIAL) 2 8:8-9 16:3

TRUMPET 3 BOWL (VIAL) 3 8:10-11 16:4-7

TRUMPET 4 BOWL (VIAL) 4 8:12 16:8-9

TRUMPET 5 BOWL (VIAL) 5 9:1-11 16:10-11

TRUMPET 6 BOWL (VIAL) 6 9:13-21 16:12-16

TRUMPET 7 BOWL (VIAL) 7 10:15-19 16:17-21

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 17

FROM INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE CHAPTER, PUT TOGETHER THE DESCRIPTION OF THE FOLLOWING FIGURES:

THE HARLOT (WOMAN)

17:1,15-

17:2-

17:4a-

17:5-

17:6-

17:18-

THE BEAST

17:3-

17:8-

17:11-

compare with the beast of 13:1-10-

THE SEVEN HEADS

17:9-

17:10-

THE TEN HORNS

17:12-

17:13-

17:14-

17:16-17-

GIVE THE INTERPRETATION OF THE FIGURES IN THE CHAPTER:

1. Who is the harlot?

2. Who is the beast?

3. Who are the seven heads?

4. Who are the ten horns?

5. How was this chapter fulfilled?

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 18

1. Describe the angel John saw. (18:1)
2. Why did the angel say that Babylon had fallen? (18:2-3)
3. What were God's people instructed to do by another voice out of heaven? (18:4-5) Find in the O.T. where Israel was told to do the same thing in respect to literal Babylon.
4. Why was God's judgment falling on Babylon and to what extent? (18:6-8) Find similar O.T. statements about the "payback" due to literal Babylon and their sudden destruction in "one day".
5. Why would the kings of the earth pronounce "woe" on Babylon and weep and mourn? (18:9-19) In the O.T. the lamentation over a world power was described in this way. Who was this world power? Give the reference.
6. Who would rejoice over Babylon because of God's judgment on her? (18:20)
7. What was the message of the strong angel who threw a great millstone into the sea? (18:21-23) Find in the O.T. where a similar message was given to literal Babylon.
8. Upon an "autopsy", what was found in Babylon? (18:24)

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 19

1. What is the meaning of “hallelujah”? What are the reasons for the “hallelujah” from the great multitude and the 24 elders and from the 4 living creatures? (19:1-7)
2. What is the meaning of the marriage of the Lamb and His bride in this context? (19:7-9) How can the marriage of Jesus and His church be pictured in the N.T. both as present and future? (see Rev 22:17, Rom 7:4; 2 Cor 11:2 for the present) Compare the “adoption as sons” as both present (Gal 4:5-7, 1 Jn 3:1-2) and future (Rom 8:23-25). Where in Revelation is this marriage figure continued?
3. What did the angel say when John was about to worship him? (19:10)
4. Find where the following descriptions of Jesus found in 19:11-16 had been used earlier in Revelation:

“white horse”: “faithful and true”: “eyes a flame of fire”:

“from His mouth comes a sharp sword”: “rule them with a rod of iron”:

“treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God”: “King of Kings, Lord of Lords”:

Find “Word of God” in one of John’s other books:
5. What instruction did the angel give to the birds? Where in the O.T. is this figure taken from? (19:17-18)
6. Where earlier in Revelation do we find reference to “all men, both free and slave, small and great”? Who are they? What will happen to them now? (19:18)
7. Where earlier in Revelation do we find the kings of the earth, the beast, and the false prophet gathered to make war with God? (19:17-20)

8. What was the outcome of the war for the beast? The false prophet? The rest (the kings of the earth and their armies)? (19:20-21)

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 20

1. Satan's helpers have been defeated (19:19-21). Now what does an angel do to Satan himself? What would this prevent him from doing? For how long? What is the meaning of this period of time? (20:1-3)
2. Who did John see sitting on thrones? What happened to them? For how long? Compare with Ezekiel 37. What was going on with the rest of the dead during this time? Explain the meaning of the "first resurrection" and the "second death" (20:4-6)
3. What would happen at the end of the 1000 years? Give the O.T. background of "Gog and Magog" and then interpret this section. (20:7-10)
4. In what awesome way is the One on the throne described? (20:11)
5. Who was present for judgment? What are the "books"? What is the "book of life"? (20:12-13)
6. What was thrown into the lake of fire? Who was thrown into the lake of fire? (20:14-15)

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 21

1. What is the meaning of a “new heavens and a new earth”? Use the O.T. background of this phrase as the basis of your answer. (21:1)

2. What did John see coming out of heaven? How should we interpret this? (21:2, 9-10)

3. Trace the desire of God to live among people who are His (21:3). You could use Lev 26:11-12 as a starting point and then find other references.

4. What blessings will those who overcome inherit? (21:4-7)

5. What would be the importance in this letter of including the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, and idolaters among those who would be in the lake of fire? (21:8) (Look up definition of “abominable”)

6. Research the idea of being “glorified” as the ultimate goal God has in mind for His people. Compare this with the beauty of the bride here described. (21:9-21) (A look at a book with color photos of gems might aid you in seeing what John saw)

7. Give the meaning of the following descriptions of the city:
 - a. no temple 21:22-

 - b. no sun or moon 21:23-

 - c. no shutting of the gates 21:25-

8. Who will be in the city? How does this speak to the ultimate end of God’s promise to Abraham? (Gen 12:3) as explained by Peter (Acts 10:34-35) (21:24-27)

QUESTIONS ON REVELATION 22

1. Compare the situation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden before their sin with the situation of the bondservants of God in heaven. (22:1-5)
2. When were the events the angel had shown John to take place? Why did the angel tell John not to seal up the book? (cp. Dan 12:4) What is meant by Jesus coming quickly? (22:6-7,10,12,20)
3. What was John told when he fell down to worship the angel? (22:8-9)
4. What did the angel mean when he instructed everyone to keep doing what they were doing? (22:11)
5. Who will be in the city? Who will be on the outside? Who are the dogs? (22:14-15)
6. Give the O.T. background of Jesus being called the root and offspring of David. And, why is Jesus called “the bright morning star”? (22:16)
7. What did the Spirit and the bride say to the thirsty? (22:17)
8. What will happen to the one who adds to the book? To the one who takes away from the book? (22:18-19)

REVIEW QUESTIONS

Give a title of a few words or phrases to each of the sections of Revelation. Then sum up the message of each section in a few words. Once you have done this, you will have created a four paragraph summary of the book. Be prepared to share your summary with the class.

CHAPTERS 1-3:

CHAPTERS 4-5:

CHAPTERS 6-11:

CHAPTERS 12-22: