

Bethel Bible Series

Revelation

NT Study 20

*The most wondrous story is not the second coming of Jesus,
but the glorious first coming of Jesus! And our salvation! - PK*

Welcome

Opening - If we are saved through Christ's justification, why should we care about sanctification?
Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Week - Sanctification

Sanctify - To set apart as holy or for holy purposes
Whereas *justification* changes the status of the sinner in God's eyes,
sanctification changes the person

Blooming Flower
John 10:10

Clock Face
We grow into his likeness with ever-increasing glory
He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion

Clock's Hands Catch Weeds
He gives all we need to participate in divine nature and to escape corruption
Work out your salvation with fear and trembling
Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking...to devour
Say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions and live self-controlled
Live by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature

Numbers on the Clock Face

- I. Birth Into Christ
- II. Hunger for God's Will
- III. Effort to Learn God's Will
 - Worship
 - Study
 - Fellowship
 - Prayer
- IV. Understanding
- V. Sense of Values
- VI. Awareness of Sin
- VII. Awareness of God's kindness
- VIII. Sense of Gratitude
- IX. Responsiveness
- X. Sense of Responsibility
 - Time
 - Talents
 - Possessions
 - Moral and Spiritual Integrity
- XI. Sacrificial Involvement
- X. Christlikeness

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Lesson - Revelation

Background of the Book of Revelation

Author and Recipients

Revelation 1:1

Revelation 1:4, 11

Where and When

Revelation 1:9

Written to help churches during the difficult Persecution of Domitian

Revelation 2:13

Revelation 6:9-11

Apocalyptic

Apokalypsis

Visions with pictures, allegories, symbols, numbers, colors, stars

Special meanings understood only by destined readers (avoided censorship)

Draws heavily from Old Testament (278 of 404 verses)

Luther: *My spirit cannot adapt itself to this book.*

Interpretations

Preterist

Historical

Futurist

Spiritualist

Numbers

3

4

7 (3 + 4)

12 (3 x 4)

6 (7 - 1)

666

Book of Sevens

Seven Letters to Seven Churches (1-3)

Seven Seals and Seven Trumpets (4-11)

Seven Bowls (15-16)

Seven Candlesticks, Stars, Angels (1:12, 16, 20)

Seven Spirits of God (1:4, 4:5, 5:6)

Lamb with Seven Horns and Seven Eyes (5:6)

Seven Lamps (4:5)

Seven Thunders (10:3-4)

Red Dragon with Seven Heads and Seven Crowns (12:3)

Leopard-like and Scarlet-colored Beasts with Seven Heads each (13:1; 17:3,7)

Seven Hills and Seven Kings (17:9-10)

Seven Beatitudes (1:3, 14:13, 16:15, 19:9, 20:6, 22:7, 22:14)

Old Testament Sevens

God created world in 7 Days; Naaman dipped in Jordan 7 Times

Jericho: 7 Priests with 7 Trumpets marched 7 Days and blew trumpets 7 times

7th Day is Sabbath, 7th month is holy (3 feasts), 7th year is Sabbatic

Passover and Tabernacle Feasts were each 7 Days with 14 lambs (7x2) daily

7 Weeks between Passover and Pentecost, 7 lambs offered at Pentecost

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Outline to the Book of Revelation

PREPARATION

1	Christ is Alive!	Vision 1
2-3	Messages to the Seven Churches	Vision 1
4	God is on the Throne	Vision 2
5	The Lamb and The Scroll	Vision 2

FATE OF THE WORLD

6	The Seven Seals	Vision 2
7	The Faithful are Sealed (Grace Before Seal 7)	Vision 2
8-9	The Seven Trumpets	Vision 3
10-11	Final Prophecies (Grace Before Trumpet 7)	Vision 3

FATE OF THE CHURCH

12	Woman and Child Protected From Dragon	Vision 4
13	Two Beasts Blaspheme God and Force Idol Worship	Vision 4
14	The Faithful on Mount Zion with the Lamb	Vision 4
15-16	Seven Bowls of God's Wrath	Vision 5

FATE OF THE ANTI-CHURCH

17	Description of The Woman on the Beast	Vision 6
18	The Fall of Babylon	Vision 6

VICTORY

19	Hallelujah Chorus	Vision 7
20	The Millennium	Vision 7

GLORY

21	New Heaven and New Earth	Vision 7
22	<i>I Am Coming Soon!</i>	Vision 7

One-Word Summary

How did Paul give the same message?

Romans 8:18-23

How did Paul summarize his point that also summarizes John's point in this book of Revelation?

Romans 8:24-25

How did John give a preview of this message in his first letter?

1 John 3:2-3

Why did John write his gospel and his letters?

John 20:30-31

1 John 5:13

Why did John write this book of Revelation?

Revelation 22:12-15

Bethel Picture and Concepts

Descending Crown and Mace of Leadership

The Crown

The Dove

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The Seven Churches (2-3)

Futurist claims they represent stages of church history

Ephesus	Apostolic
Smyrna	Early Persecutions
Pergamum	Hierarchical
Thyatira	Dark Ages
Sardis	Reformation
Philadelphia	<i>True Church</i> of every age
Laodicea	Luke-warm 20th Century Church

Historicist says John wrote to historical churches

We listen to find ourselves

The Seven Seals (6-8)

Matthew 24:4-8

- 1 - False Christs (Ezekiel 38-39)
- 2 - War
- 3 - Famine
- 4 - Death
- 5 - Persecution of the Faithful
- 6 - Day of Wrath
Faithful are Sealed - 144,000 (12x12x1000)
- 7 - Final Judgement

The Seven Trumpets - All part of Seal Seven (8-11)

- 1 - Hail and Fire on the Earth (1/3 Destroyed)
- 2 - Burning Mountain into the Sea (1/3 Destroyed)
- 3 - Burning Star upon the Rivers (1/3 Destroyed)
- 4 - Sun, Moon and Stars Darkened (1/3 Destroyed)
- 5 - Demon Locusts to Torture Unfaithful
- 6 - Army of Horsemen to Kill Unfaithful (1/3 Killed)
Final Prophecies
- 7 - God's Temple in Heaven Revealed

The Woman, The Child and The Dragon (12)

Woman (12:1)

Twelve Stars (12:1)

Child (12:5)

Dragon (12:3, 9)

A time, times and half a time (12:14)

Four Simultaneous Events

11:2	Holy City Trodden Down
11:3	Two Witnesses Prophecy in Sackcloth
12:6, 14	Woman in the Wilderness
13:5	Beast From the Sea Reigns

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Four Enemies of the Lamb (12-14)

12:1-17	Dragon
13:1-10	First Beast
13:11-18	Second Beast
17:1-18	Babylon
14:1-5	144,000 with the Lamb
14:6-20	Grapes

Seven Bowls of God's Wrath (15-16)

- 1 - Sores on the Unfaithful
- 2 - Sea Turned to Blood
- 3 - Rivers Turned to Blood
- 4 - Intense Heat From the Sun
- 5 - Beast's Kingdom Destroyed
- 6 - Battle Lines Drawn
- 7 - Battle of Armageddon

The Millennium (20)

- Satan is Bound 1000 Years (1-3)
- Faithful Rule with Christ 1000 Years (4-6)
- Satan is Released and Cast into Lake of Fire (7-10)
- The Dead are Judged (11-15)

Heaven and Hell (21)

- New heaven and new earth for Christ's bride (1-7)
- Evil receive second death - fires of hell (8)
- Magnificence of heaven (9-27)

I Am Coming Soon (22)

Revelation 22:20

Closing Prayer

Final Class Questionnaire

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Final Class Questionnaire

1. What did you like and what did you dislike about the Bethel Bible Study?
 - a. Bethel materials (pictures, memory concepts, published handouts)
 - b. Supplementary materials and discussions (class outlines, maps, background)
 - c. Organization and logistics (Six 7-week sessions, One-hour each week)
 - d. Teaching style (Lecture, previous week review, handouts given after class)
 - e. In general
2. What recommendations do you have for future Bethel teachers?
3. What suggestions do you have for future Bible Study for Bethel graduates?
4. What courses would you like to attend?