

New Testament Recovery Version

Study Guide

Book XII

REVELATION

Week 1 Day 1 Rev. 1:1-6

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. Please explain the testimony of Jesus in the book of Revelation.
2. Please explain the significance of “one city, one church”.
3. Please explain the relationship between the Triune God and the local churches.

Answer:

1. See Rev. 1:2 note 1.
2. See Rev. 1:4 note 2, paragraph 1.
3. See Rev. 1:4 note 2, paragraph 2

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 1-5.*

Note:

Week 1 Day 2 Rev. 1:7-13

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me; and when I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands,

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

This book's being sent to the seven _____ equals its being sent to the seven _____. This shows clearly that the _____ of the church life in the early days was the practice of having one church for one _____, one city with only one _____. In no city was there more than one church. This is the _____ church, with the city, not the street or the area, as the unit. The jurisdiction of a local church should cover the _____ city in which the church is located; it should not be _____ or lesser than the boundary of the city. All the _____ within that boundary should constitute the _____ local church within that city. (*See Rev. 1:11 note 1*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 6-7.*

Note:

Week 1 Day 3 Rev. 1:14-20

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw upon My right hand and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

The churches, signified by the seven golden _____, are the testimony of Jesus in the divine _____, shining in the dark night locally yet _____. The churches should be of the divine nature — _____. They should be the _____, even the lampstands, that bear the lamp with the oil (Christ as the life-giving _____) and shine in the darkness individually and _____. They are individual lampstands locally, yet at the same time they are a group, a collection, of lampstands _____. They not only are shining locally but also are bearing _____ the _____ testimony both to the localities and to the universe. (See Rev.1:20 note 1)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 8-9, 31.*

Note:

Week 1 Day 4 Rev. 2:1-7

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 2:1 To the messenger of the church in Ephesus write: These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, He who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

The seven epistles in chs. 2 and 3 are the record of the _____ situation existing in the seven churches at the _____ these epistles were written. However, since this book is a book of _____ with a prophetic nature, the situations of the seven churches also are signs, signifying _____ the _____ of the church in seven stages. The first epistle, to the church in Ephesus, provides a picture of the end of the _____ church, the church in the first stage, during the latter part of the first century. The second epistle, to the church in Smyrna, prefigures the suffering church under the _____ of the Roman Empire. (See Rev.2:1 note 1)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 10.*

Note:

Week 1 Day 5 Rev. 2:8-11

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 2:10 Do not fear the things that you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison that you may be tried, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What does “the church in Smyrna” signify?
2. What does the “tribulation for ten days” signify?
3. What is the meaning of “to be hurt of the second death”?

Answer:

1. See Rev. 2:8 note 1, 2:1 note 1.
2. See Rev. 2:10 note 2.
3. See Rev. 2:11 note 2.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 11.*

Note:

Week 1 Day 6 Rev. 2:12-17

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 2:17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give of the hidden manna, and to him I will give a white stone, and upon the stone a new name written, which no one knows except him who receives it.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What does “the church in Pergamos” signify?
2. What is “the teaching of the Nicolaitans”?
3. What is “the hidden manna”?

Answer:

1. See Rev. 2:12 note 1, 2:1 note 1.
2. See Rev. 2:15 note 1.
3. See Rev. 2:17 note 2.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 12.*

Note:

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 2:26 And he who overcomes and he who keeps My works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations;

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What does “the church in Thyatira” signify?
2. What does “the woman” in Rev. 2:20 signify?
3. What are “the deep things of Satan”?

Answer:

1. See Rev. 2:18 note 1, 2:1 note 1.
2. See Rev. 2:20 note 1.
3. See Rev. 2:24 note 1.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 13.*

Note:

The church as the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:12-13) is universally one (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4-6). Christ as the unique Head has one unique Body which is constituted with all His genuine believers.

The universal church as the Body of Christ is expressed through the local churches. The local churches, as the expressions of the one Body of Christ (Rev. 1:12, 20), are locally one (Acts 8:1; 13:1; Rom. 16:1; 1 Cor. 1:2).

In 1:11 the voice said to John, “What you see write in a book and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, and to Smyrna, and to Pergamos, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.” This verse is composed in a very important way. In this verse we see that the sending of this book “to the seven churches” equals the sending of it to the seven cities. This shows clearly that the practice of the church life in the early days was that of one church for one city, one city with one church. In no city was there more than one church. This is the local church, local city-wise, not street-wise or area-wise. The jurisdiction of a local church should cover the whole city in which the church is; it should not be greater or lesser than the boundary of the city. All the believers within that boundary should constitute the one unique local church within that city. Hence, one church equals one city, and one city equals one church. This is what we call the local churches.

Before we came into the local churches, we were wanderers. We never had the sense that we had come home or that we had reached our destination. But the day we came into the local churches, we realized that we had come home. After wandering for years, we knew that we had finally reached our destination. When we first came into the local church life, something deep within said, “This is the place,” and we knew that we were home. Because we have arrived at our destination, we do not need to travel anymore. So many seeking Christians today are travelers; they travel from one denomination or group to another. But the day we came into the church life, our wanderings ceased. (*Life-Study of Revelation*, pp, 78-79, 83)

Week 2 Day 1 Rev. 3:1-6

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 3:5 He who overcomes will be clothed thus, in white garments, and I shall by no means erase his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

The entire verse is the Lord's _____ to the overcomers. It will be fulfilled in the _____ kingdom after the Lord comes back. That a name is _____ out of the book of life indicates that that name has already been written in the book of life. The book of life is a divine _____ of the names of those who partake of the blessings that God has prepared for them. The names of all the saints _____ by God and predestinated to partake of these blessings are written in this book. These blessings are in three stages: (1) in the church, (2) in the _____ kingdom, and (3) in eternity. (See Rev.3:5 note 3)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 14.*

Note:

Week 2 Day 2 Rev. 3:7-13

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 3:10 Because you have kept the word of My endurance, I also will keep you out of the hour of trial, which is about to come on the whole inhabited earth, to try them who dwell on the earth.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What does “the church in Philadelphia” signify?
2. What is the meaning of “have kept My word and have not denied My name”?
3. When is “the hour of trial, which is about to come on the whole inhabited earth”?

Answer:

1. See Rev. 3:7 note 1, 2:1 note 1.
2. See Rev. 3:8 note 2.
3. See Rev. 3:10 note 2.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 15, 32.*

Note:

Week 2 Day 3 Rev. 3:14-22

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What does “the church in Laodicea” signify?
2. What is the real condition of “the church in Laodicea”?
3. Please explain why the seven churches signify prophetically the progress of the church in seven stages, and the seven kinds of churches in church history.

Answer:

1. See Rev. 3:14 note 1, 2:1 note 1.
2. See Rev. 3:17 note 2.
3. See Rev. 3:22 note 1.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 16.*

Note:

Week 2 Day 4 Rev. 4:1-11

I. Key Verses:

Rev. 4:2 Immediately I was in spirit; and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and upon the throne there was One sitting;

Rev. 4:3 And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance, and there was a rainbow around the throne like an emerald in appearance.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What does “the throne of God” in the book of Revelation indicate?
2. What does “jasper” signify?
3. What do “the four living creatures” represent?

Answer:

1. See Rev. 4:2 note 2.
2. See Rev. 4:3 note 1.
3. See Rev. 4:6 note 2.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 17.*

Note:

Week 2 Day 5 Rev. 5:1-14

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 5:6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

In ch. 4 is the scene in the heavens, its center being the _____ of God, on which God sits, ready to execute His universal _____ for the fulfillment of His _____ purpose. Here in ch. 5 is the same scene in the heavens after Christ _____ there. He was recommended to the apostle John as the _____ of the tribe of Judah by one of the elders, but He appeared to John as a _____. As the Lion, He is the _____ against the enemy; as the Lamb, He is the _____ for us. He fought to redeem us, and He won the battle over the enemy and accomplished redemption for us. (See Rev. 5:6 note 1)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 18, 22,33.*

Note:

Week 2 Day 6 Rev. 6:1-17

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 6:2 And I saw, and behold, a white horse, and he who sits on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went forth conquering and to conquer.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

According to historical facts, the rider of the first horse, the _____ horse, must be the _____, not Christ or Antichrist as some interpret. Immediately after Christ's ascension, these four things — the gospel, _____, _____, and _____ — began to run like riders on four horses, and they will continue until _____ comes back. Beginning from the first century the gospel has been spreading throughout all these twenty centuries. Simultaneously, _____ among the human race has been proceeding. War has always caused _____, and famine issues in _____. All these will continue until the end of this age. (See Rev. 6:2 note 2)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 19-20.*

Note:

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 7:9 After these things I saw, and behold, there was a great multitude which no one could number, out of every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes and palm branches in their hands.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What does “a great multitude standing before the throne” indicate?
2. What do the “palm branches” signify?
3. How will “the Lamb” shepherd us?

Answer:

1. See Rev. 7:9 note 1, note 2.
2. See Rev. 7:9 note 4.
- 3 See Rev. 7:17 note 1, note 2.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 21.*

Note:

The seven epistles in chapters two and three are the record of the actual situation existing in the seven churches at the time these epistles were written. However, since this book is a book of signs with a prophetic nature, the situations of the seven churches are also signs, signifying prophetically the progress of the church in seven stages: ... the initial church, the suffering church, the worldly church, the apostate church, the reformed church, the recovered church, and the degraded recovered church.

In 3:8 we see the condition of the church in Philadelphia. Firstly, this church had “a little power.”... What pleases the Lord is not that we are strong, but that we use our little power to do the best we can.

One outstanding feature of Philadelphia is that she kept the Lord’s word. According to history, no other Christians have kept the Lord’s word as strictly as these in the church in Philadelphia. Likewise, by His grace, we are keeping His word today.

The recovered church has not only returned to the Lord’s word in a full way, but has also abandoned all names other than that of the Lord Jesus Christ. The recovered church belongs to the Lord absolutely, having nothing to do with any denominations (any names)... The church as the chaste virgin espoused to Christ (2 Cor. 11:2) should not have any name other than her husband’s.

In verse 8 the Lord said, “Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut.” As the One who has the key of David and who opens and no one can shut, the Lord has given the recovered church “an open door which no one can shut.” Since the recovery of the proper church life began, in the early part of the nineteenth century, until now, a door has always been wide open to the Lord’s recovery. The more that organized Christianity tries to shut the door, the wider it is open. In spite of much opposition, the door today is open worldwide. The key is in the hand of the Head of the church; it is not in the hand of the opposers. Hallelujah, we have an open door!

Undoubtedly, only the recovered church can fulfill God’s eternal purpose, and only she is what the Lord is after. We must take the Lord’s choice. (*Life-Study of Revelation*, pp. 113,186-187, 189, 212)

Week 3 Day 1 Rev. 8:1-12

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 8:3 And another Angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer, and much incense was given to Him to offer with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

The golden censer signifies the _____ of the saints, which are brought to God by _____ as "another Angel."

Incense signifies Christ with all His _____ to be _____ to the prayers of the saints that the saints' prayers offered upon the golden _____ might be _____ to God.

The implication here is that this is the _____ to the prayers of the saints. ...The prayer of the _____ in this chapter must be for the _____ of the earth, which opposes God's economy. The _____ to the saints' prayers is the executing of God's judgment upon the _____ through the succeeding seven trumpets. (See Rev.8:3 note 3 and 4,8: 5 note 1)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Rev, Message 23.*

Note:

Week 3 Day 2 Rev. 8:13-9:21

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 9:1 And the fifth angel trumpeted, and I saw a star out of heaven fallen to the earth, and to him was given the key of the pit of the abyss.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

And the fifth angel trumpeted, and I saw a _____ out of heaven fallen to the earth, and to him was given the _____ of the pit of the abyss. And he opened the pit of the _____, and smoke went up out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit. And out of the smoke came forth _____ to the earth, and to them power was given, as the _____ of the earth have power. And it was said to them that they should not harm the grass of the earth or any green thing or any tree, but men who do not have the _____ of God on their foreheads. (See Rev.9:1-4)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 24-25.*

Note:

Week 3 Day 3 Rev. 10:1-11

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel when he is about to trumpet, then the mystery of God is finished, as He has announced the good news to His own slaves the prophets.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

But in the dispensation from _____ to the millennial kingdom, everything is a _____. The _____ of Christ, as the beginning of this dispensation of mystery, is a mystery. Christ Himself, the _____, the _____ of the heavens, the gospel, the indwelling of Christ, and the coming _____ and transfiguration of the saints as the end of this dispensation of mystery are all _____ that were hidden in the times of the ages. All these mysteries will be completed, _____, and will be over at the trumpeting of the seventh trumpet. (See Rev.10:7 note 2)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 26.*

Note:

Week 3 Day 4 Rev. 11:1-15

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

The seventh trumpet comprises all the things from the _____ of the great tribulation to _____ future, such as the last _____, i.e., the seven bowls; the resurrection and _____ of the saints (including the two witnesses); the rewarding of the saints; the _____ of the Lamb; the coming back of _____ to the earth; the destruction of Antichrist, the false prophet, their followers, the _____ Babylon the Great, and Satan; the _____ in the millennial kingdom; the final _____ upon the earth and Satan; the final judgment of the dead; and the ultimate _____ in the new heaven and new earth with the New Jerusalem for eternity. (See Rev.11:15 note 1)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 27-28.*

Note:

Week 3 Day 5 Rev. 11:16-12:4

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 12:1 And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon underneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

This woman is "clothed with the _____, and the _____ underneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve _____." In Gen. 37:9, Joseph in his dream saw the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars, signifying his father, his mother, and his eleven brothers. There the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars, plus Joseph himself, signified the _____ of God's people on the earth. Most of her being is clothed with the _____. The sun signifies God's people in the _____ Testament age. Before that, it was the age of the _____, which signifies God's people in the _____ Testament time. The stars, which signify the _____, God's people before the _____ was given, are on her head as a crown. (See Rev.12:1 note 1)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 28, 34, 37.*

Note:

Week 3 Day 6 Rev. 12:5 -18

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 12:11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

The _____ of the Lamb, which is for our redemption, answers before God all the _____ of the _____ against us and gives us the victory over him. We need to _____ this blood whenever we sense the accusation of the devil.

The word of their testimony is their word that testifies that the devil has been _____ by the Lord. Whenever we sense the _____ accusation, we should verbally _____ how the Lord has already dealt with him. We must _____ with the uttered word the Lord's victory over him.

Unto death indicates _____. The overcoming believers who constitute the man-child do not love their _____-life even unto death. (See Rev. 12:11 note 2, note 3, note 5)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 29-30, 35-36,38,45.*

Note:

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 13:1 And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns ten diadems, and on his heads names of blasphemy.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What do the “ten horns and seven heads” of the beast represent?
2. What does the likeness of the beast indicate?
3. What is the significance of the number of the beast?

Answer:

1. See Rev. 13:1 note 3.
2. See Rev. 13:2 note 1.
3. See Rev. 13:18 note 2.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 40-44.*

Note:

The man-child is composed of all the overcoming saints who die before the time of this resurrection. If you are an overcomer today and live until the Lord comes back, you will not be a part of the man-child. Instead, you may be among the firstfruit mentioned in chapter fourteen. But if you are an overcomer and die before the Lord comes back, you will be resurrected to be part of the man-child. Therefore, the man-child does not represent the overcomers who live until the Lord comes back, but represents all the dead overcomers who will be resurrected immediately before the Lord comes back. This resurrection will be their delivery as the man-child.

Undoubtedly, the majority of God’s people were genuine, but they were not strong. We find the same thing in the New Testament. Although there were thousands of Christians in the early days, not that many were truly strong. Even at present there are thousands, even millions, of Christians, but not many are strong. I encourage you all to be strong.

How can we be the man-child? If you would be part of the man-child, you must eat more, grow more, and become stronger. To put it into practical terms, you must pray more, spend more time with the Lord, eat more of the Word, experience the Lord more, grow in life more, and have more dealings with the negative things. If others would gossip, you would not gossip. If others would not pray, you would pray more. Although you should not be separate from the woman, you should be somewhat different from others. The woman is too general. Those who are part of the man-child are somewhat particular. Many of the dear ones in the Lord’s recovery are indifferent. They have little appetite and do not like to eat very much. But if you would be in the man-child, you should not be indifferent. You must be particular, sober, and serious. You must have a good appetite and have a personal, direct moment by moment dealing with the Lord. If you are like this, then it is possible that you will be the stronger part in the Lord’s recovery, the stronger part within the woman. Whether or not you will be in the man-child depends upon how you react to God’s desire, God’s move, and God’s eternal economy. If, day and night, you cannot go on until you have given yourself wholly and thoroughly to God’s economy, then it is likely that you are a part of the man-child. (*Life-Study of Revelation*, pp. 427, 420-422)

Week 4 Day 1 Rev. 14:1-12

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 14:4 ...These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He may go. These were purchased from among men as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

These _____ overcomers will be the _____ ones in God’s field. Hence, they will be reaped _____ the harvest as firstfruits to _____ and to the Lamb. The _____ will be reaped later, in vv. 14-16. This means that the overcomers will be _____ to the heavens before the harvest, just as the firstfruits of the good land were reaped and brought into the _____ of God before the harvest. The _____ overcomers, the firstfruits in vv. 1-5, will be raptured _____ the great tribulation, and that the harvest in vv. 14-16, composed of the majority of the believers, will be raptured at the _____ of the great tribulation. (See Rev.14:4 note 2)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 46-47.*

Note:

Week 4 Day 2 Rev. 14:13-15:8

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses, the slave of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and wonderful are Your works, Lord God the Almighty! Righteous and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What does “the harvest of the earth is ripe” indicate?
2. What is “the great winepress of the fury of God”?
3. What do “the song of Moses” and “the song of the Lamb” indicate respectively?

Answer:

1. See Rev. 14:15 note 1, note 2.
2. See Rev. 14:19 note 1.
3. See Rev. 15:3 note 1, note 2.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 48-49.*

Note:

Week 4 Day 3 Rev. 16:1-21

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 16:17 And the seventh poured out his bowl upon the air; and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, It is done.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

And I saw, out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits as _____; For they are _____ of demons doing signs, which go forth to the kings of the whole inhabited earth to gather them to the _____ of the great day of God the Almighty. (Behold, I come as a _____. _____ is he who watches and keeps his garments that he may not walk naked and they see his shame.) And they gathered them to the place which in Hebrew is called, _____. (See Rev.16:13-16)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 49-50.*

Note:

Week 4 Day 4 Rev. 17:1-18

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 17:14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and they who are with Him, the called and chosen and faithful, will also overcome them.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

Antichrist will be the coming _____ Caesar. But he is also the eighth. According to 13:3, Antichrist will be slain and _____. In that resuscitation the spirit of Nero (the _____ Caesar), which will come up out of the abyss (when Satan is cast down to the earth), will animate and resuscitate the _____ body of the seventh Caesar, Antichrist, thereby _____ the resurrection of Christ. This one, composed of the fifth and seventh Caesars, is the _____. Hence, he is "out of the seven," having the _____ of the seventh and the _____ of the fifth. Therefore, he will be all the more capable, all the more intelligent, and all the more powerful to charm, deceive, and allure people. (Rev.17:11 note 1)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 51-52.*

Note:

Week 4 Day 5 Rev. 18:1-19:4

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 19:1 After these things I heard as it were a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, Hallelujah! The salvation and the glory and the power are of our God.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

The word, from Hebrew, is a compound of *hallelu*, _____, and *jah*, a shortened form of the name _____; hence, it means *praise Jehovah*.

The “Hallelujah” in vv. 1 and 3 is the _____ of the great multitude of saints. Here, the twenty-four angelic elders and the four living creatures say “_____” to the praise of the saints, and then, like the saints, they praise by saying “_____” Hence, taken together, this is the praise of the saints, angels, and all creatures; it is their _____ to the Triune God from the past to the present and for _____. (*Rev.19:1 note 1, 4 note 1*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 53.*

Note:

Week 4 Day 6 Rev. 19:5-16

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 19:7 Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

The reign of God, the _____, is related to the _____ of the Lamb, and the marriage of the Lamb is the issue of the _____ of God's New Testament economy. God's economy in the New Testament is to obtain for Christ a bride, the church, through His _____ and divine _____. By the continual working of the Holy Spirit through all the centuries, this goal will be attained at the _____ of this age. Then the bride, the _____ believers, will be ready, and the kingdom of God will come. This corresponds with the Lord's _____ in Matt. 26:29. (*Rev.19:7 note 1*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 54-55.*

Note:

Week 4 Day 7 Rev. 19:17-20:6

PRAISE

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What will take place on the last day of the great tribulation?
2. What is “the first resurrection?”
3. What will be the blessing to the overcomers who have a part in “the first resurrection?”

Answer:

1. See Rev. 19:20 note 1.
2. See Rev. 20:5 note 2.
3. See Rev. 20:6 note 4.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 55-56.*

Note:

Revelation 19:4 says, “And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God, who sits upon the throne, saying, Amen, Hallelujah!” After the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven says, “Hallelujah,” the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures say, “Amen, Hallelujah!” The “Amen” comes first because some hallelujahs have been spoken already. The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures say “Amen” to these hallelujahs and then add more hallelujahs of their own.

In 1967 the Lord showed us how to call upon His name. At the same time we began to see that we should praise Him continually. Our meetings in 1967 and 1968 were filled with amens and hallelujahs. Religious people condemned us for this, and a small part of religious Babylon rose up against us. I simply do not know why. They oppose our praising the Lord with amens and hallelujahs. But the book of Revelation indicates that praising the Lord in this way will be the practice in the future. What will be practiced in heaven in the future may also be practiced by us today on earth. (*Life-Study of Revelation*, pp. 615)

The chorus of the well-known hymn “Blessed Assurance” says:

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Many Christians have sung this hymn, but not many praise their Savior all the day long. What do you think would happen if we praised the Lord all day long? No doubt, we would be utterly immersed in the Lord.

The church meetings should be a continuation of our daily life. We should sing and praise in our daily life and then continue our singing and praising in the meetings. But if we praise the Lord in the meetings without praising Him in our daily life, our meetings will be a performance, and we shall be actors. We should come to the meetings not to perform, but to express what we are in our daily life. (*Life-Study of Exodus*, pp. 680-681, 684)

Week 5 Day 1 Rev. 20:7-15

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 20:11 And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose face earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. Briefly describe “the last war on earth.”
2. What are “the camp of the saints and the beloved city?”
3. Please explain the judgment of the great white throne?

Answer:

1. See Rev. 20:8 note 2.
2. See Rev. 20:9 note 1.
3. See Rev. 20:11 note 1, note 2.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 57.*

Note:

Week 5 Day 2 Rev. 21:1-2

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. How does God gain His corporate expression?
2. Why is “the New Jerusalem” not a material city?
3. How is the “New Jerusalem” the eternal counterpart of Christ?

Answer:

1. See Rev. 21:1 note 1.
2. See Rev. 21:2 note 1, paragraph 1.
3. See Rev. 21:2 note 1, paragraph 2 and paragraph 3.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 58.*

Note:

Week 5 Day 3 Rev. 21:3-13

I. Key Verses:

Rev. 21:9 ... one... came and spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.

Rev. 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What is “the lake of fire”?
2. What do the “precious stone” and “jasper stone” in Revelation 21:11 signify?
3. What do the “twelve gates” in the New Jerusalem signify?

Answer:

1. See Rev. 21:8 note 2.
2. See Rev. 21:11 note 3, note 4.
3. See Rev. 20:13 note 1.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 59-60.*

Note:

Week 5 Day 4 Rev. 21:14-21

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 21:18 And the building work of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

The New Jerusalem is built of _____ kinds of precious materials, signifying that she is built with the _____ God. First, the city proper, with its street, is of pure _____. Gold, the symbol of the divine _____ of God, signifies the Father as the source, from whom the _____ for the substantial existence of the city is produced. Second, the twelve gates of the city are _____, which signify the Son’s overcoming death and life-imparting _____, through which _____ to the city is gained. Third, the wall of the city and its foundation are built of _____, signifying the _____ work of transforming the redeemed and regenerated saints into precious stones for the building of God’s eternal _____ (*Rev. 21:21 note 1*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Rev, Message 61-63.*

Note:

Week 5 Day 5 Rev. 21:22-22:2

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Truth Quiz:

1. What does “the inner temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb” signify?
2. The street of the holy city is pure gold. How can we apply this in our daily life?
3. Please explain “the tree of life.”

Answer:

1. See Rev. 21:22 note 2.
2. See Rev. 22:1 note 6.
3. See Rev. 22:2 note 1 and note 2.

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 64-65.*

Note:

Week 5 Day 6 Rev. 22:3-15

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 22:14 Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

Rev. 22:14 can be considered a _____ of the enjoyment of the _____ of life, which is Christ with all the _____ of life; and the second half of v. 17 can be considered a _____ to take the water of life, which is the life-giving _____. Thus this book ends in a promise and a call, both of which are for eating and drinking the all-inclusive Christ as the life-giving Spirit.

The robes here symbolize the _____ of the believers. To wash their robes is to keep their conduct _____ through the _____ of the blood of the Lamb. This gives them the right to participate in the tree of life and to enter into the city. (*Rev. 22:14 note 1, note 2*)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 66.*

Note:

I. Key Verse:

Rev. 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who is thirsty come; let him who wills take the water of life freely.

II. Your Favorite Verses: _____, _____, _____.

III. Crucial Points of the Truth:

The entire _____ of the Bible shows us the love story of a universal _____. That is, the _____ Lord, who created the universe and all things, the _____ — the Father, the Son, and the Spirit — who went through the _____ of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, and who ultimately became the life-giving Spirit, is joined in _____ to the created, redeemed, regenerated, transformed, and glorified _____ man — composed of spirit, soul, and body — who ultimately constitutes the church, the expression of God. In the _____ that is without end, by the divine, eternal, and surpassingly glorious _____, they will live a life that is the _____ of God and man as one spirit, a life that is superexcellent and that overflows with blessings and joy. (See Rev. 22:17 note 1)

IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Revelation Message 67-68.*

Note:

Revelation 22:1 says, “And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.”

The tree of life grows on the two sides of the river of life. It does not go up, but spreads like a vine. Hence, it is available along the flow of the water of life. Christ, as the tree of life, is the life supply available along the flow of the Spirit as the water of life. Where the Spirit flows, there the life supply of Christ is found. This is all in and with the divine nature as our holy way, as signified by the street. This is both the supply of the holy city and the way the city is supplied.

Let us now consider a positive illustration. Suppose when the inward regulation tells this sister not to buy that particular article, she says, “Amen, Lord, amen.” Immediately, she will find herself walking on the golden street. At the same time, she will sense that the inner flow is intensified and strengthened. She will also sense that the inner flow brings her the rich supply of life. This is the enjoyment of the tree of life. After that, she probably will have no further desire to stay in the store. As she leaves the store, she may even feel like singing or shouting hallelujah. This is what it means to walk on the golden street, to partake of the flowing river, and to enjoy all the riches of the tree of life.

Whenever we submit our entire being to the headship of the redeeming God, His throne is set up within us. Out of this throne flows the river of life. This river of life flows in the midst of the golden street, and along this flowing river there is the tree of life, which is a vine growing along the river as our rich life supply. The throne is here, waiting for us to submit to the headship and authority of the redeeming God. As soon as we submit to this headship, the life-giving Spirit immediately flows within us, and we find ourselves on the golden street. As we walk along the golden street, we find that the inward flowing of the life-giving Spirit is marvelous, refreshing, satisfying, and supplying. It would take a great many words to adequately describe this flow within us. Along this flow of the living water there are the riches of the tree of life that grows by the flow of the river. This means that where the flow of the river is, there is the tree of life to supply us. In my experience I have a throne, the flowing of the water of life, and Christ as the tree of life growing within me in a very practical way. This is not a doctrinal understanding; it is absolutely a matter of experience in life. (*Life-Study of Revelation*, pp. 740,748-750)