

Revelation
Part 2
Leader Guide
(NASB and ESV)

UNVEILING THE
BOOK OF REVELATION
(CHAPTERS 4–22)

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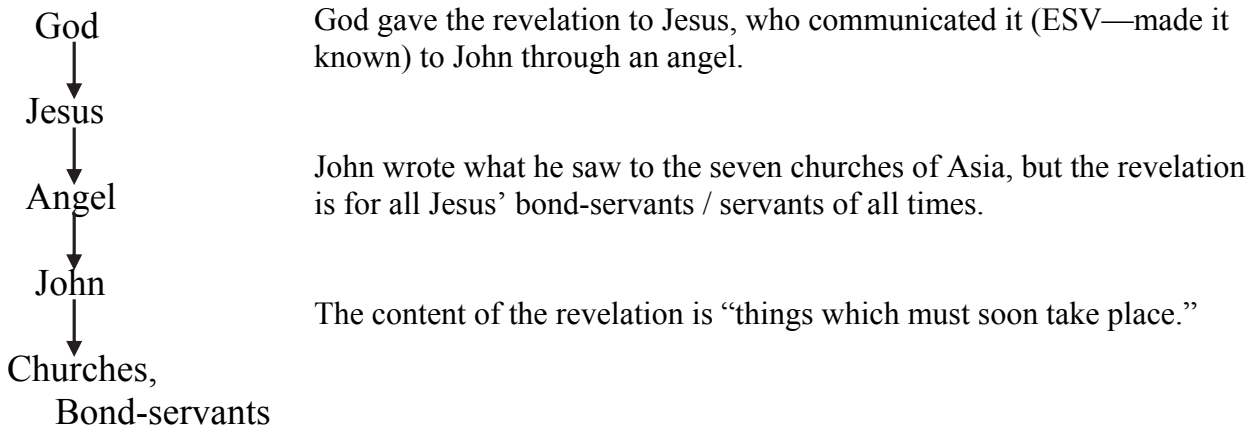
LESSON 1

Leader Guide

Lesson emphasis

- Revelation 1:1, John’s purpose
- Revelation’s three segments
- Overview of Revelation 4–11, the third segment

To begin your discussion, tell your group to look at Revelation 1:1 and answer the questions from Day One of the lesson. You can use the following diagram as a visual aid.



How does Revelation 1:19 define the three segments? Tell your group to look at their “Revelation at a Glance” chart for a visual aid. There is one at the end of this guide.

Revelation 1 “the things which / that you have seen”
John saw Jesus in the midst of the seven churches.
Jesus told him what to write.

Revelation 2–3 “the things which are” (ESV—those that are)
The seven churches of Asia were in existence when John wrote.

Revelation 4–22 “the things which will take place after these things”
(ESV—those that are to take place after this)
Future things

Ask what the blessing in Revelation 1:3 is based on.

Those who read (ESV—aloud), hear, and heed / keep the things written in Revelation will be blessed.

Remind your group that this includes them.

REVELATION 1

What did John see?

Jesus in the midst of the seven churches

Give time for your group to discuss what they learned from this description of Him.

REVELATION 2–3

Ask what your group learned from marking “hear.”

Each message to a church includes the exhortation “hear what the Spirit says.”
All believers need to pay attention to the content of this book.

REVELATION 4

How does this chapter begin?

John saw a door open in heaven.
The “first voice . . . like a trumpet” refers back to Revelation 1:10-12.
“I will show you what must take place after these things (ESV—this).”

Then John was “in the Spirit” and saw a throne in heaven and One sitting on it.

What is this chapter about?

24 elders and 4 living creatures worship before the throne of the Lord God Almighty, the Holy One, the Creator, in heaven.

John begins the last (third) segment with a description of the Almighty God being worshiped before His throne in heaven. Relate this to the description of Jesus in chapter 1.

REVELATION 5

Ask what this chapter is about and what your group learned from marking words in the lesson.

God holding a book / scroll sealed with seven seals.
An angel asks who is worthy to break the seals.

The only One worthy to open the book by breaking / opening its seals is

- The Lion of Judah
- The Root of David
- The Lamb as if slain

The Lamb takes the book and those before the throne sing that He is worthy. Then the elders worship Him.

Both Revelation 4 and 5 are about worship in heaven, first of God the Almighty and then of the Lamb.

These chapters are the foundation for the next one.

REVELATION 6

What happens in this chapter?

The Lamb begins to break / open the seals on the book / scroll.

Six of the seven seals are broken / opened in this chapter.

What happens when each is broken / opened? What does John see and hear?

1st seal

The first living creature says, “Come”

A rider on a white horse

- He has a bow and is given a crown.
- He goes out conquering and to conquer.

2nd seal

The second living creature says, “Come”

A rider on a red horse

- He takes peace from the earth; men slay each other.
- He’s given a great sword.

3rd seal

The third living creature says, “Come”

A rider on a black horse

- He has a pair of scales.
- A voice commands to measure wheat, barley, and don’t harm oil and wine.

4th seal

The fourth living creature says, “Come”

Death riding an ashen / pale horse and Hades following

- The two are given authority to kill $\frac{1}{4}$ of the earth with sword, famine, pestilence, and wild beasts.

5th seal

John saw under the altar souls who had been slain because of God’s word.

They ask how long before their blood is avenged on those on earth.

They’re given white robes and told to rest a little longer.

More of them will be killed until their number is complete.

6th seal

A great earthquake, the sun became black, the moon became like blood, stars fell, the sky split apart / vanished, and every island and mountain moved out of / removed from their places.

Men hide and ask the mountains to fall on them and hide them from the great day of the wrath of God and the Lamb.

REVELATION 7

How does this chapter begin, what time phrase? What might it refer to?

“After this”—the next things John saw after he saw the Lamb break six of the seven seals.

Four angels holding back the four winds
A fifth angel with God’s seal told the others not to harm until His bond-servants / servants were sealed on their foreheads.

The number sealed = 144,000; 12,000 each from 12 tribes of sons of Israel.

Ask how verses 9-17 differ from the first part of this chapter.

Next John saw a great multitude from every nation.

The multitude from the nations was before the throne in heaven, but the 144,000 of Israel were on the earth.

REVELATION 8

Ask what this chapter is about.

7th seal broken / opened
Silence in heaven for about half an hour
Seven trumpets given to seven angels

Incense is given to an angel to add to the prayers of the saints to offer on the golden altar before the throne. In chapter 5, 24 elders and living creatures have bowls of incense, which are the saints’ prayers. The incense and prayers go up before God.

Then fire is thrown from the altar to the earth, causing thunder, sounds / rumblings, lightning, and an earthquake. Compare this with 6:12-14.

After the angels are given trumpets, what happens?

1st trumpet

Hail, fire, blood thrown to earth
1/3 earth and trees burned and all green grass

2nd trumpet

Burning mountain thrown into sea
1/3 sea becomes blood
1/3 sea creatures die
1/3 ships destroyed

3rd trumpet

Great star falls from heaven on 1/3 of rivers and waters on earth
Many men die from bitter waters

4th trumpet

1/3 sun, moon, and stars darkened

What's the last thing in this chapter John sees and hears?

A flying eagle says, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth . . ." because of the last three trumpets.

REVELATION 9

What is this chapter about?

5th trumpet

Locusts on earth for five months hurt men without God's seal
First woe is past / passed

6th trumpet

Angels at Euphrates released
Prepared for the hour, day, month, and year
Kill 1/3 of mankind

Men don't repent.

REVELATION 10

Ask how this chapter differs from 8 and 9.

It doesn't continue with the trumpets.
It describes John's vision of a strong angel who has a little book / scroll in his hand.

John then hears seven peals of thunder speak something he's told not to write.

Then the angel tells about the days when the 7th angel is about to sound his trumpet.
The mystery of God is finished / fulfilled at that time.

John eats the little book / scroll.

John is then told he must prophesy more about peoples, nations, tongues / languages, and kings.

REVELATION 11

What and who is this chapter about?

This is a continuation from the previous chapter.

John is given a measuring rod to measure the temple, the altar, and those who worship there. The court of the temple is given to the nations.

Prophecy—the nations will tread the court of the temple and the holy city for 42 months.

Two witnesses will prophesy for 1,260 days.

When they finish, the beast will kill them in the city where their Lord was crucified. Peoples, tongues, and nations will look at their dead bodies for 3 ½ days.

They are raised from the dead and called up to heaven.
Then a great earthquake occurs and 1/10 of the city falls.
7,000 people are killed.

The second woe is past / passed.
The third is coming quickly / soon.
Then the 7th angel sounds.

What are verses 15-19 about?

7th trumpet

The world kingdom becomes the Lord's and His Christ's, and He will reign forever.

Elders worship because God has begun to reign.

Nations are enraged
God's wrath comes
Time to judge the dead and reward His servants
Time to destroy those who destroy the earth

Temple in heaven opens
The ark of the covenant appears
Lightning, sounds / rumblings, thunder, earthquake, hailstorm

You can close by asking your group what they learned about God and the future, when the Lamb breaks the seals and the angels sound the trumpets.

Ask if they understand what they've studied and discussed in this lesson. Encourage them that they'll learn more as they continue their study of Revelation.

Author John	Things you have seen	1	John told to write / Saw Jesus
	Things / those which are	2	To churches at Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira
Purpose to show to His servants things which must soon take place		Things which take place after these things / this	3
	4		Worship in heaven before God's throne
	5		Lamb worthy to break / open seals
	6		Six seals broken
	7		144,000 of Israel sealed and great multitude of the nations
	8		7 th Seal and 4 Trumpets
	9		5 th and 6 th Trumpets
	10		John ate book / scroll, prophesy again
	11		2 Witnesses / 7 th Trumpet

REVELATION, PART 2

LESSON 2

Leader Guide

Lesson emphasis

- Overview of Revelation 12–22

REVIEW

To begin this discussion, ask your group what they remember from Revelation 1–11. Tell them to look at their At a Glance chart as a visual aid for this discussion.

God Himself gave the revelation (*apocalypse* = “uncovering, unveiling”¹) to Jesus. Jesus communicated it / made it known by an angel to John when he was exiled on the island of Patmos. John was told to write all he saw in a book for the seven churches.

The Revelation shows Jesus’ bond-servants, the Church, things which must soon take place. Those who read (ESV—aloud), hear, and heed / keep the prophecy are blessed. “The time is near.”

1:19 structures Revelation as three segments

- The things you have seen
Revelation 1—John saw Jesus in the midst of 7 churches
- The things / those which are
Revelation 2–3—the messages to the seven churches of Asia
- The things / those which will take place after these things / this
Revelation 4–22

Revelation 4-5

Worship in heaven before God’s throne, chapter 4

The book with seven seals is presented; no one is worthy to break the seals and open it except the Lamb of God—Jesus Christ, chapter 5.

Revelation 6–11

Events when the Lamb breaks 7 seals and the angels sound 7 trumpets.

Revelation 6 Events on earth resulting from the first six seals being broken / opened

¹ Cleon L. Rogers Jr. and Cleon L. Rogers III, *The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1998), p. 610.

- Revelation 7 Two groups of people are described.
144,000 of Israel are sealed on earth
A multitude from every nation stands before the throne in heaven
- Revelation 8 7th seal broken
Seven trumpets given to seven angels
First four trumpets blown
- Revelation 9 5th and 6th trumpets sound
- Revelation 10 John was told not to write what the seven peals of thunder speak.
In the days of the 7th trumpet the mystery of God is finished / fulfilled.
John ate a little book / scroll and must prophesy again concerning
- Many peoples, nations, tongues / languages
 - Kings
- Revelation 11 Two witnesses are given authority for 1,260 days to prophesy.
They are killed by the beast, raised, and taken to heaven.
The 7th angel sounds his trumpet.

REVELATION 12

What is this chapter about? There is a visual aid list at the end of this guide.

Two signs in heaven

The first sign was a woman about to give birth.

Clothed with the sun
Moon under her feet
Crown of 12 stars on her head

The second sign was a great red dragon.

7 heads, 7 diadems, 10 horns
Tail swept 1/3 stars of heaven and threw them to earth
Tried to devour the woman's child

Male child to rule all nations with rod of iron

Caught up to God and to His throne

The description of the child seems to describe Jesus.

The text does not identify the woman.

The dragon is called the serpent of old / ancient serpent, the devil, and Satan.

Relate the 1/3 stars of heaven to "his angels" of verse 9.

NOTE: Remind your group of Revelation 1:20, but caution them that “stars” don’t always mean angels in Revelation.

What are the events associated with these signs?

The woman flees to the wilderness for 1,260 days or time, times, and half a time.

The dragon is thrown to earth and has only a short time.

He persecutes / pursued the woman.

The dragon is enraged at the woman.

He went to make war with the rest of her offspring who keep God’s commands and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

REVELATION 13

What is this chapter about?

A beast with 10 horns, 10 diadems, and 7 heads with blasphemous names

The dragon gives him power, a throne, and authority for 42 months.

The whole earth worships the beast after his fatal wound is healed.

He fights with the saints and overcomes them.

A second beast with 2 horns like a lamb and speaks like a dragon

He performs signs and makes all worship the first beast.

He commands those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the first beast and gives it breath.

The mark of the beast is 666, the number of a man.

Give time for your group to discuss how any of this relates to them. Remind them of why the revelation was written and who it’s for.

REVELATION 14

Ask what this chapter is about.

The 144,000 of Israel, from chapter 7, are mentioned again.

This time the text places them in heaven.

Verses 6-20 tell of 6 angels who give various proclamations.

The Gospel

Babylon the great “fallen”

God’s wrath on those who worship the beast, his image and receive his mark

The hour to reap

Gather the clusters—wine press of God’s wrath on earth

REVELATION 15

What happens in this chapter?

Another sign in heaven
7 angels given 7 plagues
The wrath of God is finished in them.
Those victorious over (ESV—conquered) the beast sing in heaven
The temple in heaven opened.

REVELATION 16

How does this chapter relate to the last one?

The 7 angels pour out the 7 bowls of God's wrath on the earth.

1st bowl

Sores on those who receive the mark of the beast and worship his image

2nd bowl

Sea becomes blood

3rd bowl

Rivers and waters become blood

4th bowl

Sun scorches men with fire
Men do not repent

5th bowl

Darkness on beast's kingdom
They blaspheme / curse the God of heaven and don't repent

6th bowl

Euphrates is dried up
Three spirits of demons gather kings of the earth for war

7th bowl

"It is done."
Lightning, sounds / rumblings, thunder
Great earthquake
The great city, Babylon, is split into three parts; cities of nations fall
Every island and mountain go away
100-pound hailstones fall

If you have time, you could ask your group to very briefly compare the results of the 7 bowls to the 7 seals and the 7 trumpets.

REVELATION 17

Who / what is this chapter about?

Judgment on the great harlot / prostitute, Babylon

Babylon is a “mystery.”

She’s called the great harlot / prostitute and the great city which reigns over / has dominion over the kings of the earth. 10 kings and the beast will burn her

REVELATION 18

How does this chapter compare with chapter 17?

They’re both about the fall of Babylon.

It tells how her fall will come in one hour.

Who mourns over her—kings and merchants

Why she’s judged—blood of saints, prophets, apostles

REVELATION 19

How does this chapter begin? What happens?

“After these things / this”

After seeing the vision of Babylon’s fall, John heard a multitude in heaven. They rejoice over God’s judgments.

The marriage supper of the Lamb is mentioned.

The main event of this chapter is in verses 11-16.
Briefly compare this description with the one in Revelation 1.

After the King of kings and Lord of lords comes from heaven, birds eat the flesh of those who came against Him in “the great supper of God.”

The beast and false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire.

REVELATION 20

What time period is this chapter about? What happens before, during, and after it?

The devil is bound and put in an abyss / bottomless pit for 1,000 years.

He can't deceive the nations during this time.
Those who didn't worship the beast or receive his mark reign with Christ for 1,000 years.

After the 1,000 years, Satan is released.
He deceives the nations.
They're killed, and he's thrown into the lake of fire.

The dead are judged at the great white throne.
Those not listed in the book of life are thrown into the lake of fire.

REVELATION 21

What did John see and hear according to this chapter?

A new heaven
A new earth
A new Jerusalem, described in verses 9-27

Overcomers, Revelation 2–3, will inherit these things.
(ESV—the one who conquers will have this heritage)

REVELATION 22

What is continued in verses 1-5?

Description of the new Jerusalem

Compare the rest of this chapter to Revelation 1.

Verse 6 restates the purpose of the Revelation.
Verse 7 restates the blessing for those who heed / keep this prophecy.
John testifies that he received the Revelation.
Verses 12 and 13 restate facts from chapter 1.

Jesus
said three times that He's coming quickly / soon
sent His angel to testify to John for the churches
root and descendant of David
the bright morning star

To end this discussion, ask your group what they think of the Revelation.

- 12 Signs in heaven: woman and dragon
- 13 2 beasts, the image and the mark
- 14 144,000 in heaven / Hour of judgment has come
- 15 Sign: 7 angels with 7 plagues
- 16 7 bowls of wrath poured out
- 17 Judgment of harlot / prostitute Babylon
- 18 Fall of Babylon in one hour
- 19 King of kings and Lord of lords comes
- 20 1,000-year reign and great white throne judgment
- 21 New heaven, earth, and Jerusalem
- 22 "I am coming quickly / soon"

REVELATION, PART 2

LESSON 3

Leader Guide

Lesson emphasis

- Revelation 4–10

REVIEW

To begin this discussion, ask who wrote Revelation, to whom it was written, and why.
Tell your group to look at their At a Glance charts as a visual aid for this part of the discussion.

God gave the revelation to Jesus, who sent an angel to show it to John. John wrote it.

It's about things which will soon take place, events of the future.

Jesus wants His bond-servants to know these things.

He wants them not only to read but also to heed / keep them.

Jesus told John what to write and where to send it—to the 7 churches of Asia.

Revelation is a book of prophecy.

It describes events before and after the Lord's coming.

The three main segments are in Revelation 1:19.

The things John saw—Jesus in the midst of 7 churches, chapter 1

The things / those which are—the 7 churches of Asia, chapters 2–3

The things that (ESV—those that are to) take place after these things (ESV—this), chapters 4–22

REVELATION 4

Ask about the content of this chapter.

Tell them to look at their drawings or lists as visual aids for this discussion.

They might have drawn a door in heaven with an angel calling John to “come up here.”

John was “in the Spirit” and saw a throne with God on it.

Give time for them to discuss the description in verses 3-7 and how it relates to God's holiness.

Ask how it applies to them.

24 elders sit on thrones around God's throne

4 living creatures are “in the center and around” the throne.

The creatures give glory to God, and the elders fall down to worship Him.

Ask what they learned about God from verses 8-11 and how it also relates to their lives.

REVELATION 5

How does this chapter continue from chapter 4?

God held a book / scroll sealed with 7 seals.
John saw an angel ask who is worthy to open the book and break its seals.
John wept when no one worthy was found.

An elder told John to stop weeping because the Lion of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome to open the book and break its seals.

Verse 6 describes a Lamb. This is Jesus.

When the Lamb took the book out of God's hand, the creatures and elders fall down before Him as they did in chapter 4.

Discuss what's added to chapter 4's description of the elders in this chapter.

Ask your group what they learned from the new song the creatures and elders sing. What did they learn about the Lamb and how does this relate to them?

Who praises the Lamb in verses 11-14? Describe the praise.

Some in your group might recognize some words from Christian songs they know.

NOTE: As your group discusses what they are learning, remind them of the scene in heaven in Revelation 4–5.

REVELATION 6

Ask if the tone of the drawings in this chapter changes from the tone in the previous two.

The Lamb broke / opened the first seal and one of the living creatures said, "Come."
John saw a white horse and a rider with a bow. The rider was given a crown and went conquering and to conquer.

Lamb broke / opened 2nd seal—second creature said, "Come."
Red horse
Rider granted to take peace from the earth
Great sword given to him

Lamb broke / opened 3rd seal—third creature said, "Come."
Black horse
Rider has scales
Voice from center of 4 living creatures spoke

Lamb broke / opened 4th seal—fourth creature said, “Come.”

Ashen horse

Rider named Death, Hades follows

Given authority to kill ¼ of the earth

Lamb broke / opened 5th seal

Souls of those slain for God’s Word and their testimony cry out for judgment

They ask how long before God avenges their blood “on those who dwell on the earth.”

They’re told to rest a while longer until the number of deaths is completed.

The one on the throne knows how many that is.

Lamb broke / opened 6th seal

Earthquake

Sun black

Moon like blood

Stars fall

Sky split apart / vanished

Every mountain and island moved / removed from its place

Men hide in caves and among rocks

They said, “The great day of their [God and the Lamb’s] wrath has come.”

With the exception of verses 9-11, the events of this chapter center on the earth.

Two groups of people are mentioned:

- Souls of those killed for the Word and their testimony
- Men who try to hide from God’s wrath

At this point, you can ask how the last segment of Revelation begins. What do chapters 4 and 5 tell about the “things which will take place after these things”?

The Almighty sits on His throne.

The worthy Lamb breaks / opens the seals.

REVELATION 7

Ask what your group drew for this chapter.

God’s bond-servants are sealed before four angels release the four winds on earth.

The servants include 12,000 from 12 tribes of Israel—144,000.

NOTE: Dan is not listed here, but both Joseph and Manasseh are named in this list.

Another group is described—a multitude from every nation, standing in heaven before the throne.

Ask about the description of the throne in verses 9-12. What's happening and who is involved?
Again ask your group if or how this relates to them.

Discuss the answer to the question in verse 13.

They're the ones who came out of the great tribulation.
Who have washed their robes in the Lamb's blood
And they're people from all nations

Ask your group how they drew verses 14-17.

If no one else does, discuss:

- The Lamb in the center of the throne.
- The people He shepherds
- The springs of the water of life He guides them to.
- The tears God wipes away.

REVELATION 8

After the interlude of chapter 7, how does this chapter continue the sequence of events begun in Revelation 6?

The Lamb broke / opened the 7th seal.
Silence in heaven for ½ hour
7 angels are given 7 trumpets

An angel at the altar adds incense to the saints' prayers that ascend to God.
The angel takes a censer, fills it with fire, and throws it to earth.
It causes thunder, lightning, and an earthquake.
The 7 angels prepare to sound their trumpets.

1st trumpet

Hail, fire, and blood mixed and thrown to earth
1/3 of earth burned
1/3 trees burned
All grass burned

2nd trumpet

Burning mountain thrown into sea
1/3 sea becomes blood
1/3 sea creatures die
1/3 ships destroyed

3rd trumpet

Burning star Wormwood falls from heaven onto 1/3 rivers and waters
1/3 waters become bitter and many die

4th trumpet

1/3 sun, moon, and stars struck and become dark

Ask about the last character in this chapter and what happens.

John saw an eagle flying in midheaven / directly overhead and saying. . .

Woe, woe, woe “to those who dwell on the earth” because of the last three trumpets.

REVELATION 9

How does this chapter continue the sequence of events? Ask your group what they drew.

The angel sounds the 5th trumpet.

A star falls from heaven; this star is an angel—relate to Revelation 1:20

He’s given the key to the bottomless pit and opens it.

Locusts come out.

They’re given power over the earth to torment men for 5 months.

They can’t harm people having the seal of God.

The 144,000 of Israel in Revelation 7

They can’t hurt grass, trees, or green things, things locusts usually eat.

They torture; they don’t kill.

Those tortured want to die but can’t.

The locusts’ king is Abaddon, also called Apollyon.

The locusts are the first woe—the result of the 5th trumpet sounding.

Ask what they drew for the next trumpet or woe.

6th trumpet

4 angels bound at the Euphrates River are released.

They have been prepared for the hour, day, month, and year.

They kill 1/3 of mankind.

John saw all of it in a vision.

There are 200,000,000 horsemen.

Discuss the description of the horsemen and their horses.

They are connected with the four angels.

1/3 of mankind is killed by three plagues that come from the horses’ mouths: fire, smoke, and brimstone.

Ask about the 2/3 left alive.

They don't repent.

They're demon worshipers, idolaters, murderers, sorcerers, immoral, and thieves.

Compare these with the people connected with the 6th seal, Revelation 6:15-17.

REVELATION 10

Ask your group what they drew for this chapter.

As one or two describe their drawings, discuss the description of the angel and then the events.

Another strong angel from heaven has a little opened book / scroll in his hand.
He comes to earth, one foot on sea and one on land.

The events in this chapter originate in heaven and then come to earth.

The angel cries out, and 7 peals of thunder speak.
John is about to write what the peals say, but is told not to.

The angel swears by God and says there will be no more delay.
He says that in the days of the 7th angel, trumpet, the mystery of God is finished / fulfilled.

The voice from heaven told John to take the little book / scroll and eat it.
After he did, his stomach was bitter and he was told that he must prophesy again about peoples, nations, tongues / languages, and kings.

Ask your group if things became clearer to them as they studied and discussed this lesson.
You could ask them what the Lord has spoken to them.

Encourage them to continue with these next two lessons as they finish drawing the events and characters of Revelation 11–22, since they'll learn a lot more if they do.

REVELATION, PART 2

LESSON 4

Leader Guide

Lesson emphasis

- Revelation 11–16

REVIEW

To begin this discussion, ask your group what they remember about Revelation 1–10. Tell them to look at their At a Glance charts if they can't remember.

God gave the revelation to Jesus.
Jesus gave it to an angel
who showed it to John.

It's the unveiling of things that will occur soon.
Jesus wants His bond-servants to know these things.
He wants them not only to read but also heed / keep them.

Jesus told John what to write and where to send it—to the 7 churches of Asia.
Revelation is a book of prophecy. It describes events before and after the Lord's coming.

Revelation 1	John saw Jesus in the midst of the churches
Revelation 2–3	These are the things which are—the 7 churches Jesus sent a message to each of these 7 churches
Revelation 4–22	These are the things to take place after

Revelation 4–5 are set in heaven before God's throne.
It's about worship and the Lamb who is worthy to break the seals.

This puts things in proper perspective before the judgments on the earth; God's perspective, the heavenly perspective.

Revelation 1 put the messages to the churches in perspective.
Jesus was in the midst of the churches and described as the One they all need.

Revelation 6	6 seals are broken / opened
Revelation 7	An interlude about 144,000 of Israel sealed on earth and a multitude from the nations in heaven
Revelation 8–9	7 th seal is broken and 7 angels are given 7 trumpets to sound 4 trumpets sound in chapter 8 5 th and 6 th trumpets sound in Revelation 9 3 woes associated with the last 3 trumpets
Revelation 10	This is another interlude about John eating the book / scroll

REVELATION 11

Tell your group to look at their drawings or lists as visual aids for this discussion. Then ask what they drew for this chapter.

John was given a measuring rod to measure the temple, the altar, and worshipers.
He was told not to measure the temple court.

The nations will tread / trample the court and the holy city for 42 months.

Two witnesses prophesy for 1,260 days.
They are described as two olive trees and two lampstands before the Lord.

Fire from their mouths devours / consumes their enemies.
There is no rain during the time they prophesy.
They can turn water to blood and strike the earth with plagues.

The beast from the abyss / bottomless pit makes war with them after the 1,260 days and kills them. Their dead bodies lie in the great city for 3 ½ days, then life comes into them, and they are taken to heaven. The whole world sees this happen.

Those who dwell on the earth rejoice because the 2 witnesses tormented them.

When they are taken to heaven, there's a great earthquake on earth. 1/10 of the city falls and 7,000 people are killed.

The survivors are terrified and give God glory.

The 2nd woe is past / has passed.

What is the last event in this chapter? Ask what they learned about the kingdom, Christ's reign?

7th trumpet=3rd woe
Christ will reign over the kingdoms of the world.

24 elders worship God because He begins to reign.

The nations are enraged.
God's wrath comes.
The time comes to:
 judge the dead,
 reward God's servants, prophets and saints,
 destroy those who destroy the earth.

The temple in heaven opens and the ark of the covenant appears.
On earth there is lightning, sounds / rumblings, thunder, earthquake, and hail.

The 7th trumpet, 3rd woe, is very significant.

REVELATION 12

Discuss events and characters in this chapter by asking your group what they drew.

Chapter 11 ends in heaven and this chapter is also in heaven.

This might be a continuation of what happens at the 7th trumpet, or of what John saw at the 7th trumpet.

A sign in heaven

A woman clothed with the sun
Moon under her feet
Crown of 12 stars on her head
In labor / giving birth

Another sign in heaven

A great red dragon with 7 heads, 7 diadems, and 10 horns

The dragon is the devil, Satan, the serpent of old / ancient serpent.

His tail sweeps 1/3 of the stars, his angels, from heaven and throws them to earth.

He wants to devour the woman's child.

She births a male child who is caught up to heaven and God's throne.

The child will rule the nations with a rod of iron.

The woman fled to a wilderness where God prepared a place to nourish her 1,260 days.

How do verses 7-17 relate to verses 1-6?

They fill in the details.

At some point there is a war in heaven between Michael and his angels and the devil and his angels. Relate this to verse 4 when the dragon's tail sweeps away 1/3 of the stars of heaven and casts them to earth.

The devil and his angels lose the battle and are thrown to earth. According to verse 13, after he's thrown down he persecutes / pursues the woman and she flees to the wilderness for time, times, and ½ a time. Relate this to verse 6—1,260 days.

The devil tries to destroy her with a flood before she flees, but the earth swallows it up. Then the dragon makes war with the rest of the woman's children / offspring who keep God's commands and the testimony of Jesus.

Ask about what John heard in verses 10-12.

When Satan is thrown to earth, God's salvation, power, kingdom, and Christ's authority come. Ask if this sounds like Revelation 11:15-18.

"Woe" to the earth and sea; this might be related to the 7th trumpet.

NOTE: Chapter 12 in the ESV ends with "And he stood on the sand of the sea." Chapter 13 in the NASB begins with "And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore."

REVELATION 13

Ask your group how this chapter continues the previous one. What did they draw?

The dragon stood on the seashore and a beast came out of the sea.
It has 10 horns with 10 diadems and 7 heads with blasphemous names on them.
Compare this description to that of the dragon.

The beast is like a leopard
Feet of a bear
Mouth of a lion, speaking arrogant / haughty words and blasphemies against God
Dragon gives his power, throne, and authority to the beast for 42 months
One head fatally wounded heals

Those who dwell on the earth, everyone whose name has not been written from / before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb will be amazed / marvel and worship the beast.

Beast wars with saints and overcomes / conquers them
Authority over every nation

Another beast comes out of the earth, 2 horns like a lamb and spoke as a dragon
Authority of 1st beast
Make earth and those who dwell on it (ESV—its inhabitants) worship the 1st beast
Great signs, fire from heaven, to deceive
Causes those who dwell on earth to make an image to the 1st beast and worship it
Gives breath to the image
Causes all to be given a mark on right hand or forehead

None can buy or sell without it
The mark is 666—the number of a man.

Ask your group if they remember anyone else getting a mark on the forehead.

144,000 of Israel in Revelation 7

REVELATION 14

What is the first part of this chapter about, verses 1-5? Ask what they drew.

144,000 of Israel are before the Lamb on Mount Zion in heaven.
Purchased / redeemed from the earth as first fruits to God and the Lamb
Follow the Lamb
Blameless
Sing a new song before the throne.
Again the creatures and elders are there.

What are verses 6-20 about?

An angel flying in midheaven / directly overhead preaching the gospel
He said to fear God and give Him glory because the hour of His judgment has come.
He told people to worship God, who made heaven, earth, sea, and waters.

2nd angel
“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great”

3rd angel
If anyone worships the beast and his image and takes the mark, he drinks the wine of God’s wrath, is tormented, and the smoke of the torment goes up forever and ever.

A voice from heaven said, “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!”
This is about believers who die on earth during the 42-month reign of the beast.

John saw one like a son of man with a golden crown on his head sitting on a cloud and holding a sharp sickle in His hand. This might be a reference to Jesus.

4th angel
Came from temple in heaven and said to the one like a son of man that the hour to reap the earth has come. The one like a son of man reaped the earth with his sickle.

5th angel
Came from the temple with a sharp sickle

6th angel
Called to the angel with the sharp sickle to gather from the earth
He gathered grapes and threw them into the wine press of God’s wrath.
The wine press was trodden outside the city and blood came up to the horses’ bridles for a distance of 1600 stadia, about 200 miles.

REVELATION 15

How does this chapter begin and what's it about?

Another sign in heaven, a great and marvelous / amazing sign

7 angels who have 7 plagues

They're the last—in them God's wrath is finished.

Those victorious over the beast, may be referring to 14:13, sing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb, standing on the sea of glass and fire.

Ask your group what they think of the song in verses 3-4 in light of Revelation 1–15.
Do they agree with it?

What else did John see in this chapter?

The 7 angels came out the temple / sanctuary in heaven.

One of the 4 living creatures gave them 7 bowls full of God's wrath.

The temple / sanctuary filled with smoke from God's glory.

REVELATION 16

How does this chapter continue from chapter 15? Discuss their drawings.

A voice from the temple told the 7 angels to pour out their bowls on the earth.
Again the action begins in heaven and ends on earth.

1st bowl

Loathsome / harmful and malignant / painful sores on those with the mark of the beast

2nd bowl

Sea became blood, everything in it died.

3rd bowl

Rivers and waters became blood.

The angel of the waters said God's judgments are righteous. The people on earth poured out His saints' and prophets' blood, so they get blood to drink.

4th bowl

The sun scorched men with fire.

They blasphemed / cursed God because He has power over these plagues.

They didn't repent.

5th bowl

The beast's throne and kingdom became dark.
They gnawed their tongues because of pain / anguish.
They blasphemed / cursed God because of pains and sores.
They didn't repent.

6th bowl

The Euphrates River dried up for kings from the east to pass over it.

3 demonic spirits came from the dragon, beast, and false prophet to gather kings of the earth for battle against God. They gather to Har-Magedon / Armageddon.

NOTE: At this point someone might mention that the false prophet refers to the 2nd beast of Revelation 13.

7th bowl

Poured on the air
A loud voice from the throne came out of the temple—"It is done."
Lightning
Sounds / rumblings
Thunder
A great earthquake, greater than any other on earth
 The great city split into 3 parts
 The nations' cities fell
 Babylon the great received the cup of God's fierce wrath
 Every island and mountain went / fled away
Hailstones weighing 100 pounds each fell
Men blasphemed / cursed God.

As your discussion comes to an end, encourage your group to persevere in their study so they can heed / keep the words in this book of prophecy and be blessed.

REVELATION, PART 2

LESSON 5

Leader Guide

Lesson emphasis

- Revelation 17–22

REVIEW

Ask your group what they remember from Revelation 1–16. Tell them to use their At a Glance chart as a visual aid for this part of the discussion.

God gave the revelation to Jesus.
Jesus gave it to an angel
who showed it to John.

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This puts things in proper perspective before judgments on earth.

Revelation 6–16	7 seals, trumpets and bowls—judgments on earth
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REVELATION 17

Ask what this chapter is about and how your group drew the events.

This is the 3rd reference to John being “in the Spirit.” The first two are 1:10 and 4:2.
As he was in the Spirit, John saw the judgment of the great harlot / prostitute, Babylon.

She sat on waters and then on a scarlet beast.
Kings of earth were drunk with her wine.
The beast is full of blasphemous names, 7 heads, and 10 horns.
The description in Revelation 13:1 is almost the same. It seems this is the same beast.

Verses 4-6 describe the woman. She is referred to as Babylon the great, the city. She was drunk with the saints' blood, people martyred because of Jesus.

Verse 7 begins the explanation of the woman and the beast.
The heads, mountains, and horns are all kings.

The ten kings receive authority for one hour and give it to the beast.
They turn on the harlot / prostitute and burn her with fire.

REVELATION 18

Ask what your group drew for this chapter. How does it compare with chapter 17?

John saw another angel who said, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great . . ."
Revelation 17 is about Babylon's judgment; this chapter is about her fall in one hour or one day.

The city was described.
Unclean spirits and birds dwelling in Babylon,
Nations drunk with her wine,
Rich merchants associated with Babylon.

John heard another voice call to God's people to come out of Babylon.
Her sins are piled / heaped as high as heaven
Plagues are brought on her in one day (ESV—a single day).
The city burns.

REVELATION 19

What are the events and characters of this chapter?

Verses 1-5

A description of heaven's response to the judgment on the great harlot Babylon
The saints rejoice because God avenged His servants' blood.

This is similar to the 5th seal in 6:9-11.

Verses 6-10

The voice of a great multitude praising God because He reigns
The multitude announced the marriage of the Lamb, and His bride had made herself ready.
She clothed herself in fine linen—the righteous acts of the saints.

John was told to write that those invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb are blessed.

John fell at the angel's feet but the angel told him to worship God.

Verses 11-16

The main event of this chapter is the Lord's coming.

Compare this description of Him with the one in chapter 1.

There are armies in heaven who come with the Lord.

Give time for your group to discuss application of what they're learning, especially about the Lord.

Verses 17-21

These verses are about the great supper of God, the "battle" between the King of kings and those assembled against Him, the armies of the earth.

The beast and false prophet were thrown into the lake of fire.
The rest were killed with the sword from the King's mouth.

The birds had a supper as they fed on the flesh of the dead.
This is not the same as the marriage supper of the Lamb in verses 6-10.

REVELATION 20

How does this chapter continue from chapter 19? Ask what your group drew.

An angel with a key to the abyss / bottomless pit bound the devil and threw him in the abyss / bottomless pit for 1,000 years.

Satan cannot deceive the nations during this time.
After the 1,000 years he'll be released for a short time.

John next saw thrones for those given authority to judge.

He also saw souls of those beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus. They had not worshiped the beast or received the mark, and they were killed for it. They came to life and reigned with Christ for 1,000 years. This is the first resurrection.

These seem to be the ones referred to at the beginning of verse 4.

Verse 6 describes them further as
Blessed and holy
2nd death has no power over them
Priests of God and Christ

Verse 5 says the rest of the dead didn't come alive until after the 1,000 years.

What happens when the 1,000 years are complete?

Satan is released,
deceives the nations to gather for war and surround the beloved city.

He's defeated and thrown into the lake of fire.

What is the last event in this chapter?

John saw a great white throne where the dead are judged.
Earth and heaven fled away from the One who sits on the throne.

The dead are judged according to deeds written in books.
Those whose names are not in the book of life are thrown into the lake of fire.

Death and Hades were also thrown into the lake of fire, which is the second death.

REVELATION 21–22

What are these two chapters about?

The new heaven and earth, and new Jerusalem

Ask your group how they drew these chapters and if it encouraged them.

The city with God in it, wiping tears
the evil ones in the lake of fire

Verse 10 has the last use of the phrase “in the Spirit.”
John saw the bride of the Lamb—the new Jerusalem, the holy city.

The city is magnificent:

It has no temple because God and the Lamb are the temple.
No sun or moon illumines it.
The nations walk by its light and its gates are never closed / shut.
The kings of the earth enter, but nothing unclean.
The kings of the earth are righteous ones whose names are in the book of life.
The river of life comes from God's throne.
The tree of life yields fruit each month.
There is no more curse.
God's servants see His face.

How does this book of prophecy end?

Much of Revelation 22 is similar to chapter 1.
It calls for the Lord to come quickly / soon.

REVELATION, PART 2

LESSON 6

Leader Guide

Lesson emphasis

- Revelation 4–8
- The seals and trumpets

REVIEW

Begin your discussion by asking about the main segments in Revelation. Tell your group to look at their At a Glance chart.

Revelation 1	John saw Jesus in the midst of the churches
Revelation 2–3	Jesus' messages to the seven churches
Revelation 4–22	Future things to come
4–5	focus on worship in heaven before God's throne and the Lamb

The Lamb of God is the only one worthy to break the seals and open the book.

Why is the Lamb worthy to break / open the seals?

He has overcome / conquered.

He was slain and purchased / ransomed for God with His blood men from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.

He made them a kingdom, priests to God.
They'll reign on the earth.

He's worthy to receive power, riches / wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing.

1ST SEAL

Tell your group to look at their chart "The Seven Seals, Trumpets and Bowls" as a visual aid for this discussion. Then ask what they learned about the first seal.

When the Lamb broke / opened each of the first four seals, one of the living creatures said, "Come," and there was a rider on a horse.

White horse
Rider has a bow and crown was given to him
He went / came out conquering and to conquer

2ND SEAL

Ask what your group learned about this seal being broken / opened.

Red horse
Rider was granted / permitted to take peace from earth, men / people slay each other
Great sword given to him

This is war on earth.

3RD SEAL

What happens with the next seal?

Black horse
Rider has a pair of scales
Something like a voice came from the midst of the four living creatures
It said a denarius was the price for a quart of wheat and the same for three quarts of barley. It also said not to harm the oil and wine.

NOTE: A denarius was a day's wages.

This seems to refer to food shortage following war.

4TH SEAL

What is the 4th seal?

Ashen / pale horse
Death riding it
Hades following
They were given authority to kill $\frac{1}{4}$ of the earth with sword, famine, pestilence, and beasts.

These are results of war and famine.
 $\frac{1}{4}$ of the earth's population die.

5TH SEAL

How is this seal different from the first four?

John saw souls under the altar.
Souls of those who had been slain on earth because of:
God's Word
Their testimony / witness

They asked the Lord how long until He avenged their blood on those who dwell on the earth. Evidently “those who dwell on the earth” killed these souls.

They were given a white robe and told to rest for a little while longer.
There are other servants and brothers still to be killed.
When the number is complete, then the Lord will avenge their blood.

You might give your group time to discuss when they think that might be, based on their study of Revelation in the last 5 lessons.

6TH SEAL

What are the events when this seal is broken / opened?

Great earthquake
Sun black
Moon like blood
Stars fell
Sky split apart / vanished like a scroll being rolled up
Every island and mountain moved out of place (ESV—removed from its place)

Men hid
said the great day of God’s wrath has come

Ask your group what they think about these events. Is this seal different from the others and how?

The first four seals describe events that have happened throughout history (war, famine, pestilence), but a quarter of the earth’s inhabitants being killed makes them different—of great proportion.

The 5th seal is completely different and speaks of God’s vengeance on “those who dwell on the earth.”

The events of the 6th seal are more severe.

A great earthquake affects the whole earth.

A black sun can result from an eclipse.

The moon looks like blood, stars fall, the sky splits / vanishes.

This is a time of great significance, and God is in charge of it all.

What are the men afraid of?

They believe these events represent the wrath of God and the Lamb—the day of their wrath has come. They want to be hidden from God’s presence and the Lamb’s wrath. They know no one can stand on the day of wrath. But God’s vengeance doesn’t totally come at the 6th seal.

7TH SEAL

Does this immediately follow the 6th seal in the text of Revelation?

The 144,000 sealed on earth and the vision of the multitude in heaven comes between the vision of the 6th and 7th seals.

Ask about the events of the final seal broken / opened by the Lamb in heaven.

Silence in heaven for half an hour

Seven trumpets are given to seven angels who stand before God.

Another angel adds incense to the saints' prayers on the golden altar before the throne.

NOTE: In the tabernacle and the temple the gold incense altar was before the veil separating the holy place from the holy of holies—God's dwelling place where the cloud was.

The smoke of the altar and the prayers of the saints went up before God.
Then he filled the censer with fire from the altar and threw it to earth.

Thunder
Sounds / rumblings
Lightning
Earthquake

Seven angels prepared to sound the trumpets.

Ask how these events compare to the previous seals.

Each seal seems to reveal a more severe judgment on the earth.

Now ask your group where the seven trumpets come from. What event prompts their sounding?

The seven trumpets come from the 7th seal, when the Lamb broke / opened it.

1ST TRUMPET

What happens when the first trumpet sounds?

Hail, fire, and blood mixed together are thrown to earth
1/3 earth burned up
1/3 trees burned
All grass burned

How is this similar to the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th trumpets?

1/3 of something on earth is affected.

The first four seals were somewhat similar also.

2ND TRUMPET

Ask what happens after the 2nd angel blew his trumpet.

Burning mountain thrown into sea

1/3 sea becomes blood

1/3 sea creatures die

1/3 ships destroyed

3RD TRUMPET

What happens when this trumpet is sounded?

Burning star named Wormwood falls from heaven

1/3 waters become wormwood, bitter

Many people die

Ask what similar judgments occur at the first three trumpets.

Something with fire or burning is thrown from heaven to earth and affects 1/3 of the earth.

4TH TRUMPET

Ask about this last trumpet in Revelation 8.

1/3 sun, moon, and stars are struck.

The sun doesn't shine for 1/3 of the day, and the moon and stars don't shine for 1/3 of the night.

Compare the seals with the trumpets.

A conquering on earth by the rider of the white horse
Followed by war, famine, Death, and Hades

Souls of martyrs call for vengeance

Sun, moon, stars, and sky produce less light.
Mountains and islands move out of their places.

1/3 of the earth is burned up.

1/3 of the sea becomes blood.

Many die ($\frac{3}{4}$ of earth's population left from 4th seal) from bitter waters.

Heavenly lights are affected again—the earth loses 1/3 of its light.

Close your discussion by asking about the last verse of Revelation 8.

It seems that the worst judgments are ahead, in the last three trumpets.

They're called woes for "those who dwell on the earth."

Ask your group if they think they're learning Revelation well. If there's time, you can ask them to discuss what they would tell another person who asked them what they're learning from this study.

REVELATION, PART 2

LESSON 7

Leader Guide

Lesson emphasis

- Revelation 9–19
- Trumpets and bowls

REVIEW

Tell your group to look at their chart “The Seven Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls.”
Ask for a brief review of the seals and the first 4 trumpets.

The worthy Lamb breaks the 7 seals.
The trumpets come from the 7th seal.

All of the seals and the first four trumpets affect the earth with increasing severity.

Be sure to ask what the end of Revelation 8 says about the last three trumpets.

Woes to those who dwell on the earth

5TH TRUMPET

Ask your group where this is found in Revelation and what they learned about it.

It begins at Revelation 9:1 and continues from the first four trumpets in Revelation 8.

A star, angel had fallen from heaven to earth.
He was given the key to the bottomless pit.
He opened it and smoke came out which darkened the sun and the air.

Locusts came out of the smoke.
They couldn't harm the earth, only men.
They hurt only those who don't have the seal of God on their foreheads.
144,000 of Israel were sealed on earth.

People don't die during the five months of the locusts.

Their king is called Abaddon in Hebrew and Apollyon in Greek.

But God is in control—the trumpets were given to angels in heaven who initiate these judgments by sounding their trumpets.

What does Revelation 9:12 associate the 5th trumpet with?

The 1st woe

6TH TRUMPET, 2ND WOE

Ask your group what they learned about the 6th trumpet.

John heard a voice from the horns of the golden altar before God.

NOTE: The golden altar was the altar of incense in God's temple. It was placed in front of the veil separating the holy place from the Holy of Holies. It's the same as in Revelation 8:3.

4 angels bound at the Euphrates River were released to kill 1/3 of mankind.

Compare this with the 4th seal in Revelation 6:7-8; ¼ of mankind was killed. From the 4th seal through the 6th trumpet, at least half of the earth's population was killed.

They were prepared for a specific hour, day, month, and year.
God is in control.

Again, the result of a trumpet sounding affects 1/3 of something on earth.

The 5th and 6th trumpets are described partly with horses; relate this to the first four seals.

There are plagues of fire, smoke, brimstone from an army of two hundred million.

There's an interesting contrast between the 5th and 6th trumpets in that for 5 months no one can die and then 1/3 do die.

Ask about the response of those who live through this time.

They don't repent.

What is mentioned before the 7th trumpet is sounded?

John's encounter with the angel, the little book / scroll, and the seven peals of thunder

Ask specifically about Revelation 10:5-8 and its relationship to the 7th trumpet.

There is no more delay. Relate this to Revelation 6:11.
When the 7th angel is about to sound, the mystery of God is finished / fulfilled.

What else happens before the 7th angel sounds his trumpet?

John measures the temple.

Two witnesses prophesy for 1,260 days.

There's no rain during this time.

They send fire from their mouths and turn water to blood.

They can strike the earth with every plague.

NOTE: Some think the two witnesses cause the judgments associated with the first six trumpets, but there's no need to discuss this now.

What happens when the two witness are killed by the beast?

“Those who dwell on the earth” rejoice.

Then the two witnesses are resurrected and taken to heaven.

Great earthquake

1/10 of the great city falls

Mystically / symbolically called Sodom and Egypt, where the Lord was crucified

—Jerusalem

7,000 people are killed

The rest, maybe in the city, were terrified and gave glory to God.

The 2nd woe

The 3rd woe is coming quickly / soon to come.

7TH TRUMPET, 3RD WOE

Ask your group what they learned about this trumpet.

Loud voices in heaven said:

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.

He will reign forever.

NOTE: Some in your group might refer to Revelation 12:10 also.

24 elders fell in worship and they said:

God has taken His great power and begun to reign.

Nations were enraged.

God's wrath came.

Ask how this last statement relates to Revelation 6:16-17.

At the 6th seal, men on earth hid from God and said the great day of Their wrath had come. But at the 7th trumpet, those in heaven say His wrath has come.

The 7 bowls of wrath issue from the 7th trumpet.

How does Revelation 11:18 continue?

It's still part of what the 24 elders said. It is now time:
For the dead to be judged
To reward God's servants—prophets, saints, those who fear His name
To destroy those who destroy the earth

The temple in heaven opened. Compare this with the golden altar of incense.
Ark of covenant appears—it's right behind the veil, in the Holy of Holies.

Lightning
Sounds / rumblings
Thunder
Earthquake
Great hailstorm

Compare this with the judgments when the 7th seal is broken / opened.

Ask your group which chapters in Revelation tell about the bowls of wrath.
Then discuss how each one compares to individual seals and trumpets.

Revelation 15 describes the sign in heaven when the 7 angels are given the 7 plagues.
In them God's wrath is finished. Compare verses 3-4 with chapters 4-5.

Chapter 16 describes the bowls.

1ST BOWL

Sores on people who have taken the mark of the beast and worshiped his image
“Those who dwell on the earth”

2ND BOWL

Sea becomes blood
Compare with 2nd trumpet.

3RD BOWL

Rivers and waters become blood
Compare with 3rd trumpet.

4TH BOWL

Sun scorches men with fire
Compare with 4th trumpet.
Men don't repent

5TH BOWL

Darkness on beast's kingdom
Compare with 4th and 5th trumpets.

Men blaspheme the God of heaven; don't repent
Compare with 6th trumpet.

6TH BOWL

Euphrates dries up.
Three spirits of demons gather kings of the world for war
Compare with 6th trumpet.

7TH BOWL

A loud voice came from the throne saying, "It is done."
Lightning, sounds / rumblings, thunder
Greatest earthquake
The great city split into three parts; cities of nations fell
Every island and mountain goes away
100-pound hailstones

Compare with 7th seal and the 7th trumpet.

Ask your group if they see the increase in intensity from the seals to the bowls.

Close your discussion by asking them how this study has affected their lives so far.

REVELATION, PART 2
LESSON 8
Leader Guide

Lesson emphasis

- “in the Spirit”
- Five key words: wrath, woe, earthquake, plague, and blood

REVIEW

Ask about the purpose of Revelation and what John was to write.

The unveiling of things which will soon take place
Jesus wants His bond-servants to know these things.
He wants them to read and obey them.

John was told to write:

- The things which you have seen
Revelation 1—John saw Jesus in the midst of 7 churches
- The things which are (ESV—Those that are)
Revelation 2–3—the seven churches of Asia
- The things which will take place after these things
(ESV—Those that are to take place after this)
Revelation 4–22

“IN THE SPIRIT”

Ask where this phrase is used in Revelation and what your group learned about it.

Each time this phrase is used it begins a segment in Revelation.
But these segment divisions are different from the ones of 1:19.

1:10	Revelation 1–3 Vision of Jesus and His messages to the churches
4:2	Revelation 4–16 Worship in heaven; seals, trumpets and bowls on earth
17:3	Revelation 17–20 Babylon’s fall; Jesus’ coming and judgment on earth
21:10	Revelation 21–22 New heaven, earth, and Jerusalem

REVELATION 1–3

Ask your group the significance of “in the Spirit” in this segment.

John was exiled to the island of Patmos because of God’s Word and the testimony of Jesus.

NOTE: Patmos is off the coast of modern Turkey, near the ancient city of Ephesus which was in the Roman province of Asia.

John was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day when he heard a voice like a trumpet telling him to write in a book what he saw and send it to the seven churches in Asia.

John saw a vision of Jesus, one like a son of man, walking in the midst of the lampstands, churches, and he wrote the messages he heard for the angel of each of the churches.

REVELATION 4–16

What was the setting for the next mention of John being in the Spirit?

Revelation 4:1-2

John was told by the same voice like a trumpet in Revelation 1:10, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things / this.”

He again was in the Spirit and he saw a throne in heaven and one on the throne with worshipers surrounding Him.

Now ask about the key words and phrases in order of appearance in chapters 4–16.

Tell them to look at “The Seven Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls” chart, along with their Observation Worksheets and lists of each key word.

Seals

John saw the Lamb break 7 seals which led to the 7 trumpets.

The Lamb was worthy to break / open the seals because He purchased / ransomed for God with His *blood* men from all nations.

5th—souls of the slain cry for God to avenge their *blood* on those who dwell on the earth

6th—a great *earthquake*

Moon becomes like *blood*

Men cry out that the great day of God’s *wrath* has come

Revelation 7:14 refers to the blood of the Lamb. Those who come out of the great tribulation wash their robes in His blood. Compare this with Revelation 5:9.

7th—*earthquake*

Trumpets

1st—a mixture containing *blood* is thrown from heaven to earth

2nd—1/3 of the sea becomes *blood*

5th, 6th, and 7th trumpets are *woes* on the earth

6th—*Plagues* of fire, smoke, and brimstone / sulfur kill 1/3 of mankind

2 witnesses have power to turn waters to *blood* and to strike the earth with every *plague*

earthquake—1/10 of city falls

7,000 killed

7th—24 elders say God’s *wrath* came—the time for the dead to be judged . . . destroy those who destroy the earth. “God’s wrath came” is a reference to when the bowls of *wrath* are poured out on the earth.

Earthquake

Revelation 12

What key words are used?

Revelation 12:10-11 speaks of the devil accusing Jesus’ brethren. They overcome him by the *blood* of the Lamb, their testimony, and the fact that they don’t love their lives when faced with death.

This included John, who was exiled because of his testimony.

And it sounds like it includes the souls slain because of their testimony, chapter 6.

Woe to the earth and the sea because the devil has come down to you.

The devil has great *wrath* when thrown to earth because he knows that he has only a short time. But his wrath against the woman is limited by God. The devil’s wrath is no match for the almighty God’s.

Revelation 14

Ask what your group learned about the key words in Revelation 14:9-10 and 19-20.

Those who worship the beast and take his mark receive God’s *wrath*.

God’s *wrath* is “full strength” 14:10 at that time.

Compare with the men at the 6th seal who were not receiving it full strength.

His *wrath* consists of torment with fire and brimstone / sulfur in the presence of holy angels and the Lamb. This happens at the judgment of the dead when they’re thrown into the lake of fire. The smoke of their torment goes up forever.

An angel swings his sickle to the earth to gather grapes and throw them into the wine press of God's *wrath*. *Blood* comes out of this press.

Bowls

7 angels are given 7 *plagues*.

These are the last.

In them God's *wrath* is finished.

The 7 angels come out of the temple in heaven and are given by the 4 living creatures 7 bowls full of God's *wrath*.

No one can enter the temple until the 7 *plagues* are finished.

The bowls of *wrath* are poured full strength on the earth, on the beast's kingdom, those who worship him and take his mark.

The sea, rivers, and waters become *blood*—God gives the wicked *blood* to drink because they shed the *blood* of His saints and prophets.

It's a just and righteous judgment.

7th bowl—greatest *earthquake* ever

Great city splits into 3 parts.

Cities of the nations fall.

Babylon is given fierce *wrath*.

Huge hailstones are the *plague* from the last bowl.

Ask your group what they learned about *plagues* from their study in this lesson—the judgments associated with the seals, trumpets, witnesses, and bowls.

These plagues are not merely sicknesses, but God's judgments undiluted.

REVELATION 17–20

Ask what they learned about John being “in the Spirit” in this segment.
Then discuss the key words in these chapters.

One of the 7 angels who had a bowl told John,

“Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot / prostitute”

He carried John away “in the Spirit” into the wilderness.

John saw Babylon's judgment in Revelation 17–18.

Babylon the great is drunk with the *blood* of the saints, Jesus' witnesses / martyrs, and prophets, and all those slain on the earth. Relate this to Revelation 6:9-11.

In one day she receives *plagues* of pestilence / death, mourning, and famine because of her sins. She's burned up with fire.

Revelation 18:24 says the *blood* of prophets, saints, and all slain on the earth was found in Babylon.

Revelation 19

What are the key words used in this chapter?

Because of Babylon's judgment, there are Hallelujahs in heaven.

She corrupted the earth, but God avenges the *blood* of His servants on her. Relate this to 18:24.

When the King of kings and Lord of lords comes, His robe is dipped in *blood*.

He treads the wine press of God's *wrath*.

Ask your group to sum up what they learned about God's wrath in the seal, trumpets, and bowls.

John sees God's wrath poured out on the earth.

It results in plagues, blood, and woes on men who shed righteous blood and won't repent.

The earthquakes occur at the end of the seals, trumpets, and bowls.

God shakes the earth in His anger.

REVELATION 21–22

Ask about the context of the last "in the Spirit," and then discuss key words in this segment.

John saw the new heaven and earth and the holy city Jerusalem coming out of heaven. He heard a voice say God will live with men.

He heard that God makes all things new and gives the water of life. No more death.

Overcomers / conquerors inherit these things.

Relate to overcomers in the messages to the 7 churches in Revelation 2–3.

John also heard that the cowardly . . . receive their part in the lake of fire.

Then the angel who had the bowls of the 7 last *plagues* said to John,
“Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

Then John was carried away in the Spirit to see the holy city Jerusalem coming out of heaven.

These last two chapters are primarily about the new Jerusalem, the bride of the Lamb. John’s last vision is a wonderful one for God’s servants.

The last key word is in 22:18.

Anyone who adds to this prophecy will have the *plagues* in it added to him.

Close this discussion by asking your group what they’ve learned so far in this study that they can apply to their lives now.

REVELATION, PART 2

LESSON 9

Leader Guide

Lesson emphasis

- Revelation 11–16

REVIEW

To begin this discussion, ask your group what they remember about Revelation 1–10. Tell them to look at their At a Glance charts if they can't remember.

God gave the revelation to Jesus.
Jesus gave it to an angel
who showed it to John.

It's the unveiling of things that will occur soon.
Jesus wants His bond-servants to know these things.
He wants them not only to read but also to heed / keep them.

Jesus told John what to write and where to send it—to the 7 churches of Asia.
Revelation is a book of prophecy. It describes events before and after the Lord's coming.

Revelation 1	John saw Jesus in the midst of the churches
Revelation 2–3	These are the things which are—the 7 churches Jesus sent a message to each of these 7 churches

Revelation 1 put the messages to the churches in perspective.
Jesus was in the midst of the churches and described as the one they all need.

Revelation 4–22	These are the things to take place after Revelation 4–5 are set in heaven before God's throne. It's about worship and the Lamb who is worthy to break the seals.
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This puts things in proper perspective before the judgments on the earth;
God's perspective, the heavenly perspective.

Revelation 6	6 seals are broken / opened
Revelation 7	An interlude about 144,000 of Israel sealed on earth and a multitude from the nations in heaven
Revelation 8–9	7 th seal is broken and 7 angels are given 7 trumpets 4 trumpets sound in chapter 8 5 th and 6 th trumpets sound in Revelation 9 3 woes associated with the last 3 trumpets
Revelation 10	Another interlude about John eating the book / scroll

What was John told that he would do in Revelation 10:11?

Prophecy again concerning peoples, nations, languages, and kings

REVELATION 11

How does this chapter begin?

John was given a measuring rod and told to measure:

- The temple
- The altar
- Those who worship in the temple

What did John not measure and why?

The temple court is given to the nations.

The nations will tread down / trample the holy city Jerusalem for 42 months.

Tell your group to look at the chart “The Seven Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls” and the lists “Key Persons in Revelation” as visual aids for this discussion.

Verses 3-14

Who and what are these verses about?

God’s 2 witnesses have authority to prophesy for 1,260 days.

2 olive trees

2 lampstands

Stand before the Lord of the earth

Fire from their mouths kills enemies who want to hurt them.

They can turn waters into blood and strike the earth with plagues.

There is no rain during the 3 ½ years of their prophesying.

No one is able to harm or kill them until the beast makes war against them.

When he kills them, “those who dwell on the earth” rejoice because the 2 prophets tormented them.

The whole earth sees their dead bodies in the streets of Jerusalem for 3 ½ days.

Jerusalem is mystically / symbolically called Sodom and Egypt, and described as where the Lord was crucified.

Then God raises them and takes them up to heaven while everyone watches.

In the same hour, there’s an earthquake and 1/10 of the city falls.

7,000 die and the rest in Jerusalem glorify God.

That’s the end of the 2nd woe and 6th trumpet.

What are verses 15-19 about?

7th trumpet

Kingdom of the world becomes the kingdom of God and His Christ

He will reign forever

24 elders worship and say

God has begun to reign

The nations are enraged

God's wrath comes

Time to

judge the dead

reward His servants . . .

destroy those who destroy the earth

The heavenly temple is opened.

The chapter began with John measuring the earthly temple.

The ark appears.

Lightning, sounds / rumblings, thunder, earthquake, hailstorm

REVELATION 12

Ask what this chapter is about. What else happens after the 7th trumpet sounds?

2 signs in heaven

A woman gives birth to a male child who is to rule the nations with a rod of iron.

It's obvious that this Son is Jesus.

The devil tries to destroy Him, but can't.

There's war in heaven between the devil and his angels and Michael and his angels.

NOTE: If your group studied the Daniel PUP courses, they might remember Michael the archangel stands guard over Israel. This sheds some light on these signs.

Ask what happens when the devil is thrown to earth.

Verse 10 says

salvation, power, the kingdom of God, and the authority of His Christ
have come

because the devil has been thrown down.

Compare verse 10 with 11:15.

Ask about the “woe” mentioned in 12:12—is this a reference to the 3rd woe, 7th trumpet?

It seems that this is all still part of what happens when the 7th trumpet sounds, part of the 3rd woe.

The devil and his angels are thrown to earth and persecute / pursue the woman who flees to the wilderness for 1,260 days or 3 ½ years.

The devil sends a flood to destroy the woman as she flees to the wilderness, but the earth helps her because God is in control and protects her.

The devil then makes war with her other children / offspring, who keep God’s commands and hold to Jesus.

REVELATION 13

What is this chapter about? How does it continue from chapter 12?

The devil empowers a beast with his power, throne, and authority for 42 months over all nations. Relate this to 12:6, 14 and 12, the short time the devil has.

The beast has a fatal wound on one of his 7 heads but the wound is healed.
A second beast deceives “those who dwell on the earth” into worshiping the first beast.

The whole earth is amazed / marvels and wonders who is able to wage war with / fight against him.

Relate to 11:7. He makes war with and overcomes / conquers the saints.

Everyone is forced to take the mark of this beast to buy and sell.

It goes on the forehead or right hand.

It’s connected with the beast’s name or the number of his name—666.

Give time for your group to discuss how this might work today.

Ask what they learned from other references in Revelation about the mark.

Those who receive the mark are “those who dwell on the earth”

They will drink God’s wrath full strength.

Sores from the 1st bowl of wrath

Torment with fire forever, no rest

In contrast, those who don’t take the mark will come to life and reign with Christ for 1,000 years. Part of them are the 144,000 of Israel who had God’s seal on them.

REVELATION 14

Ask about the main points of this chapter and how they relate to previous chapters.
Contrast the end of Revelation 13 with the beginning of this chapter.

Men on earth, not all but most, take the mark of the beast.

144,000 of Israel have the seal of God on their foreheads.

They were purchased from the earth as first fruits to God.

They follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

In chapter 7 they are on earth; in 14 they're in heaven.

What's significant about the first angel in this chapter?

He preaches the gospel to “those who live on the earth.”

Briefly discuss the other angels.

2nd—proclaims that Babylon has fallen

3rd—announces that those who took the mark face wrath

4th—angel out of the temple says, “the hour to reap has come”

5th—also out of the temple, has a sickle

6th—comes from the altar, tells 5th angel to reap the earth, then casts the grapes into the wine press of God's wrath

Compare verse 12 with 12:17, 13:7, and 10.

REVELATION 15

How many signs did John see at the sounding of the 7th trumpet? What is this chapter about?

This is the 3rd sign in heaven.

Revelation 11:19 says the temple in heaven “was opened” at the 7th trumpet.

Revelation 15:5 also says the temple / sanctuary “was opened.”

The bowls of God's wrath come from His heavenly temple.

He is holy.

His judgments are righteous.

Ask who sings the song of Moses according to this chapter.

Those who were victorious over the beast and did not take the mark

Maybe they are the ones who responded to the gospel the angel preached?

REVELATION 16

Since most of these bowls have been discussed in the previous lessons, you don't have to spend a lot of time here, but let your group discuss as much as they want in the remaining time.

These 7 bowls or plagues contain God's wrath.
They finish or complete His wrath.

The dragon, beast, and false prophet are mentioned again in this chapter.
The false prophet is the 2nd beast who deceives the earth with signs.

Three unclean spirits, demons, gather the kings of the world at the 6th bowl for a battle gathered to a place called Har-Magedon / Armageddon.

The battle doesn't take place in this chapter.

Verse 19 mentions cities.

- "The great city"
- The cities of the nations
- Babylon the great

"The great city" might be a reference to Jerusalem, Revelation 11:8, since Babylon seems to be referred to separately from "the great city" in Revelation 16:19.

Close your discussion by asking your group what they learned about God from this lesson. You might also ask them what they learn about being deceived by signs or miracles.

REVELATION, PART 2

LESSON 10

Leader Guide

Lesson focus

- Revelation 17–18
- Babylon the great

REVIEW

Ask for a quick review of Revelation 4–18. What precedes chapters 17 and 18?

The Lamb breaks / opens the seals.

The 7th seal begins the sounding of the 7 trumpets.

At the 7th trumpet, John saw 3 signs in heaven and proclamations are made about God beginning to reign.

7 bowls of God's wrath follow the sounding of the 7th trumpet.

Revelation 16:19 says Babylon is given her wrath at the 7th bowl.

An angel announces Babylon's fall before the bowls are poured out, 14:8.

Chapter 14 details what will happen during the time of the bowls.

REVELATION 17

How does this chapter begin? How does it relate to the end of Revelation 16?

John was carried away into a wilderness "in the Spirit" to be shown the judgment of the great harlot / prostitute.

Although Babylon's fall occurs at the last bowl, the angel showed John details in these two chapters.

Tell your group to look at their lists "Key Persons in Revelation" as a visual aid for this discussion. There is also a visual aid chart at the end of this lesson's guide which you might use. What is this chapter about?

Judgment of the great harlot / prostitute who sits on many waters

- Kings of the earth committed immorality with her
- "Those who dwell on the earth" are drunk with the wine of her immorality

The harlot / prostitute is Babylon.

Mother of harlots and abominations of the earth

Sits on many waters

Waters represent peoples, nations, etc.

The woman is the great city.
Reigns over the kings of the earth
Sits on a beast with 7 heads and 10 horns
Compare to the beast of Revelation 13.

7 heads are 7 mountains and 7 kings
5 kings had already reigned when John wrote Revelation
1 is; maybe when John wrote Revelation
1 has not yet come, but will remain a little while when he comes

The beast is one of the 7 kings but also an 8th king.
He was, and is not, and is about to go to destruction.

10 horns are 10 kings
They receive a kingdom / authority with the beast for 1 hour.
They have one purpose—give their power and authority to the beast.

They make the harlot / prostitute desolate and burn her.
They war with the Lamb but are overcome / conquered.

Babylon
Sits on the beast who controls the entire earth for 3 ½ years
Rules over the kings of the earth and sits on the people of the whole earth.
Is drunk with the blood of the saints and Jesus' witnesses
The city is anti-God.

It seems like this takes place 3 ½ years before Babylon's fall at the last bowl.

Then the beast and the 10 kings destroy Babylon.

But they won't be successful against the Lamb.

This is all God's plan according to verse 17. He is in control.

Tell your group not to make too many assumptions about Babylon at this point but rather to focus on what the text clearly says.

REVELATION 18

What is this chapter about?

It gives more specific details about Babylon and its fall.
Babylon the great is fallen or remembered, 14:8 and 16:19.
This chapter emphasizes the speed of Babylon's judgment—one day and one hour.

Compare the descriptions in verse 7 and 17:4.

It's the great city Babylon. There is great wealth, art, music, marriage, etc.

Immorality with the nations and kings of the earth is the same as in Revelation 17.

Verse 2 indicates demonic activity in the city.

Compare this to the description of the beast empowered by the devil.

The city's judgment is burning—same as in chapter 17.

What are the differences in chapters 17 and 18?

Revelation 18 focuses on the economic aspect of the city.

Babylon is clearly an economic trade center for the world.

That explains its close connection with the beast, the kings of the earth, the merchants, and all people.

Why does Babylon fall? Who is affected?

Secular corruption, immorality with kings of the earth

Her immorality can be literal or greedy accumulation of wealth.

Merchants are devastated.

10 kings and beast devastate and violently burn her.

They're not sorry she's gone.

The beast's system includes a mark for buying and selling.

Babylon is a place of great trade and commerce.

Drunk with the blood of the saints and Jesus' witnesses

Her sins piled up / heaped as high as heaven.

She's filled with demonic influence.

Now ask what they learned about God's judgments from this lesson.

He uses the wicked to bring about His just judgments.

He's in complete control—He put the destruction of Babylon into the hearts, minds, of the beast and the ten kings.

This coalition dominates only until God's Word is fulfilled.

They are completely deceived when they go to war against the Lamb, the King of kings and the Lord of lords; 16:13, 14; 17:13-14; 19:19, 20.

Ask about the saints, prophets, etc., information which has not been discussed.

In verse 4, a voice from heaven calls “My people” to come out of Babylon so they won’t receive her “plagues.”

God pronounces judgment against Babylon for persecuting and taking the lives of His apostles, prophets, saints, Jesus’ witnesses, and everyone who has been slain on earth.

The city is drunk with blood that has been shed throughout redemption history, not just the last 3 ½ years.

Does this mean Babylon is more than a city?

Consider the 7 mountains, kings, she sits on.
 5 had already fallen by the time John wrote Revelation.
 1 “is” when John wrote.
 Another is coming.

Ask your group if they can show where the ancient city of Babylon was located on a map.

If most can’t, it’s a good idea to show them.
 They need to keep current with developing situations in the Middle East.

Revelation 17	Revelation 18
The great harlot / prostitute Babylon the great	Babylon the great
The great city	The great city
Immorality—kings of earth	Immorality—kings and nations
Judgment	Judgment
Drunk with blood of saints	In her, blood of saints
Mystery of beast and kings	Economic center of world

REVELATION, PART 2

LESSON 11

Leader Guide

Lesson emphasis:

- Revelation 19 and 20

REVIEW

Ask about the segments of Revelation introduced by the four times John was “in the Spirit” and what he saw. Tell your group to look at their At a Glance charts.

- 1–3 John saw Jesus, messages for the churches
- 4–16 John saw seals, trumpets, and bowls
- 17–20 John saw judgment of the harlot, a 1,000-year period, and judgment of the dead
- 21–22 John saw the Lamb’s bride—the holy city, the new Jerusalem

REVELATION 19

Ask your group what this chapter is about.

Lamb’s marriage supper; Lord’s coming; God’s great supper

Verses 1-5

Tell your group to look at their chart on the last page of the lesson.
How does this chapter begin?

“After these things / this”—the things of chapters 17–18: the fall of Babylon

John heard praise in heaven because of the city’s judgment.

God’s judgments avenge the blood of His bond-servants.

Compare to the 5th seal.

The scene is God’s throne in heaven again.

This time worship is praise for His reign.

Compare with Revelation 4 and 5.

Worshiping God as Creator of all things for His pleasure

Worshiping the Lamb as worthy

Compare to 11:15-18.

Begin a simple time line as a visual aid for this discussion and add to it as the discussion proceeds. See the end of this lesson’s guide for an example. Tell your group to look at their timelines in the lesson.

Verses 6-10

What are these verses about?

John heard more praise in heaven announcing:
The marriage of the Lamb has come.
His bride has made herself ready.
Her clothes are the righteous acts / deeds of the saints.

Revelation 3:5, Jesus' message to the church at Sardis
Overcomers / conquerors, all believers, will be clothed in white garments

Those invited to the Lamb's marriage supper are the blessed.

Ask about verses 11-16.

Another white horse, but its rider is called:
Faithful and True
The Word of God
King of kings
Lord of lords

Like the rider on the white horse at the first seal, the King of kings comes conquering.
He judges and makes war in righteousness.
He battles those gathered at the 6th bowl—the beast, false prophet, the ten kings, and the
kings of the earth. Compare to 17:14.

How does this description of Jesus compare with those in Revelation 1 and 5?
Give time for your group to discuss what they've learned about Jesus in this course and how it
applies to their lives.

Ask about the armies in heaven who follow Him.
Compare with others dressed in white fine linen and with 17:14.

Verses 17-21

What happens next?

The beast and false prophet deceive those who dwell on earth to believe that no one can
successfully war against the beast. They worship him.

But the beast and false prophet are captured and thrown into the lake of fire.
The rest are killed with the sword, and the birds eat their flesh at the great supper of God.

You might ask your group if they understand the foolishness of people thinking they can fight
God and win. Help them relate this to current events. Warn them not to put their faith in
economic status but in God, who controls all economies.

REVELATION 20

What did John see next? What happens after the war?

An angel binds the devil and throws him into the abyss / bottomless pit for 1,000 years.

During the 1,000 years, the devil can't deceive the nations.

Souls who don't take the mark are resurrected and reign with Christ.
Relate to Revelation 2:26-27 and 3:21, if your group studied Revelation Part 1.

After the 1,000 years

The devil is released and deceives the nations again.
He gathers them again to the beloved city, Jerusalem, to fight against Christ.
Fire from heaven consumes them.
The devil is thrown into the lake of fire.

Ask about the judgment of verses 11-15.

It's after the 1,000 years Christ rules on earth.
It's right after heaven and earth are gone.
Only the "dead," spiritually dead, unbelievers, are judged.

The judgment is according to their deeds / what they had done recorded in books.

Ask what your group learned from the cross-references about punishment and deeds.

Revelation 22:12

When Jesus comes, He'll recompense or repay each one for what he's done.

Romans 2:5-11

People with unrepentant / impenitent hearts store up God's wrath for themselves.
He'll render to each one according to his works / deeds, good or evil.
His judgment is righteous and impartial.

Matthew 7:15-27

Jesus said that those who don't do the Father's will—live righteously—practice lawlessness and will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 10:5-15 and 11:20-22

Jesus said that it will be more tolerable for Sodom, Gomorrah, Tyre, and Sidon (Gentile cities) in the day of judgment than for unrepentant cities of Israel which rejected the gospel preached to them.

Matthew 12:41-42; Luke 11:29-32

Nineveh (Gentiles) repented when they heard Jonah tell of coming judgment, but Israel did not. Therefore, at the judgment they'll condemn those who didn't repent.

Mark 12:38-40

Jesus also said that scribes and religious leaders who know the Scriptures will receive "greater condemnation."

Lead your discussion back to Revelation 20:12-15.
What else does this passage say about judgment?

The dead were judged before God's throne.

The sea gave up the dead.

Death and Hades gave up the dead.

They were all judged according to their deeds.

Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire—the second death.

All whose names are not in the book of life are thrown into the lake of fire.

Ask what your group learned about the book of life.

Exodus 32:32-33

Whoever sins against God is blotted out of His book.

Psalms 69:28

They're blotted out of the book of life / the living.

The righteous are recorded / enrolled in it.

Revelation 3:5

Overcomers' / conquerors' names will never be blotted out of / erased from the book of life.

All believers are overcomers / conquerors.

Revelation 13:8 and 17:8

Names were written before the foundation of the world in the Lamb's book of life.

"Those who dwell on the earth" are not in it.

Revelation 21:27

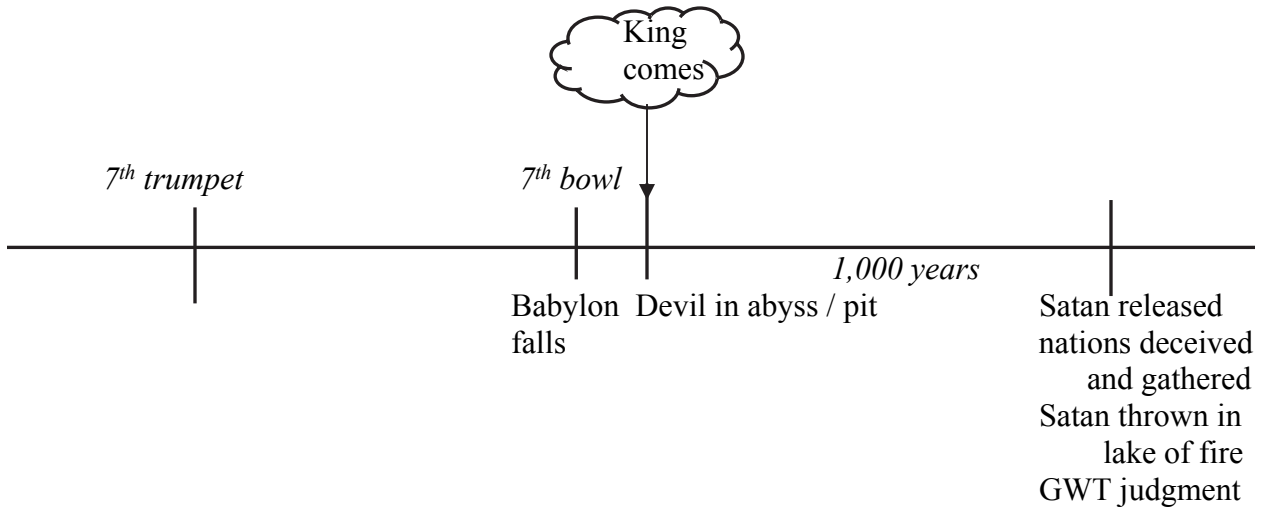
Only those in the Lamb's book of life will be in the new Jerusalem.

Some think there are two books: one, the book of life, referring to physical life, and another called the "Lamb's book of life," referring to eternal life.

The Lamb's book of eternal life has names written from the foundation of the world, and those written in it will go into the New Jerusalem.

Names blotted out of the book of life would be those who die physically and are not in the Lamb's book of life. And at the end it will have the same names in it as the Lamb's book of eternal life has in it.

To close you can ask if understanding the absolute righteousness of God's judgments creates praise and worship in your students' hearts. If there's enough time, let them share.



REVELATION, PART 2

LESSON 12

Leader Guide

Lesson emphasis

- Revelation 21–22
- The new Jerusalem

REVIEW

Ask for a brief review of the 4 times John was “in the Spirit” and save your last review of Revelation for the end of this discussion as a summary.

- 1–3 John saw Jesus, His messages for the churches
- 4–16 John saw seals, trumpets, and bowls
- 17–20 John saw Babylon’s judgment, 1,000-years, and judgment of the dead
- 21–22 John saw the Lamb’s wife, the holy city, the new Jerusalem

REVELATION 21

Verses 1-8

What happens in this chapter before John’s fourth experience of being “in the Spirit”? Tell your group to look at their charts in Day One in the lesson as visual aids for this part of your discussion.

Verses 1-8 are a continuation from Revelation 17–20.

After

the judgment of the great harlot / prostitute
the 1,000-year reign
heaven and earth (ESV—earth and sky) fled away
and the judgment of the dead

then

John saw a new heaven, earth, and Jerusalem.

The first heaven and earth passed away. There is no more sea.
God makes all things new.

The new Jerusalem comes down from God out of heaven as a bride.
God dwells with men.

“Overcomers” inherit these things. (ESV--The one who conquers will have this heritage.)
The rest are in the lake of fire.

Who are overcomers? Compare with Revelation 2 and 3, Tell your group to look at their chart in the lesson and discuss.

REVELATION 21:9–22:5

What does the angel show John this last time he’s “in the Spirit”?

He was carried away to a great and high mountain to see the holy city, Jerusalem, coming from heaven.

This gives more detail than verses 1-8.

The Lord wants His servants to know about the future of the Lamb’s bride.

John was in the wilderness when saw the harlot’s / prostitute’s judgment, but he was taken to a great high mountain to see the wife of Christ.

What is the description of the city in verses 11-27?
Give time for your group to discuss this and how it applies to them.

Ask what your group learned about those associated with the new Jerusalem.

The nations have access to the city.
But this is only the righteous of the nations, not the unbelieving.
They receive healing from the leaves of the tree of life.
“The nations” are people other than Israel.

Outside the city are unbelievers, so the lake of fire is outside the new Jerusalem.

Ask what they learned about “the curse.”

The serpent was cursed for deceiving Eve.
The ground was cursed because of Adam’s sin.
All creation longs for its release from futility—slavery / bondage to corruption.

In the new Jerusalem, there will be no more curse.
God makes all things new.

REVELATION 22:6-21

Compare these verses with Revelation 1. Use the chart at the end of the lesson as a visual aid.

God sent His angel to show His servants things which must soon take place. This is what Revelation is all about.

Revelation 22:7, 12, and 20 say He is coming quickly.
1:7 says that He is coming with the clouds and every eye will see Him.

Revelation is about the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

His coming brings reward for every man, according to what he has done.
Those who do wrong receive their reward—the lake of fire outside the city.

Those who are righteous and holy receive their part in life and the holy city.

What is the invitation? What is the warning?

The word “come” is used to call others to partake of life.

The Spirit who indwells all believers and the Bride invite people to hear and come.
They give the invitation so that others will heed the prophecy.

There’s a stern warning to those who add or take away from “the words of the book of this prophecy.” They receive “the plagues.” God will take away their part in the tree of life and the holy city.

Ask your group if they can say with John, “Come, Lord Jesus”!

Give them time to share what they’ve learned so far in this series.
Encourage them to invite others to learn what they’ve learned in Revelation.