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# ***Book of Revelation***

## ***Consummation of History***

*This book is a book of prophecy. Its object is to reveal the future to mankind. Another name for this book is the Book of the Apocalypse. Written by the apostle, John, God's redemptive plan for His children is played out to its conclusion throughout history from the beginning of Creation in Genesis to the new heaven and new earth, and the Holy City of the New Jerusalem at the end of the Book of Revelation. The curse of sin is now gone forever and we can enjoy serving the Lord forevermore!*

*This book uses many forms of literature to explain the end time events that John is seeing. Remember some of these events and visions that John is trying to explain are fantastical from his perspective. Understand this book as a whole bounces back and forth from a perspective from heaven and then from a perspective from earth. It does not necessarily flow chronologically from the beginning of the book to the end.*

*John gives a description of the signs of the end times so that those that are watchful (i.e. Christians) can prepare themselves spiritually for the Coming of the Lord to take His bride out of this world while God's wrath and judgment are manifested on those that reject His gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.*

*Ultimately, justice is served and God and His children (those that Love Him) get to be together for eternity.*

*Broken into basically 3 sections:*

- **The Church (Chapter 1- 3)** – *about the church in the past and the church of today. They are problems that we continue to face. The number 7 shows itself many times in this book. That number 7 means “complete”. He is talking to all churches, in all ages and in every place on earth. God shows us what we must do and say. He wants to help the church as a whole be strong and to be prepared for the coming of the Lord.*
  - **Tribulation Period (Chapter 4- 18)** – *John is now looking at the events that will take place during the time of tribulation on the earth. Chapters 5-11 are the same events as Chapters 12-19, but from two different perspectives. Ch. 5-11 is from heaven’ perspective; what is happening in heaven. Ch. 12-19 is the same events but from earth’s perspective; what the people will see on earth during the events of the tribulation period. This is what so often confuses people when reading this book. Most often people do not realize that the book is not chronological from the beginning to the end. Once you understand this the Holy Scriptures become unveiled. The rapture of the church (i.e. Christians) takes place during this section and the judgment of those that spurned God’s saving grace thru His Son, Jesus Christ. The culmination of history comes to its conclusion.*
  - **Glorious Appearing (Chapter 19- 22)** – ***the Second Coming of the Lord*** *highlights this part of the book. This time the Son of Man comes in “power and great glory” no longer the lamb, but the lion of the tribe of Judah. The “friend of the bridegroom” as John the Baptist calls himself as the last of the Old Testament prophets is identified in chapter 19 as the invitees to the feast. The bride for the Son of God is already identified as the church. Satan is judged along with ALL his followers and destroyed forever. Sin exists no more and a new heaven and a new earth come to be forever and ever. We as His children get to see this very thing come to be with our very own eyes. **Something to look forward to.***
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***Below are 3 Bible verses from the Book of Revelation. Match the correct Bible verse to the corresponding section. The idea is to become familiar with where topics and names are found in the Word of God.***

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1. *"I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, 'Come!'"*

**Revelation 1:4  
(Ch. 1-3)**

2. *"To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne,"*

**Revelation 6:1  
(Ch. 4-18)**

3. *"And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and the books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books."*

**Revelation 20:12  
(Ch. 19-22)**

***Below are 3 Bible verses from the Book of Revelation. Correctly identify the Bible verse with the corresponding section. The idea is to become familiar with where topics and names are found in the Word of God.***

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*“One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, ‘Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.’ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.”*

***1. Which section of the Book of Revelation? \_\_\_\_\_***

*“For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to give the beast their power to rule, until God’s words are fulfilled.”*

***2. Which section of the Book of Revelation? \_\_\_\_\_***

*“Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”*

***3. Which section of the Book of Revelation? \_\_\_\_\_***

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*Revelation 3:20 (ch. 1-3)*

*Revelation 17:17 (ch. 4-18)*

*Revelation 21:10 (ch. 19-22)*

***After identifying the previous Bible verses, take the time to find a Bible verse on your own that really identifies with that particular section of the book. Just the act of searching and writing it down gives you a better sense and greater familiarity with the Word of God. You are actively participating in studying the Holy Bible.***

Revelation(ch.1...3)

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Revelation(ch.19...22)

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***Now you know EVERY BOOK of the Holy Bible! You have learned something about each book, the order in which they have been placed in the Word of God, and the flow of the books. Now it is your charge to continue reading the Word of the Living God and grow in your faith.***

## **Notes**

*Describe a topic in this section to remember.*

**(Example:** *When the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God (a.k.a. the rapture of the church) will take place. Revelation 10*

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