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A Practical Study of REVELATION: Bible Prophecy

"What to Expect in the Days Ahead"

SECTION I - Revelation 1-3

STUDY NUMBER ONE – REVELATION 1:1-20

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v. 1 A revelation of Jesus Christ, which God (the Father) gave to Him to point out to His bondservants, the things which must shortly take place; and He made them known, having sent them by His angel to His bondservant John;
v. 2 who is now bearing witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, as much as he saw.
v. 3 Blessed is he who is reading and those who are hearing the words of this prophecy, and are paying attention to the things which have been written in it; for the time is near.
v. 4 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is coming; and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne;
v. 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who is loving us, and sets us free from our sins by means of His blood,
v. 6 and He made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father; to Him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.
v. 7 Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye shall see Him, and the very ones who pierced Him; and all the tribes (people) of the earth shall mourn because of Him. So it is to be. Amen.
v. 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," the Lord God is saying, "the One who is and who was and who is coming, the all-powerful One."
v. 9 I, John, your brother and fellow-partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance (endurance) which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos, because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

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v.10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,
v.11 saying, "Write in a book that which you are seeing, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamos and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."
v.12 And I turned around to be seeing the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands;
v.13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His breasts with a golden belt.
v.14 And His head and His hair were as white as wool, white as snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire;
v.15 and His feet were like fine brass, when it has been red-hot in a furnace, and His voice was like a sound of many waters.
v.16 And having in His right hand seven stars; and coming out of His mouth a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.
v.17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying, "Stop fearing; I am the first and the last,
v.18 and the living One; and I became dead, and behold, I am living forever and forever, and I am having the keys of death and of Hades.
v.19 Write therefore the things which you saw, and the things which are, and the things which shall take place after these things.
v.20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches."

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 1:1-20 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is the purpose for writing this book, according to verse 1?

3. Who are those who are blessed, according to verse 3?

4. Describe the person and work of Jesus Christ in verses 5 & 6.

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5. What is the promise that is stated in verse 7?

6. Why was John exiled to the isle of Patmos, according to verse 9?

7. Who is the person that John beholds in verses 12-16?

8. What is John to write about, according to verse 19?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: John is revealing to us "the things which must shortly take place."

LESSON #2: There is a blessing for "those who are reading and those who are hearing, and those who are paying attention" to this prophecy.

LESSON #3: Jesus Christ is coming again.

LESSON #4: John's exile to the island of Patmos proved to be a part of God's program in the giving of the revelation.

LESSON #5: The Lord is seen as priest and judge in His relationship to the church.

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LESSON #6: Jesus Christ has the keys of death and of Hades.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWO – THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS – Revelation 2:1-7

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v. 1 "To the messenger of the church in Ephesus write: 'The One who is holding the seven stars in His right hand, the One who is walking around in the middle of the seven golden lampstands, is saying these things:
v. 2 I am knowing your works and your toil and endurance (steadfast perseverance), and that you are not able to endure evil men, and you put to the test those who are calling themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false;
v. 3 and you are having endurance (steadfast perseverance) and endured because of My name, and you have not grown weary.
v. 4 But I am having this against you, that you left your first love.
v. 5 Be remembering, therefore, from where you have fallen, and have a change of mind and do the first deeds; or else I am coming to you, and I will remove your lampstand out of its place, unless you have a change of mind.
v. 6 But this you are having, that you are hating the work of the Nicolaitans, which I also am hating.
v. 7 He who is having ears, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches: To him who is gaining the victory, I will give to him to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.'

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 2:1-7 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Who is the One who is giving this message, according to verse 1?

3. What is known of the church at Ephesus, according to verses 2 & 3?

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4. What is His charge against them, according to verse 4?

5. What two things are they challenged to do, according to verse 5?

6. What warning is given to them, according to verse 5?

7. What do they have going for them, according to verse 6?

8. What is the promise to those who are gaining the victory, according to verse 7?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong on the behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward Him."

LESSON #2: The Lord is taking note of our works, our toil, our endurance, and the actions and attitudes which we have toward false teaching and false prophets.

LESSON #3: It is a delight to the heart of God to see our steadfastness and endurance, and the fact that we have not grown weary.

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LESSON #4: The major concern of this letter is the condition of our love for Jesus Christ.

LESSON #5: Love is more important than anything else.

LESSON #6: The remedy for the problem is to "remember from where you have fallen," repent, and repeat "the first deeds."

LESSON #7: Reflect, repent, and respond.

LESSON #8: Endurance and repentance are both mentioned twice in this letter.

LESSON #9: Failure to comply with this warning involves a loss of witness. There is no fruit for God and no light for others.

LESSON #10: Knowing Jesus Christ as personal Savior is to be an overcomer and to have the promise of life eternal, which was lost in the garden of Eden.

LESSON #11: Our love for the Lord must be fervent and the motivation behind our sacrifice, study, and service.

LESSON #12: A loss of love indicates fouled-up priorities.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER THREE – THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN SMYRNA – REVELATION 2:8-11

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v. 8 "And to the messenger of the church in Smyrna write: 'The first and the last, who was dead, and came to life, is saying these things:
v. 9 I am knowing your tribulation and your poverty, but you are rich, and the blasphemy from those who are saying they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.
v.10 Do not be fearing the things which you are about to be suffering. Behold, the devil is about to be throwing some of you into prison, in order that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Keep on becoming faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.
v.11 He who is having ears, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. He who is gaining the victory shall not be harmed by the second death.'

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 2:8-11 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How does the Lord reveal Himself to this church, according to verse 8?

3. What does He know about them, according to verse 9?

4. Who are those that are making a false profession in verse 9 and how are they characterized?

5. What is about to happen to them, according to verse 10?

6. Who is the author of the suffering, according to verse 10?

7. What are they challenged to do, and what is the promise, according to verse 10?

8. What is the promise to those who are overcoming, according to verse 11?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is precious to see how the Lord reveals Himself as "the first and the last, who was dead, and came to live" to meet the needs of the suffering church.

LESSON #2: It is possible to be poverty-stricken materially, and to be rich spiritually.

LESSON #3: Satan has a counterfeiting ministry that looks like the real thing.

LESSON #4: The two commands when suffering are: 1) do not fear; and 2) be faithful.

LESSON #5: There is a termination point for the time of testing and the Lord will be faithful to us during it.

LESSON #6: There is a crown of life for those who are faithful in enduring the trials and sufferings that come into their lives.

LESSON #7: The Christian will "not be harmed by the second death."

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STUDY NUMBER FOUR – THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH AT PERGAMOS – REVELATION 2:12-17

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v.12 "And to the messenger of the church in Pergamos write: 'The One who is having the sharp two-edged sword is saying these things:
v.13 I am knowing where you are dwelling, where Satan's throne is; yet you are holding fast My name, and did not deny My faith, even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan is dwelling.
v.14 But I am having a few things against you, because you are having there some who are holding the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit acts of immorality.

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v.15 Thus you also are having some who in the same way are holding the teaching of the Nicolaitans.
v.16 Therefore have a change of mind; but if you do not, I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.
v.17 He who is having ears, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches: To him who is gaining the victory, I will give to him the manna which has been hidden, and I will give to him a white stone, and a new name has been written on the stone which no one is knowing except the person who is receiving it.'

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 2:12-17 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Read Hebrews 4:12 and interpret the sharp two-edged sword in verse 12 of this study.

3. Describe His knowledge of the church at Pergamos according to verse 13.

4. What does He have against them, according to verses 14 & 15?

5. What are they asked to do, according to verse 16?

6. What is the warning given in verse 16?

7. What two things are given to those who are gaining the victory, according to verse 17?

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8. What is placed on the white stone, according to verse 17?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord uses the Word to judge our lives. "But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord in order that we may not be condemned along with the world" (1 Corinthians 11:31, 32).

LESSON #2: The Lord Jesus wants us married to Him, rather than to the world.

LESSON #3: Pergamos was holding fast to the deity and doctrine of Jesus Christ.

LESSON #4: Antipas is called a "witness" and a "faithful one."

LESSON #5: It is the Lord's desire that we separate from those who are teaching error.

LESSON #6: The "hidden manna" found in Jesus Christ is to be our spiritual sustenance.

LESSON #7: Jesus Christ is ours to enjoy and gives much more than the world can give.

LESSON #8: It is a sin to be broadminded when the truth is narrow.

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STUDY NUMBER FIVE – THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN THYATIRA – REVELATION 2:18-29

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v.18 "And to the messenger of the church in Thyatira write: 'The Son of God, who is having eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished brass, is saying these things:
v.19 I am knowing your works and your love and faith and service and your perseverance (steadfast endurance), and that your last deeds are greater than at first.
v.20 But I am having this against you, that you are tolerating the woman Jezebel, who is calling herself a prophetess, and she is teaching and seducing My bondservants to commit acts of immorality and to eat things sacrificed to idols.
v.21 And I gave her time in order that she might have a change of mind; and she is not willing to change her mind about her immorality.
v.22 Behold, I am throwing her into a bed, and those who are committing adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds.
v.23 Also her children I will kill with death; and all the churches shall come to know that I am He who is searching minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you in accordance with your deeds.
v.24 But I am saying to the rest of you, who are in Thyatira, who are not holding this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they are saying; I am not placing another burden upon you.
v.25 Nevertheless what you are having, hold fast until I come.
v.26 And he who is gaining the victory, and he who is keeping My works until the end, I will give to him authority over the nations;
v.27 and He shall shepherd them with an iron scepter, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received (authority) from the presence of My Father;
v.28 and I will give him the morning star.
v.29 He who is having ears, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.'

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 2:18-29 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How is the Lord Jesus described in verse 18?

3. How does the Lord describe the church at Thyatira, according to verse 19?

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4. Describe the teachings of Jezebel and her judgment, according to verses 20-23.

5. How is the Lord treating the rest of the folks in Thyatira, according to verse 24?

6. What are they challenged to do in verse 25?

7. To whom is authority given in verse 26?

8. Where did the Lord Jesus get this authority, according to verse 27?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord Jesus Christ is presented as the judge who has "eyes like a flame of fire and feet of brass."

LESSON #2: He is fully aware of our works, our love, our faith, our service, our endurance, and the progress we are making in our spiritual lives.

LESSON #3: The Lord provides time for repentance and response to His invitation before judgment.

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LESSON #4: Resistance to repentance leads to judgment.

LESSON #5: Jesus searches the minds and hearts of everyone and gives in accordance with the deeds.

LESSON #6: The responsibility of the believer in a wayward society is to hold fast to the divine absolutes.

LESSON #7: We can look forward to ruling and reigning with Christ in His kingdom.

LESSON #8: With the apostle Paul we can say: "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (1 Corinthians 9:15) because we are given the most precious gift of all, the morning star, even Jesus Christ Himself."

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SIX – THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN SARDIS – REVELATION 3:1-6

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v. 1 "And to the messenger of the church in Sardis write: 'He who is having the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, is saying these things: I am knowing your deeds, that you are having a name that you are alive, and you are dead.
v. 2 Be becoming wide awake (wake up) and strengthen the things that are remaining, which were about to die; for I have found no deeds of yours that have been brought to completeness in the sight of My God.
v. 3 Be remembering, therefore, in what way you have received and heard; and be guarding it, and have a change of mind. If, therefore, you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you.
v. 4 But you are having a few names in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white; because they are worthy.
v. 5 He who is gaining the victory shall thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.
v. 6 He who is having ears, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.'

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 3:1-6 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does the Lord know about the church at Sardis, according to verse 1?

3. What does He challenge them to do, according to verse 2?

4. What does He tell them to do in verse 3?

5. What is the promise to those in verse 4 who have not “soiled their garments”?

6. What do you think is the meaning of the phrase “soiled their garments”?

7. What three things are done for those who are gaining the victory in verse 5?

8. How does one have his name inscribed in the book of life?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: "And He said to them, 'You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God'" (Luke 16:15).

LESSON #2: Man looks on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

LESSON #3: Man's evaluation and God's evaluation differ drastically. The church looked alive to man but dead to God.

LESSON #4: The five commands in verses 2 & 3 to correct the situation ought to challenge us to: 1) "become wide awake"; 2) "strengthen the things that are remaining"; 3) "be remembering in what way you have received and heard"; 4) "be guarding it"; and 5) "have a change of mind."

LESSON #5: Response to His commands can cause us to avoid the judgment that results from negligence.

LESSON #6: The three-fold promise to those who have received Christ is that: 1) They "shall thus be clothed in white garments"; 2) the Lord will not erase their "name from the book of life"; and 3) He will "confess their name before the Father and before His angels."

LESSON #7: Recalling and remembering promises helps us rightly relate to circumstances.

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SECTION II - Revelation 3-8

STUDY NUMBER SEVEN – THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH AT PHILADELPHIA – REVELATION 3:7-13

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v. 7 "And to the messenger of the church in Philadelphia write: 'He who is holy, who is true, who is having the key of David, who is opening and no one will shut, and who is shutting and no one is opening, is saying these things:
v. 8 I am knowing your deeds. Behold, I have put before you a door which has been opened which no one is able to close; because you are having a little power, and kept My word, and have not denied My name.
v. 9 Behold, I give those of the synagogue of Satan, who are saying that they are Jews, and are not, but are lying; behold, I will make them that they shall come and bow down at your feet, and to know that I loved you.
v.10 Because you kept the word of My perseverance (steadfast endurance), I also will keep you from the hour of the testing, which is about to be coming upon the entire inhabited earth, to put to the test those who are dwelling upon the earth.
v.11 I am coming quickly; be holding fast that which you are having, in order that no one take your crown.
v.12 He who is gaining the victory, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it any more; and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.
v.13 He who is having ears, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.'

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 3:7-13 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How is the Lord described in verse 7?

3. How is the church at Philadelphia described in verse 8?

4. What are the Jews who are of the synagogue of Satan going to do in verse 9?

5. Why is the church at Philadelphia promised deliverance from the hour of testing, according to verse 10?

6. What are they commanded to do in verse 11?

7. What is promised to those who are gaining the victory, according to verse 12?

8. What do you think is the meaning of the phrase “the new Jerusalem”?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Jesus Christ is introduced as holy, true, and having authority.

LESSON #2: The Lord often places before us doors of opportunity and service. He is the One who opens and shuts.

LESSON #3: Although the Philadelphian church was little in number, they kept His Word by being obedient; and they had not yielded to the pressure of denying Christ.

LESSON #4: Once again we have reference to the "synagogue of Satan," which speaks to us of the counterfeiting ministry of Satan, to make his religious activity look like the church.

LESSON #5: The believer will be kept from the hour of testing. The church will not go through the great tribulation.

LESSON #6: We are commanded to be "holding fast that which we are having, in order that no one take our crown."

LESSON #7: What a precious future is in store for those who walk with the Lord, according to verse 12.

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STUDY NUMBER EIGHT – THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH AT LAODICEA – REVELATION 3:14-22

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v.14 "And to the messenger of the church in Laodicea write: 'The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, is saying these things:
v.15 I am knowing your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; would that you were cold or hot.

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v.16 So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am about to vomit you out of My mouth.
v.17 Because you are saying, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and I am having need of nothing," and you are not knowing that you are the wretched one and miserable and poor and blind and naked.
v.18 I am counseling you to buy from Me gold having been refined by fire, in order that you may become rich, and white garments, in order that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eyesalve to rub on your eyes, in order that you may be seeing.
v.19 Those whom I am loving, I am reproving and I am disciplining; keep on being zealous therefore, and have a change of mind.
v.20 Behold, I have taken my stand at the door, and I am knocking; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and I will dine with him, and he with Me.
v.21 He who is gaining the victory, I will give to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also gained the victory and sat down with My Father on His throne.
v.22 He who is having ears, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.'"

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 3:14-22 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What are the three characteristics of the Lord Jesus, according to verse 14?

3. What does the Lord know about them, according to verse 15?

4. How does He respond to their condition, according to verse 16?

5. Why are they lukewarm, according to verse 17?

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6. What does the Lord counsel them to do, according to verse 18?

7. What does the Lord do for those whom He loves, according to verse 19?

8. Describe what the Lord is doing, according to verse 20.

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is the wish of the Lord that we would be cold or hot.

LESSON #2: Lukewarmness speaks of indifference toward the person of Christ and the message of the Gospel.

LESSON #3: Lukewarmness makes the Lord nauseated.

LESSON #4: The reason for lukewarmness is attached to material wealth.

LESSON #5: The Lord's analysis of these folks is they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.

LESSON #6: The Lord makes provision for all of their needs in Himself.

LESSON #7: The Lord reproves and disciplines those whom He loves.

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LESSON #8: The Lord never violates your free will. He knocks and waits for you to hear and open.

LESSON #9: When you hear and open the door, He will come in and have fellowship with you.

LESSON #10: The Lord has taken His stand outside this church.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER NINE – THE THRONE AND THE BOOK – REVELATION 4:1-5:14

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v. 1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door had been opened in heaven, and the first voice which I heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, saying: "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things."
v. 2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.
v. 3 And He who was sitting was in appearance like a jasper stone and a sardius; and a halo (rainbow) around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.
v. 4 And around the throne there were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones twenty-four elders sitting, having been clothed in white garments and upon their heads golden crowns.
v. 5 And out from the throne there are proceeding flashes of lightning and sounds and crashes of thunder. And seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;
v. 6 and before the throne there was, as it were, a sea of glass like crystal; and in the midst of the throne and encircling the throne, there were four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind.
v. 7 And the first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature is having the face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like an eagle when it is flying.
v. 8 And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and they are not having rest day and night saying: "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is coming."
v. 9 And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the One who is sitting upon the throne, to Him who is living forever and ever,

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v.10 the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who is sitting on the throne, and will worship Him who is living forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying:
v.11 "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power; because You created all things, and because of Your will they existed and were created."
5:v. 1 And I saw upon the right hand of the One who is sitting on the throne a book which had been written inside and on the back, having been sealed shut with seven seals.
v. 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice: "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?"
v. 3 And no one was able in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth to open the book or to be looking into it.
v. 4 And I was weeping greatly, because no one was found worthy to open the book, or to be looking into it;
v. 5 and one of the elders is saying to me: "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, gained the victory so as to open the book and its seven seals."
v. 6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God that have been sent out into all the earth.
v. 7 And He came, and He has taken it (the book) out of the right hand of Him who is sitting on the throne.
v. 8 And when He took the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.
v. 9 And they are singing a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the book and to open its seals; because You were slain and You purchased for God with Your blood (men) from every tribe and language and people and nation.
v.10 And You made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they shall reign on the earth."
v.11 And I saw, and I heard a voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was (countless thousands) myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands;
v.12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who has been slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."
v.13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all the things that are in them, I heard saying: "To Him who is sitting upon the throne, and to the Lamb, be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the power forever and forever."
v.14 And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 4:1-5:14 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Describe in your own words the vision that John has in verses 2-5.

3. What is the message of the four living creatures, according to verse 8?

4. What is the response of the twenty-four elders in verses 10 & 11?

5. What is the problem in chapter 5:3?

6. Who do you think the writer is speaking about in verse 5?

7. What is the new song that is sung in verses 9 & 10?

8. Describe the picture in verses 11-14.

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: With John we beheld the Father's throne.

LESSON #2: The church is pictured as being in heaven by the twenty-four elders around the throne.

LESSON #3: Worship and praise of the Lamb fill the courts of heaven.

LESSON #4: Jesus Christ is both the Lion and the Lamb.

LESSON #5: Jesus Christ is the focal point of redemption and of judgment.

LESSON #6: The marks of Calvary will serve as a constant reminder to us throughout eternity of the price of our redemption.

LESSON #7: A day is coming when every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

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STUDY NUMBER TEN – THE SEAL JUDGMENTS – REVELATION 6:1-17

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v. 1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder: "Be coming."
v. 2 And I saw, and behold, a white horse, and He who is sitting upon it is having a bow; and a crown was given to him; and He came forth conquering and in order to conquer.
v. 3 And when He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying: "Be coming."

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v. 4 And there came forth another horse, a fiery red one; and to the one who is sitting upon it, it was granted to take the peace from the earth, and that they (men) should slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.
v. 5 And when He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying: "Be coming." And I saw, and behold, a black horse; and the one who is sitting upon it is having a pair of scales in his hand.
v. 6 And I heard as it were a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying: "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine."
v. 7 And when He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying: "Be coming."
v. 8 And I saw, and behold, a pale horse, and the one who is sitting upon it had the name "Death"; and Hades was following with him. And authority was given to them over one-fourth of the earth, to kill with the sword and with famine and with fatal illness and by the wild beasts of the earth.
v. 9 And when He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they were maintaining;
v.10 and they cried out with a great voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, are You refraining from judging and avenging our blood from those who are dwelling upon the earth?"
v.11 And there was given to each one of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest (wait) for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow-servants and their brothers who were to be killed even as they also had been, should be completed also.
v.12 And I saw when He opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood;
v.13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree is casting its unripe figs when it is being shaken by a great (strong) wind.
v.14 And the sky was split like a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.
v.15 And the kings of the earth and the great men and the generals and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains;
v.16 and they are saying to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence (face) of Him who is sitting upon the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;
v.17 for the great day of their wrath has come; and who is able to stand?"

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 6:1-17 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Describe the rider on the white horse and his function, according to verse 2.

3. Describe the rider on the red horse and his function.

4. Describe the rider on the black horse and his function.

5. Describe the rider on the pale horse and his function.

6. Who are those who have been slain in verse 9, and what message do they bring, according to verse 10?

7. What answer do they receive in verse 11?

8. What happens when the sixth seal is opened, according to verses 12-17?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The world is ready for a world government and the rider on the white horse meets that need.

LESSON #2: There are going to be wars clear through to the end.

LESSON #3: Inflation and famine are going to increase.

LESSON #4: One-fourth of the residents of the earth are going to die during the early part of this tragic period.

LESSON #5: There are those who are going to come to faith in the Lord Jesus during the Tribulation Period and they are going to be martyred because of their belief in "the Word of God and the testimony which they are maintaining."

LESSON #6: The cry of the martyrs is, "How long, O Lord?" And the Lord's answer is, "Wait, I've got everything under control."

LESSON #7: Worldwide natural disturbances will help men recognize that the day of the wrath of the Lamb is here.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER ELEVEN – THE 144,000 – REVELATION 7:1-17

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v. 1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, in order that no wind keep on blowing upon the earth or upon the sea or upon any tree.
v. 2 And I saw another angel coming up from the rising of the sun (east), having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a great (loud) voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,
v. 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God upon their foreheads."
v. 4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed; one hundred and forty-four thousand were sealed, from every tribe of the sons of Israel:
v. 5 from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,

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v. 6 from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,
v. 7 from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,
v. 8 from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.
v. 9 After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no one was able to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, having been clothed in white robes, and palm branches in their hands;
v.10 and they are crying out with a great (loud) voice, saying, "Salvation (belongs) to our God who is sitting upon the throne, and to the Lamb."
v.11 And all the angels were standing in a circle around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell down before the throne upon their faces and worshiped God,
v.12 saying, "Amen, praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength, be to our God forever and ever. Amen."
v.13 And one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who have been clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where did they come from?"
v.14 And I said to him, "My Lord, you are knowing." And he said to me, "These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
v.15 Because of this, they are before the throne of God; and they are serving Him day and night in His temple; and He who is sitting upon the throne shall spread His tent over them.
v.16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; nor shall the sun beat down on them, nor any burning heat;
v.17 because the Lamb in the center of the throne shall shepherd them and shall lead them to springs of water of life; and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes."

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 7:1-17 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What are the four angels doing according to verse 1?

3. What must be done, according to verse 3, before the judgment can take place?

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4. Describe the 144,000, according to verses 4-8.

5. Describe the vision in verses 9 & 10. Who do you think this multitude represents?

6. What is the response of the angels, the elders and the four living creatures in verses 11 & 12?

7. Who is this great multitude, according to verse 14?

8. What is being done for this great company, according to verses 15-17?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The 144,000 sealed company are from the twelve tribes of the nation Israel.

LESSON #2: There will be a tremendous harvest of souls during the tribulation period.

LESSON #3: Salvation is only provided through the shed blood of the Lamb, the Lord Jesus on Calvary's cross.

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LESSON #4: Praise is given to God the Father and to the Lamb for salvation.

LESSON #5: The Father's provision is exceeding abundant for these saints who have been martyred in the tribulation.

LESSON #6: Tears will be wiped away.

LESSON #7: Have you received divine protection by being sheltered beneath the blood? Have you taken the divine provision in the Savior of mankind? Are you a recipient of His personal attention as He longs to be your shepherd?

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STUDY NUMBER TWELVE –THE SEAL AND TRUMPET JUDGMENTS – REVELATION 8:1-13

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v. 1 And when He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.
v. 2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.
v. 3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, in order that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which is before the throne.
v. 4 And the smoke of the incense went up together with the prayers of the saints before God out of the hand of the angel.
v. 5 And the angel has taken the censer; and filled it with the fire of the altar and threw it to the earth; and there followed crashes of thunder and rumblings and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.
v. 6 And the seven angels who are having the seven trumpets prepared themselves in order that they might sound them.
v. 7 And the first sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire, having been mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burnt up, and a third of the trees was burnt up, and all the green grass was burnt up.
v. 8 And the second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood;
v. 9 and a third of the creatures which were in the sea died, the ones having life; and a third of the ships were destroyed.
v.10 And the third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great meteor fell out of heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell upon a third of the rivers and upon the springs of waters;

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v.11 and the name of the meteor is called The Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood; and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.
v.12 And the fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were smitten, in order that a third of them might be darkened and the day might not be shining for a third of it, and the night in the same way.
v.13 And I saw, and I heard an eagle flying in mid-heaven, saying with a great (loud) voice, "Woe! Woe! Woe! to those who are dwelling upon the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to be sounding."

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 8:1-13 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is the response to the opening of the seventh seal in verses 1 & 2?

3. Describe the picture in verses 3-5.

4. What happens when the first trumpet is sounded?

5. What happens when the second trumpet is sounded?

6. What happens when the third trumpet is sounded?

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7. What happens when the fourth trumpet is sounded?

8. What is the message of the eagle in verse 13?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The silence in heaven is a prelude to severe judgment.

LESSON #2: Our prayers ascend to the Father in the form of a sweet smelling incense.

LESSON #3: There is a similarity between the plagues in Egypt in the book of Exodus and the trumpets here in Revelation.

LESSON #4: The judgments are becoming increasingly more severe as we progress through the book of Revelation.

LESSON #5: The shelter from divine wrath is in a person—the Lord Jesus Christ. He is available for your protection, to make provision, and to give you His personal attention.

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SECTION III - Revelation 9-16

STUDY NUMBER THIRTEEN – THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS – REVELATION 9:1-21

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v. 1 And the fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the shaft of the abyss was given to him.
v. 2 And he opened the shaft of the abyss; and smoke went up out of the shaft, like smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the shaft.
v. 3 And out of the smoke locusts came forth into the earth, and power was given to them like the power which the scorpions of the earth are having.
v. 4 And they were told that they should not damage (harm) the grass of the earth, nor any plant (green thing), nor any tree, but only the men who are not having the seal of God upon their foreheads.
v. 5 And it was given to them (a charge) that they should not kill them, but that they should be tortured five months; and their torture is like the torture of a scorpion when it stings a man.
v. 6 And in those days men shall seek death and shall not find it, and they shall long to die and death is fleeing from them.
v. 7 And the appearances of the locusts were like horses which have been prepared for war; and upon their heads, as it were, crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.
v. 8 And they were having hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like those of lions.
v. 9 And they were having breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses running into battle.
v.10 And they are having tails like scorpions and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men five months.

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v.11 They are having over them as king, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he is having the name Apollyon.
v.12 The first Woe is past; behold, two Woes are still coming after these things.
v.13 And the sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard one voice out of the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,
v.14 saying to the sixth angel, the one having the trumpet, "Release the four angels who have been bound at the great river Euphrates."
v.15 And the four angels were released, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, in order that they might kill a third of the men (mankind).
v.16 And the number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.
v.17 And after this manner I saw the horses in the vision, and those who are sitting upon them: having breastplates of the color of fire (fiery red) and of hyacinth (dark blue) and of sulphur (yellow); and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths is coming fire and smoke and sulphur.
v.18 By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed, by the fire and the smoke and the sulphur, which is coming out of their mouths.
v.19 For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like snakes, having heads; and with them they are doing harm.
v.20 And the rest of the men (mankind), those who were not killed by these plagues, did not change their minds about the works of their hands, in order that they would not worship the demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which are not able to be seeing nor hearing nor walking;
v.21 and they did not change their mind about their murders nor about their magic arts nor about their immorality nor about their thefts.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 9:1-21 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What happens when the fifth trumpet is blown?

3. What happens when the shaft of the abyss is opened?

4. What is the response of men to the judgments according to verse 6?

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5. Describe the locusts in verses 7-11.

6. What happens in response to the sounding of the sixth trumpet?

7. What is the result of this trumpet judgment, according to verse 18?

8. What is the response of the ones who remained alive according to verses 20 & 21?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Satan and his demonic forces will be allowed to bring torment and death upon mankind.

LESSON #2: Those sealed by God will be protected from this torment and death.

LESSON #3: Satan is only allowed to operate under sovereign permission.

LESSON #4: One-half of mankind will die under the fourth seal and the sixth trumpet combined.

LESSON #5: Mankind does not repent and forsake sin as a result of the judgments.

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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FOURTEEN – THE LITTLE BOOK, THE TWO WITNESSES AND THE SEVENTH TRUMPET – REVELATION 10:1-11:19

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v. 1 And I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, having been clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet were like pillars of fire;
v. 2 and he is holding in his hand a little book which had been opened. And he placed his right foot upon the sea and his left upon the land;
v. 3 and he cried with a loud voice, just as a lion is roaring; and when he cried, the seven thunders uttered their own voices.
v. 4 And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to begin writing; and I heard a voice out of heaven saying, "Seal up at once the things which the seven thunders said and do not begin to write them."
v. 5 And the angel whom I saw standing upon the sea and upon the land lifted up his right hand to heaven,
v. 6 and he swore by Him who is living forever and ever, who created the heavens and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there shall be no more delay,
v. 7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to be sounding his trumpet, then the mystery of God is finished, even as He proclaimed (the good news) to His servants the prophets.
v. 8 And the voice which I heard out of heaven, I heard again speaking with me and saying, "Be going, take the book, the one that has been opened in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land."
v. 9 And I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book; and he is saying to me, "Take it and eat it, and it shall make your stomach sour, but in your mouth it shall be sweet as honey."
v.10 And I took the little book out of the hand of the angel and ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey; and when I ate it, my stomach turned sour.
v.11 And they are saying to me, "It is a necessity for you again to prophesy concerning many peoples and nations and languages and kings."
11:v. 1 And there was given to me a measuring rod like a staff (stick); and someone is saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who are worshiping in it.
v. 2 And leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, because it was given to the nations; and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months.
v. 3 And I will give (authority) to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, having been clothed in sackcloth."
v. 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands who have taken their stand before the Lord of the earth.

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v. 5 And if anyone is desiring to harm them, fire is proceeding out of their mouth and is devouring their enemies; and if anyone would desire to harm them, in this manner it is a necessity for him to be killed.
v. 6 These are having the power to shut up the sky, in order that rain may not be falling during the days of their prophesying; and they are having power over the waters to be turning them into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague, as often as they desire.
v. 7 And when they finished their testimony, the wild beast, the one who is coming up out of the abyss, shall make war with them, and gain the victory over them and kill them.
v. 8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which (figuratively) spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.
v. 9 And those from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations are looking at their dead bodies for three days and a half, and they are not allowing their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.
v.10 And those who are dwelling upon the earth are rejoicing over them and making merry; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who are living upon the earth.
v.11 And after the three and a half days the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and a great fear fell upon those who were observing them.
v.12 And they heard a great (loud) voice out of heaven saying to them: "Come up here!" And they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies observed them.
v.13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and there were killed in the earthquake seven thousand people, and the rest became terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.
v.14 The second Woe is past; behold, the third Woe is coming quickly.
v.15 And the seventh angel sounded his trumpet; and it came to pass that there were great (loud) voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever."
v.16 And the twenty-four elders, who are before God sitting upon their thrones, fell upon their faces and worshiped God,
v.17 saying, "We are giving thanks to You, O Lord God, the Almighty, the One who is and who was, because You have taken Your great power and begun to reign.
v.18 And the nations became angry, and Your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and to give reward to Your servants the prophets and to the saints and to those who are fearing Your name, to the small and to the great, and to destroy those who are destroying the earth."
v.19 And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple, and there came flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 10:1-11:19 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What instructions does John receive from the voice out of heaven, according to verse 4?

3. What is John supposed to do with the little book once he takes it from the angel, and what will it do to him, according to verses 8-10?

4. Describe the picture in chapter 11:1, 2.

5. Who are these two witnesses that are described in this chapter?

6. What happens to these two witnesses, according to verses 11 & 12?

7. Describe the next happening in verse 13.

8. What happens when the seventh trumpet is sounded?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is our responsibility to feed upon the Word of God that we may grow thereby.

LESSON #2: The Word of God is sweet with love and grace, and sour with wrath and judgment.

LESSON #3: God has His faithful witnesses during this period.

LESSON #4: God protects His witnesses until their mission is completed. Saints are immortal until their work on Earth is done.

LESSON #5: When the judgment is over, the kingdom will be ushered in and Christ will reign.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

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STUDY NUMBER FIFTEEN – THE WOMAN AND THE WAR – REVELATION 12:1-18

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v. 1 And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman having been clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;
v. 2 and she was pregnant; and she is crying out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.
v. 3 And another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven crowns.
v. 4 And his tail is sweeping away a third of the stars of heaven, and he threw them to the earth. And the dragon was standing before the woman who is about to give birth, in order that whenever she gives birth he might devour her child.
v. 5 And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to be shepherding all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was snatched up to God and to His throne.
v. 6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she is having there a place which has been prepared by God, in order that there they might be nourishing her for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.
v. 7 And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war,
v. 8 and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.

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v. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down (once for all)—the ancient snake who is being called the Devil and Satan, he who is deceiving the entire inhabited earth. He was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
v.10 And I heard a great (loud) voice in heaven, saying, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who is accusing them before our God day and night.
v.11 And they themselves gained the victory over him through the blood of the Lamb and through the word of their testimony, and they loved not their life even to death.
v.12 For this reason, be rejoicing, O heavens, and those who are dwelling in them. Woe! to the earth and the sea, because the devil went down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he is having a short time."
v.13 And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down into the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child.
v.14 And the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, in order that she might be flying into the wilderness to her place, where she is being nourished there a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the snake.
v.15 And the snake threw water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, in order that he might sweep her away with the stream.
v.16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon threw out of his mouth.
v.17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to wage war with the rest of her offspring, who are keeping the commandments of God and holding to the testimony of Jesus.
v.18 And he stood upon the sand of the sea.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 12:1-18 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Describe the two key figures in this particular vision.

3. What happens to the child when it is born, according to verse 5?

4. Who is the great dragon, according to verse 9?

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5. How did they gain the victory, according to verse 11?

6. What is the dragon's response to being thrown down into the earth, according to verse 13?

7. What provision is made for the woman, according to verse 14?

8. Describe the dragon's actions, according to verse 17.

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Satan is opposed and at war with all of God's purposes.

LESSON #2: Israel is one of the prime targets of Satan's opposition.

LESSON #3: Satan is the accuser of the brethren.

LESSON #4: The way to victory over Satan is three-fold: 1) the blood of the Lamb; 2) the testimony or witness; and 3) the willingness to give one's life for the cause of Christ.

LESSON #5: Satan is cast out of heaven in the middle of the tribulation period.

LESSON #6: God in His faithfulness protects and provides for Israel during the final three and a half years of this judgment.

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STUDY NUMBER SIXTEEN – THE TWO BEASTS – REVELATION 13:1-18

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v. 1 And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads blasphemous names.
v. 2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.
v. 3 And one of his heads seemed to have been mortally wounded, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth followed after the beast full of wonder;
v. 4 and they worshiped the dragon, because he gave the authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"
v. 5 And there was given to him a mouth speaking great things (proud words) and blasphemies; and authority to operate was given to him for forty-two months.
v. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His dwelling place, that is, those who are dwelling in heaven.
v. 7 And it was given to him to make war with the saints and to gain the victory over them; and authority was given to him over every tribe and people and language and nation.
v. 8 And all who are dwelling on the earth shall worship him, all whose name has not been written in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain from the foundation (creation) of the world.
v. 9 If anyone is having an ear, let him hear.
v.10 If anyone is leading into captivity, into captivity he will go; if anyone kills with a sword, it is a necessity for him to be killed with a sword. Here is the perseverance (steadfast endurance) and faith of the saints.
v.11 And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he was having two horns like a lamb, and he was speaking like a dragon.
v.12 And he is exercising all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he is making the earth and those who are dwelling in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.
v.13 And he is performing great signs, so that he even is making fire to be coming down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men.
v.14 And he is deceiving those who are dwelling on the earth by means of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, saying to those who are dwelling upon the earth to make an image to the beast who is having the wound of the sword and came to life.
v.15 And there was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, in order that the image of the beast might even speak and that it should cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

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v.16 And he is making all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, that they give to them a mark on their right hand, or on their forehead,
v.17 so that no one should be able to buy or to sell, except the one who is having the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.
v.18 Here is wisdom. He who is having understanding, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number; and his number is six hundred sixty-six.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 13:1-18 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Describe the first beast in verses 1 & 2.

3. Where does he receive his power and authority, according to verse 2?

4. Who is worshiped and why, according to verse 4?

5. Against whom does the beast speak, according to verse 6?

6. Describe the second beast and his function, according to verses 11-14.

7. What is this beast making everyone do, according to verse 16?

8. Why is it necessary to have the mark of the beast, according to verse 17?

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9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: There is an unholy trinity made up of Satan, the world's leader, and the false prophet.

LESSON #2: Much of Satan's activity involves a counterfeiting ministry of the Person of Christ.

LESSON #3: Worship of the world leader will be worldwide.

LESSON #4: Satan can also perform miracles.

LESSON #5: Faith and perseverance stand together as characterizing the life of the saint.

LESSON #6: Making, performing, and deceiving are characteristics of Satan's strategy.

LESSON #7: Idolatry is an intricate part of the satanic religious system.

LESSON #8: One must receive the mark of the beast to survive.

LESSON #9: The world is certainly being prepared for world government and world religion.

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STUDY NUMBER SEVENTEEN – THE LAMB, THE ANGELS AND THE HARVEST – REVELATION 14:1-20

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v. 1 And I looked, and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.
v. 2 And I heard a voice out of heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like that of harpists playing upon their harps.
v. 3 And they are singing a new song before the throne and before the four living beings and the elders; and no one was able to learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand, those who had been redeemed from the earth.
v. 4 These are they who were not defiled with women, for they are chaste individuals. These are the ones who are following the Lamb wherever He may be going. These were redeemed from among men, first fruits to God and the Lamb.
v. 5 And in their mouth was not found a lie; they are blameless.
v. 6 And I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who are living upon the earth, and to every nation and tribe and language and people;
v. 7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."
v. 8 And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality."
v. 9 And another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone is worshiping the beast and his image, and is receiving a mark upon his forehead or upon his hand,
v.10 he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which has been poured out unmixed in the cup of His anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.
v.11 And the smoke of their torment is ascending forever and ever; and they are not having rest day and night, those who are worshiping the beast and his image, and whoever is receiving the mark of his name."
v.12 Here is the perseverance (steadfast endurance) of the saints, those who are keeping the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.
v.13 And I heard a voice of heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who are dying in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," the Spirit is saying, "in order that they may rest from their labors, for their works are following with them."
v.14 And I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sitting, in appearance like a son of man, having upon His head a golden crown and in His hand a sharp sickle.
v.15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who is sitting on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, because the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth has become dry."
v.16 And He who is sitting on the cloud swung His sickle upon the earth; and the earth was reaped.

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v.17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and having himself also a sharp sickle.
v.18 And another angel came out from the altar, the one who is having power over the fire; and he called with a loud voice to the one who is having the sharp sickle, saying, “Thrust in your sharp sickle, and gather the bunches of grapes of the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe.”
v.19 And the angel swung his sickle into the earth, and he gathered the grapes from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God.
v.20 And the wine press was trodden outside of the city, and the blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses’ bridles, for a distance of 1,600 stadia (180+ miles).

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 14:1-20 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Identify the Lamb and the one hundred and forty-four thousand in verse 1.

3. Who are the four living beings and the elders in verse 3?

4. What is the message of the angel, according to verse 7?

5. What is the warning of the angel in verses 9 & 10?

6. What is the meaning of verse 12?

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7. Who is the personality in verse 14?

8. What is the command of verse 15?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God's power and protection of His people is demonstrated in the 144,000.

LESSON #2: God is still faithful in making provision for the Gospel, even to the last minute.

LESSON #3: God is here speaking through the prophetic Word to encourage His suffering children.

LESSON #4: The false religious system will fall during the Tribulation Period.

LESSON #5: The judgment upon the wicked in Armageddon will be swift and severe.

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STUDY NUMBER EIGHTEEN – THE ANGELS AND THE BOWLS OF GOD'S WRATH – REVELATION 15:1-16:21

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v. 1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous; seven angels having seven plagues, which are the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.
v. 2 And I saw something resembling a sea of glass having been mixed with fire, and those who are gaining the victory from the beast and from his image and from the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.
v. 3 And they are singing the song of Moses, the bondslave of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; righteous and true are Your ways, O King of the nations.
v. 4 Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? Because You only are holy; for all the nations shall come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed."
v. 5 And after these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened,
v. 6 and there came out of the temple the seven angels, the ones having the seven plagues, having been clothed in linen, clean and bright, and having been girded around their breasts with golden girdles.
v. 7 And one of the four living beings gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who is living forever and ever.
v. 8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.
16:v. 1 And I heard a loud voice out of the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Be going and pouring out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth."
v. 2 And the first (angel) went and poured out his bowl into the earth; and there came a loathsome and malignant sore upon the men who are having the mark of the beast and who are worshiping his image.
v. 3 And the second (angel) poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like that of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.
v. 4 And the third (angel) poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood.
v. 5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "You are just, the One who is and who was, the Holy One, because You judged these things;
v. 6 for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and blood to them You have given to drink. They are deserving this (worthy)."
v. 7 And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."
v. 8 And the fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it was given to it to scorch men with fire.
v. 9 And the men were burned with a great scorching heat; and they blasphemed the name of God, who is having the power over these plagues; and they did not have a change of mind, so as to give Him glory.
v.10 And the fifth (angel) poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom became darkened; and they were chewing their tongues because of the pain.
v.11 And they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and because of their sores; and they did not have a change of mind with reference to their works.

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v.12 And the sixth (angel) poured out his bowl upon the river, the great Euphrates. And its water was dried up, in order that the way might be prepared for the kings from the rising of the sun.
v.13 And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs;
v.14 for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which are going out to the kings of the whole inhabited earth, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.
v.15 Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who is staying awake and who is keeping his garments, lest he be walking about unclad and they be observing his shame.
v.16 And they gathered them together to the place which is called in Hebrew, Armageddon.
v.17 And the seventh (angel) poured out his bowl upon the air; and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done!"
v.18 And there were flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.
v.19 And the great city was divided into three parts. And the cities of the nations fell. And Babylon the Great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fury of His wrath.
v.20 And every island vanished, and mountains were not found.
v.21 And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, are coming down out of heaven upon men; and the men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 15:1-16:21 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is the sign, "great and marvelous," that John sees in verse 1?

3. What is the song of Moses and the Lamb in verses 3 & 4?

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4. Why was the temple filled with smoke, according to verse 8?

5. What happened when the first angel poured out his bow, according to verse 2?

6. What happened when the second, third and fourth angels poured out their bowls?

7. What happened when the fifth, sixth and seventh angels poured out their bowls?

8. What happens in verse 21, and what is the response to the plagues?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: This passage reveals to us the final manifestations of God's wrath upon sin.

LESSON #2: There is a song in the mouth of the righteous and blasphemy in the mouth of the wicked.

LESSON #3: The bowls of wrath are poured out upon the world leader, the false prophet, and all those who have taken his mark.

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LESSON #4: God is still offering salvation in these final hours of the seven year period.

LESSON #5: The battle of Armageddon is terminated by the second coming of Jesus Christ.

LESSON #6: Christ bore our wrath against sin when He died upon the cross. We are standing where the fire has already been!

LESSON #7: Even in the face of great judgment, man's heart is still hardened.

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SECTION IV - Revelation 17-22

STUDY NUMBER NINETEEN – THE WOMAN ON THE BEAST – REVELATION 17:1-18

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v. 1 And there came one of the seven angels who are having the seven bowls, and he spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot, who is sitting on many waters,
v. 2 with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality, and those who are dwelling on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality."
v. 3 And he carried me away into a wilderness in spirit; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.
v. 4 And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet and was adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality.
v. 5 And upon her forehead a name has been written, a mystery, "Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth."
v. 6 And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of those who are bearing witness to Jesus. And when I saw her, I wondered greatly.
v. 7 And the angel said to me, "Why did you wonder? I shall tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast who is carrying her, who is having the seven heads and the ten horns.
v. 8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to be coming up out of the abyss, and he is going into destruction. And those who are dwelling on the earth shall wonder, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they are seeing the beast, that he was and is not and shall come.

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v. 9 Here is the mind which is having wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, where the woman is sitting upon them,
v.10 and they are seven kings; the five fell, the one is, the other one has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain for a brief time.
v.11 And the beast who was and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is out of the seven, and he is going to destruction.
v.12 And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they will receive authority as kings one hour with the beast.
v.13 These are having one purpose and they are giving their power and authority to the beast.
v.14 These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb shall gain the victory over them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him, the called and the chosen and the faithful."
v.15 And he is saying to me, "The waters which you saw where the harlot is sitting are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages.
v.16 And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these shall hate the harlot and shall make her a ruin and reduce her to nakedness, and her flesh they shall eat and they shall consume her with fire.
v.17 For God did put it into their hearts to do that which was in His mind, and to come to one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God should be accomplished.
v.18 And the woman whom you saw is the great city, which is having a kingdom over the kings of the earth."

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 17:1-18 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Who are the woman and the scarlet beast in verse 3?

3. What has the woman done against the gospel, according to verse 6?

4. What is the interpretation of these symbols, according to verses 9-11?

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5. What do the ten horns represent, according to verse 12?

6. What will these kings do, and what will be the outcome, according to verse 14?

7. What does God do, according to verse 17?

8. Who is the woman, according to verse 18?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: There will be an apostate religious system during the first part of the tribulation.

LESSON #2: The religious system will exercise political power during the early part of the tribulation period.

LESSON #3: The personalities involved here do not have their names written in the Book of Life.

LESSON #4: The purpose of the ten-nation western alliance is to make war against the Lamb.

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LESSON #5: The apostate religious system will be destroyed by this western alliance under the leadership of the world leader.

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STUDY NUMBER TWENTY – THE FALL OF BABYLON – REVELATION 18:1-24

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v. 1 After these things I saw another angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority. And the earth was illuminated by his glory.
v. 2 And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "It has fallen, it has fallen, Babylon the Great! And it has become a dwelling place of demons and a hangout of every unclean spirit and a hangout of every unclean and loathsome bird.
v. 3 Because all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth as a result of her power and luxury became wealthy."
v. 4 And I heard another voice out of heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, in order that you may not participate in her sins and in order that you may not receive of her plagues;
v. 5 for her sins have piled up so that they touch the heaven, and God remembered her iniquities.
v. 6 Render to her as she herself also rendered to others, and pay back double according to her works. In the cup which she mixed, mix for her double.
v. 7 To the degree that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, to the same degree give to her torment and sorrow; because in her heart she is saying, 'I am enthroned as a queen, and I am not a widow; I shall positively not see sorrow.'
v. 8 Because of this in one day her plagues will come, death and sorrow and famine, and in fire she shall be completely consumed, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.
v. 9 And the kings of the earth, who committed acts of immorality and lived luxuriously with her, will weep and mourn over her when they are looking upon the smoke of her burning,
v.10 standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, 'Woe! woe! the great city, Babylon, the city which is mighty, because in one hour your judgment has come.'
v.11 And the merchants of the earth are weeping and mourning over her, because their cargo no one any longer is buying in the market;

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v.12 a cargo of gold and silver and precious stone and pearls and fine linen and purple cloth, and silk and scarlet cloth and every kind of citron wood and every kind of an article made of ivory and every kind of an article made of most costly wood and of brass and of iron and of marble,
v.13 and cinnamon and spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep and horses and four-wheeled carriages and slaves and souls of men.
v.14 And the fruit which your soul longs for has departed from you, and all the luxurious things and the brightly shining things have passed away from you and no longer will you find them.
v.15 The merchants of these things, those who became wealthy by her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning,
v.16 saying, 'Woe! woe! the great city, she who has been clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and having been adorned with gold and precious stone and pearl;
v.17 because in one hour such great wealth has been ruined.' And every sailing-master and everyone who is sailing to a place and sailors and as many as are making their living by the sea, stood at a distance,
v.18 and were crying out, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What city is like the great city?'
v.19 And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, 'Woe! woe! the great city in which all those who are having ships on the sea were made wealthy by reason of her abundance of costly things, because in one hour she was ruined.'
v.20 Be rejoicing over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God pronounced judgment for you against her."
v.21 And one angel, a mighty one, took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down and shall never again be found.
v.22 And a sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpet-players shall never again be heard in you; and every craftsman of every craft shall never again be found in you; and the sound of a millstone shall never again be heard in you;
v.23 and the light of a lamp shall never again shine in you; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride shall never again be heard in you; because your merchants were the great men of the earth, because with your magical arts all the nations were led astray.
v.24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all those who have been slain on the earth."

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 18:1-24 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is the angel's announcement, according to verse 2?

3. What is the invitation that is given in verse 4?

4. What does she say in her heart, according to verse 7?

5. Describe the judgment, according to verse 8.

6. Why are the merchants weeping, according to verse 11?

7. What should be the attitude of the saints, according to verse 20?

8. Why such a severe judgment, according to verses 23 & 24?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Commercial Babylon will also fall during the Tribulation Period.

LESSON #2: There is a command for separation from the world system and its evil practices.

LESSON #3: "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

LESSON #4: The judgment upon Babylon brings sorrow to the kings of the earth who have done business with her.

LESSON #5: Judgment is swift like a giant stone being thrown into the sea.

LESSON #6: The judgment is complete.

LESSON #7: The judgment is just.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-ONE – THE RIDER ON THE WHITE HORSE – REVELATION 19:1-21

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v. 1 After these things I heard a great sound like that of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God;
v. 2 because His judgments are true and righteous; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His bondservants from her hand."
v. 3 And a second time they said, "Hallelujah! And her smoke is ascending forever and forever."
v. 4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living beings fell down and worshiped God who is sitting on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah."
v. 5 And a voice came out from the throne, saying, "Be giving praise to our God, all those who are His bondslaves, those who are fearing Him, the small and the great."
v. 6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunders, saying, "Hallelujah! because the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

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v. 7 Let us be rejoicing and let us be glad, and let us give the glory to Him, because the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready."
v. 8 And it was given to her that she should clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.
v. 9 And he is saying to me, "Write: Blessed are those who have been invited to the banquet of the wedding of the Lamb." And he is saying to me, "These are true words of God."
v.10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he is saying to me, "Be seeing to it that you do not do so; I am a fellow-bondslave of yours and of your brethren who are holding the testimony of Jesus. Worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."
v.11 And I saw heaven opened; and behold! a white horse, and He who is sitting upon it is called: Faithful and True; and in righteousness He is judging and waging war.
v.12 And His eyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head are many royal crowns; having a name which has been written which no one is knowing except Himself.
v.13 And He has been clothed with a garment which has been stained with blood. And His name has been called The Word of God.
v.14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him upon white horses.
v.15 And out of His mouth there is proceeding a sharp sword, in order that with it He should strike down the nations; and He shall shepherd them with an iron scepter; and He is treading the wine press of the wine of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.
v.16 And He is having upon His garment and upon His thigh a name which has been written, "King of kings and Lord of lords."
v.17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that are flying in mid-heaven, "Come, be gathered together for the great supper of God;
v.18 in order that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who are sitting on them and the flesh of all men, both freemen and slaves, and small and great.
v.19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against Him who is sitting on the horse and against His army.
v.20 And the beast was seized and with him the false prophet who performed the signs before him, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who are worshiping his image. The two were thrown alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.
v.21 And the rest were killed with the sword of Him who is sitting upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of His mouth. And all the birds gorged themselves with their flesh.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 19:1-21 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is the great sound of verse 1?

3. What is the response of the elders and living beings, according to verse 4?

4. Why all the rejoicing in verses 6-8?

5. What happens to John in verse 10?

6. Who is the one riding on the white horse in verses 11-13?

7. What is the significance of the sharp sword in verse 15?

8. What is written upon his garment and his thigh, according to verse 16?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: "Salvation and glory and power belong to our God."

LESSON #2: We are introduced to the kingdom with the "Hallelujah" chorus.

LESSON #3: The wedding of the Lamb and His bride represents Christ and His church.

LESSON #4: The second coming of Christ and the rapture of the church are two different events.

LESSON #5: The sharp sword of the Word of God is the instrument of judgment.

LESSON #6: The battle of Armageddon brings about the total annihilation of the world's armies.

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STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-TWO – THE MILLENNIUM – REVELATION 20:1-15

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v. 1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain upon his hand.
v. 2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the ancient snake, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for one thousand years,
v. 3 and threw him into the abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, in order that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years have been brought to an end. After these things it is a necessity for him to be set free for a brief period.
v. 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who did not worship the beast nor his image and did not receive the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ one thousand years.
v. 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.
v. 6 Blessed and holy is the one who is having a share in the first resurrection; over these the second death is not having authority, but they shall be priests of God and of the Christ. And they shall reign with Him one thousand years.
v. 7 And when the thousand years are finished, Satan will be set free from his prison,
v. 8 and shall go forth to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; their number being as the sand of the sea.
v. 9 And they went up over the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down out of heaven and consumed them.
v.10 And the devil, the one who is deceiving them, was thrown in the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.
v.11 And I saw a great white throne and Him who is sitting upon it, from whose face earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.
v.12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and the books were opened; and another book was opened which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which had been written in the books, according to their works.
v.13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them. And each one was judged according to their works.
v.14 And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.
v.15 And if anyone was not found having been written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 20:1-15 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does the angel do in verses 1-3?

3. Who is it that came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years, according to verse 4?

4. When do the rest of the dead come to life, according to verse 5?

5. How were the saints delivered, according to verse 9?

6. What happened to the devil, the beast and the false prophet, according to verse 10?

7. Describe the great white throne judgment of verses 11-13.

8. What is the outcome of this judgment, according to verses 14 & 15?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Satan is bound for a thousand years and locked in the abyss during the millennial reign of Christ.

LESSON #2: The righteous shall reign with Christ during the thousand years.

LESSON #3: Satan will be set free at the end of the thousand-year reign of Christ.

LESSON #4: Even a perfect environment does not exempt man from falling into sin.

LESSON #5: The great white throne judgment is for all those who have not received Jesus Christ.

LESSON #6: All those who stand at the great white throne are judged according to their works.

LESSON #7: All are thrown into the lake of fire.

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STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-THREE – THE NEW JERUSALEM – REVELATION 21:1-27

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v. 1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.
v. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having been prepared as a bride who has been adorned for her groom.
v. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His peoples, and God Himself shall be with them.

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v. 4 And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be any longer mourning or crying or pain for the first things passed away.
v. 5 And He who is sitting upon the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He is saying: “Write, because these words are trustworthy and dependable (faithful and true).”
v. 6 And He said to me, “They have come to pass. As for myself, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who is thirsty out of the spring of the water of life without cost.
v. 7 He who is gaining the victory shall inherit these things. And I will be his God and he will be My son.
v. 8 But the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and those who practice magical arts and idolaters and all liars, their part shall be in the lake which is burning with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”
v. 9 And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues, and spoke with me, saying, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”
v.10 And he carried me away in spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
v.11 having the glory of God. Her radiance was like a very costly stone, like a stone of crystal-clear jasper,
v.12 having a great and high wall, having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names having been written upon them, which are (those) of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.
v.13 On the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates and on the west three gates.
v.14 And the wall of the city is having twelve foundations and upon them twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
v.15 And the one who is speaking with me was having a measuring rod of gold, in order that he might measure the city and its gates and its wall.
v.16 And the city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, twelve thousand stadia; its length and width and height are equal.
v.17 And he measured its wall, and it was one hundred and forty-four cubits (216 feet thick) by man’s measurement, which are also angelic (measurements).
v.18 And the material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold like clear crystal.
v.19 The foundations of the wall of the city have been adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;
v.20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprasus; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.
v.21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.
v.22 And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb are its temple.
v.23 And the city is having no need of the sun or the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God illuminated it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

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v.24 And the nations shall walk by means of its light. And the kings of the earth are bringing their glory into it.
v.25 And its gates shall by no means be locked during the day, for night shall not be there;
v.26 and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.
v.27 And there shall positively not enter it anything unclean and no one who is practicing abomination and lying, but only those who have been written in the Lamb's book of life.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 21:1-27 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Describe what John sees in verses 1 & 2.

3. What is God going to do, according to verse 4?

4. What is the announcement from the throne, according to verse 5?

5. What is the promise to those who are gaining the victory, according to verse 7?

6. Who experiences the second death, according to verse 8?

7. Describe in your own words the city which John saw.

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8. Why doesn't the city need light, according to verse 23?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: There will be a new heaven and a new earth for the eternal state.

LESSON #2: There will be a new Jerusalem, suspended in space during the millennial reign of Christ.

LESSON #3: There will be no more tears, mourning, or pain in the eternal state.

LESSON #4: The heavenly Jerusalem will be a fabulous place to live.

LESSON #5: There will be no temple because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb will be there.

LESSON #6: There will be no need for light because the Father and the Son are there.

LESSON #7: Only those whose names are in the Lamb's Book of Life will enter this city.

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STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-FOUR – JESUS IS COMING – REVELATION 22:1-21

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v. 1 And he showed me a river of the water of life, sparkling like crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.
v. 2 In the middle of its street and on this side and on that side of the river was a tree of life bearing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month. And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
v. 3 And every curse shall exist no longer. And the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His bondslaves shall render Him sacred service.
v. 4 And they shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.
v. 5 And there shall be night no longer. And they are not having need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall shed light upon them; and they shall reign forever and ever.
v. 6 And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and dependable" (faithful and true); and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bondservants things which of necessity must come to pass shortly.
v. 7 "And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who is keeping the words of the prophecy of this book."
v. 8 And I, John, am he who is hearing and seeing these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who was showing me these things.
v. 9 And he is saying to me, "See to it that you do not do so. I am a fellow bondslave of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who are keeping the words of this book: Worship God."
v.10 And he is saying to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.
v.11 Let the one who is doing wrong, still do wrong; and let him who is dirty, still continue to be dirty; and he who is righteous, let him practice righteousness still; and he who is holy, let him be made holy still.
v.12 Behold, I am coming quickly. And My reward is with Me to render to each one as his work is.
v.13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."
v.14 Blessed are those who are washing their robes, in order that theirs shall be the authority over the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.
v.15 Outside are the dogs and those who practice magical arts, and the immoral persons, and the murderers and the idolaters and everyone who is loving and practicing lying.
v.16 "I, Jesus, sent My angel to testify these things to you concerning (for) the churches. As for myself, I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright, morning star."
v.17 And the Spirit and the bride are saying, "Be coming." And he who is hearing, let him say, "Be coming." And he who is thirsting let him be coming. He who is desiring, let him take the water of life without cost.
v.18 It is I who am testifying to everyone who is hearing the words of the prophecy of this book; if anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues which have been written in this book.

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v.19 And if anyone shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his portion from the tree of life and out of the holy city, which have been written in this book.
v.20 He who is testifying to these things is saying, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen! Be coming, Lord Jesus.
v.21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Revelation 22:1-21 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Describe what John sees in verses 1 & 2.

3. What is God going to do, according to verse 4?

4. What is the announcement from the throne, according to verse 5?

5. What is the promise to those who are gaining the victory, according to verse 7?

6. Who experiences the second death, according to verse 8?

7. Describe in your own words the city which John saw.

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8. Why doesn't the city need light, according to verse 23?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Water of Life is available to all those who will come to drink.

LESSON #2: The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in the new Jerusalem.

LESSON #3: The words of this prophecy are trustworthy and dependable.

LESSON #4: There is a blessing for those who are keeping the words of this prophecy.

LESSON #5: "Behold, He is coming quickly."

LESSON #6: It is a serious matter to tamper with the contents of divine revelation.

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