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INTRODUCTION TO THE WORKBOOK OF ADVANCED LESSONS ON REVELATION

May God bless you through the gift of the Holy Spirit. May He give you knowledge, joy, and peace, as you study these lessons, which are intended to make the book of Revelation easy to understand so that those who desire to know its true meaning, can claim its treasures as their own.

Revelation is not a book of confusing fragments and mystical symbolism to keep you in the dark. It is a revelation of Jesus in His different offices and roles as He makes your salvation secure.

Just inside the front cover of this workbook, there is a colorful chart titled, "***The Eight Major Visions in the Book of Revelation***." You will be referring continually to this chart as you do the Workbook lessons. This chart was constructed, not by a theologian, but by a scholar who ventured to examine the book of Revelation as a piece of literature, to determine what kind of pattern or structure would emerge. He looked at the entire book of Revelation as one unit and saw in it a literary structural pattern. He recognized that the prophet John was given **eight heavenly visions,** and in each vision, **Jesus** was accomplishing another facet of our salvation.

After each heavenly vision, he recognized the fact that a **prophetic outline** or prophetic description followed. These prophetic outlines (or descriptions), which contain ***numbers*** are usually referred to as: 1. The *Seven* Letters to the *Seven* Churches, 2. The *Seven* Seals, 3. The *Seven* Trumpets, 4. The *1260* Days, 5. The *1260* Day-Years, 6. The *Seven* Last Plagues, 7. The *1000* Year Millennium, and 8. The prophetic description of the *eternal* Holy City.

He recognized that each prophetic outline presented a **sequence of events,** which culminate in an endtime event or "**Eschatological Culmination**."

Strangely enough, he also noticed that six prophetic outlines were interrupted between event six and event seven. He called these six interruptions "**Interludes**."

You will soon discover that these interruptive interludes focus on the 144,000 as they are being sealed, as they witness, and as they and the law which they have kept, are vindicated and honored.

The last or seventh item of each outline brings the action to an endtime event, called the ***"Eschatological Culmination."*** These prophetic outlines tend to converge and enhance each other with interacting information.

Looking at the chart, you will see a vertical red line running right down the middle dividing the book of Revelation in half! There are two **Major Lines of Prophecy** in the book of Revelation. The first half of the book, (chapters 1-11) make up the first "Major Line of Prophecy," which extends in time from the first coming of Jesus to His Second Coming. The last half of the book, (chapters 12-22) presents the other "Major Line of Prophecy." The second line of prophecy extends from the rebellion of Satan in heaven clear down to his destruction in the lake of fire and the earth restored. Both of these major lines of prophecy, as well as each prophetic outline, present events in sequence "in their order." In regard to some aspects, one major line of prophecy may be superimposed upon the other so that their alignment testifies to correct application. The Revelation Workbook is divided into Part I and Part II. Part 1 covers Revelation, chapters 1-11, and Part II covers Revelation, chapters 12-22.

You will be delighted to discover the orderliness of the structure of the entire book. It is the key that gives assurance as to where and when the seven seals and seven trumpets, over which there is so much current confusion, begin and where they belong in their historical applications.

The structure of Revelation, does not endorse nor accommodate past prophetic exposition which rested on speculation or assumptions of *uninspired* writers. (Those theories may have been useful to past generations, but are not appropriate for the last generation.) However, this study of the structure of Revelation and its applications is in perfect harmony with the inspired writings of Ellen G. White. Such study also gives marvelous insight to the last generation as to those "things which must shortly come to pass." Rev. 1:1.

The Correct Approach and Attitude Toward Revelation

Advanced Lessons Reveal Advancing Prophetic Exposition

HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLE
In Every Age There Is A New Development of Truth

"In every age there is a new development of truth, a message of God to the people of that generation. The old truths are all essential; new truth is not independent of the old, but an unfolding of it. It is only as the old truths are understood that we can comprehend the new...it is the light which shines in the fresh unfolding of truth that glorifies the old." ***Christ's Object Lessons p.*** **127,128.**

The "old truths," long cherished, must remain unchanged. Long cherished personal opinions and conjecture must be set aside. Many applications made by prophetic expositors in the past were appropriate for their time in history and are not challenged in these lessons. But there is "a new development of truth, a message of God to the people of [this] generation" which is appropriate for endtime application. These applications are simply an "unfolding" of more pertinent information for us today, and as such must be recognized as "Present Truth." This continual unfolding of prophetic meaning from age to age is also known as the "unrolling of the scroll," or the "contemporaneous recognition of prophetic fulfillment."

These advanced lessons on Revelation emerge from a study of the structure of the book. The endtime applications presented in these lessons are not based on private opinion or speculation, but the Bible is permitted to be its own expositor. In some cases, one "Basic Prophetic Outline" is permitted to interpret another. The timeframe for all the "Basic Prophetic Outlines" is dictated by the "Heavenly Scenes" which precede them. The statements of inspired prophets interpret the symbolism, and the Biblical Hermeneutic Principles (Rules of Bible study) are applied which result in the recognition of those prophecies as "Present Truth" for our own day.

We need to understand that dual applications of prophecy are not only legitimate but vital. (See SDA BC Vol. 1, 1017-1020.) However, it is the inspired prophet who determines **when** such dual applications may be made. There is no room for assumptions or conjecture on the part of private individuals. (See II Pet. 1:20) There are strict hermeneutic principles (rules of Bible study) which must be followed to prevent wild speculation and frivolous exercises! These lessons are intended to develop an expertise in the use of these hermeneutic principles which hold the Bible student within the straight and narrow corridors of Truth and bring unity to the church.

LESSON 1

HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLE

THE BIBLE IS ITS OWN EXPOSITOR

The Bible Is Its Own Interpreter of All Biblical Symbolism
The Bible Is Its Own Expositor of Truth
Daniel is a Prophecy and Revelation is the Revealing of It
Daniel and Revelation Complement and Interpret Each Other
Prophetic Timelines May Interpret Each Other

Part 1 JESUS Revealed

1. The book of Revelation is a revelation or revealing of Whom? Rev. 1:1._____

_____

Note: The books of Daniel and Revelation are one unit. The prophet John had eight visions which are recorded in the book of Revelation, and the prophet Daniel had four visions, but both prophets saw Jesus in His many roles and offices for our salvation.

The prophet, Daniel, saw Jesus in the following scenes:

A. **Vision No. 1**. In Daniel, chapter 2, Jesus was seen as the "***stone***" kingdom to be established at His Second Coming.
B. **Vision No. 2**. In Daniel, chapter 7, Jesus was seen as the "***son of man***" being brought into the Investigative Judgment to begin His work there as our Advocate.
C. **Vision No. 3**. In Daniel, chapter 8, Jesus was called Palmonee, "***The Wonderful Numberer***" as He gave the 2300 day-year timeline. (See the marginal ref.)
D. In Daniel 9, Jesus is the predicted "***Messiah***," so that the very time for His baptism, and Crucifixion was provided for Israel.
E. In Daniel 10, Jesus is described in a "theophany" as He appears as the ***High Priest*** in the heavenly sanctuary.
F. **Vision No. 4**. In Daniel 11, again the time of His birth under a "raiser of taxes" (Augustus Caesar) is given. In Dan. 12:1 Jesus is "***Michael, the prince***" standing up to deliver His people from their enemies and from the grave in a great resurrection.
G. In Daniel 12, Jesus is the "***man clothed with linen***," and as "Palmonee" The Wonderful Numberer, He gives the three timelines after which "all these things shall be finished."

2. A Review: List the roles and offices of Jesus as revealed by Daniel.

_____ _____
_____ _____
_____ _____
_____

The book of Revelation is a *continuation* of the book of Daniel, in which the prophet, John also saw Jesus accomplishing the work of salvation in the past, present, and future.

Part 2. The Source and Channels of Prophetic Scripture.

3. Who is the ***Source*** of the book of Revelation? Rev. 1:1._____

4. To whom did the heavenly Father give the Revelation? Rev. 1:1. _____

5. By whom did Jesus send the Revelation? Rev. 1:1. _____

6. What did the angel do to the Revelation? Rev. 1:1 _____

Note: The word, "signified" may be pronounced "sign-ified. In other words, the book of Revelation is made up of figurative language, such as "signs," or types, or symbols, or word pictures, or metaphor, or simile representing something else. It is these "signs" or symbols which must be interpreted by the Bible itself, after which an appropriate application may be made. Prophecy is simply history written before it happens, and therefore, the applications pertain to historical events that occur in the past, present, or future.

7. Who wrote the book of Revelation? Rev. 1:1,2. _____

8. Thought Question: To whom does the book of Revelation now belong? _____

9. What do you need to "read and keep" in your heart and mind? Rev. 1:3.

_____

Part 3. The Contemporaneous Application of Prophecy in Every Age

10. Thought Question: What "time is now at hand"? Rev. 1:3. _____

_____

Note: Revelation will show us things that "must shortly_____ ____ _____"
Rev. 1:1.

Part 4. The Three Applications of the Seven Letters to the Churches

11. To whom is Revelation, chapters 1,2, and 3 addressed? Rev. 1:4.

_____

Note: There are three different applications which can be made of the seven letters to the churches in Asia:

A. A **Literal** Application. There were seven literal churches in Asia.
B. A **Spiritual** Application. The seven messages contain admonitions and recommendations which may apply to people in every age.
C. An **Historicist** Application. The seven churches represent seven periods of church history from its formation by Jesus and the apostles to the Second Coming.

12. Thought Question: As you read the messages to the seven churches in Revelation, chapters 2 and 3, do you feel that in various ways they apply to your own spiritual condition? Give an example. _____
_____

Part 5. Jesus, The Eternal, Self-Existent One

13. What do the words, "which is, and which was, and which is to come;" pertaining to Jesus, mean to you? Rev. 1:4. That Jesus is _____.

14. Does Rev. 1:5 infer that Jesus was "first begotten" or "created" (brought forth) before everything and everyone else? From what was He "first begotten"?
_____

Note: In verse 4, Jesus is described as eternal, One with the Father from all eternity. The only time that He was not alive was while He was in the tomb! Therefore, He was the "first begotten" from the grave or from the dead. His resurrection was of "first" importance to all who shall be resurrected to eternal life.

15. What has Jesus done for His people? Rev. 1:5._____
Rev. 1:6._____

16. How again does Jesus emphasize His eternal existence with the heavenly Father?
Rev. 1:8._____

17. For the third time, how does Jesus identify Himself as one of the threefold Godhead? Rev.1:11._____

18. Compare Micah 5:2. _____
_____
with Isa. 9:6._____
_____

NOTE: Revelation leaves no room for Arianism, the idea that there was a time when Jesus did not exist! Such deceptions deny Jesus Christ His true position as One of the Godhead and His equality and glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

19. What were the seven steps which Jesus took downward to save man? Phil. 2:5-7.

1. Jesus was ***equal*** with the Father in substance, glory, and existence
2. Then Jesus ***laid aside*** His glory and majesty
3. Jesus became a ***servant***, called Michael the archangel (Jude 9) (as angels are ministers of those who shall be heirs of salvation)
4. Jesus became ***flesh*** (the incarnation)
5. Jesus became ***servant of servants*** in a three and a half year ministry
6. Jesus became obedient unto ***death***
7. Jesus died as a criminal as "Even the death of the ***cross***"

Note: Whereas, Jesus humbled Himself, descending step after step to save humanity, Satan's goal was to "ascend into heaven,...exalt my throne above the stars of God:...I will be like the most High." Isa. 14:13,14.

Note: John, according to tradition, was placed in a pot of boiling oil, but like the three Hebrew worthies in the fiery furnace, he survived! Then he was banished to the isle of Patmos where he wrote the book of Revelation.

Part 6. The Focus of Revelation: The Second Coming of Jesus

20. What is the ENDTIME focus of the entire book of Revelation? Rev. 1:7.

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Part 7. The "Lord's Day"

21. On what day did John have his first vision? Rev. 1:10._____
What is the "Lord's day"? Mark 2:28._____
On what day is the "Sabbath"? Ex. 20:11._____

22. Thought Question: Therefore, according to both the Old and New Testaments, what day of the week is the "Lord's Day"? _____

CONCLUSION

The book of Revelation is actually a revelation or "revealing" of Jesus Christ. What do you consider to be the most significant things revealed so far regarding the person of Jesus Christ?_____

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Please be alert, as you progress through the following lessons, to recognize further revelations of Jesus, who He is, the work which He has done, is now doing, and will do for the salvation of man.

LESSON 2

THE SEVEN LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES
(Revelation Chapters 2 and 3)

Part I. "Heavenly Scene" No. 1

NOTE: Eight times in the book of Revelation, John saw a "Heavenly Scene." These "Heavenly Scenes" are important because *each scene dictates the date or time when the following "Basic Prophetic Outline" or Description shall* ***begin***. When the Bible scholar pays attention to this intrinsic structure of the book, it produces an endtime application that is unique to the understanding of the prophecies for the last generation! This principle was used by such expositors as Uriah Smith to determine the setting for the beginning of the seven letters to the seven churches of Revelation, chapters 2 and 3. In this *Revelation Workbook* it will use this same principle consistently with ***all*** eight visions and their following "Basic Prophetic Outlines." Refer to the chart titled, "***The Eight Major Visions of Revelation***," when directed, throughout all these studies. Please look at the left column on the chart, at the first "Heavenly Scene."

Part 2. The Sanctuary Holy Place or First Apartment

1. What did John see in the first "Heavenly Scene"? Rev. 1:12. _____

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2. In the earthly sanctuary built by Moses, in which apartment was the golden candlestick with its seven lamps? First or Second? Heb. 9:2. _____

3. Thought Question: In which apartment in the heavenly sanctuary did John see Jesus in this first "Heavenly Scene"? (In the first or in the second apartment?)_____ (In the "Holy Place" or in the "Most Holy Place") ?_____

Part 3. Christ's Priestly Ministry Began in A.D. 31

4. At what time in history did Jesus ascend to the heavenly sanctuary to begin His priestly ministry in the Holy Place where the candlesticks were seen by John? See the Note below. Heb. 9:23,24; Acts 1:9._____

NOTE: Bible scholars accept the date, A.D. 31 as the point in time when Jesus ascended to heaven to begin His work as our High Priest and Mediator.

Part 4. Jesus, the High Priest

5. Read the description of Jesus, as John saw Him, in Rev. 1:13-16. What effect did the glory of the person of Jesus have on John? Rev. 1:17.

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6. What comforting statement is made by Jesus, our High Priest, regarding our future? Rev. 1:18. _____

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Part 5. The Seven Church Periods

7. Name the seven churches to which the seven letters were sent. Rev. 1:11

1_____ 5_____
2_____ 6_____
3_____ 7_____
4_____

Part 6. The "Basic Prophetic Outline" of the First Vision and The Historicist Application

Bible scholars accept the date, A.D. 31, as the time when Jesus began His heavenly ministry as our High Priest and Mediator. Prophetic historicist expositors have accepted this date as the time to begin the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of Revelation 2 and 3 which follows the "Heavenly Scene" of Revelation 1. Historicists, who believe that these "Basic Prophetic Outlines" point to seven consecutive periods in the history of the church, have begun the first "Basic Prophetic Outline" of Revelation, chapter 2:1 with the first church, Ephesus. They discovered that the description of this church period, and the message directed to it, fit well with the general condition of the apostolic church which was formed in the purity of the doctrine of Jesus and His apostles.

Part 7. "Ephesus," "Symrna," and "Pergamos"

8. Read the message to Ephesus. Rev. 2:1-7. (The name, Ephesus means "***purity***," dated A.D. 31—100) What incident occurred in the apostolic church which revealed that characteristic of the prophecy of Rev. 2:2? Acts 5:1-10._____

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9. What warnings to that first church of Ephesus, could have a spiritual meaning that would apply to us today? Rev. 2:4,5. _____

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10. Read the message to Smyrna. (Dated A.D. 100-350.) Historically, what was their physical danger? Rev. 2:8-11_____

Note: The name "Smyrna" comes from the word, "Myrrh" which was a sweet incense or perfume used with ***sacrifices***. The name "Smyrna" was descriptive of the many martyrs who gave up their lives as a "sweet sacrifice" during the historical periods of the persecution of the early church by Imperial Rome. The disciples of Jesus were beheaded, crucified, burned, tortured and thrown to the lions.

11. Read the message to Pergamos. (Dated A.D. 350-538) Rev. 2:12-17. What is the meaning of the name "Pergamos"? See the Note below. _____

NOTE: The name "Pergamos," means "***Watchtower***," with an implication that they should have been watching out for the approach of an enemy. This was a period when apostasy with its many forms of sun worship and moral darkness crept into the church.

12. What, in this description of Rev. 2:13 reveals that the Christian Church headquarters was right in the same city where sun worship was the state religion?

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13. How did the church describe herself at that time in history? Song of Solomon 1:5,6. "Look not upon me [with anger], because the _____hath looked upon me:...my mother's children [the Jews] were angry with me; they made me [the Gentile church] the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard I have _____ _____."

Note: Rev. 2:13 and 14 list the inroads of apostasy. The name, "Antipas" means "anti-pope" referring to the martyrdoms of those who opposed the growing power of the bishops of Rome. "Baal" was the sun god, and the derivatives of that name refer to various forms of sun worship slipping into Christendom. The name, "Nicolaitans" is derived from the Greek root meaning of being "*victorious over the people,*" referring to the many heresies or unbalanced concepts which gradually crept into the church.

Part 8. "Thyatira" and "Sardis"

14. Read the message to Thyatira. Rev. 2:18-29. (Dated A.D. 538-1798.) What, in the message to Thyatira, reveals the fact that there were still true followers of Jesus even during that time in history? Rev. 2:19. _____

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15. What, in the message to Thyatira, reveals the fact that there was apostasy and persecution in the church of that period? Rev. 2:20. _____

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NOTE: This fourth period of church history is descriptive of the church under the oppression and persecutions done in the church in the Dark Ages from A.D. 538 to 1798. Revelation 12:6 describes how the true believers "fled into the wilderness" to avoid persecution during that time.

16. Who is the "seducer" in the Thyatira period of church history? Rev. 2:20-23.

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Note: "Jezebel" was the daughter of a priest of Baal, the sun god. She married Ahab, king of Israel, seducing him and all Israel to sun worship. (I Kings 16:29-32.) She was known for her subtlety, and cruelty. Thyatira was the period of the Papal Supremacy in which the church leadership took the lives of millions of martyrs.

17. Read the message to Sardis. Rev. 3:1-6. (Dated 1798-1844, and the name, "Sardis," means "***Song of Joy***.") What was happening between 1798 and 1844 ? See the Note below: _____
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_____

NOTE: In 1700 the church was so asleep she was described as "dead."! Rev. 3:1. But The Great ***1800 Awakening*** in Christendom to study the Bible brought about the ***Great Advent Movement***. A study of the 2300 day-year timeline of Dan. 8:14 was a sweet experience or a "Song of Joy" as that generation expected the Second Coming in A.D. 1844.

Part 9. "Philadelphia" and "Laodicea"

18. Read the message to Philadelphia. Rev. 3:7-13. (Dated A.D. 1843-1844)
What is the meaning of the name, "Philadelphia" _____

NOTE: The name, "Philadelphia" means "***brotherly love***." This church of brotherly love was descriptive of those who expected Jesus to come in A.D. 1844. They confessed their sins to Jesus and to one another in an attempt to put away all sin and ill feelings to be ready for His coming.

19. Read the message to Laodicea. Rev. 3:14-22 (Dated A.D. 1845-to the Seal of God)
What is the meaning of the name, "Laodicea"? (See Note below) _____

Note: The name, "Laodicea" is made up of two Greek words, "Lao" and "dicea." "Lao" comes from the Greek word, "*laos*" which means, "word" or "speaking" or "preaching." The Greek word, "dikea" comes from that which means "judgment." It is the name for ***the church which preaches about the judgment***.

20. Does "Laodicea" preach about the judgment? Rev. 14:7. "Fear God, and give glory to him, for the _____ _____ _____ _____
_____."

21. Thought Question: What, in this message to Laodicea, fits the church today?
Rev. 3:15-17. _____
_____
_____
_____

22. How does Laodicea feel about "new light"?_____

23. Why does she resist "new light" on endtime prophecies? Rev. 3:17.

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Part 10. "Any Man"

23. To whom is the message finally addressed? Rev. 3:19, 20.
Who is "any man"? (NIV. "anyone")_____
Could it be me?_____

Part 11. "The Rewards of the Overcomers"

24. Have you noticed that in every one of the seven churches there are "overcomers"? List the seven rewards of the overcomers indicated in the texts below:
    1. Rev. 2:7._____
    2. Rev. 2:11._____
    3. Rev. 2:17._____
    4. Rev. 2:26._____
    5. Rev. 3:5._____
    6. Rev. 3:12._____
    7. Rev. 3:21._____

NOTE: The rewards of the overcomers restore that which was lost because of sin. The tree of life will be restored, the threat of the second death removed, the character perfected, the lost dominion restored, citizenship and honor assured, they will be sealed with the Law of God written in the forehead or mind forever, and they will sit with God on His throne!

25. Will a study of Bible prophecy, permitting the Bible to interpret itself, lead me into darkness and confusion and away from Truth? II Pet. 1:19. _____

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REVIEW: The Structure of Revelations

26. Look at the chart "**The Eight Major Visions of Revelation**" at the front of the *Revelation Workbook* which reveals the structure of Revelation. With which "Heavenly Scene" should I begin the seven letters to the churches described in Rev. 2 and 3?

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Therefore, I am looking at Heavenly Scene No. _____

27. Does this "Heavenly Scene" tell me when to begin or date the first letter to the first church of the "Seven churches"? _____

A Principle of Prophetic Applications In Revelation

"Heavenly Scenes" Dictate the Time to Begin "Basic Prophetic Outlines"

A "Basic Prophetic Outline" such as The Seven Churches of Revelation, chapters 2 and 3, or The Seven Seals of Revelation, chapter 6, or The Seven Trumpets of Revelation, chapters. 8-11, or The Seven Plagues of Rev. 16, and all eight prophetic outlines in the book of Revelation should begin action according to the timing of the "Heavenly Scene" which precedes it to obtain the correct endtime application.

28. According to the principle stated above, I applied the first of the seven churches (Ephesus) as beginning at what date? _____

29. Observing an orderly ***sequence*** and ***continuity***, I applied the last of the seven churches (Laodicea) to what historical period? _____

By using the structure of the book of Revelation and a consistent principle of prophetic application, by observing an orderly sequence and continuity of the verses within the prophetic outline, I have now permitted the Bible to be its own expositor in explaining the meaning of the seven churches of Rev. 2 and 3.

HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLE

"Basic Prophetic Outlines" Move Forward in *Sequence* and *Continuity*
"For God is not the author of confusion" I Cor. 14:33

My Committment

I plan to be consistent in permitting each "Heavenly Scene" to determine when each of the "Basic Prophetic Outlines" shall begin in the entire book of Revelation.

Notes

LESSON 3

THE "HEAVENLY SCENE" NO. 2 OF THE SECOND VISION
Is That of The Investigative Judgment Scene of Daniel 7:9-14

Part 1. "Heavenly Scene" No. 2

Please refer to the chart **"The Eight Major Visions of the Book of Revelation"** at the front of the workbook. Look at the top of the second column at "Heavenly Scene" No. 2. For the second time in the book of Revelation, Chapters 4 and 5, John is shown a "Heavenly Scene." He is permitted to look at the same scene which Daniel, the prophet, saw over six hundred years before. That scene is recorded in Daniel 7:9-14. Therefore, a comparison should be made between Daniel 7:9-14 and Revelation 4 and 5. Only in this way, is the Bible permitted to be its own interpreter. The Daniel 7 scene describes the beginning of the Investigative Judgment, also called The *Day of Atonement* or the *Cleansing of the Sanctuary*, when the "the books were opened and the judgment was set." Dan. 7:10. That action, according to the 2300 day-year prophecy of Dan. 8:14, began in A.D. 1844.

Part 2. A COMPARISON OF DANIEL 7:9-14 WITH REVELATION 4 and 5

1. Compare Daniel 7:9 with Rev. 4:2-6 and 5:1,6-11.
   Is there a throne or are there thrones visible or being set in place?_____
2. Compare Daniel 7:9 with Rev. 4:2,3 and 5:1,7.
   Is the heavenly Father seen sitting on His throne in both books?_____
3. Compare Daniel 7:9,10 with Rev. 4:3,5,6.
   Is the glory of the Father's throne described in both passages?_____
4. Compare Daniel 7:10 with Rev. 5:11.
   How many angels are spoken of in both passages?_____
5. Compare Daniel 7:13 with Rev. 5:6,7.
   Who comes in before the Father in Daniel 7:13?_____
   Who comes in before the Father in Rev. 5:6,7?_____
   Is He the same Person?_____
   Who is able to open the book(s)?_____
6. Compare Daniel 7:14 with Rev. 4:11 and 5:13.
   What is Christ Jesus given?_____
7. Compare Daniel 7:14 with Rev. 5:12.
   What does Christ receive?_____
8. Compare Daniel 7:14 with Rev. 5:10.
   What will the saved do ?_____

NOTE: In both passages, of Daniel 7 and Revelation 4 and 5, the main event is that of the opening of the book(s). In both passages the book(s) of records are in a confidential file which cannot be opened until Jesus appears before the Father to open it.

Part 3. A Chart of Comparisons of Dan. 7:9-14 and Rev. 4 and 5

The following chart will be helpful in review of the comparisons between the heavenly judgment scene of Daniel, chapter 7 and the same scene in Revelation, chapters 4 and 5.

A CHART OF COMPARISONS OF DAN. 7:9-14 WITH REV. 4 AND 5

The Scene	Daniel Chapter 7 Verses	Revelation Chapter 4 Verses	Revelation Chapter 5 Verses
1. A heavenly scene	9-14	1-11	1-4
2. Throne(s) set up	9	2-6	1, 6-11
3. He sits on the throne	9	2,3	1,7
4. The glory of the throne	9,10	3,5,6	
5. The glory of the Father	9	3	
6. Ten thousand times ten thousand angels	10		11
7. Jesus "came" to the Father	13		7
8. Book(s) were opened	10		9
9. Christ is given glory	14	11	13
10. Christ receives a kingdom	14		12
11. The saved serve Him	14		10
12. Thrones are set as for a jury	9	10	8-14

Part 4. The Record "Books" of Heaven

9. What could possibly be in the books or records in heaven? Rev. 20:12.

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10. How detailed is the information in the record books of heaven? (See Note below.)

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"There in his open hand lay the book, the role of the history of God's providences, the prophetic history of nations and the church. Herein was contained the divine utterances, His authority, His commandments, His laws, the whole symbolic counsel of the Eternal, and the history of all ruling powers in the nations. In the symbolic language was contained in that roll the influence of every nation, tongue, and people from the beginning of earth's history to its close." Letter 65, 1899. MS Rel. 667.

Part 5. The Investigative Judgment

11. All men will be judged according to what is written in the books of heavenly records. What is the predicament of ALL men regarding those records? Rom. 6:23 first part.

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12. What is the only way anyone can be justified before the law on the books of heaven? Rom. 3:24,25,26. Rom. 6:23 last part. _____

Part 6. Jesus, the Lamb of God

NOTE: Not until Jesus, the Lamb of God, came into the Investigative Judgment court scene, into the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary, to take our place, to pay the penalty for our sins, could the books of confidential records be opened.

Part 7. Jesus, The Advocate in the Court of Heaven

13. What does Jesus do in the judgment for His people? Dan. 12:1 (first part)

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Note: Jesus "stands" for His people in the judgment as a lawyer stands and speaks for his client. He pleads His own blood that was shed on Calvary as "payment" for the broken law and resultant condemnation. He places His own righteousness to cover the sinner. He makes sure that the repentant sinner get his "title" or deed to eternal life in the court or "Investigative Judgment."

14. This "Investigative Judgment" is known by several different terms: Name them.
    Lev. 16:18. "and shall make _____ _____for you.
    Lev. 16:30. "...to _____you, that ye may be _____...before the Lord."
    Dan. 8:14. "...then shall the _____ ___ _____."

NOTE: There are several "facets" or names given to this Investigative Judgment process. They are: "The Investigative Judgment," "The Day of Atonement," and "The Cleansing of the Sanctuary." (When the Investigative Judgment process is completed, the heavenly sanctuary will be cleansed of the records of sin. It will also be a *Day of At-one-ment* between God and His people.)

Part 8. "Heavenly Scene" No. 2 of the Investigative Judgment Sets the <u>The 1844 Date</u>

15. According to the prophecy of Daniel 8:14, regarding the 2300 day-years timeline, when was the Judgment-Atonement-Cleansing of the books of heaven's records to begin? _____

Note:. The prophecy of the 2300 day-year timeline, that began in 457 B.C. and ended in A.D. 1844, revealed that the Investigative Judgment began in heaven on that date.

Part 9. The 1844 "Heavenly Scene" No. 2 Gives the Date To Begin the Following "Basic Prophetic Outline" of the Seven Seals

16. If the "Heavenly Scene" described in Revelation 4 and 5, reveals an A.D. 1844 date, then, at what date should the Bible scholar begin the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of the Seven Seals which follows it in Chapter 6?_____

Note: In the previous lesson, a principle of prophetic exposition was given. It is a principle which states that the Bible must be its own interpreter. It is the orderly structure of the book of Revelation which indicates that a "Heavenly Scene" reveals the time or date when a "Basic Prophetic Outline" shall begin.

17. What is the name of the "Basic Prophetic Outline" or Description which follows the Revelation, chapters 4,5 "Heavenly Scene"? Rev. 6:1. "The Seven _____"

18. At what date should the first of the Seven Seals begin, to arrive at an endtime application?_____ Refer to the Chart if necessary.

NOTE: Prophetic expositors of past ages were not aware of the Hermeneutic Principle which makes the "Heavenly Scene" the beginning point in time to start the first item of a following "Basic Prophetic Outline." They presented to the church applications which seemed logical and appropriate for their time based on the "recapitulation" concept. It is apparent that God held His hand over the principle of "Heavenly Scene" orientation to prophetic application in order to reserve the endtime application for the last generation.

CONCLUSION

Look at the chart at the front of the workbook titled, "**The Eight Major Visions in Revelation.**" Examine the picture on the "Heavenly Scene" No.2 at the top of the second column from the left. Do you see the heavenly Father with a book in His hand and Jesus the Lamb who has entered to begin the Investigative Judgment? Have you recognized the following action in the book of Revelation thus far?

A. <u>The Order, Sequence, and Continuity of the "Basic Prophetic Outlines" of Revelation</u>.
Do you see the movement from the Holy Place to the Most Holy Place?

B. <u>The Progressive, Forward Movement in time</u>.
Do you see that which moves from the first column on the left in the "Heavenly Scene" No. 1, dated A.D. 31 to the second column to the right dated A.D. 1844?

C. <u>The Movement of Christ in the Sanctuary</u>.

C. The Movement of Christ in the Sanctuary.
Do you see that the ministry of Christ has moved from that of the High Priest-Mediator in the first apartment, to that of the second apartment where He not only serves in the office of High Priest-Mediator, but also as ***ADVOCATE-JUDGE***? Do you recognize that in the Investigative Judgment Jesus deals with the sinful records of God's people and retains the names of His people in the Lamb's Book of Life? At that time, He guarantees legal citizenship in His kingdom and eternal life to His people.

D. The Sequential Transition from the Seven Letters to the Seven Seals.
Do you recognize that Revelation, chapters 2 and 3 of "The Seven Letters" to the churches brought the historical action *forward* in time from the first church of Ephesus, to the seventh church, called Loadicea? Laodicea is the church which preaches that the Investigative Judgment began in A.D. 1844. Therefore the "Heavenly Scene"of Revelation 4 and 5 of the "Investigative Judgment" begins an endtime application of the "Seven Seals" of Revelation, chapter 6, to begin its action in A.D. 1844. Then the Seven Seals will move forward in sequence and continuity to the Second Coming of Jesus.

The next lesson begins a study of the Seven Seals in this endtime setting which becomes very significant to us today.

Supplementary Information to Precede Lesson 4
THE 2300 DAY (YEAR) PROPHETIC TIMELINE

Note: If the Bible student has completed the Daniel Workbook Part II, understanding the 2300 day-year timeline Dan. 8:14 and its explanation in Dan. 9:24-27, he may continue with Lesson 4 immediately. If he has not completed the Daniel Workbook, this supplementary information is very important before continuing with Lesson 4. In either case, this section may be reviewed before continuing.

The Dan. 8:14 2300 Day-year Prophecy

**"Unto two thousand and three hundred days;
then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."**

Part 1. "The Cleansing of the Sanctuary" Terminology

"The Cleansing of the Sanctuary" of Dan. 8:14 is known by various titles which explain various facets of that heavenly operation. They are as follows:

1. **The "Cleansing of the Sanctuary"**
2. **The "Investigative Judgment"**
3. **The "Final Intercession"**
4. **The "Final At-one-ment"**
5. **The "Blotting Out of Sin"**
6. **The "Change of Raiment"**
7. **The "Seal of God"**
8. **The "Marriage"**
9. **The "Refreshing"**
10. **The "Finishing of the work"**

"The Cleansing of the Sanctuary" of Dan. 8:14 is the same as "The Day of Atonement" described in Lev. 16:3-34. It is the subject of Dan. 7:9-14 and also the same scene described in Rev. 4 and 5. In this Investigative Judgment scene of Dan. 7:10-14 it says that when "the judgment was set, ... the books were opened."

Part 2. The Symbolic Context of the 2300 Symbolic Days And the Use of the Year-day Principle to Count Out the Literal Time

The Year-Day Principle
"I have appointed thee each day for a year." Ez. 4:6, Nu. 14:34

The 2300 "days" timeline of Dan. 8:14 is couched in the **symbolic** language of **symbolic** "beasts" and **symbolic** "horns." Therefore, giving attention to the **symbolic context**, the 2300 "days" are **symbolic time**. To compute these symbolic "days" it is necessary to use the Biblical principle of conversion from symbolic time to literal time as follows:

The "Year-day Principle of Prophetic Time Computation"
Num. 14:34 and Eze. 4:6
Interprets the 2300 symbolic "days" to become 2300 literal years.

Part 3. Dan. 8:14 is Explained in Daniel 9:24-27

Daniel did not know how to count out the 2300 timeline of Daniel, chapter 8:14. But in Daniel, chapter 9, the angel, Gabriel was sent to give him understanding. The angel Gabriel said to Daniel, "Know therefore and understand that [you must begin counting the 2300 day-years] ***FROM*** the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem..." This decree, which was issued by Artaxerxes,--the third of the series of decrees that got results and action, occurred in 457 B.C.

Part 4. Beginning, Counting, and Ending the 2300 Year-Day Prophecy of Dan. 8:14

Simply add 2300 literal years to the 457 B.C. date to find the beginning of the "Cleansing of the Sanctuary" or Investigative Judgment or "opening of the books" of heaven.

2300 minus 457 = 1843 (A.D.)

But, we must remember that there was a year 1 B.C. and then there was a year A.D. 1. Therefore, we must add the extra year, so that instead of 1843, the correct year would be A.D. 1844. That is the date for the beginning of the Investigative Judgment in the heavenly sanctuary. (Heb. 9:27; Heb. 9:7; Rev. 20:12; Lev. 16; Dan. 7:10; Rev. 4,5.)

Part 5. The General Objectives of the Investigative Judgment

When the work of the Investigative Judgment is finished the objectives of the everlasting covenant will be completed when Jesus places the Seal of God on His people.

"...to finish the transgression [rebellion in the hearts of His people]
to make an end of sins ["missing the mark in the actions of His people"]
to make reconciliation for iniquity [legally in heavens' books of records]
to bring in everlasting righteousness [for all of God's people.]
to seal up the vision [to fulfill this everlasting covenant promise] and,
to seal up the prophecy [to fulfill the prophecy of Daniel 8:14],
[to seal up the vision and prophecy of the 2300 days.]" Dan. 9:24
to anoint the most holy [people who receive the "seal of the living God]."
[They will be anointed by the Holy Spirit as it is poured out in the "Latter Rain."]

Part 6. Dan. 9:25-27 – A Prophecy of the Coming Messiah

Events, included in Dan. 9:25-27 give the dates for: The completion of the wall and streets of Jerusalem in 408 B.C., The beginning of Christ's ministry in A.D 27, The crucifixion in A.D. 31, The transition of the "vineyard" from the Jews to the Gentile Christians in A.D. 34, and the prediction of the destruction of Jerusalem (which occurred in A.D. 70). These events are further explained in the rest of this lesson.

Part 7. The "Seventy Weeks" (KJV) or "Seventy Sevens" (NIV)

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people [the Jews] Dan. 9:24.

Note: Some Bibles say "Seventy weeks," and some Bibles say "Seventy sevens." Because a week contains 7 days, a week was sometimes called a "seven." "Seventy weeks" of seven days each, may be known as "Seventy sevens." Whichever term is used, "weeks" or "sevens," they both equal 490 days. The 490 symbolic days represent 490 literal years. The angel, Gabriel, explained to Daniel that at the end of 490 years his people, (the Jews) would be cut off from their Mt. Sinai Covenant to be His chosen people. (It was they who crucified their Messiah—Jesus Christ.) Both the 2300 day-year prophecy of Dan. 8:14 and the "seventy weeks" of Dan. 9:24 were to be counted "***from***" the "commandment" or decree which occurred in 457 B.C.

By simple math one may count from 457 B.C., forward 490 years, which brings the fulfillment of that part of the prophecy to A.D. 34.

Part 8. The End of the Mt. Sinai Covenant in A.D. 34

The word "determined" comes from the same root as terminate, or terminally. Dan. 9:24 declared that "Seventy weeks are determined [cut off from the 2300 years] for thy people [the Jews]." By what legal action were the Jews cut off from being God's people and the Gentile church grafted in on the date of A.D. 34? _____

NOTE: At Mt. Sinai God made the Hebrew people (Jews) His special nation to be witnesses for him (missionaries) to the world to bring the message of a coming Saviour to all mankind through the types in their sanctuary services and their exemplary lives. God contracted with them by a **covenant** at Mt. Sinai. Even when they crucified their Saviour, God still sent disciples of Jesus to the Jews for a witness for an added three and a half years right into Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Not until the Hebrew nation spoke by its official voice of the Sanhedrin council in a decree to stone Stephen in A.D. 34, did God release his Mt. Sinai contract-**covenant** with them. (They really cut themselves off from covenant relationship because they could not be missionaries to the world when they were stoning them!) The Jews walked off stage! Then the Gentile Christians, in A.D. 34 went to the world with the gospel. This is known as the "transition of the vineyard" of the gospel commission from the Jews to the Gentile Christians.

Part 9. Jerusalem Rebuilt by 408 B.C.

"...seven weeks"....the street shall be built again, and the wall." Dan. 9:25 seven prophetic symbolic weeks of seven days each totals 49 days. Using the Year-Day Principle of conversion, the 49 symbolic days represent 49 literal years. Beginning with 457 B.C. date, subtracting 49 years brings the prophecy to 408 B.C. In the year 408 B.C. the walls and street were completed (rebuilt) in Jerusalem.

Part 10. The Messiah Was Baptized in A.D. 27

"...unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore [60] and two weeks." Dan. 9:25. Again we must start counting from the decree of 457 B.C. (Seven weeks plus threescore weeks or 60 weeks plus 2 weeks totals 69 weeks.) Sixty nine symbolic weeks, of seven days each, totals 483 symbolic days. Using the Year-day Principle, the 483 symbolic days represented 483 literal years.

Sixty-nine symbolic weeks of 7 days each = 483 symbolic "days" or 483 literal years. Beginning with the date of 457 B.C. counting forward 483 years brings the action to 27 A.D. ***In the year 27 A.D. Jesus was baptized and began His ministry.***

NOTE: The name "Messiah" means "Anointed One." Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit at His baptism in the Jordan River to begin His ministry of three and a half years. John 1:28-36; Matt. 3:13-17; Mk. 1:10,11; Lu. 3:22. The accuracy of the prophecy of Dan. 9:24-27 and its perfect fulfillment is amazing!

Part 11. The One Week

**"And he shall confirm the [Mt. Sinai] covenant with many [Jews]
for one week [until A.D. 34]
and in the midst of the week he [The Messiah] shall cause the sacrifice and the
oblation to cease,..." Dan. 9:27**

NOTE: "Seventy weeks" or 490 years were "cut off" for the Jews. Sixty nine weeks or 483 years leads to the date A.D. 27 at Jesus' baptism. Sixty nine weeks subtracted from seventy weeks leaves just **ONE WEEK, or one "seven."** One week of 7 symbolic days represents 7 years. That "one week" or seven year period was cut in half. Three and a half years of Christ's ministry lasted from His baptism to the crucifixion. Another three and a half years of ministry by His disciples was extended to the Jews after the crucifixion in A.D. 31 ending in A.D. 34.

Part 12. The Crucifixion Date of A.D. 31

"...After three score and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off...(Dan. 9:26)...and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease..." Dan. 9:27. This refers to the crucifixion, when the ceremonial sacrifices and rituals were "nailed to the cross." The crucifixion date is A.D. 31.

"And he shall confirm the [Mt Sinai Covenant] with many [Jews] for one week," until A.D. 34, Dan. 9:27. The apostles remained in Jerusalem for three and a half years and many of the Jews were converted. Acts 2:41.

The following outline of events given in Dan. 8 and 9 will assist the Bible student to see the sequence of events predicted and the marvelous fulfillment of those prophecies. Only the God of heaven could have foreseen the future with such accurate detailed predictions!

Part 13. A Diagram Dating Events of Dan. 8:14 and 9:24-27

A DIAGRAM OF
THE 2300 DAY-YEAR TIMELINE

457 B.C. 408 B.C. A.D. 27 A.D. 31 A.D. 34 A.D. 1844

The Seventy Weeks or Seventy Sevens

457 B.C. "Know and understand" [you count everything from the this date]
408. B.C. Jerusalem rebuilding program was completed
A.D. 27 Jesus was baptized (Anointed)
A.D. 31 Jesus was crucified
Sacrificial law fulfilled and finished.
A.D. 34 Mt. Sinai Covenant (Jews) cut off.
A.D. 1844 Heaven's Books Opened

Conclusion
Dan. 9:24-27 Fulfillments Verify the A.D. 1844 Date of Dan. 8:14

Daniel 9:24-27 Messianic events fulfilled the prophecies at the exact times as specified. This fact, verifies the exact computation of the A.D. 1844 date.

LESSON 4

THE SEVEN SEALS
(Revelation Chapter 6)

Part 1. The Correct Approach to the Seven Seals of Rev. 6-8:1

Over the centuries hundreds of prophetic expositors attempted to explain the Seven Seals of Revelation 6. Many assumed that the first seal began at the time of Adam and there are those who are firmly convinced today that this is the correct view. The pioneers of Adventism felt that the prophecy of the Seven Seals should not go back further in history than the days of John who wrote the book. They *assumed* that the Seven Seals were a "recapitulation" of the Seven Letters which appeared to reflect much the same historical periods. Modern theologians have disputed over the meaning of the seven seals and some have attempted to produce an "official church position" on it!

There are other expositors who are seeking an application that lays aside all *human assumption,* does not cast aside past historical fulfillments, but recognizes the validity of dual applications which appropriately apply prophecy to endtime events. They want an application which is derived from the inspired words of the prophets. They are determined to apply strictly the hermeneutic principles, and to give attention to the structure of Revelation; to its orderly design, sequence and continuity of action. They are determined to permit the Bible to be its own expositor. Such Biblical orientation will bring forth rich rewards of a unique endtime application for the last generation. If you are one of these you will be most interested in these lessons.

Part 2. The Introductory "Heavenly Scene" Begins The Seven Seals

Please Consult the Chart of "**The Eight Major Visions of Revelation**." Look at the second column from the left, and look at the "Heavenly Scene" which precedes the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of the Seven Seals. Then answer the questions below.

1. What "Heavenly Scene" precedes the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of the Seven Seals? Rev. 4 and 5 _____

2. Does that "Heavenly Scene" describe the Investigative Judgment? _____

3. Shall we be consistent? _____. Shall we let the structure of the Bible which reveals the "Heavenly Scene" to be that of the Investigative Judgment to tell us the date as to when to begin the following "Basic Prophetic Outline" of the seven seals?
   _____

4. At what date did the Investigative Judgment begin? _____

5. Therefore, at what date should the first Seal begin?_____

Part 3. Seal No. 1. The "White Horse" Remnant

6. Read Rev. 6:1,2. What does the symbolic "horse" represent? Zech. 10:3.

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Note: After the reign of king Solomon, the nation of Israel split into two sections: Israel and Judah. Israel fell into apostasy and was absorbed into Babylon. Judah was the ***remnant*** of that day and represents the "little flock" or "remnant" of Rev. 12:17. This "horse" represents the remnant church which emerged from the wilderness between A.D. 1798 and 1844 and has existed as God's Commandment keeping people until the present time.

7. What does the symbolic color, "white" represent? Rev. 19:8._____
   Does this "white horse" description fit the remnant church which emerged from the Great Disappointment in 1844? See Note below: _____

Note: Thousands expected the Lord's return in A.D.1844. When the Great Disappointment of 1844 occurred it became a great trial and testing instrument in the hand of God. Thousands denied their faith and lost interest. Only a "handful" of faithful believers remained. Although they had been mistaken as to what event would happen in A.D. 1844, their computation of the 2300 day-year timeline was correct. With humility they admitted their mistake, and with faith in God's Word, they studied again, sure that the Bible held the answers to their questions. It was these whose faith remained in the Bible, who became the "remnant" of Rev. 12:17.

Part 4. The Gospel Commission to the Remnant

8. What was the rider of the white horse going to do? Rev. 6:2. _____

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NOTE: "Conquering and to conquer" describes the valiant evangelizing efforts of Christianity, as it did in the first centuries and as it will do again at the end of time. We are all "Christian Soldiers, marching as to war."

9. What commission was given to the remnant just after the Great Disappointment of 1844? Rev. 10:11. _____

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10. What message were they to proclaim on such a world-wide mission? Rev. 14:6.

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Matt. 24:14. _____

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Note: The three angels' messages calling men to worship the Creator, to remember the seventh-day Sabbath as a memorial of creation; the announcement that "the hour of his judgment is come," the unmasking of Babylon, and the warning of the third angel have gone to all the world for over a century. It is under the period of the first seal that we still exist today. It is the PEACE, prosperity, and freedom in the USA which has enabled these messages to go to all the world. But that peaceful scene will soon change! Look at the action under the Second Seal.

Part 5. The Contemporaneous Recognition of Prophetic Fulfillment

Note: When the Bible expositor permits the Bible to be its own interpreter, and permits the very structure of the Bible to determine when to begin the Basic Prophetic Outlines, he will be surprised and delighted to discover that the prophetic outlines of Revelation give an ***endtime*** application that is appropriate for the very time in history in which we now live! This is called, "Contemporaneous Recognition" of prophecy and in every age there has been a new revelation of truth, a message of God to that generation. This is one of the great marvels of the Scripture. New truth does not do away with old truth, but is an added unfolding of it.

Part 6. Seal No. 2 The "Red Horse" Future Persecution of the Remnant

11. Read Rev. 6:4. Review Question. What does the symbolic "horse" represent?

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Note: If the "horse" represents the corporate church, what does the rider represent? What does a rider do for a horse? The rider ***guides*** its activities. It is the administrators who guide the church. If the administrators are under the guidance of God, they will guide the church correctly, but if under the influence of Satan, they will guide the church in a way that is perverse.

12. What is suddenly taken from the earth under the Second Seal? Rev. 6:4. _____

13. What is given to the rider of the horse? Rev. 6:4 _____

14. Thought Questions: Is there any connection between the "great sword" and the color of the horse? _____

Note: Red is the color of blood. A sword draws blood and tells of persecution.

15. What will men do to "one another"? Rev. 6:4 _____

NOTE: As long as the Constitution of the United States of America has specified a separation of church and state, religious freedom has guaranteed PEACE for the remnant people of God.

It is only when the principles of the Constitution are violated or changed, that such peace will be taken away. Only then will men "kill one another" to enforce religious dogma of a specified religion.

Part 7. Prophetic Scripture Points To A Future Persecution

16. Where in Scripture is there a prophecy which predicted a union of church and state in the United States so that persecution can occur? Rev. 13:11-18.

    _____

    Rev. 14:9-11. _____

17. Does Bible prophecy actually predict such persecution in the future? Rev. 12:17.

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18. How much of the world will finally be affected? Rev. 13:3. _____
    Rev. 13:7,8. _____

19. What kind of pressures will be brought to bear upon dissenters? Rev. 13:15-17.

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20. In the final crisis, the last action will culminate in what kind of Decree? Rev. 13:15.

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NOTE: Not until the Constitutional separation between church and state is taken away will it be possible to pass a National Sunday Law, which is in direct violation of the Constitution. Such a law is also directly contrary to the Ten Commandments seventh-day Sabbath! When laws are passed, there must be penalties attached or they would be ineffective.

21. How harsh will some of these penalties be? Rev. 13:17,15._____

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22. How long will the future persecution continue? Dan. 12:7. _____

Note: The "time, times, and an half" of Dan. 12:7 is only 1260 literal days. God's people may take comfort in that the Scripture indicates that the future persecution will last only a matter of days, not hundreds of years as it did in the Middle Ages.

23. Thought Question: When a National Sunday Law is passed with its penalties, will I consider my loyalty to God to be a top priority to obtain eternal life or will I cave in so that I can "buy or sell" as usual? _____

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24. Thought Question: Would it not be wiser to join the ecumenical surge toward conformity and a One World Sunday keeping Church to keep out of trouble? Discuss.

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25. Thought Question: If I were to lose my salary, my reputation, my worldly friends, my influence, my job, be imprisoned, or my credit card be taken away, if I could no longer travel, or use my car, or buy gas, or pay my taxes, thus losing my home or even my life, could I still hold to my faith in God and keep His commandments? Discuss. _____

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CONCLUSION

We have been living under the peace and prosperity of the first seal—the "white horse." We see the coming of the second seal—red horse in the near future. Strong voices decry the separation of church and state. The United Religious Iniative seeks to bind the religious and political world together in the United Nations. Court decisions which strike directly against freedom of religion and deny Constitutional rights are moving into place.

An endtime application of the seals, beginning with the white horse seal in A.D. 1844, reveals the Great Advent Movement in its prosperity over the last century and its proclamation of the three angels' messages to all the world. The red horse of the second seal points to the near future, and to the fulfillment of Revelation 12:17 where the "dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed." Much of the book of Revelation, give explicit details about that persecution. The red horse seal throws the action into crisis, reveals the need for reconsecration to God, the need to pray for strength, and the covering of the righteousness of Christ.

LESSON 5

SEALS 3,4 and 5
(Revelation, Chapter 6)

Introduction: The Limited Rights of Prophetic Expositors

What right do *we* have to place seals 2,3,4 and 5 of Revelation 6 in a future setting? We have ***no*** right to do so. Only as the structure of the Bible dictates the primary application, and only as an ***inspired prophet*** has provided such a setting, are we at liberty to do such a thing. Neither individual Christians, nor theologians, nor committees, nor churches have the right to interpret the symbols or to make applications by conjecture or assumption. What did the prophet have to say regarding a future application of Seals 3 and 4:

> "The same spirit is seen today that is represented in ***Revelation 6:6-8***. [The third and fourth seal] ***HISTORY IS TO BE REPEATED. THAT WHICH HAS BEEN WILL BE AGAIN***. This spirit works to confuse and to perplex. Dissension will be seen in every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, and those who have not had a spirit to follow the light that God has given through His living oracles [His prophets] through His appointed agencies, will become confused. Their judgment will reveal weakness. Disorder and strife and confusion will be seen in the church." Ltr. 165. 1898. Ellen G. White. (Ms. Release No. 1465.)

REVIEW

The "Heavenly Scene" in Revelation, Chapter 1, revealed Jesus in the Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary, to which He ascended in ***A.D. 31***. In chapters 2 and 3, there follows the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of the 7 Letters to the Churches. Permitting the heavenly scene in chapter 1 to dictate the date as to when to begin the first of the seven churches, Ephesus was dated at ***A.D. 31***. In like manner, the "Heavenly Scene" in Chapters 4 and 5, brought to view the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary and the Investigative Judgment which began in ***A.D. 1844***. To be consistent a good Bible scholar permits that "Heavenly Scene" to dictate the date as to when to begin the following "Basic Prophetic Outline" of chapter 6. Therefore the date of ***A.D. 1844*** is accepted for the beginning of Seal No. 1. This principle of interpretation brings to view an endtime application of the seven seals.

HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLES

(The Structure of the Book Reveals Context and Correct Application)
The "Heavenly Scene" dictates the date at which to begin each "Basic Prophetic Outline" in the book of Revelation.
Each "Basic Prophetic Outline" Functions in Sequence and Continuity

Note: The "White Horse," Seal No. 1, is a description of the church which came through the Great Disappointment of (date) _____ and formed the remnant which "went forth conquering and to conquer" to take the three angels' messages to all the world. We still live under this period of evangelistic conquest.

1. The "Red Horse," Seal No. 2 describes a horse with a rider which receives a _____ so that "they kill one another" and "peace is taken from the earth." It is _____ Laws which will cause such a condition to exist in the future.

Note: As long as the courts have upheld the Constitution of the USA, there has been a separation of church and state. No religious laws could be legislated and no religious persecution could occur. But as soon as there is religious legislation, with resultant enforcement and penalties, then persecution may continue even to situations in which they "kill one another."

Part 1. The "Black Horse" of Seal No. 3

2. What color is the horse described in the third seal? Rev. 6:5. _____

3. In contrast to the color of the horse of the first seal (white, representing purity and truth), what does the color "black" represent?_____

NOTE: Prophetic expositors of the past have also recognized the logical significance of the change of color, perceiving that "black" represents corruption and apostasy. In the third and fourth centuries this was true of the early church. An endtime application, based on the fact that "**HISTORY WILL BE REPEATED**" reveals that when the church is faced with a National Sunday Law with penalties, there will be a division between its members. Some will be sealed as commandment-keepers loyal to the seventh-day Sabbath; but others will receive the mark of the beast. (See Rev. 14:9-12.)

4. In the third seal, the rider holds a pair of balances in his hands. What does this mean in regard to judgment? Dan. 5:27. _____
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NOTE: Just as king Belshazzar was weighed in the balances and found wanting, so in the Investigative Judgment of the Living, the church itself will be judged.

> "In the balances of the sanctuary the...church is to be weighed. She will be judged by the privileges and advantages that she has had. If her spiritual experience does not correspond to the advantages that Christ, at infinite cost, has bestowed on her, if the blessings conferred have not qualified her to do the work entrusted to her, on her will be pronounced the sentence: 'Found wanting.' By the light bestowed, the opportunities given, will she be judged."
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> *8 Testimonies for the Church p. 247.*

5. What additional description in the third seal indicates that there will be an open apostasy in the church? Rev. 6:6 (See also the following Note.)

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Note: There is a "selling out" process described. "Wheat" and "barley" were the source of bread. There is a "selling out" of the very "Bread of Heaven."

6, Has a prophet given any inspired comment on such a condition yet future?_____
Read the following comment:

> "As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message...abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition...Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbathkeepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, those apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them." *The Great Controversy* p. 608.

Note: Each prophetic description has a specific time in history when it occurs. The action described in the third seal has not yet occurred in the year 2000. Although one may see evidences of trends toward which the prophecy will be fulfilled, the church today still exists in the period of the "white horse," and is still the "Israel" of God. Ineffective and deficient as the church may be, she is still the supreme object of His regard. Let us not run ahead of the Lord, nor bring upon ourselves a time of trouble before schedule! Apostasy always brings great weeping and agony to those in the church who have loved and enjoyed its blessings. The thought of such a thing is most distressing.

7. What will happen shortly after a National "apostasy" wherein a National Sunday Law will be passed? _____

> "Protestants Will Persuade the Rulers of the Land to Adopt Roman Catholic Principles. The day of God is right upon us...Both are in harmony and are acting on a shortsighted policy. Protestants will work upon the rulers of the land to make laws to restore the lost ascendancy of the man of sin, who sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Roman Catholic principles will be taken under the care and protection of the state. **This national apostasy will be speedily followed by a national ruin." APOC. cn:99** LD97L123
> Ltr. 123 p. 58. Mar. 8. 1897. To Philip Wessels—p. 6,7,9-14 (245)

8. Thought Question: What is meant by "national ruin"?

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How would "national ruin" affect my life?_____
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Part 2. The "Pale Horse" of Seal No. 4

9. Read Rev. 6:7 and 8. Thought questions: After an apostasy in the church and "national ruin" could the corporate church still be effective in its ministry? If not, why not? _____
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10. What color is the fourth seal horse? Rev. 6:8._____

NOTE: "Pale" may be understood to be of greenish color or reference to a sick condition.

11. What is the name of the rider of the horse? Rev. 6:8._____

12. How many die? Rev. 6:8._____
How many would that be at current population figures? _____

13. What four things cause death? Rev. 6:8.
A. _____
B. _____
C. _____
D. _____

14. Is this the first time in the history of God's people that there has been this kind of judgment? Eze. 5:7-17._____
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16. Discuss the present situation in regard to ecological restrictions which affect the multiplication of "wild beasts" or predators. If gun laws were to remove guns and ammunition from the people, what would be a result in regard to this situation?
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Part 3. The Two Periods of Martyrdoms in Seal No. 5

Note: The four horses representing God's corporate church are found only in Seals 1-4. Seal 5 no longer addresses the corporate church, but focuses on those who have been martyred all down through the ages and brings this same action into the future.

Read Rev. 6:9-11.

Note: Under the fifth seal, TWO groups of martyrs are brought to view. The first group are those who have been martyred from the time of Abel (Gen. 4:8) and all through the Dark Ages.

16. What does the first group of martyrs receive in the Investigative Judgment? Rev. 6:11._____

17. What are they doing while the Investigative Judgment is going on? Rev. 6:11.
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18. There is another group of martyrs that "should be [will be] killed, as they [the first group] were." In what manner will they be killed? Rev. 20:4._____
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19. What in Rev. 20:4 places this final martyrdom in the future?_____
(Why are they beheaded?) _____
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_____

"Many will be imprisoned, many will flee for their lives...many will be martyrs for Christ's sake standing in the defense of truth." III *Selected Messages p. 397 MS 6, 1989.*

Part 4. Future Martyrs "Blood Vengeance" Begins in the Seven Last Plagues

20. For what do the martyred souls cry out? Rev. 6:10. "Avenge_____ _____"

21. How and when will this request be answered? Rev. 16:4-7. Also see the Note below.
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Note: In the third plague, (Rev. 16:4 the "angel of the waters" says "they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy." It is the last generation of the wicked, the same persons who have shed the blood of martyrs, who are given the bloody waters to drink in the third plague. It is also the fifth seal which brings the prophetic action to the time for "vengeance" which is to be accomplished in the blood judgments of the seven last plagues, where the ocean and the rivers and fountains of waters will be "like the blood of a dead man." The fifth seal calls for judgment which is administered in the plagues.

22. What action does the 5th seal include that occurs just before the close of probation? See Rev. 18:1-4._____

"When the fifth seal was opened, John the Revelator in vision saw beneath the altar the company that were slain for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. **AFTER THIS** came the scenes described in the **18th of Revelation**, when those that are faithful are **called out of Babylon."** *SDA BC Vol. 7, 968. MS. 39, 1906.*

NOTE: The writer of the quotation above relates a series of events. First there is martyrdom, then the call out of Babylon which is known as the "Loud Cry." (Martyrs' blood has always been seed for a great harvest.) This Rev. 18:1-4 "Loud Cry" comes just before the close of probation and will be followed by the seven last plagues.

Part 5. A Review of the First Five Seals

A Review of the First Five Seals

SEAL No. 1	**Begins church history in 1844 and continues to a National Sunday Law in the USA**
SEAL No. 2	**Introduces Sunday Laws and attending persecutions**
SEAL No. 3	**Describes the resulting apostasy in the corporate institution**
SEAL No. 4	**Describes a church destitute of God's approval and the resulting devastation**
SEAL No. 5	**Describes the future martyrdom which prepares the way for the Loud Cry, final harvest, close of probation and leads directly into the seven last plague blood judgments**

Part 6. The Sequence of the Seven Seals, and A Correlation of the Seven Seals and Seven Plagues

Note: The Seven Seals of Rev. 6-8 are all in sequence. The first seal began with the 1844 date describing God's remnant corporate church from 1844 to a National Sunday Law. Seals 2-4 describe the corporate church in a repetition of the history of the nation of Israel. Seal 5 describes the past and future martyrdoms which sew the seed for the final harvest of the Loud Cry call to the world to come out of Babylon and then the close of probation follows.

Under the 5th seal, the martyrs cry out "Avenge our Blood." The first three plagues are "blood judgments." The action of the 5th seal leads directly into the seven last plagues. Future lessons on Rev. 16 will discuss the seven last plagues in detail.)

There is a correlation chart that follows which reveals the excellent sequence of action brought to view by a Biblical application of the seven seals and how the 5th seal leads into the seven last plagues. The sixth and seventh seals align with the action of the 7th plague. An endtime application which links seals *and* plagues reveals a wonderful picture of God's people from 1844 to the Second Coming of Jesus..

A Correlation of Seals and Plagues

Seal 1	Seal 2	Seal 3	Seal 4	Seal 5	*(Plagues 1-6)*	(Seals 6,7)
1844-Today	Future- ----------					*(Plague 7)*

HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLE

There is a Logical Continuity of Action in the Sequence and Continuity of the "Basic Prophetic Outlines"

Notes and Observations or Comments

LESSON 6

SEAL NO. 6
(Rev. 6:12-17)

Part 1. A Revelation of God's Orderly Character

The "Seven Letters" and the "Seven Seals" of Revelation are referred to as "Basic Prophetic **Outlines.**" An outline is an orderly arrangement of subject matter by numeric progression, or a sequence of letters in the alphabet, or any other sequential orderly arrangement. This orderly arrangement of the prophecies of Revelation calls attention to **sequence and continuity.** The orderly arrangement of data glorifies the God who gave it, revealing His very character. "***For God is not the author of confusion***" I. Cor. 14:33, and He has given us orderly minds programmed to think with logic and common sense.

The orderliness of the "Basic Prophetic Outlines" of both books, Daniel and Revelation, makes it possible for the Bible student to proceed in an exposition of prophecy in a logical, progressive fashion. This brings unity to those who study in an orderly manner and avoids the pitfalls of haphazard conjecture. This systematic structure of the entire book of Revelation is a part of the Bible which can be its own expositor. Those who recognize its logical character find that its structure pattern throws a flood of light on future events. It provides the "primary application" or "Present Truth" for the last generation.

Note: The word, "primary" means first in importance. (Not necessarily, first in sequence.) Those applications made in the past were of "primary importance" to those generations. It is an endtime application that deals with future events which becomes of "primary importance," and is "Present Truth" to the last generation.

Part 2. The Orderly, Progressive, Forward Movement of Revelation

The first five lessons of this workbook have covered Revelation, chapters 1-6 in a **progressive, forward movement**. Chapter 1 began with the first "Heavenly Scene" of Jesus walking among the candlesticks when He entered His ministry in A.D. 31. In Chapter 2, the letters to the seven churches reached from 31 A.D. to Laodicea, meaning "judgment" (which began in A.D.1844). Chapters 4 and 5 are "Heavenly Scene" No. 2 continues with a description of the Investigative Judgment, providing an A.D. 1844 timeframe for the beginning of the seven seals. An endtime application of the seven seals which begins in 1844, continues the **progressive action** to our own day, moves on to the National Sunday Law, to an apostasy, and its resultant chaotic devastations. The fifth seal describes a future martyrdom which prepares the way for the Loud Cry of Revelation 18 and the final harvest. This 5th seal also, in its request for vengeance, leads right into the seven last plagues.

HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLE

The Forward, Progressive Movement of Scripture

There is a Forward, Progressive Movement from Genesis to Revelation
There is a Forward, Progressive Movement in Each Book of the Bible

Part 3. Signs in the Heavens Began "The Time of the End"

If **seal 6 is a continuation of the action in sequence and continuity**, then the endtime application must occur in connection with the seven last plagues. If the fifth seal introduces the seven last plague blood judgments (Plagues 2 and 3), then the sixth seal must follow that action, and a study of its action connects it with the seventh plague.

An Endtime Application Reveals Progression and Sequence

Rev. 1	Rev. 2,3	Rev. 4,5	Rev. 6
Jesus'		A.D. 1844	
Ministry	7 Letters		
A.D. 31	Laodicea 1844	Investigative	
		Judgment Begins	Seal 1 Until Today
			2 National Sunday law
			3 Apostasy
			4 Sword, Famine, etc.
			5 Martyrdoms
			Loud Cry to Babylon
			"Avenge our Blood"
			Plagues 2-3 Blood Judgments
			6 Plague 7 Events

Revelation, Chapter 1 begins with the 31 A.D. Ministry of Christ and continues forward in the seven letters to the churches to the last church being "Laodicea."--The Church of the Investigative Judgment Message, which went forth "conquering and to conquer" from 1844 and is still under the first seal giving the three angels messages today. But in the near future, under the second seal, a National Sunday Law will bring about division and an Apostasy. After the Apostasy, the fourth seal portrays a series of devastations. The fifth seal martyrdom is followed by the Rev. 18 "Loud Cry" angel and final harvest. Then comes the Close of Probation and the outpouring of the plagues. Plagues 2 and 3 are retributions for the martyrdom of those who have not worshipped the "beast" and his "image." The action of Seal 6 gives added detail to the 7th plague climactic action.

HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLE
Sequence and Continuity
(The Bible is its Own Interpreter)
Sequence, Continuity, and Forward Movement Give Logical Exposition

Part 4. Seal 6 Begins With An Earthquake

1. With what action does the sixth seal begin? Rev. 6:12.
   "a great _____

Note: Those who lived in the time of the 1800 Awakening, became aware of the 1755 Lisbon earthquake and applied that event to the description of the 6th seal. (But if the inspired prophet has declared that the 5th seal leads up to future martyrdom, and to the loud cry call to come out of Babylon, and if that seal leads into the plagues, that past application cannot be of "primary importance" to the last generation.

2. Permitting the Bible to interpret itself, when does such an earthquake occur? Rev. 16:17, 18. _____

3. Under which plague does this earthquake occur? Rev. 16:17. _____

Note: Prophetic expositors of past generations concluded that the earthquake which opens the 6th seal referred to the Lisbon earthquake in 1755. This application of the prophecy was of primary importance to them, to give them confidence in their understanding of the 2300 day-year timeline. But in the book of Daniel, it is explained that "even in the time of the end [the time of the last generation] many shall run to and fro [searching through the Scriptures] and knowledge [of the prophecies] shall be increased." Dan. 12:4.

If the seven seals have an endtime application, reaching from 1844 to the Second Coming of Jesus, with the 5th seal revealing a future martyrdom which will be seed for the great harvest of the Loud Cry to "come out of Babylon," then the sequence of the prophetic outline must occur after that action and the close of probation, at which time the plagues begin. It is under the 7th plague that a great earthquake occurs. (See Rev. 16:18.) Many events of Seal 6 correlate with those of Plague 7.

4. What other signs in the heavens introduce the sixth seal? Rev. 6:12

   _____

   _____

Note: Those who lived between A.D. 1750 and 1844 became aware of the "dark day" of May 19, 1780, and that night, the "blood red moon." They also saw the "falling of the stars" in November of 1833. These signs strengthened their faith in that generation.

5. What was another sign in the heavens regarding the beginning of the sixth seal? Rev. 6:13. _____

Part 5. Signs in the Heavens Began "The Time of the End"

Note: Dan. 11:35 refers to the end of the 1260 day-year timeline as "***the time of the end***." The 1260 timeline reached to the date A.D. 1798. Therefore, that term, "the time of the end" was understood to refer to 1798, and was to extend to the Second Coming of Jesus. It was not restricted to the year of 1798 only.

Note: The marvelous signs of the great Lisbon earthquake and the signs in the heavens ushered in "the time of the end" preparing that generation to give the great message connected with the Dan. 8:14 timeline of 2300 day-years which ended in A.D. 1844.

6. What other events were a prophecy of the beginning of the "time of the end" in 1798? Joel 2:28-32 "_____
_____
"The sun shall be _____
and the moon _____

Note: Those who lived between 1798 and 1844, saw the "dark day" of May 19, 1780, and that night, the "blood red moon." They also saw the falling of the stars in November of 1833 and concluded that Jesus would come in 1844. This exposition of prophecy was necessary to strengthen their faith at that time, but were they completely correct in their application? Not entirely. The question comes up, "Is there also a future endtime application" of those signs in the heavens? Did those signs both begin *and* ***end*** the "time of the end" which reached from 1798 to the coming of Jesus?

Part 6. The Future Application of the Signs in the Heavens

7. Under the sixth seal, does "the sun [become] black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon [become] as blood; And the stars of heaven fall unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind."? Rev. 6:12,13.

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8. Does the book of Joel repeat these signs in the heavens in the next chapter? Joel 3:13-16. _____
_____
_____
_____

Note: It is important to notice that Joel repeats these signs in the heavens but the events predicted are different. In chapter 2, there is an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit, a call to repentance, and a remnant whom the Lord is going to call out, as He did in the 1844 era. (See Joel 2:32) But in chapter 3, the signs in the heavens accompany the Second Coming of Jesus.

9. At exactly what event in earth's history, will the signs in the heavens be repeated? Joel 3:16. _____

NOTE: The book of Joel describes the "time of the end," as a period extending from 1798, through the 1844 Advent Awakening and to the very end of time. These signs in the heavens define the beginning and the ending of this era of history. Whereas Joel 2 describes the signs in the heavens which occurred in the 1755-1833 era, Joel 3 describes these signs again which occur at the very time of the coming of Jesus.

Part 7. An Inspired Validation of An Endtime Application of the Sixth Seal

10. What did the prophet's inspired comment have to say about the timing of the sixth seal?

> "I thought of the day when the judgments of God would be poured out upon the world, when blackness and horrible darkness would clothe the heavens as **sackcloth of hair** [*quoted from Revelation 6:12--the sixth seal*] My imagination anticipated what it must be in that period when the Lord's mighty voice ***SHALL*** **(future tense)** give commission to His angels, 'go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God [the seven last plagues] upon the earth.' **REVELATION 6 and 7** [*the seven seals*] are full of meaning." *Maranatha 284. Ms 59. 1895*

NOTE: The prophet supported the first application of the seals because those signs in the heavens initiated the "time of the end." That view was appropriate for that time in history. Today we need to accept the endtime application as did the prophet, in which those same signs will bring history to its close at the coming of Jesus.

11. Is it appropriate to make a dual application of prophecy? _____

> "The Scriptures abound with illustrations of dual applications." *SDA BC Vol. 1 1017.*

> "The powers of heaven will be shaken at the voice of God. Then the sun, moon, and stars will be moved out of their places. They will not pass away, but be shaken by the voice of God." *Early Writings 41.*

12. Is it permissable to give Rev. 6:12, and 13 a dual application? _____

13. Who has the right to determine if a prophecy has or has not a dual application?

_____

NOTE: There is an almost irresistible urge on the part of the majority to lay aside the clear, unequivocal statements of the inspired prophets; and to be blinded by the assumptions of uninspired men.

Part 8. The Second Coming of Jesus

14. Continuing with the timing for the 6th seal, when will the heaven depart "as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places?" Rev. 6:14 Under the ____seal. Rev. 16:18. Under the _____plague.

15. How many inhabitants of earth will see this great event? Rev. 1:7. _____
Rev. 6:15,16._____
_____

16. From what do the wicked hide? Rev. 6:16._____
_____

Part 9. "Who Shall Be Able to Stand?"

17. What question is posed by the trembling saints of God? Rev. 6:17
"Who shall ____ _____ ___ _____"?

NOTE: This question is placed at the very end of the chapter regarding the sixth seal. It must be answered before the 7th seal (the "Eschatological Culmination") can take place. The answer to that question, "Who shall be able to stand"? is answered in the following chapter 7!

18. Who will be able to stand at the Second Coming of Jesus? Rev. 7:4._____
_____
Rev. 14:1-5. _____
_____

Name seven statements which are a description of the 144,000.

A. Rev. 14:1._____
B. Rev. 14:3._____
C. Rev. 14:4._____
D. _____
E. _____
F. _____
G. Rev. 14:5. (What are they without?)_____

CONCLUSION

The "Interlude" of Revelation, Chapter 7 Answers the Question "Who Shall Be Able to Stand"

The endtime application of the sixth seal refers to the Second Coming of Jesus. It begins with the earthquake which opens the seventh plague. It ends with a question: Who shall be able to stand? Next, it is chapter 7, which answers that question, in an insertion which is called an **"INTERLUDE"** or interruption. Not until that question is answered and not until the "Interlude" is inserted, do we come to the 7th seal. It is very important that the Bible student understands the place of these "Interludes" which exist within the seven seals, the seven trumpets, and occur six times in the book of Revelation. In each Interlude, there is an emphasis on the 144,000; first, in regard to their sealing, then, their witnessing, and at last, their triumphant reign.

After the "Interlude," then the last or seventh action of the "Basic Prophetic Outline" can occur. The book of Revelation cannot be understood, with its endtime applications, until the structure is clearly defined.

Please study the chart titled "**The Eight Major Visions of Revelation**" to get the orientation to specific items in the Lessons. Look at column 2, from the left side of the chart, to see the "Heavenly Scene" which sets the date to begin the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of the seven seals, and shows the "Interlude" which occurs between seal 6 and 7.

Notes

LESSON 7

THE FIRST "INTERLUDE:" THE 144,000 ARE SEALED AND THE "ESCHATOLOGICAL CULMINATION" OF SEAL NO. 7 (Rev. 7 and 8:1)

Part 1 A Review of The Structure of Revelation

Note: The Bible student needs to consult the chart at the front of the workbook titled "***The Eight Major Visions of Revelation***" which illustrates the structure of Revelation. Below is that same chart, which reveals the continuing progress we are making lesson by lesson. When Lesson 7 is completed, the first two vertical columns on the chart are covered.

THE EIGHT MAJOR VISIONS OF REVELATION CHART
(A Reveiw of the Colored Chart at the Front of the Book)
Revealing the progress this far in the book of Revelation

Heavenly Scene No. 1 A.D. 31 Christ's Ministry Begins. Holy Place	Heavenly Scene No. 2 A.D. 1844 Investigative Judgment Begins. Most Holy Place	Heavenly Scene No. 3	Heavenly Scene No. 4	Heavenly Scene No. 5	Heavenly Scene No. 6	Heavenly Scene No. 7	Heavenly Scene No. 8
Basic Prophetic Outline 7 Letters	Basic Prophetic Outline 7 Seals (1-6)	Basic Prophetic Outline	Basic Prophetic Outline	Basic Prophetic Outline	Basic Prophetic Outline	Basic Prophetic Outline	Basic Prophetic Outline
	Interlude 144,000 sealed	Interlude 144,000	Interlude 144,000	Interlude 144,000	Interlude 144,000	Interlude 144,000	
	Seal 7 (in chapter 8)						

If the Bible student feels bored, by the continuing reference to the chart titled "**The Eight Major Visions of Revelation**" let him understand that it is the "key" that makes the book of Revelation relevant to this generation. It opens a locked door! Nothing short of understanding this structure provides the endtime "Present Truth" meaning to seals, trumpets, and numerous other details in the book.

The structure of the book of Revelation is a beautiful arrangement of eight "Heavenly Scenes" in which the prophet, John, looked up into heaven and saw a progressive series of actions which reveal the work and progress of Jesus Christ in obtaining salvation for His people. After each of these "Heavenly Scenes," there follows a "Basic Prophetic Outline" of numerical significance, such as 7 Letters, 7 Seals, 7 Trumpets, 7 Plagues, or 1260 days, 1260 years, 1000 years, and Eternity.

Part 2. The Interludes

Each "Basic Prophetic Outline" contains a numerical figure, such as **seven** letters, or **seven** seals, or **seven** trumpets, or **1260** days, or **1260** years, or **seven** plagues, or **1000** years, or **eternity**. But in each "Basic Prophetic Outline" of seven items, only six are given and then there is an interruption or "***Interlude***," which focuses on the people of God or the 144,000, as they are sealed, as they witness, or as they reign. The "Eight Heavenly Visions" have revealed this orderly arrangement in the first 7 Lessons, bringing the book into endtime focus; and the rest of the Lessons will fill in the information in the same consistent manner.

The last item of Seal No. 6 is a question, "Who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6:17.) The answer to that question is given immediately in chapter 7. It will be the 144,000 who will be able to stand through the reign of the "beast" of Revelation to the Close of Probation, through the seven last plagues, and survive the brightness of His coming.

Part 3. Four Angels Hold Back the Winds

1. What did John see standing on the four corners of the earth? Rev. 7:1.
   "Four _____"

NOTE: "The four corners" on a round earth refer to the four directions, north, east, south, and west indicating action which involves the ***whole world***.

2. What are the four angels holding back? Rev. 7:1. "Four _____"

NOTE: "Winds" in figurative language, describe the destructive havoc as seen in storms, tossing waves, loss of life, misery, and many kinds of trouble.

3. If these four winds should be let go, what would happen to the earth, sea, and trees?
   Rev. 7:1-3._____

NOTE: When the four restraining angels let go, horrible calamities will follow that would affect the entire earth, the sea, the trees and earth's vegetation. It is the seven last plagues which specifically mention such devastation of plant life, the sea, and general destruction. Apparently, these restraining angels are holding back the seven last plagues for good reason. We need to know what these angels are waiting for before the winds blow!

Part 4. The Sealing Angel

4. What did John then see ascending from the east, coming up from the horizon like the rising sun? Rev. 7:2. _____

6. What does the angel from the east have or bring with him? Rev. 7:2_____
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Part 5. The Seal Of The Living God

Note: Why will the 144,000 need the "Seal of the Living God" before the seven last plagues are poured out? The 144,000 will face a situation which has never occurred before in the history of the world. When every name has been entered into the Lamb's book of life, Christ's work in the Most Holy place of the heavenly sanctuary will be finished there. He will take off His priestly robes and put on the "garments of vengeance." (This is what the martyrs were calling for in the 5th seal—"Avenge our blood," and it is in the seven last plagues that such vengeance occurs.) When Jesus steps out of the Most Holy Place of the sanctuary, He takes His place on the "great white cloud," (the space ship that will take His people to heaven) to direct the seven last plagues. At that time, there will be no Mediator in the sanctuary! How will the 144,000 live through the plagues without a Mediator? It is the "Seal of the Living God" which will enable them to live without a Mediator and be alive to see Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven.

What is a "seal"? When preserving food, it is sterilized, and ***sealed*** in a metal can. When a letter is written, and the message is not to be changed until it is received, it is ***sealed*** in an envelope. A seal preserves in good condition that which is to be protected from spoilage. The "Seal of the living God" is known by several different terms, each describing a special facet of the work which Jesus does for each individual to prepare him spiritually to live through the seven last plagues without a Mediator and even more:--to inhabit a perfect world and to enter into a sinless society for all eternity. (See Dan. 9:24.)
The sealing work will be a demonstration to the entire universe that Christ has the power to preserve His people from sin and that sin will never rise again through all eternity. If there is one truth which Satan hates more than others, it is this, because it will end his access to the people of God forever.

The Seal of the Living God reveals the various facets of the work which Jesus will do for the 144,000 before probation closes These terms and their explanations are as follows:

"The Seal of the Living God"

The "**Final Intercession**" The final prayer of Jesus for His people.
The "**Day of At-one-ment**" Sin will no longer separate man from God. They will be one.
The "**Cleansing of the Sanctuary**" Records of sin will be removed in heaven and from the minds of God's people.
The "**Investigative Judgment**" The legal process by which each person is retained.
The "**Blotting Out of Sin**" The blood of Christ atones and blots out all records of sin.
The "**Change of Raiment**" Humanity will wear Christ's robe of righteousness.
The "**Marriage**" The legal process as seen in a "Marriage Certificate."
The "**Refreshing**" The outpouring of the Holy Spirit to do the sealing work.
The "**Finishing of the Work**" The completion of God's grace in the soul.

7. Thought Question. Could the 144,000 live through the seven last plagues unaffected by such disasters without the Seal of the living God? _____

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NOTE: As a jar of fruit must be sealed to preserve it, so the 144,000 are sealed to preserve them to be translated at the coming of Jesus without seeing death.

8. Are the "Day of Atonement" (Lev. 16) and the "Day of Judgment" the same thing?

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NOTE: The Jews, in celebrating "Yom Kippur" or "Day of Atonement," also refer to it as "The Day of Judgment" In Israel, at the end of the "Day of Atonement," the people greeted each other with handshake saying, "May you have received a good **seal**"!

9. Is "The Marriage" an "At-one-ment"? Gen. 2:24._____

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Step 5. The Blotting Out of Sin

10. Is the "Blotting out of sin" and the "Change of Raiment" referring to a final disposal of sin in the lives of God's people (the 144,000)? Zech. 3:3,4. _____

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11. What does the prophet have to say regarding the Seal of God in all of its facets which makes a final and complete eradication of sin in the ***minds*** of the 144,000? See the following quotations _____

As in the final atonement the sins of the truly penitent are to be **blotted** from the records of heaven, **no more to be remembered or come into mind,** so in type they were borne away into the wilderness, forever separated from the congregation." *Patriarchs and Prophets* p. 358.

12. Will the records of sin be blotted out from God's mind, or the minds of God's people? _____

"They **cannot bring to mind any particular sins,** but in their whole life they can see but little good. Their sins have gone beforehand to judgment, and pardon has been written. Their sins have been **borne away into the land of forgetfulness and they could not bring them to remembrance."**

***III Spiritual Gifts* p.** 135.

Note: Nothing is impossible with the Creator God. As He placed in Adam an adult thought pattern, as at the tower of Babel, He placed in many minds a complete new language pattern; He is well able to erase the memory of confessed, forsaken, and forgiven sins.

But while they have a deep sense of their unworthiness, they have no concealed wrongs to reveal. Their sins have gone beforehand to judgment, and have been **blotted out, and they cannot bring them to remembrance."**

The Great Controversy p. 620.

13. Thought Question: Does the "Seal of the Living God" give the 144,000 "Holy flesh" or is this a work which is accomplished in their minds? Rev. 7:4.

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Part 6 The Sealing of the Tribes of Israel

14. Are the "twelve tribes" that are sealed of the nation of Israel today, or are they another covenant people? Gal. 3:27-29, Rev. 12:17. _____

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Note: The name, "Israel" means "prince of God." The name, "Jacob" meant "cheater." When Jacob overcame his selfishness, God changed his name. Ancient "Israel" was given the Mt. Sinai Covenant which lasted only until A.D. 34. (See Dan. 9:25) Then the gospel commission and covenant relationship was transferred to the Gentile Christian church. Today, "Israel" refers to all those who, by Christ's power, have overcome self, so that God has changed their name to become "prince of God"—heirs of the kingdom.

15. Does the keeping of the true seventh-day Sabbath have anything to do with the Seal of the living God? Ex. 31:12-18. _____

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Note: The "Seal of the living God" will be placed upon those who are justified and sanctified through the living power of the blood of Jesus Christ. They will be in complete harmony with the entire law of God, including the keeping of the Sabbath commandment. The true Sabbath has been for a "perpetual covenant" throughout all generations. The seventh-day Sabbath is the "sign" or seal of God's people in contrast to the false sabbath or "mark" of the authority of the "beast" of Rev. 13 and 14.

Part 7. The Great Multitude

16. Who, besides the 144,000, will be around God's throne? Rev. 7:9._____

NOTE: Many *assume* that the "great multitude" is a separate group apart from the sealed 144,000. They say that the "great multitude" will be those who come out of Babylon as a result of the Loud Cry message given by the 144,000. This brings up many questions to which no inspired comment gives us the exact answer. How could the "great multitude" go through the seven last plagues, or be prepared for heaven without the seal of God? Or will they all be martyred? (God forbid.) Or will they become a part of the 144,000? Since there seems to be no inspired statement at hand, regarding the "great multitude," it is better to leave that question open or to view them as the saved of all ages.

Part 8. Perfection of Character

17. In what will God's people be clothed? Rev. 7:13._____

18. How have their robes (characters) been made white? Rev. 7:14. _____

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19. From what have they come out? Rev. 7:14._____

20. What are their rewards? Rev. 7:15-17._____

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Part 9. The Seventh Seal

21. After the "Interlude," after the 144,000 are safely sealed, then what? Rev. 8:1.

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22. What was the last question asked in the sixth seal? Rev. 6:17._____

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Note: That question, "Who shall be able to stand?" is answered in Revelation, chapter 7 which describes the 144,000. It is also answered by a statement in the seventh seal.

Part 10. The Period of "Awful Silence"

23. What happens at the time of the 7th seal, and the Second Coming of Jesus? Rev. 8:1.

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Note: Let an inspired writer answer that question as follows:

> "Soon there appears in the east a small black cloud, about half the size of a man's hand...The people of God know this to be the sign of the Son of man. In solemn silence they gaze upon it as it draws nearer the earth, (page 640) becoming lighter and more glorious, until it is a great white cloud...(page 641) Before His presence... The righteous cry with trembling: **'Who shall be able to stand'**? [sixth seal] The angels' song is hushed, and there is a period of ***AWFUL SILENCE*** [the seventh seal explains that is 'about the space of half an hour,' Rev. 8:1]. Then the voice of Jesus is heard, saying, 'My grace is sufficient for you.'...The King of kings descends upon the cloud, wrapped in flaming fire. The heavens are rolled together as a scroll...every mountain and island is moved out of its place." *The Great Controversy* p. 640-642.

Note: The inspired prophet ***connected the 6th and 7th seal***, as a question and its answer belong together. Past prophetic expositors regarding the half hour of silence have openly admitted that they did not know exactly to what the "half hour of silence" referred. It is wise to permit an inspired prophet to answer such questions!

Please refer to the chart, **"The Eight MajorVisions of Revelation."** The second vision illustrated by the vertical column is now completed. Lesson 8 will begin with the "Heavenly Scene" No. 3 in the next column.

NOTES

LESSON 8
AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SEVEN TRUMPETS
(Rev. 8)

Part 1. Uninspired Numbering of Chapters and Verses of Revelation Cause Confusion

Revelation, Chapters 6 and 7, and 8:1 are one unit on the Seven Seals. The seventh seal extends into Chapter 8:1. It was the translators of the Bible who supplied the chapter and verse numbering and these men were not inspired. The Seven Seals unit would have been recognized more easily if the first verse of Chapter 8 (the seventh seal) had been included with Chapters 6 and 7. Chapter 8, verse 2 begins another unit on the Seven Trumpets which extends to the end of Chapter 11. The numbering of chapters and verses, throwing the seventh seal over into chapter 8, has caused much confusion!

Part 2. An Introduction to the Seven Trumpets "Basic Prophetic Outline"

1. How many angels does John see in Rev. 8:2?_____

2. What was given to these seven angels? Rev. 8:2. _____

NOTE: The seven angels are given seven trumpets but they are not commissioned to sound these trumpets yet. Even in Rev. 8:6 they are still "**preparing** themselves to sound." Not until Rev. 8:3-5 is fulfilled, can these seven angels with their seven trumpets get prepared to sound. Not until the censer is thrown down—not until the close of probation will these seven trumpets begin to sound. There are many "pseudo scientific" speculative ideas circulating regarding the horrors of the seven trumpets, placing at least some of them before the close of probation, but it is the structure with its plain, clear Bible statements which gives the correct time frame for the beginning of these seven trumpet events.

Part 3. "Heavenly Scene" No. 3

3. What does the prophet John see in "Heavenly Scene" No. 3 ? Rev. 8:2-6.

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Note: Each "Heavenly Scene" reveals ***Jesus***. The book of Revelation is a revelation or "revealing" of Jesus. The third "Heavenly Scene" is consistent and reveals Jesus as an "angel" (the *archangel* of Jude 9 and Dan. 10:13). He is seen ministering as the Great High Priest, standing at the altar with His golden censer.

4. Where was the "angel" Jesus standing? Rev. 8:3. _____

Note: The "golden altar" was in the first apartment or "Holy Place" of the sanctuary, where Jesus began His Mediatorial work. The incense and smoke from the golden altar in the Holy Place wafted upward, over the curtain and came into the Most Holy Place to the Shekinah or Presence of God. It affected both apartments of the sanctuary. Also, the golden censer was taken from the Holy Place on the "Day of Atonement" into the "Most Holy place" of the sanctuary. (We are now living in the antitypical Day of Atonement.)

This "Heavenly Scene" No. 3 of Revelation 8:2-4 provides an assurance that when Jesus began His work in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary in A.D. 1844, He also continued His mediatorial work for His people. His "final intercession" however is done for His people in the Most Holy place as He seals them into the Lamb's book of life.

Part 4. The Ministration of Jesus in the Heavenly Sanctuary

5. What does He have in His hand? Rev. 8:3. _____

6. What is burned in the censer? Rev. 8:3,4._____

NOTE: "Incense" is a perfume which, in the process of burning, gives off fragrance. It is often used to cover offensive odors. As the sins of God's people are confessed these offenses are covered by the "incense" of Christ's sacrifice and His righteousness.

7. With what are the prayers of saints covered? Rev. 8:3._____

8. As the incense and the prayers ascend upward, before whom do they come? Rev. 8:4._____

NOTE: Since 31 A.D. Jesus has ministered as our Great High Priest serving as our Mediator or (middle man) between repentant sinners and God, the Father. He has continued His intercession along with His work in the Most Holy Place since A.D. 1844 and still continues presently to offer salvation to all. (See Heb. 8:1-7.)

Part 5. A Change of Action in the "Heavenly Scene"

9. With what does the "angel" Mediator suddenly fill the censer? Rev. 8:5_____

NOTE: The censer, no longer filled with incense to cover the prayers of the saints, will be filled with fire!

10. Is final punishment or judgment ever described as "fire"? Rev. 14:10.

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Rev. 14:18,19. _____

Rev. 18:8,18. _____

Song of Solomon 8:6_____

Note: The warning in the third angel's message of Rev. 14:9 and 10 is against "fire" and is concerning the "wrath of God" which is the seven last plagues. (See Rev. 15:1.)

11. To what place will the censer, filled with fire, be thrown down? Rev. 8:5.

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Note: It is this earth on which the seven last plagues and trumpets will fall.

Part 6. The Inspired Timeframe for the Throwing Down of the Censer

12. In what timeframe does the prophet see this action taking place? See Reference below: _____

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Note: There is much confusion and controversey over the meaning of the seven trumpets. Many are determined to make the trumpets into warnings to the world before probation closes. They cannot bear to see God close probationary time.

> "I saw...An angel...reported to Jesus that his work was done and the saints were numbered and sealed, (the 144,000 sealed and numbered). Then **I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the ten commandments, *THROW DOWN THE CENSER*.** He raised His hands, and with a loud voice said, "It is done." *Early Writings p. 279.*

NOTE: When Jesus, who has been ministering as Mediator, declares "It is done," it indicates that He no longer has the censer in His hands, but has thrown it down; that His work as Mediator is done, and that the judgments of God as described in the seven last plagues are about to fall. This is called **"The Close of Probation."**

Part 7. The Close of Probation Will Be Followed by Seven Last Plagues

> "It was impossible for the plagues to be poured out while Jesus officiated in the sanctuary, but as His work there is finished...there is nothing to stay the wrath of God..." *Early Writings p. 280.*

13. After the censer is thrown down and probation is closed, what is the next action to take place? Rev. 8:6._____

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NOTE: Neither plagues nor trumpets occur before the Close of Probation. The Bible itself sets the timeframes for both trumpets and plagues. The "Basic Prophetic Outline" always follows the "Heavenly Scene." "Heavenly Scene" No. 3" specifies that the first of the Seven Trumpets begins after the Close of Probation, and "Heavenly Scene" No. 6 will place the Seven Last Plagues also after the Close of Probation.

Part 8. The Correlation of Trumpets and Plagues

14. If both the plagues and trumpets occur after the Close of Probation, is there any connection between them as specified by Scripture itself? Rev. 9:20.

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15. Thought Question: If the trumpets occur after the censer is thrown down; after the close of probation, could they be warnings to the wicked to repent?_____

NOTE: Trumpets were used in Israel for various purposes: Not only were they used as warnings of approaching judgments, and as calls to worship, but also as signals in ***battle***.

16. Is there any war or battle spoken of in the seven last plagues? Rev. 16:14,19.

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17. Is there any war or battle spoken of in the seven trumpets? Rev. 9:7.

_____

NOTE: The seven trumpets are ***battle trumpets***, announcing the advancing actions leading up to the Battle of Armageddon.

NOTE: If the Bible is its own interpreter then it should be studied, not only "line upon line, here a little and there a little," (Isa. 28) and also, "timeline upon timeline" or "Basic Prophetic Outline" upon "Basic Prophetic Outline"! Then the plagues and trumpets should interpret each other. Each part of Scripture throws light on other parts. If the Bible student will put aside the theories and assumptions of man, permitting the plagues and trumpets to interpret each other, a flood of light and solid understanding can be obtained. The plagues tell **WHAT** happens, but the trumpets tell **WHEN, WHERE, WHY, and HOW.** The trumpets explain **CAUSE and EFFECT** which throws much light on the plagues.

Part 9. Trumpet No. 1 "Hail, Fire, and Blood"

18. When the first trumpet angel sounds, is "***fire***," mentioned in the golden censer which is "thrown to the earth"? Rev. 8:7. _____
"And the first angel sounded, and there followed hail and _____mingled with blood"

Note: The true Creator God is a "consuming fire." It is Satan who, in false religions, claims to be the "fire god." In Egypt, the plagues were aimed against the things which the Egyptians worshipped. In the trumpets, they all have to do with fire in one way or another—against those who have chosen to worship the "fire god" on his burning Sun-day.

19. Has such an event ever happened before? Ex. 9:23,25,31._____

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NOTE: The first plague (Rev. 16:2) indicates that there will be "sores" which are "noisesome" (stinking and painful.) The first trumpet does not mention the sores. It would seem at first glance, that there is no connection between the first plague and the first trumpet. But it must be recognized that Revelation, chapter 16 plague texts do not give causes and that it is the trumpets which add this kind of information.

It is possible that something in the hail and fire of the first trumpet initiates these sores mentioned in the plagues. It is also wise to remember that in the 5th seal the martyrs are crying out, "Avenge our ***blood***." (Rev. 6:10.) The first trumpet is that of "hail, and fire mingled with ***blood***. The sores of the first plague could also be caused by an infection of the **blood**.

20. Are there any similarities between the following plagues and trumpets? This question will be answered in the next section. You may wish to read through the Seven Trumpets (Rev. 8-11) and the Seven Plagues (Rev. 16) to see if you find any similarities between them, before continuing this study. You may list what you discover in the space below:

Similarities

Trumpets	**Plagues**

Part 10. The Relationship Between Trumpets and Plagues

Note: A "Table of Comparison Between Trumpets and Plagues" follows: Please examine this Table of Comparisons carefully to discover the linkage between the two.

TABLE OF COMPARISONS BETWEEN TRUMPETS AND PLAGUES

PLAGUES	TRUMPETS
1. See the Previous Note	1. See the Previous Note
2. "poured out his vial upon the SEA... Rev. 16:3. became as the BLOOD of a dead man;"	2. "...cast into the SEA..." Rev. :8:8. the sea became BLOOD,"
3. "RIVERS and FOUNTAINS of waters became blood." Rev. 16:4.	3. "...fell upon the RIVERS and FOUNTAINS" Rev. 8:10.
4. "the SUN...scorched men with fire." Rev. 16:8.	4. "the SUN was smitten." Rev. 8:12.
5. "the seat of the beast was full of DARKNESS." Rev. 16:10	"a third part of them was DARKENED." Rev. 8:12
6. "...he gathered them together... The BATTLE" Rev. 16:14.	5 "like unto horses prepared unto BATTLE...many horses running to BATTLE" Rev. 9:7 and 9.
7. "a great VOICE...Babylon came in" Rev. 16:17,19.	6. " a VOICE...the Euphrates [Babylon]" Rev. 9:13,14.
"voices, thunderings, lightning earthquake, hail." Rev. 16:18,21.	7. "voices, lightnings, thunderings, earthquake, hail." Rev. 11:19.

If, from the comparisons above, there is revealed a relationship between plagues and trumpets, then the timing and meaning of the trumpets becomes relatively simple. Lesson 9 will continue a study of trumpets 2-5.

Your comments may be written in the space provided below.

21. Thought Question: Is the book of Revelation a jumble of unrelated and unfathomable ideas or is there linkage and a logical, orderly pattern in the book which can be traced?

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Part 11. The Forward Movement of Action in the Book of Revelation

Note: Please refer to the chart at the front of the workbook, titled "The Eight Major Visions of Revelation." Look carefully at the forward movement of the book. That forward movement may be observed in two ways: First, there is a forward movement in each vertical column complete in itself. In the first column, the action moves from A.D. 31 on down to the Laodican church of A.D. 1844 of our own day.

In the second vertical column, the action moved from A.D. 1844 to the Second Coming of Jesus. (Each column is a unit on its own.) The forward movement may also be observed on a horizontal plane. In the "Heavenly Scenes" the action has moved from A.D. 31 to A.D. 1844—the beginning of the Investigative Judgment, and on to the Close of Probation or the Ending of the Investigative Judgment, and then into the trumpet-plagues.

HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLE

The Forward, Progressive Movement of the Bible

1. **From Genesis to Revelation**
2. **In the Four Visions of the Book of Daniel**
3. **In the Eight Visions of Revelation**
4. **In each "Basic Prophetic Outline**

LESSON 9
TRUMPETS 2, 3, 4 and 5
(Rev. 8)

Part 1. The "Literal Approach"

Past prophetic expositors have treated the seven trumpets of Revelation 8 and 9 as if they were written in prophetic **symbolic** language. There is, however, an hermeneutic principle, stated by a prophet, which must be taken into consideration at this time. It is known as **"THE LITERAL APPROACH."** It is as follows:

THE HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLE OF
Literal and Symbolic Language Context

"The language of the Bible should be explained according to its obvious meaning, unless a symbol or figure is employed."
The Great Controversy p. 599.

"Every declaration of Scripture is to be taken in the most obvious and literal sense except where context and the well-known laws of language show that the terms are figurative, and not literal, and whatever is figurative must be explained by other portions of the Bible..." ***The Great Controversy*** **p. 599. See also** ***A Symposium on Biblical Hermeneutics, Review and Herald Publishing Association 1979 Washington D.C.***

A close scrutiny of the language of Revelation 8 and 9 reveals that there is no prophetic symbolism, but rather names or titles, and simile or metaphor, which are simply *comparisons*. Therefore, the statements concerning the trumpets should be understood as simple comparisons. This literal approach enables the prophetic expositor to view the seven trumpets in an endtime application, and the very structure of the book of Revelation with its third "Heavenly Scene" places the third "Basic Prophetic Outline" of the seven trumpets *after* the close of probation.

Part 2. The Close of Probation—A Review of Rev. 8:5

Please review the chart at the front of the workbook. Look at "Heavenly Scene" No. 3.

1. What did John see happening in the third "Heavenly Scene"? Rev. 8:1-5.

   _____

2. Thought Question: Is the close of "probationary time" past or future? _____

3. Thought Question: Is the "close of probation" for each individual down here on earth different from the "close of probation" when Jesus closes the books in heaven?

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4. After Jesus closes the books of records in heaven, and His kingdom is made up, what does it say will occur in Rev. 8:5? _____

Part 3 A Review of the Structure of Revelation

Does a future application of the seven trumpets fit into the structural pattern of the book of Revelation? Study the chart below to give your answer._____
Note the Forward Movement in time from A.D. 31 to the close of probation.

"Heavenly Scenes" and Their Following Prophetic Outlines

Heavenly Scene No. 1	**Heavenly Scene No. 2**	**Heavenly Scene No. 3**
Rev. 1	Rev. 4,5	Rev. 8:5
Jesus-Mediator A.D. 31	Jesus-Advocate A.D. 1844	Jesus Throws Down the Censer (Close of Probation)
Holy Place Ministry	*Most Holy Place Ministry*	
	Investigative Judgment Begins----------Ends	Investigative Judgment
7 Letters Outline	***7 Seals Outline***	***7 Trumpets Outline***

5. Is there any inspired comment on the seven trumpets which verifies the concept that the action takes place in the future? See the reference which follows:_____

"Solemn events **before us are yet to transpire. TRUMPET AFTER TRUMPET IS YET TO BE SOUNDED."** *Ltr. 109. 1890. Ellen G. White. SDA BC Vol. 7 982.*

Part 4. TRUMPET NO. 2
Volcanic Action: "The Sea Became Blood"

6. Under Trumpet No. 2 what causes the "sea" (ocean) to become "blood"? Rev. 8:8.
"a great _____"

7. What do we call a "*mountain* burning with fire" ? A_____
Explain why. _____
_____
_____

NOTE: Volcanic action creates mountains and can actually cause large islands to appear. Volcanoes produce lava and gases to emerge from the bowels of the earth. The Bible does not say, "cast down" or "cast up," but obviously, a volcano is "cast" (up) from the ocean floor. Literal *mountains* do not fall from space but are eruptions from the earth itself.

8. Under Trumpet No. 2, "a third part" is mentioned three times. Earth's three oceans are: _____, _____, _____

NOTE: "A third part" may refer to the fact that there are three great oceans: the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian oceans. Apparently, only one of these is affected under the second trumpet, and would be similar to the volcanic "ring of fire" which occurred in the Pacific Ocean, forming the islands.

Part 5. TRUMPET NO. 3
A Meteor: "Rivers and Fountains of Waters Made Bitter"

9. Under Trumpet No. 3 (Rev. 8:9) another kind of devastation is described. What do we call "a star burning like a lamp" which falls from the sky?_____

NOTE: Meteors cause tremendous damage. The larger they are, the more damage occurs. The earth's "crust" and moving plates already are in dangerous condition, with reccurring earthquakes.

10. What is to be affected with this future event? Rev. 8:10,11.
_____
_____

NOTE: "[A] third part of the waters," referring to rivers and fountains of waters (Rev. 8:11) could affect a whole continent.

11. Make a comparison of Plague 2 (Rev. 16:3.) to Trumpet 2 (Rev. 8:8.)
Do they both affect the ocean in the same way?_____
Does the Trumpet give added information as to the cause and effect?
_____

12. Make a comparison of Plague 3 (Rev. 16:4-7.) and Trumpet 3 (Rev. 8:10,11.) Does Plague 3 give the physical cause as to why such a terrible judgment should occur? _____
Why? _____

13. Does Trumpet 3 explain the physical cause for the disaster? _____
Why? _____
_____
_____

Part 6. TRUMPET NO. 4
The "Sun,...Moon.... Stars....Smitten ...Darkened"

14. What three things are affected under Trumpet No 4 ? Rev. 8:12. _____
_____ _____

15. What happens when these heavenly bodies are "smitten"? _____

16. How long is "a third part of a 12 hour night" ? _____hours

17. How long is "a third part of a 12 hour day" ? _____hours

18. Therefore, how long will the darkness last when added together? _____hours.

Part 7. A Comparison between Trumpet 4 and Plagues 4 and 5

19. Does Trumpet No. 4 give added information to Plague No. 5? Rev. 16:10,11. _____

20. Does Plague No. 5 add to the picture, telling of men's response? _____
Thought Question: Why do they not repent? _____

Part 8. The Forward Movement of Action in the Book of Revelation

NOTE: In Rev. 7:3 the Sealing Angel says, "Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." But as soon as God's people are sealed, and probation closes, in Rev. 8 the Trumpets begin. They describe those devastations which will hurt the earth, the sea, and the trees or vegetation. Trumpets and plagues affect the bodies of men, then the ocean, then rivers and fountains of waters, and then heavenly bodies. The book of Revelation is written with a precise forward movement and action.

Part 9. "Abbadon" and "Apollyon" The Destroyer in the Trumpets-Plagues

21. Has God suddenly vented His anger upon this last generation to "get even" with them and is He the one who brings these terrible judgments upon the earth? Has His character suddenly changed from a God of love to one of retaliation?
James 1:17_____

22. If God is still a God of love, who is behind all this terrible action described in the trumpets of Revelation 8-11? Rev. 9:11. _____

Note: The name, Abbadon, and Apollyon mean "The Destroyer" or Satan. There is general consensus that the trumpets are the work of Satan, but there is much misunderstanding of the relationship of trumpets to the plagues because many believe that the plagues are destructive actions by God. It should be remembered that God is the Creator but Satan is the Destroyer! God is in complete control of the plague demonstration and therefore the plagues are described as the "wrath of God." It is Satan who is active in the plagues as well as in the trumpets. Notice the explanation of this fact by the inspired prophet as follows:

> "As Jesus moved out of the most holy place, I heard the tinkling of the bells upon His garment; and as He left, a cloud of darkness covered the inhabitants of the earth. There was then no mediator between guilty man and an offended God. While Jesus has been standing between God and guilty man, a **RESTRAINT** was upon the people; but when He stepped out from between man and the Father, **the restraint was removed and *SATAN had entire control of the finally impenitent.*** It was impossible for the plagues [trumpets] to be poured out while Jesus officiated in the sanctuary; but as His work there is finished, and His intercession closes, there is nothing to stay the wrath of God, and it breaks with fury upon the shelterless head of the guilty sinner..." *Early Writings,* p. 280.

Part 10. The Restraints Removed

23. What happened to Job when God removed the "restraints"? Job 1:6-11._____
_____
Job 2:7._____

24. Is this the same as the action of Plague No. 1? Rev. 16:2._____

25. What are the seven last plagues (trumpets) called? Rev. 15:1._____

26. How is "the wrath of God" defined in Scripture? Rom. 1:18, 24,26, 28.
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_____
_____

NOTE: Let us remind ourselves that the Bible is its own interpreter. We must permit the Bible to define the "wrath of God." as it does in Romans 1:18, 24, 26. There it explains that God "gave them over" or "God gave them up." He does not force the will, but gives them up to the master they have chosen. Those who are sealed receive the Seal of the Living God, but those who received the mark of the beast, have chosen the Master they served, Satan. Therefore Satan has complete control over the wicked during the plagues-trumpets.

CONCLUSION
The Great Dual Demonstration

Never before, has the universe seen a demonstration in which certain restraints are removed from Satan. The Plagues-Trumpets are a demonstration of the malignancy of Satan as the restraints are removed one by one. All the accusations against God must be proven to be false, and the character of Satan must also be demonstrated fully before the Second Coming of Jesus. It will be devastation to planet earth. But during that same time, another demonstration will be going on to show that God's law can be kept. As revealed in the Interludes of Revelation, the 144,000 will be sealed and protected, will witness, and finally will be exonerated.

LESSON 10

TRUMPET NO. 5

"The Gathering of the Kings to the Battle of Armageddon"

(Revelation 9:11)

Review and Preview

The first four trumpets describe Satan's relentless attacks on planet Earth. Volcanic action in the ocean, so that its water and resultant weather systems are disturbed, will cause sea life, and many men to die. Hail, fire, and destruction from the sky will ruin fresh water supplies. Even the sun, moon and stars are smitten and horrible darkness follows. Trumpet No. 5 describes evil angels with a king over them called, "Abaddon," "Apollyon," (The Destroyer) or Satan. God removes further restraints, so that Satan and his evil angels may force by torment evil men to gather the kings of the earth together to the battle of Armageddon for the purpose of legislating a universal Death Decree to destroy the people of God, the 144,000, (Rev. 13:15).

Part 1. Abaddon—Apollyon---Lucifer---Satan

1. Is the "star" which falls from heaven under Trumpet No. 5, a heavenly body or a person? How do you know? Rev. 9:1 "...I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to _____was given the key to the bottomless pit."
   Who saw this "star" fall from heaven? Luke 10:18 _____

2. Satan is known by many names. List them from the verses below and Rev. 9:11
   Rev. 12:9._____ _____ _____ _____
   Isa. 14:12._____ _____
   Eze. 28:14._____ _____
   Rev. 9:11._____and_____

NOTE: Satan's many names describe his work. "Lucifer" means "lightbearer" as he was first commissioned by God. "Son of the morning" refers to the time he was created in the "morning," early in the process of creation. As a "covering cherub" his position at the very throne of God is revealed. His appearance as "serpent," with a forked tongue designates his ability to lie and deceive. When he is spoken of as the "great red dragon" he is a persecutor. When called a "beast" in Rev. 17:7,8,11,13 he is revealed as he will personate Jesus whose title is "King of kings," at which time he will reign visibly over the entire world. (A "beast," in prophetic symbolism, represents an empire with its titular head. Dan. 7:17.) Under Trumpet No. 5, his names as "Abaddon" or "Apollyon" mean "Destroyer." Hindus know the destroyer as "Shiva" or Satan.

3. Why is Satan described as a "star" which fell from heaven? Rev. 1:20._____
   _____

Note: A "star" represents an angel. Satan is an angel.

4. When Satan fell from heaven, who were cast out with him? Rev. 12:3,4,7-9.

_____

NOTE: Trumpet No. 5 describes the work of Satan and his *evil angels*. After the close of probation, "Satan had [will have] complete control of the impenitent." Wicked men and evil angels work together to bring about the legislation of a world-wide death decree.

Part 2. The Key to the Bottomless Pit

5. Under Trumpet No. 5, what is given to Satan? Rev. 9:1._____

_____

6. What opposite action happens during the 1000 years after Jesus comes? Rev. 20:1-3.

_____

NOTE: A "key" will ***lock and unlock***. In Revelation 20 Satan is "locked up" but in Rev. 9:1 he is given the key to unlock the hold of evil angels to send them forth to torment men.

7. Where do the evil angels come from? Rev. 9:1. _____

NOTE: Satan is called "the angel of the bottomeless pit" Rev. 9:11. The "bottomless pit," when applied to the earth, refers to a state of chaos or dark state of disorganization or confusion. When applied to Satan and his angels it refers to an invisible dimension or realm in which he and his evil angels exist in which there is evil, deceit, and ***darkness***.

Part 3. The "Everlasting Chains of Darkness."

8. What is meant by "everlasting chains" in Jude 6?_____

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NOTE: God is in control of the situation. The "everlasting ***chains***" refer to the **RESTRAINTS** which God has placed upon Satan and his evil angels. At the time of the trumpets-plagues, God will remove these restraints, one-by one, for the purpose of the **Great Demonstration** to the universe as to what sin will do to a planet in rebellion. The seven trumpets and seven plagues reveal, in one disaster after another, the malignity and rage of Satan and his evil angels; first against the earth itself. At last in Trumpet 5 (Plague 6), Satan and evil angels, working through the wicked, seek to destroy the people of God. It is Satan's determination, if he cannot destroy the people of God by physical disasters in the first four trumpet-plagues, he will turn the political situation under the 5th trumpet to one in which legislation can be devised to put them all to death at one time, thus fulfilling the Rev. 13:15 prophecy by a Universal Death Decree.

Part 4. Evil Angels Compared to a Swarm of Locusts

9. How is the release of the evil angels described as God takes away His restraints? Rev. 9:2._____

10. Why would these evil angels be likened to "locusts"? Rev. 9:3._____

NOTE: In many lands, locusts appear as a great cloud on the horizon which darken the sun, arriving by millions. Rev. 9:1-3 would appear to indicate that, not until the 5th trumpet, has God ever permitted evil angels to emerge in such numbers upon the earth.

11. In the fifth trumpet, do these evil angels attack the vegetation? Rev. 9:4._____

Part 5. Protection in the "Seal of the living God."

12. Who, especially are protected from their tormenting power? Rev. 9:4._____

13. Describe the torment that Satan and evil angels bring upon the wicked to force them to do their bidding. Rev. 9:5._____

Part 6. The "Five Months" of Torment

14. How long are they permitted to torment men until they accomplish their purpose? Rev. 9:5,10?_____

15. What is the reaction of the wicked to this horrible situation? Rev. 9:6._____
_____

16. How is this terrible torment described in Rev. 9:12? A _____
_____

Part 7. "Running to [the] Battle" of Armageddon

17. In Revelation 9:7 and 9 these evil angels are also described as "horses." What are the "horses" doing? _____
To what battle are they going? Rev. 16: 14 and 16 _____
"The battle of the great _____

NOTE: In the sixth plague, Rev. 16:12-13-16, only the ***gathering*** action is described. The battle itself does not begin until the seventh plague begins. Again in the fifth Trumpet, they are only "***running to***" battle. The actual battle action is yet to come. In the sixth plague they are called "unclean spirits," (Rev. 16:13) and "spirits of devils" (Rev. 16:14) "which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world to **gather them to** the battle."

18. How long does it take for the evil angels to get the united action from the wicked to legislate a universal death decree? Rev. 9:5 and 10. _____

Note: At the time of the enforcement of Sunday laws with all the martyrdoms and bloodshed, many people will live in fear for themselves and their loved ones and register revulsion at the bloodshed. The wicked, who are self-serving, will be extremely difficult for evil spirits to bring into line. It would appear that the problem of "unifying" the wicked to legislate a Universal Death Decree against God's people will require "five months" and extreme measures of "scorpion's stings" by evil angels to bring about that decree. (However, none of the 144,000 die during the trumpets-plagues.)

Part 8. Evil Angels Work on "Kings" to Get Political Action

19. On their heads were "crowns like gold" Rev. 9:7. With whom, especially, do these evil angels work? Rev. 16: 14._____

NOTE: The nature of the gathering action has long been a mystery. Conjecture has advanced many theories. When Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, evangelists declared that the battle of Armageddon had already begun with the east against the west! While some declared that it was a literal battle to be fought in a valley, others saw in the name, "Armageddon," a Hebrew word, "**Har**-mageddon" meaning "a ***mountain*** or "mount of confrontation" or " place of troops"! While some saw it as a confrontation between kings, others saw it as a "gathering" or unification of all the kings of the earth. Others assumed that an oil crisis and other troubles in the Middle East would precipitate Armageddon. Was it to be a spiritual or physical or political battle? Not until the Bible is permitted to interpret itself by structure, and by aligning trumpets and plagues, permitting them to interpret each other, and by consistent and strict application of correct hermeneutic principles, can this puzzle be solved. A correct endtime application reveals that "Armageddon" is a gathering of "kings" or heads of state into unity for the purpose of legislating a Universal Death Decree against the people of God.

Part 9. Demons in Human Form

20. If these evil spirits have "faces as the faces of men " what does this signify? Rev. 9:7._____

NOTE: Demons, even now, in spiritist seances appear visibly. When given permission by God they will appear visibly to the whole world. The following inspired statement reveals the fact that demons have appeared visibly in the past, and therefore it is possible that they may do so again in the future..

> "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? Pilate asked. Again the surging multitude roared like demons. Demons themselves, in **human form,** were in the crowd." *Desire of Ages* p. 733.

Part 10. The Glory, Beauty, and Cruelty of Demons

NOTE: "The hair of women" and "teeth as the teeth of lions" are similies. (Rev. 9:8) When simile is used, the words, "like" or "as" merely signify a comparison, not symbolism, and do not need symbolic interpretation.

21. If a woman has long hair, what is it to her? I Cor. 11:15. _____

NOTE: Evil angels, while tormenting men, may still appear in glory and beauty.

22. Thought Question: What does a lion do with his teeth?_____

NOTE: The "teeth of lions" remind us of the cruelty and power over his prey.

23. What physical force is employed by the demons to bring the world and all its kings into alignment? Rev. 9:5,10._____

Part 11. Satan, "King" of Demons

24. By whom are the evil angels controlled and who is their "king"? Rev. 9:11.

_____

Note: The fifth trumpet is a description of Satan and his host of evil angels engaged in a gathering action to bring the whole world and all of its rulers into a unity of mind which is described in Rev. 17:13. "These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast." Rev. 17:13. When God removes the restraints, it takes "five months" to bring these kings and the inhabitants of earth into a position to legislate a Universal Death Decree against the people of God. They are gathered, not to fight each other, but to fight against those who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus and the testimony of Jesus. The action is physical, spiritual, and political!

A NUMERICAL ALIGNMENT OF PLAGUES AND TRUMPETS

Trumpet	1		
		Plague	1
Trumpet	2	Plague	2
Trumpet	3	Plague	3
Trumpet	4	Plague	4
		Plague	5
Trumpet	5	Plague	6
Trumpet	6	Plague	7
Trumpet	7	(Plague	7)

LESSON 11
TRUMPET NO. 6 and the "FALL OF BABYLON"
(Revelation 9:12-17)

Part 1 An Overview of the Trumpets-Plagues

The book of Revelation reveals Jesus in His many offices and roles working to establish His kingdom, and it also exposes Satan in his various attempts to establish a kingdom here on this planet. Revelation gives marvelous insight into the great controversy between Christ and Satan, and especially focuses on the closing scenes of this earth's history which is the "***Drama*** of the Ages." The last act of the drama reaches its climax in Trumpets 5, 6 and 7, and in the corresponding Plagues 6 and 7. On stage, such a climactic peak is called the "**coup d' theater,**" pronounced "*koo d' theater.*" The word, "coup" means "a blow" or sudden stroke of action which brings about a reversal or upset of power. A new situation takes over. In actual historical conflicts, a change in government is called a "**coup d'etat**," pronounced "*koo d'tah.*" Trumpets 1-4 (Plagues 1-5) set the scene of intense stress. In Trumpet 5 (Plague 6) the forces of evil are gathered together to destroy the people of God, but no battle action has yet taken place.

It is in Trumpet 6 and Plague 7 that the battle action begins. Both begin with the "coup d' theater" stroke of action which is known as "***The Voice of God***." Just as the wicked are ready to strike, God makes the first move! "The Voice of God" action will occur so that God's people are delivered. The tables are turned! It is "the battle of that great day of God Almighty," also known as the battle of "Armageddon." It will be in this battle that "The Fall of Babylon" will occur.

Part 2. TRUMPET NO. 6 "The Voice of God" Deliverance

1. What action begins the sixth trumpet? Rev. 9:13. "And the sixth angel sounded and I heard a _____from the four horns of the golden altar which are before God."

2. What action begins the seventh plague? Rev. 16:17. "And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great _____ out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying "It is done."

NOTE: The **VOICE OF GOD** comes from the "four horns of the golden altar" (Rev. 9:13), which are in "the temple of heaven, from the throne" of God. (Rev. 16:17)
Let an inspired prophet describe this battle action:

"When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honor the law of God there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. As the time appointed in the [death] decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect...With shouts of triumph, jeering, and imprecation, throngs of evil men are about to rush upon their prey, when, lo, a dense blackness, deeper than the darkness of the night, falls upon the earth. Then a rainbow, shining with the glory from the throne of God, spans the heavens, and seems to encircle each praying company. The angry multitudes are suddenly arrested. Their mocking cries die away. The objects of their murderous rage are forgotten. With fearful forebodings they gaze upon the symbol of God's covenant and long to be shielded from its overpowering brightness...It is at midnight that God manifests His power for the deliverance of His people. The sun appears, shining in its strength. Signs and wonders follow in quick succession. The wicked look with terror and amazement upon the scene, while the righteous behold with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance...In the midst of the angry heavens is one clear space of indescribable glory, whence comes ***the voice of God*** like the sound of many waters, saying: 'It is done.' Revelation 16:17. *The Great Controversy* p. 636.

Part 3. "It is Done"

3. What does the "Voice of God" say? Rev. 16: 17_____ _____ _____

NOTE: The fifth trumpet (sixth plague), reaches the climax of persecution of God's people in an attempt to annihilate them altogether. The "gathering" action of the fifth trumpet and sixth plague bring the kings of the earth into a unified decision and the legislative enactment of a world-wide or Universal Death Decree. But just as that decree is about to go into effect, the "Voice of God" delivers the righteous people so that *all their persecutions* are brought to an end. For this reason the "Voice of God" declares, "It is done." Rev. 16:17. (Other events follow between the Voice of God and the Second Coming of Jesus to be viewed in following questions.)

Part 4. The Four Angels Bound in the River Euphrates In Babylon

4. To whom is the "Voice of God" also addressed? Rev. 9:14. "the four_____

_____

NOTE: The number "four" again, as in Revelation 7:1, refers to "four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds" of destruction. After the "Voice of God" deliverance, terrible destruction covers the entire earth as revealed further in Trumpet No. 6.

5. Where are the four restraining angels bound? Rev. 9:14. _____
   Through what country did the Euphrates river run?_____

Part 5. "The Fall of Babylon"

NOTE: "Babylon," as an empire, no longer exists today. The term, "Babylon" as used in the book of Revelation, comes from the word, "Babel," and denotes confusion. "Babylon," today, refers to spiritual confusion encompassing the entire gamut of false religion all over the whole world. These four angels of destruction are loosed all over the world. As soon as the "Voice of God" is heard, these forces (four winds of strife) are released. The battle *action* of Armageddon happens during the 7th plague and corresponding 6th trumpet. The first action is the "Voice of God" and the next action is the releasing of the four angels of destruction affecting the entire world.

6. Does Revelation describe the endtime "Fall of Babylon"? _____
   (See Rev. 17:15-18 and Rev. 18:5-24.) _____

7. Thought Question: Can any human power bring down Babylon? _____
   _____

Part 6. A Preset Date for the "Fall of Babylon"

8. When will these destructive forces be unleashed? Rev. 9: 15_____
   _____

NOTE: "An hour, and a day, and a month, and a year" are ***not*** to be added together or to have the Year-day Principle applied. This is a literal context. The original language indicates that this is a specific date appointed beforehand. God already knows the exact time when this event will occur! It is a ***preset date***. These events will occur on schedule. The KJV Bible is not as clear on this point as are most other translations. For example, the New English Bible says, "So the four angels were released who had been held ready for **this moment, for this very year and month, and day and hour."**

9. Thought Question: Does God have a "calendar" and "schedule" for everything that happens? What about the "Voice of God"? What about the Second Coming of Jesus? What about the close of probation? _____
   _____
   _____

10. What is the result of this destruction? Rev. 9:15. (last part) _____
    _____

Part 7. The Battle Array

11. How many wicked enemies surround God's people seeking to put them to death? Rev. 9:16._____ **or two hundred million.**

Note: John said, "I heard the number of them." Rev. 9:16.

12. Of what other group of persons did John also say, "I heard the number of them"? Rev. 7:4_____

NOTE: At Armageddon, the 144,000 are far outnumbered by the wicked.

Part 8. The Destructive Work of Evil Angels

13. What did the "horses" in Rev. 9:7-9 describe?_____
What do the "horses" in Rev. 9:17 describe?_____

NOTE: The descriptive language continues from Trumpet 5 on into Trumpet 6, so that **evil angels** are consistently likened to "horses," and there is a marvelous consistency so that the Bible is its own interpreter. In Trumpet 5 the evil spirits are "running to battle" and in Trumpet 6 they are actually in battle. Evil angels and evil men are described as evil horses with riders on them. Together they produce terrible destruction.

Part 9. Nuclear War Let Loose

14. What did John see issuing from the "horses and them that sat on them"? Rev. 9:17.

_____

_____

15. How many will be killed throughout the world by this "fire, and smoke, and brimstone."? Rev. 9:18. _____

NOTE: "Fire, smoke, and brimstone" reminds us of the "mushroom cloud" of nuclear warfare. All during the "cold war" angels held back nuclear warfare. Presently, the nations are multiplying their efforts to arm themselves with more nuclear weapons and implements of war. On that preset date, the four restraining angels let go!

16. Thought Question: In your opinion, do you think that Satan and evil angels would pass up the opportunity to use all the nuclear weapons that have been produced?

_____

Note: After the "Voice of God" deliverance , God's restraining angels will let go, (which are now "bound up,)" so that this planet will display the wreckage of Satan's rage.

17. Thought Question: Why did not the prophet John simply call it "nuclear war"?

_____

NOTE: The prophet, John, had never seen modern implements of war such as explosives, guns, nor any kind of bombs. He understood that it was living beings:--evil angels and wicked men behind all of this devastation, but it was extremely difficult for him to explain what he was seeing. His description of "fire, smoke and brimstone" is no surprise to those who live in the endtime of scientific developments, both good and evil.

Part 10. The Tainted Air Cleansed

18. How would a nuclear "fall out" in the air affect God's people and what will God do about that? _____

Note: An inspired prophet has given an excellent description of how God will cleanse the air, protect the 144,000, and the resurrected dead from such contamination..

> "In the day of His coming, the last great trumpet is heard, and there is a terrible shaking of earth and heaven. The whole earth, from the loftiest mountains to the deepest mines, will hear. Everything will be penetrated by fire. The tainted atmosphere will be cleansed by fire. The fire having fulfilled its mission, the dead that have been laid away in the grave will come forth...All the righteous are untouched by flames. They can walk through the fire, as Shadrack, Meshach, and Abednego walked in the midst of the furnace...The Hebrew worthies could not be consumed, because the form of the fourth, the Son of God, was with them. So in the day of the coming of the Lord, smoke and flame will be powerless to harm the righteous. Those who are united with the Lord will escape unscathed. *"The Upward Look"* p. 261.

Part 11. "The Three Woes"

19. What is this 6th trumpet action of world-wide destruction called? Rev. 9:12.

_____

20. How many woes are there? Rev. 9:12. _____

Note: The 5th trumpet wherein evil angels torment men for five months is the first woe. The terrible destruction of the 6th trumpet is called the second woe. Future lessons will explain the 7th trumpet which is the third woe.

Part 12. "The Fall of Babylon" in "One Hour"

21. What does the world-wide destructive action of the sixth trumpet cause? Rev. 18:10, 17, 19. _____.

22. How long does it take for Babylon to fall? Rev. 18:10, 17,19. _____

23. Is the name, "Babylon" symbolic? _____
    Is the context therefore symbolic? _____
    Is the time element therefore also symbolic? _____
    What principle is used to convert symbolic time to literal time? _____
    _____
    How many literal days does that symbolic "one hour" represent? _____

Note: Just divide a 360 day Bible year by 24 literal hours in a day to get the answer of ***15 literal days*** to accomplish the "Fall of Babylon."

24. How long does it take for the entire seven plagues to fall? Rev. 18:8. _____

Note: A symbolic "day" represents a whole 360 day year in which all seven last plagues will occur. But the "One hour" for the fall of Babylon under the seventh plague will take only 15 literal days.

Part 13. "The Three Parts of Babylon"

25. Of how many parts is Babylon constructed? Rev. 16:13. _____

26. Into how many parts is Babylon divided when she falls apart? Rev. 16.19. _____

27. Thought question: Why do the wicked not repent? Rev. 9:20.21.

_____

_____

28. What are the trumpets called in Rev. 9:20?_____

Note: The *trumpets* are referred to by the inspired prophet, John, as "*plagues*." This, along with so many other linkages, should settle the question of the relationship between plagues and trumpets. The words of the Scriptures came from God. However, there are some today, who are intrigued by the idea that a kind and loving God would send these trumpets to warn the world before probation closes! There are other theories which propose that the trumpets are accomplished by Satan, but that God in *anger*, sends the plagues. They do not understand either the character of God, nor the purpose of the demonstration before the universe. Some suppose that the trumpets happen first, and the plagues follow. Only by laying aside all human conjecture, by observation of the structure of the book Revelation, and by permitting the plagues and trumpets to interpret each other with the Bible being its own expositor, can truth be found regarding these matters.

CONCLUSION
Trumpets-Plagues Expose Satan's Ultimate Claims as False

By the time the 6th trumpet and 7th plague have occurred, the unfallen beings throughout the universe will know what Satan would have done to their planets if God had not restrained him to this earth. Satan's assertions, complaints and accusations against God will have been proven utterly false, and that he has left in his path nothing but utter ruin.

LESSON 12
INTERLUDE NO. 2
The 144,000 Witness That "Time Shall Be No Longer"
(Revelation 10)

Part 1 The Consistent Structure of the Book of Revelation

The "Basic Prophetic Outline" of Trumpets 1-6 is presented in Revelation, chapters 8 and 9. But chapter 10 inserts an "Interlude" between Trumpet 6 and Trumpet 7. This is consistent with the structure of the entire book of Revelation. Not until chapter 11, does the 7th trumpet occur which is the "Eschatological Culmination"—Endtime event. This is consistent with the structure of the book of Revelation in its treatment of the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of the seven seals and the remaining "Basic Prophetic Outlines" to the very end of the book. The six "Interludes" consistently bring to view the 144,000. Within the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of Rev. 7, (of the seven seals) "Interlude" No. 1 described the 144,000 who will be *sealed* to live without a Mediator during the Trumpets-Plagues. The "Interlude" No. 2 in Revelation 10, will reveal the work or witness of the 144,00 prior to the close of probation. (The "Interludes" are not part of the "Basic Prophetic Outline," but an interruption or "injection" into it, and do not follow in the sequence of the "Basic Prophetic Outline.") The six "Interludes" in the book of Revelation all consistently refer to the sealing, witnessing and vindication of the 144,000.

Part 2. The Primary Application of Revelation 10 to the Advent Believers in the A.D. 1844 Era

For more than a century, Revelation 10 has been applied to the experience of the people who suffered the Great Disappointment in A.D. 1844. That entire chapter was explained by *inspired* comment indicating that the "little book" of Rev. 10:2 referred to the prophecy of Daniel 8:14 with its timeline of 2300 year-days which extended from 457 B.C. to A.D. 1844. The phrase in Rev. 10:6 declaring that "there should be time no longer" referred to the ending of the timeline of Dan. 8:14. The "eating" of the "little book" of Rev. 10:8-10, referring to the Dan. 8:14 prophecy, described the eager acceptance of the "Present Truth" for that day. In turn, that message was proclaimed to the then-known world. In regard to Rev. 10:8-10, the message of the soon coming of the Savior was "sweet...in the mouth," as it described the great joy of the Advent people as they anticipated the soon coming of their Savior. But the prophecy that it would be "bitter in the belly" described the 1844 disappointment when Jesus did not return as expected. The last verse of Rev. 10:11 was understood to be the commission to give the three angels' messages of Rev. 14 to all the world. That was a valid application which gave much encouragement to the saints in that generation. It was of primary importance to them. Now the question comes up, Does Revelation, chapter 10, when viewed as an "Interlude," have another application pertinent to the endtime?"

Part 3. The Primary Application of Revelation 10 to the Last Generation

It is an inspired prophet who indicates that a prophecy has a dual application. It is a fact that the same prophet who applied Revelation, chapter 10 to the 1844 experience, has also given that same passage a future application as follows:

> "[Revelation] **Chapter 10.** The mighty angel who instructed John was no less a personage than Jesus Christ. Setting His right foot on the sea, and his left upon the dry land, shows the part which He is acting in the ***closing scenes*** of the great controversy with Satan. This position denotes His supreme power and authority over the whole earth. The controversy has waxed stronger and more determined from age to age and will continue to do so, to the ***concluding scenes*** when the masterly working of all the powers of darkness ***shall reach their height***. Satan, united with evil men, ***will deceive the whole world*** and churches who receive not the love of the truth. But the mighty angel demands attention. He cries with a ***loud voice***. He is to show the power and authority of His voice to those who have united with Satan to oppose the truth." *MS 59, 1900. 7 SDA BC 971.*

This particular quotation, written in 1900, pointed forward to "closing—concluding" scenes of the future in connection with a "***loud voice***" or future "loud cry."

It is the endtime application that is of primary importance to the last generation. It is extremely important now that the Bible student understand each verse of this entire chapter with its primary application to future events. God has revealed to the last generation the marvelous structure of the book of Revelation, with its "Interludes" so that the last generation may recognize "Present Truth" for our own day.

The Revelation, chapter 10 "Interlude" describes the message that will be given by the 144,000 in the power of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which will swell into the "Loud Cry" of Rev. 18:1-4. An endtime Loud Cry message will be "***sweet***" in the mouth as it proclaims that Jesus is "even at the door." (It will **not** give the day and hour for the Second Coming, but gives light on events which go before it.) After the "Loud Cry" will follow those "***bitter***" trials of persecution and the terrors of the seven trumpets—plagues..

Part 4. The "Loud Cry" Angel of Rev. 10 and 18

1. In the "Interlude" of Revelation, Chapter 10, what does John see? Rev. 10:1.
   "And I saw another _____ _____ come down from heaven."

2. What similar scene is found in Revelation, Chapter 18:1.
   "And after these things I saw _____ _____ come down from heaven."

3. Compare Rev. 10:3 with Rev. 18:2.
   Do both scenes show an angel which comes down from heaven?_____
   Do both angels come in glory and light?_____
   Do both angels cry out a message with a loud voice or Loud Cry?_____

4. Who does this mighty angel represent? (See previous quotation) _____

5. How loud will be this "Loud Cry"? Rev. 10:3._____
   _____

Part 5. The "Seven Thunder Voices"

6. What then, did John hear regarding this "Loud Cry" message? Rev. 10:3
   "...and when he had cried, _____ _____
   uttered their _____."

Part 6. Revelation 10 and Daniel 12 "Sealed Up" Until the Endtime

7. What was John told was the reason as to why he was not to write down what he heard when the seven thunder voices were uttered in his vision? Rev. 10:4 "And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, _____ _____ those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not."

8. What other portion of prophecy was also sealed in like manner? Dan. 12:9. And (5-13).
   _____
   _____
   _____

Note: The entire book of Daniel was sealed in Dan. 12:4. Each generation had to wait until current events revealed the meaning of the prophetic outlines. For example, King Nebuchadnezzar knew that another kingdom would arise, but not until his grandson, Belshazzar was defeated, did he know for *sure* that the second kingdom would be that of the Medo-Persians. In every age, it has been current events which unlocked the secrets of Daniel: the identity of each "beast"—empire, the meaning of the ten horns, the identity of the "little horn," and at last the three timelines of Daniel 12:5-13.

9. The whole book of Daniel was sealed in Dan. 12:4. What was sealed in Dan. 12:5-13? (See the following note) _____

Note: In Dan. 12:9, it is not the "book" of Daniel that was sealed, but the "***words***" of Dan. 5-13!

10. What is included in the "words" of Dan. 12:5-13? (See the following Note)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Note: Dan. 12:5-13 includes three timelines. There is one timeline mentioned in verse 7, there is another timeline mentioned in verse 11, and a third timeline is mentioned in verse 12. Please write these timelines in the spaces provided in question 10.

Part 7. The Seven Timelines in the Book of Daniel

THE SEVEN TIMELINES IN THE BOOK OF DANIEL

1.	**Seven Times (Years)**	**Dan. 4:16**	**Nebuchadnezzar's Humiliation**
2.	**"Time, Times, Dividing of Times"**	**Dan. 7:25**	**Medieval Papal Supremacy**
3.	**2,300 Day (Years)**	**Dan. 8:14**	**Investigative Judgment Began**
4.	**Seventy Weeks (490 Years)**	**Dan. 9:24**	**Mt. Sinai Covenant Ended**
			Gentile Ministry Began
5.	**"Time, Times, and an Half"**	**Dan. 12:7**	**Holy People Persecuted**
6.	**1290 Days**	**Dan. 12:11**	**Healed Papal Head Reigns**
7.	**1335 days**	**Dan. 12:12**	**The "Wait" for Deliverance**

Part 8. The Last Three Timelines in the Book of Daniel

Note: The last three timelines in the chart above are the "words" which were ***sealed*** in Dan. 12:9. These three timelines answer the question: "How long shall it be to the ***end of these wonders***"? Dan. 12:6.

The "End"

The word, "end" Hebrew "*getes*" pronounced *kates,* [as used in Daniel 12] means "the utmost end" or "border edge" or "termination point" [of time].
See *Strong's Analytical Concordance*

These three sealed up timelines were to be unsealed only in the "end" or endtime to give courage and hope to the people of God when they would most need them. But timelines are of no value unless it is known how to begin and end them.

Part 9. Timelines Begin and End With A Fulfilled Prophecy and a Decree or "Speaking *Voice*" of Legislative or Judicial Action

11. How did the seven year timeline in Daniel 4 begin?
    A. Dan. 4:16,17 "...let seven times pass over him; This matter is by the _____ the watchers."
    Dan. 4:23,24 "...seven times pass over him; This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the _____ of the most High."
    B. Dan. 4:31 "While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a _____ from heaven.
    C. Dan. 4:33 "The same hour was the thing [prophecy] _____."

HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLE

Biblical Timelines Begin and End With A Fulfilled Prophecy, A Decree or "Speaking Voice" Which Is Legislative or Judicial Action

Note: An "Hermeneutic Principle" is recognized when it works every time!

Part 10. The Rule of First Mention Daniel 4 Sets A Precedent

There is a "***Rule of First Mention***" which indicates that the way an author uses a word or term, or procedure the first time in his book, that same word or method may be understood to have the same use throughout the book. Therefore, it may be understood that just as a "voice" began the seven year timeline for Nebuchadnezzar, "speaking ***voices***" begin and end the seven timelines in the entire book of Daniel. For example, the "time, times, and a dividing of time" of Dan. 7:25 began with a "speaking voice" of Justinian, emperor of Rome who wrote a ***decretal*** letter, beginning that timeline. The 2300 day-years also began with a ***decree*** to rebuild Jerusalem in 457 B.C. It is therefore reasonable to understand that all seven timelines, and especially the last three in Dan. 12 will begin and end with "speaking ***voices***" or legislative decrees.

HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLE

The Rule of First Mention
An Author Determines How to Apply His Own Writings Correctly
His First Use of a Word Defines How It May Be Used Throughout His Book

Part 11. Proof That Timelines Begin and End with "Speaking *Voices*"

12. Did the 1260 day-year timelines of Dan. 7:25 and the 2300 day-year timeline of Dan. 8:14 end with a "speaking voice" or decree which was legislative or judicial action?

_____

Note: The 1260 day-year timeline ended with executive judgment action of Napoleon when he captured the Pope in 1798, brought him to France, and put him in prison where he died. The 2300 day-year timeline ended with the judicial action of heaven's court with the beginning of the Investigative Judgment. The timelines of Daniel, begin and end with *speaking **voices*** which are the legislative and judicial action of government on earth or in heaven, and these legal actions are known as ***decrees***. Timelines also begin and end with a ***fulfilled prophecy***. Daniel is a sealed prophecy and Revelation is the unsealing of it. Daniel and Revelation must be studied together. The sealed timelines are in Daniel, but the "speaking voice" prophecies yet to be fulfilled are in Revelation 13, 16 and 17.

Part 12. The "Speaking Voices" Which Begin and End the Timelines of Daniel 12 Are the "Thunder Voices" of the Seven Thunders of Daniel 10:4

Note: The seven thunder "speaking **voices"** of Revelation 10:4 **mark the ending of the prophetic timeline of Daniel 8:14, and the beginnings and endings of the prophetic timelines of Daniel 12:5-13.** The thunder ***voices*** of Revelation 10 are the "speaking ***voices***" of Revelation, chapter 13:11,5, 5, and chapter 16:17,18. The first thunder voice was heard proclaiming the ending of the 2300 day-year prophecy of Daniel 8:14 leading up to 1844. The other six thunder voices mark the beginning and ending of the prophetic timelines of Daniel 12:7,11 and 12 which now "throw a flood of light on events, then to transpire" [just before the Second coming of Jesus].

Part 13. The Message of the "Loud Cry" Is That "*Time Shall Be No Longer*"

13. What is the message of the angel [Jesus Christ] of Rev. 10:1,2,whose authority extends over land and sea, to be proclaimed in the future "Loud Cry"? Rev. 10:5,6 (last part). "And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and things, which are therein, that _____
_____."

14. Thought Question: What is there about the three timelines of Dan. 12 that would indicate that "time should be no longer"? _____
_____
_____
_____

15. Thought Question: Will the three timelines of Dan. 12:5-13 be a part of the "Loud Cry"? _____

_____

_____

Part 14. The Seven Thunder Voices Relate to Future Events Which Begin and End the Timelines of Dan. 8 and 12

16. What did the prophet say regarding the seven thunder voices in connection with the book of Daniel? (See the quotation below.) _____

_____

_____

"After these seven thunders uttered their voices, the injunction comes to John as to Daniel in regard to the little book: 'Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered.' These relate to ***future events*** which will be disclosed in their order. Daniel shall stand in his lot at the end of the days. John sees the little book unsealed. ***Then Daniel's prophecies*** have their proper place in the first, second, and third angels messages *to be given* to the world. The unsealing of the little book was the message in relation to ***time***. The books of Daniel and the Revelation are one." *MS.* 59, 1900. SDA BC 7, 971.

Note: There are seven thunder voices. There are only three timelines that have a beginning and ending, which totals only six "voices." What is the other voice? The setting for the above quotation makes very clear the fact that a thunder voice was first involved in the ending of the 2300 day timeline in A.D. 1844. The seven thunder voices proclaim those events involved with the ending of the Investigative Judgment and those events pertinent to the final crisis.

The 144,000 Give The "Loud Cry"
"*Time Shall Be No Longer*"
THE SEVEN THUNDER VOICES BEGIN AND END THE TIMELINES IN DANIEL 8 AND 12

Voice No.		Timeline	Fulfilled Prophecy	Date	Event
Voice 1	Ended	2300 Years (Dan. 8)	Dan. 8:14	1844	Began Investigative Judgment
Voice 2	Begins	1335 Days (Dan. 12)	Rev. 13:11	Future.	National Sunday Law USA
Voice 3	Begins	1290 Days	Rev. 13:5	Future	Reign of the "Beast" Begins
Voice 4	Begins	1260 Days	Rev. 13:5	Future	World-wide Sunday Law
Voice 5	Ends	1335 Days	Rev. 16:17	Future	Deliverance--The Voice of God
Voice 6	Ends	1260 Days	Rev. 13:15	Future	From the Death Decree
Voice 7	Ends	1290 Days	Rev.16:18	Future	The Fall of Babylon

LESSON 13
The Interlude of the Third Vision. The 144,00 Witness in The Three Angels' Messages Swelling into the "Loud Cry" "Time Shall Be No Longer"
(Revelation, Chapter 10)

Part 1. The Three Angels' Messages Swell Into a "Loud Cry"

The Three Angels' Messages Will Swell Into The "Loud Cry"

"A message will soon be given by God's appointment that will swell into the Loud Cry. Then Daniel will stand [future] in his lot to give his testimony."
Ltr. 54, 1906. 2 MR 20.

"These [seven thunder voices] relate to future events which will be disclosed in their order...in relation to time. Then Daniel's prophecies will take their proper place in the first, second, and third angels' messages to be given [future] to the world." 1 MR. 99. SDA BC Vol. 7. 971.

1. What three messages will swell into a "Loud Cry"? Rev. 14:6-14.
   A. "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, have the _____ _____ to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation and tongue, and people, Saying with a ***loud voice*** _____ _____ and _____ _____ _____ _____; for the _____ of his _____ _____ _____: and _____ _____ that made heaven, and earth, and the sea and the fountains of waters.

   B. And there followed another angel, saying, "'_____ _____ _____, is _____ because she made _____ _____ drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

   C. And the third angel followed them, saying with a ***loud voice***, If any man _____the _____ and his _____ and receive his mark in his _____, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the _____ _____ _____ which is poured out without mixture..."

Note: The messages of the "Loud Cry" are given in Revelation 14. They are amplified in Revelation 18:1-4. They are predicted in Revelation 10:4.

Part 2. The Three Timelines of Daniel 12 Will Swell Into The "Loud Cry"

2. What other book of the Bible contains that which will swell into a "Loud Cry" or a special message that will be given by God's own appointment? _____

3. What chapter in the book of Daniel will swell into a "Loud Cry"? _____

4. What in the 12th chapter of Daniel will swell into a "Loud Cry"? Dan. 12:7,11,12. The three _____

Part 3. Daniel and Revelation Are One

Note: The three timelines of Daniel 12 are a prophecy and Revelation is the unsealing of that prophecy. The Seven Thunder Voices of Rev. 10:4 simply verify the "speaking voices" which begin and end the three timelines of Daniel 12. Revelation 14 gives the specific details of the messages to be given to the world, and Revelation 18 reveals how those messages will swell into the "Loud Cry," the last message to be given before the close of probation.

5. Thought Question: How would you explain the unity between Daniel and Revelation using II Tim. 3:16 _____
_____
_____

Part 4. The Third Angel's Message of Revelation is One With The 1290 and 1260 Literal Days of the Daniel 12 Timelines

The three timelines of Daniel 12 are actually a ***part of*** the Third Angel's message. How? The third angel's message of Rev. 14 warns against the "beast" and his "mark" and the Dan. 12 timelines tell exactly how long that "beast" will reign before he will come to his end and none shall help him! The timelines of Dan. 12 explain exactly how long the "beast" will persecute God's people. The timelines, when united to the prophecies of Revelation, throw a flood of light on those events which will begin the reign of the "beast" and end it. The timelines of Dan. 12 throw light on the specific events which begin and end the persecution by the "beast."

6. Thought Question: How would you defend the concept that the same message can be found in two different books of the Bible, one in the Old Testament, and one in the New Testament using Isa. 28:9-13? _____
_____
_____
_____

Part 5. "Time Shall Be No Longer"

The context itself and the language of Revelation 10, when viewed in the most literal sense describes a **final** prophetic message known as the **"LOUD CRY."** Revelation 10 calls attention to a message yet to be proclaimed which sounds like **thunder**, like the roar of a lion, (verses 3 and 4). It declares, in the most literal sense that *probationary* "***TIME SHALL BE NO LONGER*****." (verse 6).** It also means that all prophecy or "*prophetic*" time will soon be fulfilled, that earth's *historical time* will soon be ended, and eternity will begin. The Loud Cry will be "sweet as honey," (verses 9-11) but bitter in its results of persecution and martyrdoms. It is a message that will go to "many nations, and tongues, and kings" (verse 11). Revelation, chapter 10 was given an application in 1844, appropriately referring to the close of the 2300 day-years timeline of Daniel 8:14. At that time, the "prophetic time" (line) of Dan. 8:14 ended. But now, its primary application (of *first importance* to us) applies in the most literal sense to the future fulfillment of the three timelines of Daniel 12:5-13. The message of the "Loud Cry" is that when those three timelines of Dan. 12 are fulfilled, in every sense "Time Shall Be no Longer."

7. Thought Question: In your opinion, was the ending of the 2300 day-year timeline of Dan. 8:14 as important to us today, as the ending of the three timelines of Dan. 12?

   _____

Part 6. The "Loud Cry" Brings The "Final Harvest"

8. What indicates that the three angels' messages of Rev. 14:6-14 will be repeated and swell into a "Loud Cry" or final harvest? Rev. 14:14-19.
   Rev. 14:14 "...and in his hand was a _____ _____
   Rev. 14:15 "And another angel came out of the temple, cring with a ***loud voice*** to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy _____and _____,
   for the _____of the earth is _____ _____
   Rev. 14:16. ....and the earth was _____
   Rev. 14:17 "And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a _____ _____
   Rev. 14:18 "And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a ***loud cry*** to him that had the _____ _____,
   saying, Thrust in thy _____ _____ and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully _____ _____
   Rev. 14:19 And the angel thrust in his _____ into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the _____ of _____ [the seven last plagues.]

9. Is that same picture revealed in the Old Testament? Joel 3:13? _____
   "Put ye in the _____, for the _____ is _____

10. In what time setting is that sickle and harvest scene revealed in Joel 3:14-16?

_____

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Part 7. The Revelation 10 Interlude "Loud Cry" Warning of the "Final Crisis"

11. What critical event will initiate the "Loud Cry" warning that we are in a final crisis? Rev. 13:11 _____

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Note: The two horned "beast" [to be identified in detail in the Lesson on Revelation 13] will "speak" or legislate religious laws which bring about the persecution predicted in the Dan. 12:7 timeline.

12. Thought Question: How could such legislation occur in the United States where we have a Constitution that prohibits a union of church and state, and guarantees that no religious persecution is allowed? _____

_____

13. What kind of religious legislation could possibly take place in a country like the USA? What are Protestant and Roman Catholic churches wanting at the present time?

_____

Note: John Paul II has issued an encyclical letter, titled *dies Domini* in which he calls for all men in all nations to keep Sunday as a holy day. Protestant churches are in favor of such legislation and many bills for Sunday sacredness have come before Congress.

Note: A National **Sunday Law** will violate the principles of the US Constitution. The fourth commandment of the Ten Commandment Law of God states that the seventh day is the Sabbath (Saturday not Sunday). The legislation of a National Sunday Law in the US is the "speaking voice" of Rev. 13:11, that begins the 1335 day timeline of Daniel 12:12. A similar Universal Sunday Law of Rev. 13:5, (which will extend to the whole world under The ***New World Order*** with its United Religious Initiative), will be the "speaking voice" which will begin the 1260 and 1290 day timelines of Daniel 12:7 and 11.

14. What "speaking voice" begins these 1260 and 1290 timelines of Daniel 12:7 and 11? Rev. 13:5._____

15. Is there a warning against such a legislative "speaking voice"? Rev. 14:9-12.

_____

16. Who is behind such a blatant disregard for the Ten Commandments of God? The _____of Rev. 13:1-10.

Note: This warning message of Revelation 14 is called the **THIRD Angel's Message.** There are also first and second angels' messages which direct the mind to the true seventh-day Sabbath as a memorial in honor of the God of Creation.

17. How does the first angel's message of Rev. 14:7 and Rev. 10:6 call attention to the seventh-day Sabbath?_____

_____

18. Does the second angel's message call attention to and describe false religions which disregard the Ten Commandment Law of God and replace them with manmade laws? Rev. 14:8. _____

19. What is the name of such false religions? Rev. 14:8. _____

20. Will this warning be repeated in the **LOUD CRY?** Rev. 18:1-4.

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CONCLUSION

Revelation 10 is an "Interlude" between Trumpets 6 and 7 which describes the Loud Cry that is yet future. That "Interlude" is the message, to be given by the 144,000, which is the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12. Those three messages will be repeated and "swell into a loud cry" in the power of the angel of Rev. 18:1-4. That which will give power to the message will be the Daniel 12 timelines. That Loud Cry in essence are the warnings of Matt. 24, Rev. 13 and 14, and Dan. 11 and 12, all of which cry out:

"TIME SHALL BE NO LONGER" !

"TIME SHALL BE NO LONGER" Rev. 10:6
Has Four Valid Applications

1. "***Prophetic Time***" ended in 1844.
   (The "prophetic time"-line of the 2300 symbolic days of Dan. 8:14 ended in 1844.)
2. "***Prophetic Time***" will end again in the future
   (The "prophetic time"-lines of the 1260, 1290, and 1335 literal days of Dan. 12:6-12 will be fulfilled.)
3. "***Probationary Time***" will end after the Loud Cry of Rev. 10 ends the gospel commission of Matt. 24:14.
4. "***Historical Earth Time***" will end when eternity begins.

Note: The application given to Rev. 10 pertaining to 1844, was limited to the Dan. 8:14 timeline, but the primary endtime application is more expansive including the end of all things.

LESSON 14

The Primary Application of Revelation, Chapter 11

Part 1. The "Eschatological Culmination" of the Third Vision Rev. 10:7

Note: The "Eschatological Culmination" of the third vision is stated briefly in Revelation 10:7. It says that in connection with the 7th trumpet "...***the mystery of God should be finished***." The "Eschatological Culmination" of the *third* vision leads right into a description of the seventh trumpet. The details connected with the seventh trumpet are the subject of the entire *fourth* vision.

A Review Question: What is the endtime message which must all be fulfilled before the "Eschatological Culmination" or Second Coming of Jesus can occur? Rev. 10:4.

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Dan. 12:5-13._____

Part 2. The Inspired Dual Application of Revelation, Chapter 11

Since 1800, many prophetic expositors and theologians applied the eleventh chapter of Revelation to the French Revolution and Reign of Terror. Under the inspiration of God, one wrote extensiveiy on this chapter, applying Revelation 11 to the French Revolution in great detail, as published in *The Great Controversy,* Chapter 15, pages 265 to 288. But that same author also gave Revelation, chapter 11 a dual application of endtime significance as follows:

> **"Let all who would understand the meaning of these things read the eleventh chapter of Revelation. Read every verse and learn [about] things that are *YET TO TAKE PLACE IN OUR CITIES*," Ltr. 158. 1906, Ellen G. White.**

Today, it is this endtime application which is of primary (first) importance to us. To arrive at a valid endtime application of Revelation 11, it is necessary to understand and be guided by the structure of the book of Revelation as follows:

Part 3. *TWO MAJOR LINES OF PROPHECY IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION*

The book of Revelation is divided into two equal parts, each of which is called a "***Major Line of Prophecy.***" Revelation, chapters 1-11 form the first *Major Line of Prophecy.* Chapters 12-22 form the second *Major Line of Prophecy* illustrated as follows:

The Two Major Lines of Prophecy in the Book of Revelation	
The First Major Line of Prophecy	*The Second Major Line of Prophecy*
Revelation, Chapters 1-11	Revelation, Chapters 12-22

In the first *Major Line of Prophecy* (Rev. 1-11), the action begins in chapter 1, in A.D. 31 with Jesus walking among the candlesticks as He ministers in the Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary. The action ends in chapter 11 at the Second Coming of Jesus.

In the second *Major Line of Prophecy* (Rev. 12-22), the action begins in chapter 12 with the rebellion and fall of Lucifer, extending to his destruction in the lake of fire and to the creation of the new earth (Rev. 21 and 22).

In the first *Major Line of Prophecy* (Rev. 1-11), there are four visions, each of which presents a "Heavenly Scene" so that there are four "Heavenly Scenes." The last four "Heavenly Scenes" are found in the second *Major Line of Prophecy* (Rev. 12-22). Please refer to the chart titled, "**The Eight Major Visions in the Book of Revelation**." Please notice the red line down the center which divides the book in half into the two *Major Lines of Prophecy.*

The first *Major Line of Prophecy* (ch. 1-11), extends from the first coming of Jesus to the Second Coming. The second *Major Line of Prophecy* extends from the fall of Lucifer until his destruction and the creation of the new earth. Although the second *Major line of Prophecy* is longer, many events within the two lines can be aligned with each other. It is the structure of the book of Revelation which gives validity to an endtime application of the eleventh chapter.

Part 4. The *ALIGNMENT* of the Two Major Lines of Prophecy In Revelation

The two *Major Lines of Prophecy* in Revelation **ALIGN** with each other, and can be super-imposed, one upon the other. It is true that the first *Major Line of Prophecy* (Rev. 1-11) is shorter than the second *Major Line of Prophecy* (Rev. 12-22). However, there are corresponding events within, such as the sealing of the 144,000 (chapter 7) in the first *Major Line of Prophecy;* which ***align*** with the same event described in chapter 14 in the second *Major Line of Prophecy.* There are other interlocking events, such as the Close of Probation in chapter 8 of the *First Major Line of Prophecy* and chapter 15 of the *Second Major Line of Prophecy.* These numerous alignments link the two *Major Lines of Prophecy* together, forming a "grid" or framework, which places the seven seals, seven trumpets, seven plagues, and many other events into their **correct endtime applications.**

Further lessons on Chapters 12-22 will bring this alignment into clear focus. Revelation 11 ends the *First Major Line of Prophecy*..

Part 5. Endtime Application Rest Upon Past Applications

Revelation, chapter 11, John's fourth vision, brings the first *Major Line of Prophecy* to its end, bringing to view the final events which occur before the Second Coming of Jesus. The last generation will be amazed to see the endtime application fulfilled in every detail right before their eyes. The past historical application was valid and is fundamental to the endtime application. A past application and a correct endtime application do not discount each other. A new or endtime application is merely an extension or unfolding of added information. This fact is stated in an inspired hermeneutic principle as follows:

HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLE
"New Truth Is Not Independent of the Old"

"In every age there is a new development of truth, a message of God to to the people of that generation. The old truths are all essential; new truth is not independent of the old, but an unfolding of it. It is only as the old truths are understood that we can comprehend the new."
***Christ's Object Lessons* 127.**

Note: Whereas the "old truth" or old application of Revelation 11 was concerning the first reign of the Papacy, the "new truth" or new-endtime application of Revelation 11 is concerning the second future reign of the Papacy and its persecuting power. (The characters are the same) Whereas the old application brought to view the work of atheism at the time of the French Revolution, that same power will be seen to work in the endtime. Whereas the Reign of Terror affected France, an endtime application reveals the fact that those same scenes will be enacted on a world wide scale. Whereas, it was the Word of God which was under attack, at the endtime, it will be once more the object of Satanic wrath.

Part 6. "Heavenly Scene" No. 4

Note: Chapter 11 begins with a new "Heavenly Scene." This scene introduces the final events which occur just before the Second Coming of Jesus.

1. What three things in the fourth "Heavenly Scene," was John commanded to measure? Rev. 11:1._____ _____ _____

NOTE: The "reed like unto a rod" is a measuring stick.

2. Are the "worshippers" the only thing to be measured?_____

NOTE: This "Heavenly Scene" is **not** that of the Investigative Judgment. It is a "measurement" or **ASSESSMENT** of readiness for the Second Coming of Jesus. Not only the people are measured, but there is also the *temple* and an *altar* to be assessed.

Part 7. The Assessment of the Temple-Kingdom

3. Of what was the ancient temple constructed? I Kings 6:7. _____
   Of what is the "temple" now constructed ? I Pet. 2:5-8._____ _____

NOTE: God's people are the "lively" or " living stones" "built up a spiritual house" or "temple" and Jesus is the "Chief Cornerstone." When every living stone is in place, the "temple" or **kingdom** will be complete and ready for His Second Coming. Revelation 11:1 is an assessment of the "temple" or **kingdom.** Is it complete and ready for Jesus to come?

Part 8. The Assessment of the Altar

4. Revelation 11:1 is also an assessment of the "altar." What was the altar used for in Old Testament times? Lev. 9:7,8. _____

5. What is the "sacrifice" for sin in New Testament times? Heb. 9:12,24.
   _____

NOTE: A measurement of the "altar" is an assessment of sacrifice. In the eyes of the universe, is the sacrifice of Christ sufficient? Does the sacrifice of Christ meet the requirements of the law, and does He have the power to guarantee that sin will not rise a second time? Is the sacrifice in the lives and martyrdoms of God's people sufficient to demonstrate their profession? If the sacrifice is complete, is it time for Jesus to come?.

Part 9. The Assessment of the Worshippers

6. How were the "worshippers therein" to be "measured" or assessed? See Dan. 8:14.
   _____
   _____

Note: The "sanctuary," like the "temple" of "living stones," must be cleansed before Jesus comes. The question of Rev. 11:1 is this: Have all the "worshippers therein" passed through the cleansing or final Atonement accomplished in the Investigative Judgment? Are they all sealed and ready for the coming of Jesus?

Part 10. A Review of Rev. 11:1

A. Every "living stone" must be in place in the temple and the kingdom complete.
B. The sacrifice of Christ and His people must be sufficient before the universe.
C. The Investigative Judgment and Final Atonement must have prepared God's people to live in a sinless society! This brings the action to the end of probationary time.

7. What is **not** to be done before the Second Coming? Rev. 11:2, 20:5 (first part),8,11-13._____

NOTE: The "Gentiles" of Rev. 11:2 refer to the wicked. who are "without the temple," not having taken advantage of the plan of salvation within the temple. The Investigative Judgment of the wicked occurs **AFTER** the coming of Jesus and during the 1,000 year millennium.

Part 11. Summary of Rev. 11:1

Revelation 11:1 begins the Fourth Vision. Verse 1 presents the "Heavenly Scene," in which John was given a measuring device to assess the readiness for the Second Coming of Jesus. He is measuring or counting up the "living stones" that make up the "temple" to see if Christ's kingdom is complete. He is looking at Christ's sacrifice and the sacrifice of His people, to see if it is enough to meet all of Satan's false charges and accusations made against God and His people. He is measuring or assessing the worshippers, one by one, and has come at last to the time for the closing up of the Investigative Judgment. The question is: Is everything ready for His coming, or is there anything left yet which must be done, before He returns? What yet must be accomplished? What lies in our future yet before Jesus will come?

LESSON 15
Rev. 11:2,3

THE "BASIC PROPHETIC OUTLINE" OF THE FOURTH VISION
The "Forty and Two Month" and "A Thousand two hundred and threescore days"

Part 1. The "Basic Prophetic Outline" Of The "Forty and Two Months"

Note: In each of John's eight visions, the "Heavenly Scene" is followed by a "Basic Prophetic Outline." which reveals a series of events which must happen before the Second Coming of Jesus. The fourth "Heavenly Scene" is found in "Rev. 11:1. Verse 2 begins the "Basic Prophetic Outline." Each of the "Basic Prophetic Outlines" contains a numeral, such as the 7 Seals, or 7 Trumpets, and Revelation 11:2,3 contains the **1260** days or "**42** months.

1. What "Basic Prophetic Outline" (timeline) follows "Heavenly Scene" No. 4"? Rev. 11:2. _____

2. How is that same time period expressed in Rev. 11:3. _____

3. Are the "forty and two months" of Rev. 11:2 the same amount of time as "a thousand two hundred and threescore days" of Rev. 11:3?_____

Part 2. The Seven References to 1260.

Note: Seven times in the books of Daniel and Revelation, there is that same specific amount of time brought to view, but it is expressed in three different ways: as "1260 days," as "forty and two months," and as "time, times, and an half" or "Bible years" of 360 days each. Each of these totals 1260 days. These seven references are listed below:

The Seven Reference in Daniel and Revelation to the 1260 Time Period

Dan. 7:25	"time and times and the dividing of time"
Dan. 12:7	"time, times, and an half"
Rev. 11:2	"forty and two months"
Rev. 11:3	"a thousand two hundred and threescore days"
Rev. 12:6	"a thousand two hundred and threescore days."
Rev. 12:14	"a time, and times, and half a time."
Rev. 13:5	"forty and two months."

Part 3. Assumptions Versus Hermeneutic Principles

Note: At this time, most theologians and scholars ***assume*** that all seven of the time periods listed above refer to the same period of time—that of the papal supremacy which reigned from A.D. 538 to 1798. However, it is imperative that the Bible student examine carefully the ***context*** in each case to determine whether it is literal or symbolic time to be applied to historical events of the past, or to the future.

Note: There are three Hermeneutic Principles which must be taken into consideration. 1. "Context," 2. "The Rule of First Mention," and 3. "The Literal Approach." Revelation 11 must be considered in regard to these rules of study.

Part 4. The Literal Approach

HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLE

THE LITERAL APPROACH

"The Language of the Bible should be explained according to its obvious [literal] meaning, unless a symbol or figure is employed."
The Great Controversy 599.

4. Are there any symbols, such as "beasts," "heads," "horns," of which pictures can be drawn, in Rev. 11:1-3. _____

Note: It is apparent that there is ***no symbolism*** in verse 1 to introduce the time periods.

5. Then are the "forty and two months" or the 1260 days written in literal or symbolic language? _____

6. Is the ***context*** literal or symbolic? _____

Part 5. Context Is King

HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLE

"Context is King"
"Truth out of its Setting is Error"
"...rightly dividing the word of truth" *II Tim. 3:15*

7. If the ***context*** of Rev. 11:1 is that of literal language, then are the time periods within that context, literal or symbolic? _____

Note: There are those theologians who, disregarding the hermeneutic principles of "The Literal Approach" and that of Context, ***assume*** that since the "a time and times and the dividing of time" of Dan. 7:25 were symbolic time, then all seven references must also be symbolic time. They do not take into account the fact that the Dan. 7:25 text is couched in the symbolic context of the "little horn," **but** that the other 1260 periods may not be so.

Part 6. The Rule of First Mention

8. Is the word "time" as used in "time and times and a dividing of time" always symbolic terminology? _____ _____

Note: The hermeneutic principle of "The Rule of First Mention" answers the above question.

HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLE

"The Rule of First Mention"
An author has the right to define his own terminology
The first time an author uses a word and defines it, the reader *may* use that word with the same meaning in further references

9. What is the first time that the author, Daniel, uses the word, "time" in his book? Dan. 4:16. "...and let seven _____ pass over him."

10. Were the "seven times" of Dan. 4:16, referring to seven literal years? _____

11. Then, according to the hermeneutic "Rule of First Mention" is it permissible to let the word, "time" of Rev. 11:2,3 to refer to literal "days" and "months"? _____

Note: The *assumption* that the word, "time" must always be understood as symbolic time is a violation of three important hermeneutic principles. A study of Bible prophecy requires a knowledge of hermeneutic principles and a willingness to apply them correctly and consistently. Only then, will Truth be discovered to the glory of God.

Part 7. The Dual Application of the "Forty and Two Months"

12. Is there any inspired statement which places the 42 months in a future setting? _____ We do not have the liberty to make dual applications. It requires an inspired prophet to lead the way.

The Endtime Application of the "Forty and Two Months"

"In the ***last days*** Satan will appear as an angel of light, with great power and heavenly glory, and claim to be the Lord of the whole earth. He will declare that the Sabbath has been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week; and as lord of the first day of the week he will present this spurious sabbath as a test of loyalty to him. Then will take place the ***final fulfillment*** of the revelator's prophecy. 'So they worshipped the dragon who gave authority to the beast…he was given authority to ***continue for forty two months***…' " (Rev. 13:4-18 are given as reference) *Manuscript Releases, Vol. 19, p. 282.*

13. Is an endtime 1260 literal days timeline or 42 literal months or "time, times, and an half" previously introduced in Scripture? (See Dan. 12:7.) _____

Note: Reminder—Daniel is the prophecy and Revelation is the revealing of that prophecy. That which Daniel prophesied, is commented on and further explained in Revelation.. Daniel 12 describes a future 1260 literal days of persecution, and Revelation 13 simply gives added details.

Part 8. The Persecution of the Holy People

14. What is the main action to be accomplished in the "forty and two months" or the 1260 day timelines? _____
    Rev.11:2. "…and the [people of the] holy city shall they ***tread under foot***."
    Rev.11:3. "…and they shall prophecy…***in sackcloth***
    Dan. 12:7. "he shall…***scatter*** [persecute] …the holy people

Note: The three prophetic texts above are all written in literal language and they all say the same thing: God's people, the "holy people" will be persecuted for 1260 literal days.

Part 9. The 1260 Literal Days or Forty and Two Months of Persecution

14. According to Rev. 11:2, what will happen to God's people, "the holy city" during this forty two month period? _____

15. Thought Question: What does it mean to be trodden "under foot" in Rev. 11:2?

_____

NOTE: Our common expression would be "trampled," "walked on," or ***persecuted***.

16. What does it mean to be "scattered" in Dan. 12:7 ? (See the Note that follows.)

_____

Note: The word, "scatter," according to *Strong's Analytical Concordance* means to crush or pulverize or persecute, the people of God. In Dan. 12:7 it is the "holy people" and in Rev. 11:2 it is the "holy city" which will be persecuted. A "city" is made up of people. Therefore, the terms, "holy city" or "holy people" are the same thing.

17. Is this 1260 literal days of a future persecution consistent with other Scriptures?
See Rev. 12:17_____
Rev. 13:5-7_____

NOTE: The medieval persecutions of 1260 years did **not** include "***all*** kindreds, and tongues, and nations." It did not include the Americas nor the orient, nor the islands of the world.

18. Thought Question: Do you therefore conclude that the "forty two months" of Rev. 13:7 has a dual application ?_____ Is the endtime application more appropriate for our day?_____

Part 10. The Beginning of the "Forty Two Months" of Rev. 11:2,3

19. What future **legislative action** will begin the 42 month persecution of Rev. 11:2? Rev. 13:5. (See the following note. _____

NOTE: "And there was given him a mouth speaking..." Rev. 13:5. The **"speaking"** of a nation or government is the action of its legislative or judicial authorities. Legislation of religious laws contrary to the Ten Commandments of God and His government, establishing a false day of worship, such as a Universal Sunday Law will fulfill Rev. 13:5 and the prophetic timeline of Rev. 11:2,3.

20. What Scriptures declare that according to The Ten Commandments, the seventh day of the week is the true Sabbath of the Creator God and how is it stated?
Gen.2:1-3. _____
Ex. 20:8-11_____
Mk 2:28._____
Heb. 4:4-1._____
Rev. 12:17._____

Sunday worship is a "false sabbath." When man legislates contrary to the Ten Commandments, then those who "keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus" (Rev.12;17) will be persecuted with fines, imprisonment, confiscation of property, and many will flee for their lives.

Part 11. The Ending of the 1260 Literal Days of Rev. 11:2,3

21. What **legislative action** will culminate the persecution of the "holy people" or "remnant which keep the commandments of God"? Rev. 13:15._____

_____

NOTE: A Universal Death Decree is mentioned, not only in Rev. 13, but also is the very focus of the sixth and seventh plagues and the fifth and sixth trumpets It brings the final crisis to its climactic "coup d' theater," which is the "Voice of God" deliverance (Rev. 16:17), and following descending action (Rev. 16:18-21) known as "The Fall of Babylon."

Part 12. Conclusion

The Revelation 11:1 "Heavenly Scene" No. 4 (in the fourth vision) assessment reveals that the kingdom must be complete, and the "worshippers therein" perfected, to be ready for Jesus to come. But Jesus will not come until the fulfillment of a "Basic Prophetic Outline" which presents a forty and two months of future persecution. This 1260 literal days timeline of Rev. 11;2,3 is the same as that first presented in Dan. 12:7. (not Dan. 7:25.) It ends with a focus on the final deliverance from the Universal Death Decree of Rev. 13:15.

The Basic Prophetic Outline of "Forty and Two Months".

Universal Sunday Decree Rev. 13:5	42 months Rev. 11:2,3 1260 literal days 3 1/2 Years Dan. 12:7	Universal Death Decree Rev. 13:15

Note: Endtime applications are valid, only as they are built upon past correct applications. The endtime application of a future Papal Supremacy must rest on the correct identification of the past Papal Supremacy. Not until Daniel 7:25 is understood in its symbolic context, can Dan. 12:5-13 be understood in its literal application to that same power.

Notes

LESSON 16

The Interlude of the Fourth Vision
The Law of God and the 144,000 Vindicated
Rev. 11:3-13

Part 1. The Orderly Structure of the Book of Revelation

Please review the chart at the beginning of the workbook. On the chart, the fourth column from the left portrays John's fourth vision. Revelation, chapter 11:1 begins with a "Heavenly Scene" of a measurement or assessment regarding the readiness for the Second Coming of Jesus. After that "Heavenly Scene," there follows a "Basic Prophetic Outline" in Rev. 11:2 and 3, of the 1260 literal days or forty two literal months timelines predicting a period of persecution which must occur before the Second Coming. Then, following the "Basic Prophetic Outline," there is an "***Interlude***" in Rev. 11:4-13, which turns attention to the *144,000* and their vindication in the keeping of ***God's law***.

Part 2. Identification of the Two Witnesses
The Main Characters in the Drama

1. Who are the "two witnesses" who prophesied of the 1260 literal days of persecution of Rev. 11:3-12?

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Note: The identity of the "two witnesses" is not subject to conjecture or assumption. They must be defined by an inspired prophet as follows:

> "The two witnesses represent the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament."
> *The Great Controversy* p. 267.

2. In what way are the Old and New Testament witnesses? Witnesses to what?

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> **"Both are important testimonies to the origin and perpetuity of *the law of God*. Both are witnesses also to the plan of salvation."** Ibid. 267.

Part 3. The Perpetuity of The Law of God

Lucifer's rebellion against the authority of Christ and the ***Law of God*** initiated what is called "*The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan.*" The Bible declares that **"Sin is the *transgression of the Law*."** I Jn. 3:4. Sin, an invader into God's perfect universe, has resulted in pain, sorrow, confusion, and **death**. This death penalty is defined in the Creation Covenant (The Oldest Covenant between the Creator and His created beings) wherein its terms are: "Obey [the law] and Live or **disobey and die.**"

God established a New Covenant, also called the Second Covenant, or Everlasting Covenant to provide a Savior to save man from that death penalty. Jesus died on the cross as a substitute for the repentant sinner. The living Christ, through His own power and righteousness brings the sinner, if he is willing, back to the image of God and into harmony with His perfect ***Law***. Lucifer's hatred of the ***Law*** of God, and the fidelity of God's people to that ***Law***, is the issue which brings the entire world into final conflict and the battle of Armageddon. The Ten Commandment ***Law*** is the transcript of God's character.

Part 4. Satan's Final War Against the Bible and the Law of God

Note: One of the last acts of Satan will be an attempt to destroy the Bible, (as was done in France, when the Bibles were burned in the streets) and the Law of God repudiated. But the 144,000 will be demonstrating all through the seven last plagues, and seven trumpets, that God's law can be kept and that the Law is "perfect, and just, and good." Rom. 7:12. The Two Testaments (Old and New) of The Bible, are those which testify or **witness** to the perpetuity of "***The Two Tables of Stone***" (The Ten Commandments) and it is these "two witnesses" which are referred to in Revelation 11:11 and 12.

These two witnesses are the main characters of Rev. 11:3-13. Satan's hatred of these "Two Witnesses" has been unceasing and culminates in the dramatic action described in Rev. 11:3-13.

Part 5. The "Two Witnesses" Prophecy of Future Persecution

3. Of what timeline will the "Two Witnesses" prophesy in Rev 11:2,3. (the New Testament) and Dan 12:7. (the Old Testament)? _____

4. Thought Question: Is this timeline prophecy of "forty and two months" good news or bad news? Rev. 11:2 and Dan. 12:7. _____

5. How is the anguish of this period of future persecution described ? Rev. 11:3

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6. What does it mean to be "clothed in sackcloth" ? Esther 4:1,3. _____

   _____

   Jer. 6:26. _____

   Jonah 3:4-6. _____

Part 6. The Holy Spirit Sheds Light on the Scripture

7. What are the "two olive trees" mentioned in Rev. 11:4 ? See Zech. 4:3-6.

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NOTE: The "two olive trees," according to Zechariah are "the ***word*** of the Lord." It was from the olive trees that oil was derived to light the seven lamps in the sanctuary. It is the "oil" of the Holy Spirit which sheds light on the Scriptures--the Old and New Testaments, and on the Law of God. The Holy Bible is not understood nor the Law kept without the Holy Spirit working in the heart. Revelation, chapter 11 cannot be understood without it!

Part 7. The Warning to Those Who Would War Against The Two Witnesses

8. What warning is given against those who seek to war against the Scriptures and the Law of God? Rev. 11:5. _____
   Rev. 14:10. _____
   Rev. 18:8. _____

9. What "fire" is this which will destroy the wicked at the end of time? Rev. 14:10,18.
   _____
   Rev. 20:14. _____

NOTE: The Third Angel's Warning Message is against this "fire" which will consume the wicked at the end of time. Many answers to the questions come from both *Major Lines of Prophecy* (Rev. 1-11 and Rev. 12-22), aligning, confirming and interacting with each other.

10. What does prophetic Scripture predict regarding the wicked at the end of the world?
    Regarding Rain. Rev. 11:6. _____
    Regarding Plagues (See Rev. 16:3,4 and 9:20). _____
    Regarding fire (See Rev. 9:17,18 and 16:8,9). _____

11. With what "Basic Prophetic Outline" or Timeline do the Two Witnesses literally **"finish** their testimony"? Rev. 11:2,3, Dan. 12:7. _____

NOTE: It is at the **end of the 42 months (1260 days or "time, times and an half" or three and a half years)—and in connection with the "Voice of God" deliverance** that the Two Witnesses "finish their testimony." It is then that the action of Rev. 11:7 occurs. The book of Revelation moves steadily forward in time within each column of the Chart of "**The Eight Visions of Revelation**," as well as within each "*Major Line of Prophecy.*

Part 8. The "Beast From the Bottomless Pit"—Satan

12. Who is the other main character of the action in Rev. 11:7? _____

13. Who is the "beast from the bottomless pit" ? Rev. 9:1,11 and Rev. 17:8,11.
    _____

14. What will Satan do to the Two Witnesses (the Bible or the Ten Commandments) according to Rev. 11:7. _____

Note: At the very end, Satan will personate Christ and declare that he has changed the Sabbath. Revelation 11 reveals that he not only hates the Sabbath but will seek to nullify the whole Ten Commandment Law of God. As they made war against the Bible during the French Revolution, again at the end of time, they will repeat this very action.

15. Thought Question: How could anyone "make war against" the Ten Commandments or "overcome them" and "kill them." ?_____

NOTE: During the French Revolution, Bibles were burned in the streets and legislation was passed attempting to put them out of existence. Again at the end of time, in a dual application of the prophecy, it predicts that through **legislative action** men will attempt to destroy the Bible and declare the Law of God to be abolished. At the end of this lesson there is a chart which illustrates the relationship between the French Revolution and the endtime fulfillment of Revelation 11.

Part 9. "Babylon"—"that great city" At War With the Law of God

16. In what "great city" will such legislative action be made? Rev. 11:8.

_____

Rev. 18:10. _____

NOTE: "Babylon" is confusion, a symbol of ***all*** apostate and false religions all over the world. It is a world-wide, universal action of all the wicked as they rebel against God and His Word and especially against His Ten Commandment Law. Under the 6th plague the kings of the "whole world" are gathered together against law keepers and the law itself, and yet the Bible and the Ten Commandment Law will testify against, or "torment" them.

17. What is this great city also "spiritually called"? Rev. 18:10._____ and

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18. Was "Our Lord crucified" in either Sodom or Egypt?_____
Just outside the walls of what city was He crucified? _____

NOTE: "Sodom" represents world-wide sexual perversion and excess. "Egypt" represents sin. At the closing scenes, the entire wicked world will be in league together against the Law of God.

19. Will this "war" against the Two Witnesses--Law of God be of world-wide interest?
Rev. 11:9 (first part)._____

20. Thought Question: According to Rev. 11:9 the people will not allow the Two Witnesses to be put "in graves." What does it mean to be "put in graves" or "buried"?

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NOTE: Although wicked men intend that the law shall be destroyed and forgotten, this action will be of such excitement it is all they can talk about! They are keeping the issue before them.

21. How will world leaders feel about the legislative action they have just accomplished? Rev. 11:10. (first part)._____

_____

22. Why will they be so glad to be rid of the Law of God? Rev. 11:10 (last part).

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Part 10. The "Three Days and an Half" Timeline

23. How long will this legislative action to destroy the Two Witnesses--Law of God last? Rev. 11:11._____

NOTE: The three and a half days is literal time. If laws go into effect at midnight, three and a half days later, at noon, there will be a turn of circumstances.

24. What happens then to the Two Witnesses? Rev. 11:11._____

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NOTE: The feeble attempts of man to legislate away, to "kill" the Law of God, will be suddenly countered and broken by God in the dramatic action which follows.

Part 11. The Law Of God And The 144,000 Vindicated

25. How will the Law of God and the 144,000 be vindicated before the entire world? Rev. 11:12._____

The Law of God Seen in the Sky

"There appears against the sky a hand holding **two tables of stone** folded together...That holy law, God's righteousness, that amid thunder and flame was proclaimed from Sinai as the guide of life, is now revealed to men as the rule of judgment. The hand opens the tables, and there are seen the precepts of **the Decalogue, traced as with a pen of fire.** Memory is aroused, the darkness of superstition and heresy is swept from every mind, and **God's ten words,** brief, comprehensive, and authoritative, are presented to the view of all the inhabitants of the earth. *The Great Controversy p. 639,640.*

26. What will be the result of this amazing turn of events? Rev. 11:11 (last phrase).

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"The enemies of God's law...see that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is the seal of the living God. Too late they see the true nature of their spurious sabbath...They find they have been fighting against God. Religious teachers have led souls to perdition while professing to guide them to the gates of Paradise." Ibid. 640.

27. When does this event occur? Rev. 11:12 and Rev. 16:17. At the _____

_____

NOTE: The "Voice of God" not only delivers God's people from the Universal Death Decree but also vindicates the Law of God ***and the 144,000 who have kept that law***. The Interlude of Rev. 11:4-13 does not mention the 144,000 by name or number, but the structure of the book of Revelation with its regular placement of Interludes brings the vindication of the law of God and the 144,000 who have been faithful to it, to view.

Part 12. The Correlation of Plagues, Trumpets and Rev. 11

28. The Law of God which will be seen in the sky and the great earthquake of Rev. 11:13 is in connection with which plague? Rev. 16:17._____

Note: The earthquake which begins the 7th plague, (Rev. 16:4), the earthquake which opens the 6th seal, (Rev. 6:12) and the earthquake here mentioned in Rev. 11:13, and 14, under the 6th trumpet action are one and the same, correlating the seals, trumpets, and plagues into one great scene of endtime events.

29. How can we know that the earthquake of Rev. 11:13 is part of the 6th trumpet? Rev. 11:14. _____

Note: The Second "Woe" is the 6th trumpet. The third "Woe" is the 7th trumpet.

30. Immediately after the earthquake, what events occur? Rev. 11:13 (first phrase).

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Rev. 16:18, 19. "a great earthquake, such as _____ _____ since men were upon the earth, so _____an earthquake, and so great. "And the great _____ (Babylon) was divided into three parts, and the _____ of the _____fell: and great _____ came into remembrance before God, to give unto her the _____ of his wrath."

31. What will be the reaction of even God's people to these events? Rev. 11:13 (last part).

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32. In conjunction with the earthquake, what else occurs? Rev. 9:13-19._____

NOTE: The sixth trumpet war and universal destruction, and seventh plague with the great earthquake are all one scene of devastation which occurs just before the Second Coming of Jesus.

CONCLUSION

God is love. He is Creator, Lifegiver, and Sustainer. His law is given to protect His created beings from harm. But Satan and sin, (which is the transgression of the Law) is destructive to all creation. Revelation 11 vindicates the Law and the 144,000 before the entire world and the universe. This will be fulfilled just before Jesus comes.

THE DUAL APPLICATION OF REVELATION, CHAPTER 11

The Past Application	**The Future Application**
French Revolution	**The Time of Trouble**
The "Reign of Terror"	**"What will happen in our cities"**
France	A One World Order
1260 years of Papal Supremacy	1260 literal days of Papal Supremacy
(Forty and two Months)	(Forty and two literal months)
"saints given into his hand"	"saints (reigistered in the holy city)"
Persecution	tread down--
Guillotines	Gulllotines: Rev. 20:4
Two Witnesses—burned in streets	Two Witnesses Denied-Overcome
Olive trees--Holy Spirit gives light to the Scripture in Every Age	
Atheism, "The Beast from the Bottomless Pit," will work at the end of time	
The Bible restored	The Law Will Be Seen in the Sky

LESSON 17
THE "ESCHATOLOGICAL CULMINATION" OF THE SEVENTH TRUMPET
(Revelation, Chapter 11:13-19)

Revelation, Chapter 11 brings the first *Major Line of Prophecy* to its end. The verses, 13-19 describe the "Eschatological Culmination" or **ENDTIME EVENTS** connected with the Second Coming of Jesus. Verses 13-19 also describe the actions of the seventh Trumpet which involve His Second Coming.

Part 1. The Three "Woes"

1. What are the last three Trumpets called? Rev. 8:13, Rev. 9:12, and Rev. 11:14
   Trumpet 5 is _____1
   Trumpet 6 is _____2
   Trumpet 7 is _____3

Note: Trumpet 5 is a "Woe" because it describes the torment of evil angels upon the wicked, as they gather to legislate a Universal Death Decree against the people of God. Trumpet 6 is a "Woe" because it describes the destructive war which follows the "Voice of God" deliverance from the Universal Death Decree. Trumpet 7 is also a "Woe" which brings final destruction upon the wicked. That action is described in Revelation 11:13-19.

Part 2. The "Seal of God" Protection

2. What will have happened to the righteous under the seventh Trumpet? Rev. 10:7.

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   _____

3. What is "the mystery of God," which will be finished? Col. 1:26-27._____

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Note: The 144,000 will receive the Seal of the living God, and will live all through the plagues-trumpets to be alive and see Jesus come. Every trace of "earthliness" will be removed from the 144,000 and they will "reflect the image of Jesus fully." "The mystery of God" is "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Part 3. God's People Glorified

4. What "covenant" has God made in which He has promised to do something special for those who live "after those days," or at the time when probation is closing? Heb. 10:16,17. _____

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5. Why would "the remnant" give glory to God when all these terrible things are happening? Rev. 11:13. _____
Ps. 91. _____
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Part 4 The Sixth Trumpet Destruction

6. Thought Question: What is meant in Rev. 11:13 when it says, "a tenth part of the city (Babylon) fell, and in the earthquake were slain seven thousand." _____
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NOTE: "A tenth part of Babylon" is of world-wide consequence. Rev. 16:19 describes the seventh plague, in which "the cities of the nations fell." The number "seven" is a numerical type for "all" or **completeness.** The word "thousand" can refer to an innumerable, immense number as in Dan. 7:10. The description in Rev. 11:13 is a veiled statement that a vast number of the wicked perish in the earthquake. Yet some of the wicked will still be alive to see the Second Coming of Jesus in the clouds of heaven.

7. How is that terrible destruction also described in the sixth trumpet or second "woe"? Rev. 9:14-19. _____
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_____

8. How is the transition from the destructive sixth trumpet to the seventh trumpet action described in Rev. 11:14? "The _____ _____ is past; and, behold, the _____ _____ cometh quickly."

Part 5. The Seventh Trumpet is The Third "Woe"

9. Which Trumpet is known as the "the third woe" ? Rev. 11:14. _____
_____

10. When the seventh trumpet sounds, what has already happened? Rev. 11:15. Dan. 2:34,35,44,45._____
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Note: The language of verse 15 places the Second Coming of Jesus in **past tense**!
"The kingdoms of this world **have become** the kingdom of our Lord,"

Part 6. The Second Coming of Jesus

11. At what event is the seventh trumpet blown? I Thess. 4:16, 17. _____

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12. Is a "trump" in I Thess. 4:17 a trumpet? (See I Cor. 15:52). _____

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13. Where will we meet Him? I Thess. 4:17. _____

14. What does this seventh "trump" do for those who are "asleep" in their graves? I Cor. 15:51-57. _____

15. How long will that take? I Cor. 15:52. _____

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16. What changes will occur in those who are alive when He comes? I Cor. 15:53-55.

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Part 7. The "Twenty Four Elders"

17. Who are the "four and twenty elders" of Rev. 11:16,17 ?_____

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NOTE: "Elders" are <u>old</u> men. Enoch and Elijah were translated to heaven, Moses was resurrected, and Jesus "led captivity captives" (Eph. 4:8). (Captives of Satan in the graves were released and He took them with Him as He ascended back to heaven.) These men are *elders,* thousands of years old by now. They have watched, with horror, the spectacle of human woe and suffering; the results of sin through the ages.

18. When Jesus comes to put an end to evil and its results, what do the "four and twenty elders" say? Rev. 11: 16,17. _____

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Part 8. <u>Before</u> and <u>After</u> The Second Coming

19. What word indicates that the four and twenty elders place the angry nations in **past tense?** (See Rev. 11:18)._____

20. What in Rev. 11:18 is meant by "_____ _____**is come**" ? (Compare with Rev. 6:16,17.) What event is this?_____

NOTE: The third woe or seventh trumpet ***is*** the Second Coming of Jesus when all the wicked will be destroyed by the brightness of His Coming.

21. Will the wicked dead be judged in the future **after** the Second Coming of Jesus? See Rev. 11:18 and Rev. 20:4,5 (first part), and 13. _____
When? Rev. 20:12. _____

22. What will be given to the saints, "small and great" ? Rev. 11:18._____

Part 9. Revelation 11, And The Law Of God

23. Revelation, Chapter 11 focuses on The Law of God, Satan's war against it, and the vindication of that Law. In the last verse of Chapter 11, what is seen in the heavens? Rev. 11:19._____

The Temple of God Will Be Opened in Heaven

"When God's temple in heaven is opened, what a triumphant time that will be for all who have been faithful and true! In the temple will be seen the ark of the testament in which were placed the two tables of stone on which are written God's law. Ltr. 47, 1902. E.G. White. See also SDA BC Vol. 7 p. 962.

24. What attended the giving of that Law on Mt. Sinai? Ex. 19:16; 20:1-3-8.
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25. What attends the viewing of the Law of God in the heavens? Rev. 11:19._____
_____

26. What simultaneous events occur on earth? Rev. 11:19._____and_____
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Note: The context of Revelation 11, not only describes events in the 1840 era which were a limited fulfillment in France, but the primary fulfillment will be world-wide just before the Second Coming of Jesus. The structure of Revelation confirms its correct endtime setting.

A Review of the Forward, Progressive Movement in *The First Major Line of Prophecy* in Revelation 1-11

Vision 1... 7 Letters
Rev. 1-3

From:	To:
Ephesus----------	Laodicea
A.D. 31	1844

Vision 2... 7 Seals
Rev. 4-8:1

From:	To:
1844	The
White	Second
Horse----------	Coming

Vision 3... 7 Trumpets
Rev. 8:2-11

From:	To:
Close of	Second
Probation	Coming

Vision 4...1260 days-endtime events
Rev. 11

From:	To:
The Beginning of the	The end of Time
1260 days—42 months	1290 days timeline of Dan. 12:11

THE REVIEW

THE FIRST MAJOR LINE OF PROPHECY

Directions: Taking your Bible in hand, fill in the boxes. Yes, you can do it!

Heavenly Scene No.1 *Rev.___* **Jesus doing what?** _____ **Where?** _____ **When?** _____	**Heavenly Scene No 2** *Rev.___ &___* **Jesus doing what?** _____ **Where?** _____ **When?** _____	**Heavenly Scene No. 3** *Rev.__ ___* **Jesus doing what ?** _____ **Where ?** _____ **When ?** _____	**Heavenly Scene No. 4** *Rev.__ __* **Jesus doing what?** _____ **Where ?** _____ **When ?** _____
Basic Prophetic Outline *Rev.____ _____* 7_____	**Basic Prophetic Outline** *Rev.____ _____* 7 _____	**Basic Prophetic Outline** *Rev.___ __* 7_____	**Basic Prophetic Outline** *Rev.___ ___* 1260_____
	INTERLUDE *Rev. ____ ____* 144,000 _____	**INTERLUDE** *Rev.___ ____* 144,000 "Loud Cry" _____	**INTERLUDE** *Rev.___ ___* 144,000 _____
	ENDTIME "Esch. Culmin." 7th_____	**ENDTIME "Esch. Culmin."** 7 Thunders	**ENDTIME "Esch. Culmin."** 7th Trumpet

You Have Now Mastered The First Half Of Revelation--The hardest part! PRAISE THE LORD! Keep going.

In Retrospect

THE IMPERATIVE OF OBEDIENCE TO HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLES

It is not wise to jump off the roof of a skyscraper! Why not? Babies must learn to cope with the laws of gravity to enable them to walk and run without falling down. There are laws of nature which control falling bodies and pressure on impact. It is not smart to drink poison, nor violate any of God's natural laws of the universe. Sudden or slow and painful death awaits the unwary!

It is not wise to drive on the wrong side of the road, speeding 100 miles an hour, weaving in and out of traffic. The officer does not respond well to the plea of ignorance of the law! Intelligent people are expected to know the law and abide by it to avoid damage to themselves and others.

God's people are very particular that The Ten Commandment laws shall be kept. Some have also a regard for the Statutes because they protect God's people from a dangerous culture which lives for pleasure and selfishness. God's laws provide safety and blessings of many kinds for those who know and observe them.

But when God's people pick up the Holy Bible, they often treat it as if there were no laws which govern its use. They may never have heard of "Hermeneutic Principles" and feel that a study of the Bible is one area where there is "free wheeling." They assume that they are at liberty to conjecture, assume, imagine, guess and treat it as a game in which everyone gets a turn to twist it any way he pleases.

Of all enterprises, the study of the Bible is most guided in its use! The reason that there are so many theories on the prophecies and the book of Revelation is because theologians and others have disregarded the hermeneutic principles (laws of study) and have suffered the consequences. We are not at liberty to make up our own rules! These laws must come from *inspired sources*, from the Bible (by the inspired prophets who wrote it) or from the endtime prophet, Ellen G. White. Only as she has given "keys" or statements which give dual applications, may they be made. But when such statements are given, ignorance of them or ignoring them, leaves the Bible student with his "feet stuck in the concrete poured in 1844," or in wild and frivolous enterprises.

In retrospect, the objective of the *Revelation Workbook* has placed before the Bible student, the Hermeneutic Principles, and then revealed the manner in which they must be applied to yield a rich mine of truth for this present generation. Every rule must be applied conscientiously. These inspired rules of context, structure. language, sequence, continuity, and others are brought to view in the Revelation Workbooks. Only in this way, will the Bible student expand his knowledge of "Present Truth" and safely still be contained in the narrow corridor of Truth.

You have now completed Part I of the Revelation Workbook. You have now completed the "First Major Line of Prophecy" in Revelation, chapters 1-11. You have covered the first four major visions or "Heavenly Scenes" and their following "Basic Prophetic Outlines." The seven letters, seven seals, and seven trumpets have been placed in their primary endtime settings. You have viewed the three "Interludes" which portray the 144,000 as they will be sealed, will witness, and will finally be vindicated. You have seen the "Eschatological Culmination" or 7th seal, and the 7th trumpet correlated to fit with the 7th plague. If you understand these things, you are ready to begin the "Second Major Line of Prophecy in Rev. 12-22. Congratulations on your progress. May the Lord bless and keep you.

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Advanced Lessons

Part 2

(Revelation, Chapters 12-22)

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LESSON 18

THE SYMBOLIC "WOMAN," "MANCHILD," AND "RED DRAGON" (Revelation 12)

Part 1. A Review of the Structure of Revelation

Revelation 12 begins the second *Major Line of Prophecy.* This *Major Line of Prophecy* begins with chapter 12 and ends with chapter 22, which is the end of the book of Revelation. Within this second *Major Line of Prophecy* there are four major visions, each beginning with a "Heavenly Scene." Each "Heavenly Scene" is followed by a "Basic Prophetic Outline" (or Description). However, before the "Basic Prophetic Outline" is complete there is an interruption or "Interlude," which focuses on the 144,000. After the "Interlude," the final endtime event or "Eschatological Culmination" is brought to view. Attention to this structural guide gives an endtime application which does not discredit past historical applications, but throws a flood of light on events yet to transpire.

Part 2. The Symbols of Revelation Link the Book to Daniel

Much of the first eleven chapters of Revelation were couched in sanctuary *typology.* But the last half of the book is couched mainly in ***symbolism***. Like the book of Daniel, Revelation 12 continues with symbols. Some of the symbols in the book of Revelation are carried forward from the book of Daniel. Some of these symbols cannot be interpreted until the related symbolism of the book of Daniel is thoroughly understood. The books of Daniel and Revelation are linked together through symbolism and content. Daniel lays the foundations of historical data and timelines, while Revelation extends the action and detail, especially of endtime events. The two books are complementary and supplementary to each other. In the book of Daniel there are four visions, but in Revelation there are eight. One is the extension of the other. Not one of these symbols is subject to human "interpretation." (See II Pet. 1:19.) The Bible is its own interpreter of symbolism. Lesson 18 is devoted largely to a consideration of the symbols of Revelation 12, permitting the Bible to identify the meaning of each symbol.

The Linkage Between Daniel and Revelation

"The things revealed to Daniel were afterward complemented [*explained more fully*] by the revelation made to John on the isle of Patmos. These two books should be carefully studied." ***Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers. 114.***

"The book of Daniel is unsealed in the revelation to John, and carries us forward to the *last scenes of earth's history*." *Ibid.* 115.

Part 3. "Heavenly Scene" No. 5 Presents the Symbolic Characters

The fifth "Heavenly Scene" in the book of Revelation is found in chapters 12 and 13. In this fifth vision, the prophet John saw several symbolic characters. The identity of these symbolic characters must be established. Then the "Basic Prophetic Outline" furnishes the framework for the ***action*** of these symbolic characters.

Part 4. The symbolic "Woman" of Revelation 12 Is Biblically Identified

1. Describe the first symbolic character of Revelation 12:1. "A _____ clothed with the _____. And the _____under her feet. Upon her head a _____ of _____ _____."

2. Permit the Bible to interpret the "woman" symbol. Who is she? Jer. 6:2.
   _____

Note: The "daughter of Zion" refers to God's people, or the true church of God.

3. The symbolic "woman" is "clothed with the sun." Permit the Bible to interpret the "sun" symbol. Mal. 4:2. _____

4. The symbolic "woman" or church is standing on the symbolic "moon." Permit the Bible to interpret the "moon" symbol. Ps. 89:34 and 37_____
   _____

Note: A "covenant" represented by the "moon" symbol is a contract or promise. The church or people of God, by faith, are standing on the promises of God.

Part 5. The Symbolic "Woman" is the Universal Church of All Ages

5. The symbolic "woman," or church has a crown of "twelve stars" upon her head. Permit the Bible to interpret the "twelve" symbol. Gen. 49:28.
   _____
   Matt. 10:1._____
   Rev. 21:14. _____

Note: It is to be recognized that there were twelve tribes of Israel, (the Old Testament Church); and there were twelve apostles (the New Testament church). In the Holy City there are twelve foundations and twelve gates, through which the saved of all ages shall enter. These symbolic numerals reveal the fact that "woman" symbol represents the entire ***Universal Church of all the ages***. The "twelve" stars in the symbolic "woman's" crown, and the fact that Jesus, a *Jew* transitioned the gospel over to the *Christian* Church, reveals the "woman" as the Universal Church of all ages.

Part 6. The Symbolic "Woman" is "Jerusalem, Mother of Us All"

6. Is this symbol merely a "woman" or is she also a "mother"? Rev. 12:2 and 5.

_____

7. What other children does this symbolic "woman-mother" have? Rev. 12:17.

_____

8. What is this symbolic "woman-mother's" name? Gal. 4:26.

_____

Note: "Jerusalem, which is above" is the New Jerusalem in which all the nations of the saved shall reside. When we are "*born again*" we are born of this mother because all the saved of all ages have their baptismal "*birth* certificates" registered in that Holy City. Therefore, this "woman-*mother*" is a symbol of the **Universal Church** of all the ages.

Part 7. The Visible and Invisible Church Defined

9. Are most of the children of the symbolic "woman-mother" visible to us today? Job. 17:13-16. _____

Note: Many assume that the "Invisible Church" is made up of those who are in other denominations and other religions in the world. This assumption is contrary to a Biblical study in which the Bible is its own expositor. The fact is, that most of the members of God's kingdom are still in the grave, making them invisible to us today. The Universal Church is made up of both the visible living people of God at any time in earth's history and His subjects who are still in the grave. Most of God's people are still in the Invisible Church. On this subject there is much confusion today. It is always the clear picture of Biblical symbolism which clears the mind of error, and confines the Bible student within the narrow corridor of "Present Truth."

Part 8. The Visible "Remnant" "Bride" Church in Every Age

10. Today, who belongs to this symbolic "woman-mother" church? Rev. 12:17.

_____

11. What is the "testimony of Jesus" mentioned in Rev. 12:17? Rev. 19:10.

_____

Note: The "Spirit of Prophecy" refers to the Holy Spirit as it:

A. Inspired the prophets to write the prophecies
B. Inspired Ellen G. White to comment on prophecy and other Scritpures
C. Inspires the present generation to understand the prophecies

12. Thought Question: How does this affect me and my study of prophecy?

_____

_____

Part 9. The Visible Symbolic "Bride"

13. How is the visible, living, working, ***evangelizing*** membership of the church described in prophetic symbolism? Rev. 22:17. "And the Spirit and the _____ say, _____."

Note: It is the symbolic "*bride*," made up of visible, ***living***, active membership in any age of church history who says, "Come." The dead in their graves cannot evangelize anyone or invite them into the Kingdom. Some parts of Scripture cannot be understood, such as The Song of Solomon, until these symbolic characters are distinctly identified. The same symbolic "woman-mother" and the same "bride" are the characters of both Revelation and The Song of Solomon. It is this symbolic language which is a unifying factor bringing all links of prophetic Scripture together into one perfect chain of truth.

14. After the Second Coming of Jesus, and the resurrection of all the righteous, how is this symbolic "woman-mother" described? Rev. 21:2 "And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, [the "woman-mother"] coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a _____ adorned for her husband."

Note: After the great resurrection every person in the Holy City will be living and visible! At that time, the two symbols become one. The entire city is as the living "bride" to meet her Bridegroom.

Part 10. The "Holy City" Jerusalem Versus "That Great City" Babylon

15. By what symbolic name is counterfeit religion known? Rev. 17:5.

_____

16. Is Babylon also known as "that great city"? Rev. 18:10. _____

Note: A good symbolic "woman" represents the true church of Jesus Christ. A bad symbolic "woman" (whom we shall study in chapters 17 and 18) represents a false or counterfeit religion. Both symbolic "women" represent ***universal*** world-wide systems of religion of all ages.

Part 11. The Symbolic "Manchild"

17. Who is the literal child represented by the symbolic "manchild" that is born to the symbolic "woman-mother" or Universal Church of all ages? Rev. 12:5 and Isa. 9:6,7. _____

18. How is the ascension of Jesus to heaven in A.D. 31 described in Rev. 12:5?

_____

Part 12. The Symbolic "Great Red Dragon"

19. Revelation 12:1 brings to view "Heavenly Scene" No. 5 by saying, "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven." It then describes the symbolic "woman-mother" universal church. Again, in verse 3 it repeats, "And there appeared another wonder in heaven;" What is the other symbol described in verse 3?

_____

20. Permit the Bible to interpret and explain the identity of this "great red dragon." Rev. 12:9. _____

Note: That "old serpent" (with forked tongue) refers to Satan as a ***deceiver*** in his ability to lie and deceive as he did with Eve in Eden. Revelation 12:9 says that "he deceiveth the whole world." The "devil and Satan" when symbolized as a "dragon," refers to his role as a ***persecutor*** of God's people. (He tried to destroy the "manchild" and in Rev. 12:17 he is persecuting or making "war" with the remnant who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.)

Part 13. The Seven Symbolic "Heads" of the "Great Red Dragon"

21. How many symbolic "Heads" are on the symbolic "Great Red Dragon"? Rev. 12:3.

_____

22. What does a symbolic "Head" represent? Dan. 2:37 and 38.

_____

Note: "Thou, O king...[Nebuchadnezzar] *art* this [symbolic] ***head*** of gold." Dan. 2:37,38. A king and his kingdom are symbolized by a symbolic "head." This symbolism is consistent throughout the entire books of Daniel and Revelation. Has Satan established seven kingdoms? No. But he has ***attempted*** seven times to do so. It is important to permit the Bible to bring to view these seven attempts to establish a kingdom in the past, now in the present, and in the future.

Part 14. Satan's Seven Attempts To Establish a Kingdom

1. Where did Satan make his first attempt? Rev. 12:7-9._____
   How was his attempt to establish his kingdom in heaven thwarted? Rev. 12:9.

   _____

2. Where did he make his second attempt? Gen. 3:1-6. _____
   How was his flourishing reign brought to an end? Gen. 7 and 8.

   _____

3. Where did Satan attempt the third time to establish his kingdom? Gen. 11:1-9.

   _____

   How did the Lord put a stop to this attempt? Gen. 11:5-7.

   _____

4. Where and when was his fourth attempt? Gen. 3:15. _____
   Luke 4:5-8. _____
   Matt. 27:50. _____
   How was this attempt overcome? Matt. 28:5,6. _____

Note: If Jesus would have surrendered at any point, Satan would have won by default.

5. What was Satan's fifth attempt to destroy Christ's church and His kingdom? Dan. 7:25 and Rev. 12:6. _____

   _____

   How was that attempt brought to an end in 1798? _____

   _____

Note: During the 1260 years (A.D. 538-1798) reign and persecution of God's people by the "little horn" papal power during the "Dark Ages," Satan attempted to annihilate all the followers of Christ. But, in God's providence, Napoleon of France removed the reigning Pope from his throne in A.D. 1798.

6. Satan's sixth attempt to set up a kingdom here on earth will culminate at what event in the future? Rev. 16:12-16.

   _____

   How will that sixth attempt to reign over a One World Order be stopped?
   I Thess. 4:16-18. _____

   _____

   Rev. 16:17. _____

   _____

7. Satan's last attempt to destroy Christ's kingdom and establish his own kingdom will be at what event? Rev. 20:7-9. _____

   _____

   _____

   How will that final attempt end? Rev. 20:10. _____

   _____

A Review Exercise

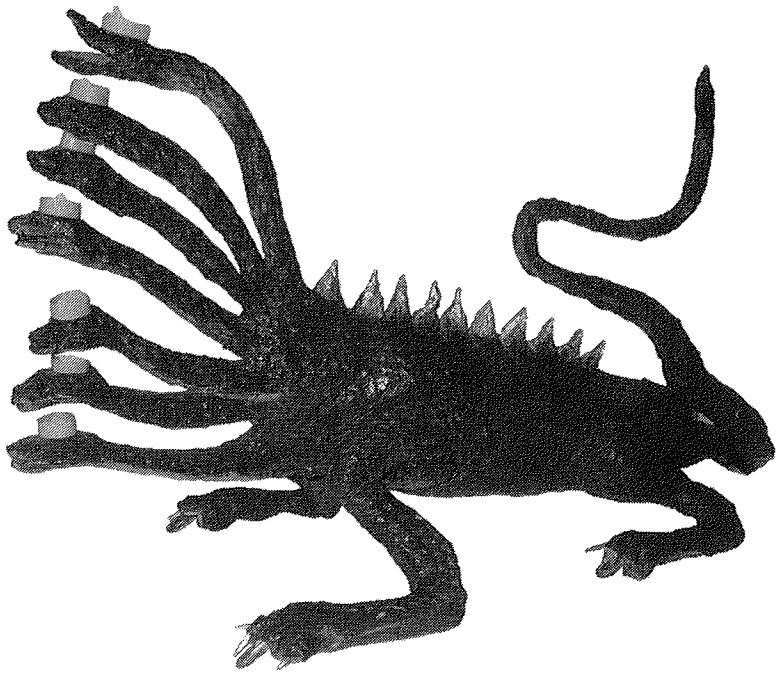
1. The symbolic "woman-mother" represents the true _____
   She is the symbolic "mother" of the symbolic _____ who
   was the literal _____
   She is also the symbolic "mother" of the _____
   which _____
   and have the _____
   which is the _____.

2. The symbolic "Great Red Dragon" having seven _____, and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads, reveals _____. He is the deceiver and persecutor until the end of time.

The Exercise

Directions: First, number the heads on the picture below.
Name each head, according to which attempt it was that Satan tried to establish a kingdom.

The Great Red Dragon



Lesson 19

THE SYMBOLIC "BEAST" OF REVELATION 13

Part 1. Chapters 12 and 13 of Revelation Are One Unit

In the fifth "Heavenly Scene" described in chapter 12 of the book of Revelation, the prophet John lifted his eyes toward the sky to see a great "wonder in *heaven*"—the symbolic "woman," "manchild," and the "great red dragon." That same vision continued on into chapter 13, when his gaze shifted downward so that he saw himself standing on the seashore. As he was looking out over the *sea*, he saw "a beast rise up out of the sea." It is all ***one vision***, so that chapter 13 simply continues to present more symbolic characters. These two chapters are ***all*** the ***same "Heavenly Scene."***

The last verse of Revelation 12 describes the remnant church of the last generation, declaring that "the dragon was **wroth** with the woman, and went **to make war with the remnant** of her seed." In Revelation 13, John was given a view of the "beast" character who represents a composite picture of the **persecutors** who have persecuted down through the centuries and who will "make war" and ***persecute that last remnant generation***! It was the translators who divided the book of Revelation into chapters and verses to help us find our places as we study, and that is very helpful. But translators were not inspired prophets and we need to remember that dividing John's vision or "Heavenly Scene" into two parts, that of chapters 12 and 13, is not inspired text. These two chapters are *one unit* making up *one* "*Heavenly Scene*"so that Rev. 12:17 and chapter 13 must be kept together presenting the picture of a persecuted remnant and its persecutor. Only then, will the message of Revelation 12-14 become "Present Truth" for us today.

Part 2. Hermeneutic Principle No. 1
No Private Interpretation of Biblical Symbols

The very first rule of "interpretation" of symbols declares that there may be no guess work or human assumption connected with it. We may not assume that the symbolic "beast" was Hitler, or an electronic device, or a computer, or any other identity which comes from human reasoning. It is the Bible, and the Bible only, which interprets its own symbolism.

HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLE NO. 1

"Knowing this *first*, that no prophecy [prophetic symbol] is of any private *interpretation*."
II Peter 1:20.

The word, "***interpretation***" in II Pet. 1:20, indicates that it is referring specifically to prophetic ***symbolism***. Why? Because, wherever a foreign language is spoken, that is where a speaker needs an ***interpreter.*** An "interpreter" or "interpretation" is needed only when one language must be translated into another language. Prophecy is written in two kinds of language! It is sometimes written in literal language and sometimes in symbolic language. Only when there is symbolism, is an "interpretation" needed. Following the Hermeneutic Principle of II Pet. 1:20, it must be understood that no individual, whether small or great, no man or group of men, no committee, or denomination, has the right to place its own interpretaion on the symbols of Revelation or any other book of the Bible. **The Bible and the Bible only is its own Interpreter of Prophetic Symbols**.

The "beast" symbol and the "mark of the beast" has been the subject of much speculation. The "beast" of Revelation must be identified by Scripture itself. Not until the symbolic "beasts" of the book of Daniel, which precedes Revelation, are understood, and the book of Daniel permitted to interpret Revelation, can this "beast" in Revelation, and his "mark" of authority, be correctly understood.

Part 3. The Book of Daniel Introduced Symbolic "Beasts"

1. In the book of Daniel, four symbolic "beasts" are brought to view in Dan. 7:3-7. Describe each of those four symbolic "beasts."
   Beast No. 1 (verse 4) "a _____, and had _____ _____"
   Beast No. 2 (verse 5) "a _____...raised up on one side with three _____"
   Beast No. 3 (verse 6) "a _____ which had four _____ and four _____"
   Beast No. 4 (verse 7) "an _____beast,...it had _____ _____horns."

2. What Biblical interpretation is given to these four symbolic "beasts"? Dan. 7:17. "These great beasts, which are four _____, which shall arise out of the earth."

Note: "Kings" are not kings without a kingdom or empire. The four "kings" represent four great empires.

Part 4. The "Composite Beast" of Revelation 13

3. Is there anything similar about the four symbolic "beasts" of Daniel 7 to the symbolic "beast" of Revelation 13? (See the Note below) _____

Note: The symbolic "beast" of Revelation 13 has "the mouth of a _____ the feet of a _____, and the body of a _____.

The symbolic "beast" of Revelation 13 is often called the ***Composite Beast*** because he is **composed** of the **components** of the same symbolic "beasts" described in Daniel 7. Not until the Bible student understands what the symbolic "beasts" of Daniel represented, can he begin to comprehend what the composite "beast" of Revelation is telling us.

> **"The things revealed to Daniel were afterward complemented [*explained more fully*] by the revelation."** *Testimonies to Ministers 114.*

Part 5. The Symbolic "Beasts" of Daniel Represented Kingdoms—Empires

4. What did the four symbolic "beasts" of Daniel 7 represent? Dan. 7:17. _____

Note: A "king" reigns over his kingdom. Without a kingdom or an empire he is not a king. Therefore, it is understood that the four symbolic "beasts" of Daniel 7 represented "kings" and their kingdoms or ***empires***.

Symbolic "Beasts" Represent "Empires"

A review of the four empires brought to view by the symbolic "beasts" in Daniel Chapters 2 and 7.

Dan. 2	Dan. 7	Empire
"Image"	"Beasts"	
"Head" of "gold"	"**Lion** with Eagle Wings"	Babylon
"Arms" of "silver"	"**Bear** ..raised up on one side"	Medo-Persia
"Belly and thighs of brass"	"**Leopard** with four "heads"	Grecia
" Legs of Iron"	"Indescribable with iron teeth"	Rome
"Ten toes"	"Ten horns"	Europe
	"Little Horn"	Papacy

5. Thought Question: Does the Bible name all of these empires? _____

Note: The Bible names enough of the empires to give the Bible student sufficient information to be assured of a correct application. Daniel 2:38 declares that the "Head of gold" referred to Nebuchadnezzar and his empire—**Babylon**. Dan. 5:31 declares that "Darius the **Median** took the kingdom." Daniel. 8:20 declares the symbolic "ram" with its two symbolic "horns" to be **Media** and **Persia**, and the symbolic "he-goat" to be **Grecia**. The Bible gives sufficient descriptions of the empires to be able to identify them. The Bible student can recognize that these symbols represent a succession of empires. Every historican knows that Grecia fell to **Rome**. Knowing this, he can consult historical records to determine the identity of the remaining symbolic "beasts" and their symbolic "horns."

Part 6. Seven Empires Presented in the Book of Daniel

6. How many empires are brought to view in Daniel, chapter 2? _____

7. How many empires are brought to view in Daniel, chapter 7? _____

8. How many empires are brought to view in Daniel, chapter 11? _____

Note: To answer the above questions, review the chart below, or consult the *Daniel Workbook*, and look at the following note.

Note: There is a "forward, progressive movement" in the book of Daniel, which provides added information in each succeeding chapter. While Daniel, chapter 2 presents only four empires, Daniel 7 **adds** a fifth empire—which was the Papacy that ruled over Europe for 1260 years (A.D. 538-1798). Daniel, chapter 11 gives **additional** information which describes the rise and fall of two more empires: the rise and fall of the USSR, and the 7th empire that is yet future. Daniel 11 describes the "king of the north" referring to a future Papal reign. Chapter 12 gives great detail in regard to the time in which that final Papal reign will rise and fall.

It is important to remember that these seven empires are described in sequence and continuity in the book of Daniel and that they rose and fell in orderly succession in fulfillment of the prophecies.

THE SEVEN EMPIRES IN DANIEL

1. **Babylon (606-538 B.C.)**
2. **Medo-Persia (538-331 B.C.)**
3. **Grecia (331 B.C. – A.D. 168)**
4. **Rome (A.D. 168-476)**
5. **Papal Rome (A.D. 538-1798)**
6. **The USSR (A.D. 1917-1989)**
7. **A One World Order with Papal Head (Future)**

Part 7. The Seven Symbolic "Heads" of the "Beast" of Revelation 13 Are the Seven Empires of Daniel

9. How many symbolic "heads" are on the symbolic "beast" of Rev. 13:1? _____

10. What did the symbolic "head" represent in Dan. 2:38? _____

11. To be consistent, if a symbolic "head" in Daniel represented an empire, what do the seven symbolic "heads" on the symbolic "beast" of Revelation 13:1 represent?

_____

Note: The identity of the seven symbolic "heads" on the symbolic "beast" of Revelation has for many years, been a puzzle to theologians. Some assumed that the empires began with Egypt or Assyria, and others concluded that Israel was one of the "heads." Not until Daniel 11 was unsealed in 1989 at the fall of communism in the USSR, did the identity of the sixth empire become clear and the following seventh empire began to appear as a future One World Order with Papal head.

Not until the clues given in Daniel 2 and 7 were recognized, that the succession of empires truly began with Babylon, then Medo-Persia and then the rest to follow, and not until the eleventh chapter of Daniel was unsealed, were those seven symbolic "heads" of the "beast" identified by making the Bible to be its own interpreter. Daniel 11 and 12 must be permitted to define the "heads" of Revelation 13.

Part 8. The Seven "Heads" on the "Beast" of Revelation 13 Represent Seven Empires

Head No. 1	**Babylon**
Head No. 2	**Medo-Persia**
Head No. 3	**Grecia**
Head No. 4	**Rome**
Head No. 5	**Papal Rome**
Head No. 6	**The USSR**
Head No. 7	**One World Order (with Papal Head)**

Note: The identity of the 6th empire is a new concept to many. It should be remembered that these empires are in strict *sequence* and continuity. The 5th empire ended when the Pope of Rome was taken captive by Napoleon, ruling an ***atheistic*** government. Following that papal reign, in sequence and continuity, ***atheism*** moved eastward, growing in power into the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917. It became the great atheistic-communist empire of the USSR which aspired to rule the world and was a persecutor of millions who died under its cruel reign. Not until it was brought down in 1989, could the 7th empire, of a New World Order, with a Papal Head fulfill the prophecies of Daniel 11 and 12 and open up the endtime application of Revelation 13.

Part 9. The Symbolic "Beast" and "Heads" in an Old World Setting

12. Out of what does the symbolic "beast" with his seven "symbolic" heads or empires rise up? Rev. 13:1._____

13. What does a symbolic "sea" represent? Rev. 17:15._____

Note: The tempestuous sea with its waves tossing about is a good symbol of the nations of the ***Old World***, which warred against each other, with empires rising and falling like the waves of the ocean. The "beast" of Revelation, chapter 13 refers only to the "Old World" of Europe and Asia, but did ***not*** include the empire which would rise at the end of time in America. The USA is not known as the "beast" or as one of its symbolic "heads," but as "*another beast*" or "*the image to the beast*" (Rev. 13:11). There are many who assume that the USA is represented by one of the "heads," but that is not consistent with the symbolism of Revelation, which distinguishes between "beasts" and "heads."

Part 10. The Seventh Symbolic "Head" of the "Beast" of Rev. 13 Represents a Future Seventh Empire

14. What, in the prophecy of Revelation 13 indicates that the seventh empire will be that of a New World Order or One World Government? Rev. 13:3. "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; [1798] and his deadly wound was healed: [happening now] and _____ the ***world*** wondered after the beast."

15. How is "***all*** the world" further explained? Rev. 13: 7. "And it was given him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over _____ kindreds, and _____ and _____."

16. Thought Question: Were "all" the continents, and islands, and tongues and peoples of the world brought under the power of the first Papal Supremacy which lasted from A.D. 538-1798? _____.

Note: The primary and complete fulfillment of Rev. 13:7 was not possible in the medieval era. Not until the world was brought together by modern communication, transportation and interaction between all nations was it possible to give this prophecy its complete and final fulfillment.

17. How is that concept of "***all*** the world" repeated again? Rev. 13:8. "And _____ that dwell on the earth shall _____ him, whose names are not written in the _____ _____ _____..."

18. In regard to "worship," was this truly fulfilled on a universal basis in the first medieval Papal Supremacy? _____

19. Thought Question: Is there any evidence today that there are plans to set up a One World Order, now called "global governance"? _____

20. Thought Question: Is there any evidence today that the world is making ready for a One World Government in regard to trade regulations? _____
In regard to a world bank? _____
In regard to a world church? _____
In regard to a one world religion? _____
In regard to a one world day of worship? _____
Comments: _____
_____
_____

21. Are there any plans on the part of the Roman Papal See (Papal Government) to have a dominant part in the One World Government? _____

Note: *"The Keys of This Blood"* by Malachi Martin explains on the front cover that "Pope John Paul II struggles against Russia and the West to become the *head* of the New World Order!"

22. Thought Question: Does the partial fulfillment of Revelation 13 in the medieval past Papal Supremacy which reigned from A.D. 538 to 1798, prohibit a final endtime primary application to a future second Papal Supremacy? _____

23. Revelation 13 reveals that there will be a future Papal Reign which will persecute the "remnant" (Rev. 12:17). Is there any Scripture which tells how long that future Papal Reign will continue? Dan. 12:11. _____
How long will the persecution last? Dan. 12:7. _____
How long will God's people "wait" it out until deliverance? Dan. 12:12. _____

Note: The Papacy is known in Scripture by different names. In Dan. 7:25 it is called the "little horn." In Rev. 13 it is called the "beast." In Dan. 11:40-45 it is called "the king of the north" and in Dan. 11:31 and Dan. 12:11 it is called the "abomination that maketh desolate."

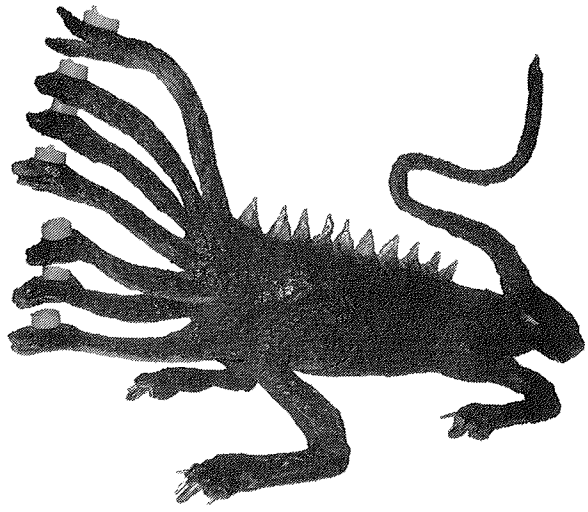
The Leopard-like Beast with His Seven Heads

Part 11. Review Exercise on Symbolic "Heads"

There are two symbolic characters listed below. One character is the "Great Red Dragon" of Revelation 12. The other symbolic character is that of the "beast" of Revelation 13. Both of them have seven "heads." Examine them carefully and decide whether the seven heads are exactly the same on both symbolic characters. _____

The Great Red Dragon of Rev. 12 (Seven Attempts to Make an Empire)		***The "Beast" of Rev. 13*** (Seven Empires)	
Head No. 1	Heaven	Head No. 1	Babylon
Head No. 2	Eden	Head No. 2	M. Persia
Head No. 3	Babel	Head No. 3	Grecia
Head No. 4	Jesus tempted	Head No. 4	Rome
Head No. 5	Papal Reign	Head No. 5	Papal Rome
Head No. 6	Armageddon	Head No. 6	USSR
Head No. 7	Gog and Magog	Head No. 7	One World Order with Papal Head

The Great Red Dragon



The Leopard-like Beast

Lesson 20

THE "BEAST," "IMAGE OF THE BEAST" AND "MARK OF THE BEAST" (Revelation, 13)

Part 1. A Review of the "Beast" of Rev. 13

1. The symbolic "beast" of Rev. 13 represents a succession of empires in sequence
2. A symbolic "head" in Bible prophecy represents a specific empire
3. Either a symbolic "beast" or a symbolic "head" may represent an empire
4. The symbolic "beast" of Revelation has seven symbolic "heads"
5. The seven symbolic "heads" represent seven empires in sequence
6. Only one symbolic "head" exists on the "beast" at a time
7. The first four empires are identified by the prophetic "beasts" in the two visions of Daniel 2 and 7 as Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia, and Rome
8. The seven empires presented in Daniel 11 and Revelation 13 are as follows: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia, Rome, Papal Rome, Atheistic-Communist USSR, and the seventh "head" empire will be that of a One World Government with a Papal "head." (The USA) is a New World "beast" not a "head"
9. All seven symbolic "heads" on the Rev. 13 "beast" are old world "sea" empires
10. John Paul II desires to become the head of the New World Order or One World Order (*The Keys of This Blood* by Malachi Martin)

Note: The symbolic "beast" is not merely a cartoon "sea monster," but represents a succession of persecuting empires. Whether the seventh "head" empire will also become a persecutor of God's people must be determined by its Biblical description.

Part 2. The Nature and Purpose of the "Beast" of Revelation 13

1. Who has given the symbolic "beast" of Revelation 13 its power, seat (throne) and its authority? Rev. 13:2. _____

2. What is the nature of the "dragon"? Rev. 12:4._____
   Rev. 12:9. _____
   Rev. 12:10 (last part)._____
   Rev. 12: 6. _____
   Rev. 12:7. _____
   Rev. 12:17. _____

Note: The nature of the great red dragon, "the devil and Satan," is to deceive, make trouble, to devour or kill, to accuse, to be angry with God and His people, to "make war" or to persecute. It is Satan who has given power, seat and authority to the "beast" of Revelation 13.

3. Does the "beast" of Revelation reflect the nature and purposes of the "dragon" Satan? Rev. 13:7. _____

4. Thought Question: Are the nature and purpose of both the "dragon" and the "beast" of Revelation 12, 13, and 14 revealed only in past persecutions, or will it also be revealed in future actions? Rev. 12:17. _____
Rev. 13:7. _____

Part 3. The Future *Timed* Persecution by the "Beast" of Revelation 13

Note: Revelation makes it clear that the "beast" will persecute the "remnant" or last generation. It also tells ***exactly how long*** that persecution will continue. Not only does Revelation express the duration of the future persecution but the book of Daniel is even more specific, giving not only the number of days for the persecution but also the number of days of the future reign of the "beast." God is very gracious in that He not only warns His people of what is coming, but gives them assurance that the final crisis will be relatively short!

Part 4. The "Forty and Two Months" Past Application

5. How long was the persecution in the medieval era? Rev. 13:5. _____
_____

Note: The "forty and two months" was understood in past generations to be symbolic time because there is symbolic language of a symbolic "beast" and "heads" and so forth in the context. (Forty two months, figuring 30 days per month, actually totals 1260 days.) Prophetic expositors applied the Year-day principle, wherein one symbolic day represents one literal year, and understood that the "forty and two months" referred to a long period of 1260 years lasting from A.D. 538 to 1798. They were correct in doing this, making an application to the medieval Papal Supremacy in the past. They were correct in making application in this way to the "time, times, and an half" or the 1260 days of Dan. 7:25 as well as to the "forty and two months" of Revelation 13. That application is without fault! By it, the identification of the past Papal Supremacy was accomplished. Without a recognition of the first Papal Supremacy, the second reign of the Papacy can not be understood. That work was basic and primary to the total prophetic exposition for God's people.

Part 5. The "Forty and Two Months" Future Application

6. Is there any inspired statement which would indicate that the "forty and two months" of Revelation 13 could possibly have a future literal application? _____
Examine carefully the following inspired comment to answer the question above.
Comments: _____
_____

"In the ***last days*** Satan will appear [future] as an angel of light, with great power and heavenly glory, and claim to be the Lord of the whole earth. He will declare [future] that the Sabbath has been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week; and as lord of the first day of the week he will present [future] this spurious sabbath as a test of loyalty to him. Then will take place [future] the ***final fulfillment*** of the revelator's prophecy. 'So they worshipped the beast, saying, who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him? And he was given a mouth speaking blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for ***forty and two months***...It was granted him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue and nations. And all who dwell on the earth ***will*** worship him whose names have not been written in the Book of Life...'" (Rev. 13:4-18 was given as a reference) MR. Vol. 19 p. 282.

Part 6. The Two Kinds of Context in Revelation 13

7. Thought Question: If the context of Revelation is that of symbolic language, can any legitimate application be made to a literal "forty and two months" of future significance? See the Note below before placing your answer on the line. _____

Note: There are two kinds of context in Revelation 13. Yes, there is the symbolic language context, but there is also the context of an outline of events which must be taken in their order. That context of the outline is as follows:

A Sequential Outline of Events—A Context for Revelation 13

Reference	Text	Event	Date
Rev. 13:3	"One of his heads was wounded...	[Pope taken prisoner]	1798
Rev. 13:3	his deadly wound was healed	[Pope gaining power]	Today
Rev. 13:3	all the world wondered after the beast		Not quite yet
Rev. 13:4	Who is like unto the beast Who is able to make war with him?		
Rev. 13:5	...power was given unto him to continue **forty and two months**		Future
Rev. 13:7	to make war with the saints ["remnant" Rev. 12:17]		Future
Rev. 13:8	all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him,..."		Future

Note: The word "**continue**" in the above outline of events, holds within its meaning the idea that something has gone on before, and will "continue" on again. Just as the Papacy reigned forty and two symbolic months (1260 years) in the past, so it will ***continue*** to reign again for forty and two literal months, or 1260 literal days in the future.

8. Does the book of Daniel also prophesy of a ***timed*** future period of persecution? Dan. 12:7 _____

_____

Note: A "time, times and an half" is the same amount of time as 1260 days, or "forty and two months." Revelation predicts a "forty and two months" period (Rev. 13:5), and Daniel refers to that same period as "time, times and an half," (Dan. 12:7). The two books are one—Daniel a sealed prophecy and Revelation a revealing or unveiling of it.

9. Review Question: How long will "he"—the "beast" "scatter" or (persecute) the remnant according to Daniel 12:7 and Rev. 13:5? _____literal days.

Part 7. The "Holy See" Papal Throne or Seat of Authority

10. What is the name for the throne of the Papacy-"Beast" of Revelation 13?

_____

> "See. 1. ... *Sedes...a seat* of a bishop's office, power, or authority. 2. The authority or jurisdiction of a bishop.
> "Holy See. The See of the Pope." *Webster's Dictionary*

Note: The name for the throne of power, seat, and authority for the Papacy is the "Holy See."

11. How did the Pope come by this power, seat, and authority? Rev. 13:2.

_____

12. Does the power, seat, and authority of the Papacy have to do with worship? Rev. 13:4. _____
Rev. 14:9-11. _____

_____

13. Where will the Pope locate his tabernacles (place of worship) when he becomes head of the New World Order or One World Government? Dan. 11:45.

_____

Note: The "glorious holy mountain" is Mt. Zion, on which old Jerusalem rests. That city lies between the seven seas: The Mediterranean Sea, the Caspian Sea, The Black Sea, the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea, the Dead Sea, and the Sea of Galilee.

14. Although all the world will worship the symbolic "beast," he will really be the "figurehead" for one who is behind the scene. Who would that be? Rev. 13:4. (first part) _____
Rev. 12:9. _____

Note: Satan craves worship. He uses individuals, as well as empires, in an attempt to bring the entire world under his control, to exact their worship and absolute obedience to himself. He is determined that all shall reflect his own image.

Part 8. The Future 1290 Literal Day Reign of the "Beast" of Rev. 13

15. How long will the symbolic "beast" reign over all the world? Dan. 12:11.

_____

Note: The text of Dan. 12:11 paraphrased should be read as follows:
"And from the time that the daily [the power, seat, and authority] shall be taken away, [from the nations] and the abomination that maketh desolate set up [the seventh symbolic "head" on the symbolic "beast" of Rev. 13 in a New World Order with a Papal "head"shall be established to reign; and] there shall be a ***thousand two hundred and ninety days*** [until he shall come to his end, and none shall help him]."
(See also Dan. 11:45.)

16. Thought Question: If the seventh "head" (empire) will persecute for 1260 literal days, but he will reign for 1290 days, how many days difference is that between these two timelines? _____

Note: There is a 30 day difference. There cannot be a persecution until a persecutor is given power to act. Revelation, chapters 17 and 18 explain in detail why there is this 30 days difference. Be patient, this answer will soon become self-evident as those chapters are covered in the workbook.

The Thirty Days Between the 1260 and 1290 Timelines

1260 literal days
1290 literal days
30 days

Part 9. The Blasphemies of the "Beast" of Rev. 13

17. Rev. 13:5,6 says that the "beast" is a "blasphemous" power. What is "blasphemy"? John 10:33. _____

Note: "Blasphemy" is the action of any being who takes to himself the titles and offices of God. Who is doing this today? Who has accepted the title to himself "The Holy Father? _____ Who assumes himself to be "head of the church"? _____ Who is the true "head of the church"? Eph. 5:23. _____

18. Who calls himself, "Highest Priest and Pontiff"?_____
Who is the true High Priest? Heb 9:11. _____
Zech. 6:12,13. _____
Claims to have power to forgive sin. Matt. 9:2-6, Jn. 10:30-33. _____

19. Exactly, who then, is the [seventh head] on the "beast" of Revelation 13?
_____

Note: Pope John Paul II may be replaced by another pope. The Papacy is made up of a long succession of popes. It is the office and the man in the office at that time which will fulfill the prophecy of Revelation 13.

Part 10. The Symbolic "IMAGE OF THE BEAST"

Note: Revelation 13, verses 1 through 10, describe the "beast that had seven heads." Verse 11 begins to describe ***"another beast"*** that is called the "***image of the beast***." The significant aspect of the "beast" is that it will "make war" against the saints of God. "Another beast" represents another great nation or "empire" that will also persecute the people of God. Persecution cannot be perpetrated by any religious body unless there is a **union of church and state**. Not until a religion can gain control of an empire or country, can it enforce its dogma upon the citizens by police force or by armies.

Such persecution was carried on in medieval times by Papal Supremacy No. 1 during its reign from A.D. 538-1798. There was a union of church and state between Roman Catholicism and the various countries of Europe. Only as the Papacy could control the kings of Europe, was it possible to torture and burn men at the stake for so-called heresy. Revelation 13:11 begins to describe "another beast" (great nation) which will become, through a union of church and state, another persecutor of God's people and that great nation is spoken of in Revelation 13 as "the image of the beast." It is called an "image" because it will do exactly the same things that the Papacy has done in the past and will do again in the future. (See Fox's *Book of Martyrs.)*

Part 11. The United States of America In Prophecy

20. Revelation 13:11 describes "_____ _____
coming up from the ***earth***." In contrast, where did the "composite "beast" of Rev. 13:1-10 come from? _____

Note: The symbolic "sea" represented the nations and peoples of the ***Old*** World. Papal Rome arose from the many nations of the Middle East and Europe, which like the sea, were continually rising and falling in conquest. But the empire described in Rev. 13:11 rises from the "earth," that is, from virgin land of trees, plains, mountains and forested areas. This is a picture of the New World or the United States of America. The USA is "another beast," and should not be confused as one of the "heads" on the beast of Rev. 13.

At the same time that the Pope was taken prisoner in A.D. 1798, the United States was rising and declared independence in 1776. George Washington, the first President, was still in office in 1798.

21. In its beginning, the United States of America was founded as a republic with religious and political freedoms and religious liberty. How are these two freedoms described in Rev. 13:11? "...he had two _____ like a _____."

Note: A "lamb" is a type of Jesus. A lamb is harmless. Symbolic "horns" represent power. The power and strength of the government of the United States were founded on its civil and religious liberty and separation of church and state.

22. Thought Question: What nation is represented by the "beast with two horns like a lamb" ? _____

Part 12. The United States of America Changes Character

23. What sudden and abrupt change is designated in that same verse of Rev. 13:11? "and he spake as a _____."

24. Review Question: Who is the symbolic "dragon"? Rev. 12:9. _____

Note: What a change! Departing from its principles of religious and political freedoms, it suddenly begins to speak like the devil against the people of God! When liberty of conscience will be denied by a law which unites the teachings of a church and its mode of worship to the political and state authorities, and legislates church dogma, then this prophecy of Rev. 13:11 will be fulfilled.

Part 13. The "Speaking" of the Nation Is Legislative Action

25. What is meant by the statement that "he ***spake*** as a dragon"? See the following note

_____

_____

Note: "The ***speaking*** of a nation is the action of its legislative and judicial authorities." (See *The Great Controversy* p. 442.) When the United States of America "speaks" as a dragon, it will be a ***legislative*** action which will unite church and state. Then the United States will become a persecutor as was the Papacy before it.

26. What religious law is currently desired by most Christian churches today?

_____

27. Thought Question: What religious law is desired according to the recent encyclical letter by Pope John Paul II? _____

Part 14. The Change of the Seventh-day Sabbath to Sunday

28. Thought Question: Where did Sunday sacredness originate? _____

Note: The Ten Commandment Law of God specifies that the "Sabbath" is the ***seventh*** day of the week, which is Saturday. The observance of the first day of the week or Sunday originated from sun worship and was called the "venerable day of the sun." It is the day, commonly held sacred, but it is most contradictory to the immutable Laws of God and a counterfeit form of worship dishonoring the Creator.

29. Thought Question: How did Sunday worship invade the Christian church?

_____

Note: Sunday worship crept into the church through the intermingling of Christians and sun worshippers in Rome. Constantine, emperor of Rome, for political purposes, wanted to "unite" his kingdom with religious ties combining Christianity with Pagan worship of the sun god. Professing Christianity, in A.D. 331 he passed legislation regarding the sanctity of Sunday. The bishops in Rome, seeing the church growing in membership also accepted and proclaimed that the sanctity of the seventh-day Sabbath had been changed over to Sunday by the church.

30. Where was this attempt to change the "times and laws" of God prophecied?
Dan. 7:25. "and he shall think to _____

_____

Part 15. The "Mark of the Beast"—A Mark of Authority

Note: The Roman Catholic Church is proud to acknowledge that she has changed the day of worship from the Saturday Sabbath to Sunday observance. She claims that since the whole world worships on Sunday, this is the evidence that she had the power to make the change. Sunday worship is the "***mark of her authority***." This "mark of the beast" will be given further study in future lessons.

Lesson 21

THE "BASIC PROPHETIC OUTLINE" OF REVELATION 12 AND 13
From The Fall of Lucifer Down Through the Final Crisis
(Revelation, Chapters 12 and 13)

Part 1. "Heavenly Scene" No. 5 Presented Five Symbolic Characters

Note: The "Heavenly Scene" No. 5 of Revelation 12 and 13 presents five symbolic figures as follows:

1. The symbolic "woman" representing God's true church
2. The symbolic "manchild" representing the Literal Christ
3. The symbolic "great red dragon" representing Satan
4. The symbolic "beast" with "seven heads" representing seven consecutive persecuting empires from 600 B.C. to the end of historic earth time
5. The symbolic "another beast" with "lamblike horns" representing the USA but which finally "speaks" or legislates like the "dragon"—Satan

Part 2. The "Basic Prophetic Outline" of Revelation 12 and 13

Each of the eight "Heavenly Scenes" in the book of Revelation is followed by a "Basic Prophetic Outline." It is the actions of the symbolic characters, as described in Revelation 12 and 13 which form the "Basic Prophetic Outline." That "Basic Prophetic Outline" of Rev. 12 and 13 is very long, extending from the fall of Lucifer in heaven to the final endtime crisis. This outline of events is actually the framework of action, more fully explained in the book titled, *"The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan."*

Part 3. A Preview of the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of Revelation 12 and 13

The details of the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of Revelation 12 and 13 will be given attention on page 34.. Revelation, chapters 12 and 13, although one unit, are presented as a "drama" in a theater. As in any drama, the audience must get acquainted with the characters, know who they represent; and at the same time as the characters are performing on stage, must understand what is taking place. Revelation, chapters 12 and 13 are demanding in that they mingle the characters, with the interpretation of who they are, at the same time the action is going on. Yet, with all these complications, the good Bible student perceives a marvelous "Basic Prophetic Outline" with events happening in sequence and continuity. Because of the fact that the symbols are interspersed with their interpretations of symbolism, and explanations inserted, it may appear that the Bible verses are not given in strict sequence to make up the "Basic Prophetic Outline." Nevertheless, other Bible texts on the subject at hand, and historical records put these events into their proper settings, and the "Basic Prophetic Outline" appears in all its beauty. Rev. 12 presents action from the fall of Lucifer to the present and Rev. 13 projects the action into the future.

The Sequence of Actions in the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of Rev. 12 and 13

Reference	Action	Date
Rev. 12:7	"And there was _____ in heaven"	
Rev. 12:7	"Michael [Christ] and his angels fought against _____ and his angels"	
Rev. 12:8	"_____ and his angels were cast out of _____"	
Rev. 12:9	Satan and his angels were "cast out into the _____"	
Rev. 12:2	Christ was born of the "woman"	**4 B.C.**
Rev. 12:4	Satan tried to destroy Christ as soon as he was _____	
Rev. 12:5	Christ ascends "was caught up" to heaven in His ascension	**A.D. 31**
Rev. 12:6	The "woman" [the true church] _____ into the _____	
Rev. 12:6	The "woman" was "fed" for _____ symbolic "days," or 1260 literal years	**A.D. 538-1798**
Rev. 12:12	Satan is very angry because he knows he has but _____"	
Rev. 12:13	(For the second time), Satan _____ the woman."	
Rev. 12:14	(For the second time), the woman will be nourished for a _____(year) _____(two years) and half	**Future**
Rev. 12:14	(Evidently Satan appears during this time because)	
Rev. 12:14	The "woman" will flee from the "face of the _____"	
Rev. 12:17	Satan makes war with the "remnant who _____ _____"	
Rev. 13:1,2	Seven persecuting empires in sequence are represented by a composite "beast" (Babylon to the end of the world)	**606 B.C.**—the end
Rev. 13:3	The 5th "head" empire was wounded	A.D. **1798**
	The 6th "head" empire (rose in 1917) and fell in	**1989**
	The 7th "head" One World Order with Papal "head" is yet to come.	
Rev. 13:3	"All the world" will wonder after the "beast"-head No. 7	**Future**
Rev. 13:7	"Head" No. 7 will "make war with the remnant"	**Future**
Rev. 13:7	"All kindreds, tongues, and nations" will submit to Papal control	
Rev. 13:5	(As the Papacy persecuted "forty and two months")	A.D. 538-1798)
(Dan. 12:7)	He will persecute again a literal "forty and two months"	**Future**
Rev. 13:11	The USA, will become a persecuting nation, legislating and enforcing religious laws in a union of church and state	**Future**
Rev. 13:11	The USA will legislate and enforce the Papal Sunday upon all people	
Rev. 13:12	Satan will become visible and make fire come down from heaven	
Rev. 13:14	The USA, by enforcing the Papal Sunday, will become an "image to the beast" and will suffer "national ruin" but	**Future**
Rev. 13:15	The Papacy will have power with finance to set the USA back up if	
Rev. 13:15	The USA will pass and enforce a universal death decree against the remnant who keep the commandments of God	**Future**
Rev. 13:16,17	No one will be able to buy or sell without the "mark of the beast" (Sunday is the mark of authority of Rome)	**Future**
Rev. 13:18	The number of the "beast" is 666 or in the Greek, 1260	**Future**

Detailed Study of the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of Rev. 12

Part 4. The Fall of Lucifer

1. At what point does the "Basic Prophetic Outline" begin in Revelation 12? Rev. 12:7. "And there was _____ in _____: Michael (Christ) and his angels _____ against the _____ (Satan) and his _____."

2. When Satan lost the war in heaven, where did he go? Rev. 12:8,9. "...neither was their _____ found any more in heaven. And the dragon was _____ _____ ...he was cast out into the _____ and his angels were _____ _____ with him."

Note: When Satan was cast out of heaven, he had no "place" to go except out into space. None of the other worlds, who had watched his rebellion and trouble making in heaven were willing to let him onto their planets. So he stopped by this newly created beautiful world. The only place of access he was permitted was at the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. There he determined, by deceit and trickery, to gain this planet for himself and his angels. His plan worked! He is still working to get permanent possession of the planet away from Christ by securing universal worship to himself, so that he can go before the courts of heaven to declare that he has a right to possess and rule by common consent.

Part 5. The Birth and Ascension of Jesus Christ

3. In Rev. 12 the "Basic Prophetic Outline" moves quickly from the fall of Lucifer down through time 4000 years. What is the next datable action in the outline? Rev. 12:1-4. "And there appeared ...a woman...and she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered...and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to _____ her _____ as soon as it was born."

Note: As soon as Jesus was born in 4 B.C., king Herod decreed that all the babes around Bethlehem two years old and younger should be slain. Joseph and Mary took baby Jesus into Egypt until Herod was dead. (See Matt. 2:14-16.)

4. What is the next datable action (A.D. 31) in the outline? Rev. 12:5. "...and her child was _____."

5. What was the result of the victorious resurrection and ascension of Jesus? Rev. 12:10. "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come _____ and _____, and the _____ of our God, and the _____ of his Christ: for the _____ [Satan] of our brethren is _____ _____, which _____ them before our God day and night."

Part 6. The Wrath of Satan

Note: As the universe witnessed Satan's cruelty in the crucifixion of his own Creator, they realized that he would destroy the very Source of Life if given opportunity. Any sympathy previously felt for him in all the universe was swept away, and Satan was denied further entrance to the counsels of God by unanimous consent.

6. Since the crucifixion, what has Satan known? Rev. 12:12. _____
_____

7. What has been the result of Satan's knowing that he hath but a short time left? Rev. 12:12. "...for the devil is _____ _____ _____ you, having great _____."

Part 7. The Woman in the Wilderness

8. Then the outline moves forward another 500 years. What is the next major event which reveals Satan's great wrath in the outline? Rev. 12:6. "And the woman _____ into the _____, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a _____ _____ _____ and _____ [symbolic] days [or literal years]." (A.D. 538-1798.)

9. What has been Satan's object of persecution ever since the crucifixion? Rev. 12:13.
_____

Part 8. The "Face" of the Serpent

10. When, at the close of earth's history, Satan becomes visible, so that his "face" can actually be seen, what will he do again to the "woman"? Rev. 12:14. "...he _____ the woman....And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished...from the _____ of the serpent."

Note: When Satan will visibly personate Christ, he will boldly show his ***face***. During that time the symbolic "woman" or God's commandment keeping people will be protected by the Seal of the living God. The "two wings of a great eagle" are a figure of speech which portrays a "heavenly flight."

Flying high in the heavens, the eagle makes its nest on peaks and tops of trees. Instead of being intimidated by serpents, it feeds its young the flesh of serpents. While the whole world will be deceived by the serpent, those who receive the "Seal of the living God" will escape from his face to be nourished instead, by the heavenly Word of God.

Part 9. The "Time, Times, and an Half" of Future Persecution

11. For how long will the "beast" persecute and yet the remnant be protected? Rev. 12:14. "...that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a _____, and _____, and _____a _____, from the face of the serpent."

Note: This "time, times, and half a time" is the same timeline that is found in the endtime, primary application of the "forty and two months" of Rev. 13:5 and Daniel 12:7. Rev. 12:**6** refers to the medieval timeline of "a thousand, two hundred and threescore days" [years], but Rev. 12:**14** refers to future events.

12. What is the intent and purpose of Satan toward those who keep the commandments of God? Rev. 12:15. _____
_____

Note: A literal "flood of waters" is a devastating deluge which carries away homes, trees, earth and all that is in its way.

13. Where will God's people go to escape the flood of persecution which will be poured out upon His people? Rev. 12:16. "And the _____ helped the woman, and the _____ opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth."

Note: God's people have been warned, that when the final crisis begins with the legislation of Sunday Laws, they are to leave the large cities and to flee to small towns and villages preparatory to flight to the mountains. They will finally take refuge in the most solitary and desolate places of the earth. There God will feed them and protect them from the "face of the serpent."

Part 10. The Last Generation "Remnant" Persecution By The Dragon

14. To what point in time does the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of Revelation 12 bring the action? Rev. 12:17. "And the dragon was _____with the woman, and went to make _____ with the _____of her seed, which _____ the _____ of _____, and have the _____of _____."

Note: Revelation, chapter 12 "Basic Prophetic Outline" reaches from the fall of Lucifer to the "remnant" and the final crisis at the end of time.

Lesson 22

THE "BASIC PROPHETIC OUTLINE" CONTINUED IN REVELATION 13 (Rev. 13)

Part 1. The Setting for Revelation, Chapter 13

1. With what symbolic character did the prophet John see the persecutors of God's people from 606 B.C. to the end of time? Rev. 13:1,2. _____

2. What did the "seven [symbolic] heads" represent? Dan. 2:38. A sequence of seven _____.

3. Name the first three empires pictured in Revelation 13:3. _____ _____, and _____

4. Name the fourth and fifth empire. _____,_____

5. What was the 6th empire which fell in 1989? _____

6. What will be the 7th empire which will persecute God's people? The _____ _____ _____ with Papal _____

7. What happened to the 5th "head"? Rev. 13:3. _____

8. What is happening now? Rev. 13:3. The Papal "head" is being _____

9. Over what realm will the 7th "head" rule? Rev. 13:3. _____
   Rev. 13:7. _____
   Rev. 13:8. _____

10. Who is behind all this persecution? Rev. 13:4. _____

Part 2. The Authority for the Reign of the 7th "Head" of the Beast

11. How will the 7th "head" or One World Empire with a Papal "head" begin its reign? Rev. 13:5. "And there was given him a _____"

12. What was this "mouth" thinking to say in the medieval period? Dan. 7:8. "...in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a _____ _____great things."
    Dan. 7:25. "And he shall <u>speak</u> great words against the most High...and think to change _____and _____."

Note: The symbolic "little horn" was determined to change the "times" of the Sabbath (which had been from sundown to sundown) to midnight to midnight. And he thought to change it from the 7th day of the week to the 1st day, which is Sunday. The "little horn" also changed the Biblical Statues from the "appointed times" of the feast days to the modern holidays observed today, such as Christmas, Easter, and All Saints Day. Under the first Papal Supremacy over Europe, the Popes attempted to extend their authority even contrary to the laws of God. Again, at the end of time, the symbolic "beast" 7th "head" will attempt to legislate and enforce that same change over all the world.

Part 3. The "Speaking" of a Nation is its Legislative Action

13. What is the meaning of a "mouth speaking"? Dan. 4:31, Rev. 13:5.

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Note: "The speaking of a nation is the action of its ***legislative*** and judicial authorities." *The Great Controversy* p. 442.

14. Revelation 13:5 is a prophecy which indicates that the Pope will "legislate" a mark of his authority. They have claimed that they have authority to change God's laws, and the fact that the whole world follows in observing Sunday as a special day is evidence of their power. From whom did the "beast" get power, seat, and authority? Rev. 13:2 (last part.) _____

Note: The Rev. 13:5 text plainly explains that the Pope will legislate a universal Sunday law and that all the world shall marvel and obey that command in direct opposition to the laws of God. Does Roman Catholicism admit to changing the Sabbath to Sunday worship?

"Ques. Which is the Sabbath day?
Ans. Saturday is the Sabbath day.
Ques. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?
Ans. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because **the Catholic Church in the Council of Laodicea (A.D. 336) transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday**.—Peter Geiermann, *The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine, 1923 ed., 50:1-4.*

"What is the Papacy's mark, or sign, of authority?
"Ques. How prove you that the Church hath power to command feasts and holy days?
"Ans. *By the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday,* which Protestants allow of." Henry Tuberville, *An Abridgment of the Christian Doctrine (1883 approbation), p. 58.*

Part 4. The Last Papal Reign—1260 Literal Days

15. How long will the persecution by the last or Second Papal Supremacy over all the world continue? Rev. 13:5. "and power was given to continue _____ and _____ _____." Rev. 13:7. _____

16. How long will the Second Papal Supremacy reign? Dan. 12:11. _____ _____literal days. Rev. 13:8. How many worship him? _____ except for _____

Part 5. The Persecuting "Image of the Beast"

17. Who also "speaks" or legislates contrary to God's laws? Rev. 13:11. "And I beheld _____ _____...and he _____as a _____."

Note: The Old World was predominately Roman Catholic. The USA was spoken of as being in the New World. "Another beast" has already been identified in previous lessons as the United States of America. It arose with "lamblike horns" which represented a government resting upon the two freedoms of Protestantism and Republicanism, facilitated by a separation of church and state. As the first Papal Supremacy was falling in 1798, the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776. But in the future, the USA "***speaks***" or will legislate a National Sunday Law, uniting church and state so that persecution will begin.

18. How fierce will be the persecution done in the USA? Rev. 13:12. "And he exerciseth _____the power of the first beast before him..."

19. How widely will the persecuting power of the USA extend itself? Rev. 13:12. "...and causeth the _____ and _____ that _____ _____ to _____ the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed."

Part 6. "Fire...Down From Heaven...In the Sight of Men"

20. Thought Question: What is the meaning of Rev. 13:13? _____ _____ _____ _____

Look at the following Note and determine in your own mind, the most probable answer, or if there are several answers, which is most significant, and why?

Note: The USA has already made "fire come down from heaven" in its atomic bombs. It is now engaged in developing "star wars" in space. However, there are those who believe that the "fire from heaven" is a false charismatic power revealed in the miracles done in the apostate churches of Protestantism. There are also those who believe that Satan himself will bring "fire down from heaven in the sight of men" as did Elijah on Mt. Carmel to establish himself as the expected "Messiah" and Lord of the whole earth --the one to be worshipped.

Part 7. A Buying-Selling Decree

21. By what means will the Sunday legislation be enforced? Rev. 13:17.

_____

Note: Financial pressure on individuals by various uses of technology, trade sanctions on nations, confiscation of properties and goods, penalties, and even death penalties will bring force upon all peoples of the world.

Part 8. National Ruin and Restoration

22. How will a National Sunday Law in the USA be a "signal" to God's people?

> **NATIONAL RUIN**
>
> "It is at the time of the national apostasy [legislation of a National Sunday Law], when, acting on the policy of Satan, the rulers of the land will rank themselves on the side of the man of sin [the Pope], it is then the measure of guilt is full; the national apostasy [National Sunday Law] is the ***signal for national ruin***."
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> *II Sel. Messages.* 373.

23. When a nation experiences "national ruin" it is as if it *dies* financially. But "he"—the Roman Papacy will have the power to restore it to its financial feet and former leading role among the nations of the world. How is this stated in Rev. 13:15? "And he [the Papacy] had power to give _____ unto the image of the _____."

Part 9. A Universal Death Decree

24. On what conditions will that financial prosperity be obtained? Rev. 13:15. "...that the image of the beast [the USA] should both _____ [legislate], and _____ [enforce] that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be _____."

Note: As many as would not worship the first beast before it [Papal Rome] by observing the mark of Roman authority in its false Sunday worship should be ***killed***. This will be a ***Universal Death Decree***. This legislative "speaking" action is the ultimate decree of rebellion against God and His people. This Universal Death Decree is not the same thing as the "death penalties" that accompany disobedience to Sunday Laws. At the very end of the final crisis, Satan will attempt, by working through governments, to destroy all the people of God by a Universal Death Decree so that he can claim this planet as his own by common consent of all the wicked. This will be the last action in the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of Revelation, chapters 12 and 13.

Part 10. The Number of his Name

25. What is the "mark" of authority of the "beast" Papal Rome? _____
What is the name of the "beast"? _____ _____
What is the number of the "beast"? Rev. 13:18. _____

Note: The number of the beast in the English KJV is "Six hundred threescore and six." 666. It was possible to take the Title that was on the Pope's crown, "Vicarious Felii Dei" and with Latin Roman numerals to count the letters in that title which total the number 666. However, the Greek Lexicon does not say 666, It says 6, 6 and **6x10**. We need to examine how the Greeks used their numbers. In the Greek, the number 12 is spoken of a "***duo-decca***" or ***2+10***. (When two numbers stand side by side they were added together. That is how the Greeks did it. For example, there were *duo-decca* apostles) If the first two sixes, of Rev. 13:18, are added together they total 12. Then the last number is 6x10 or "three score" or 60. If the 12 is placed before the 60 then the number of the beast is ***1260***. That is the number of years which the Popes reigned in the first Papal Supremacy and it is the number of literal days the papacy will persecute again in the future. Seven times this number is spoken of in Daniel and Revelation. It is the "forty and two months" and it is the "time, times, and half a time" of both Daniel 7:25 and Daniel 12:7 as well as Revelation 11:2,3, Revelation 12:6 and 14 and Revelation 13:5.

Part 11. The End of the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of Rev. 12 and 13

Note: It is suggested that the Bible student review the *Table of Contents* list of topics pertaining to the "Basic Prophetic Outline" in Lessons 20, and 21, to see the complete picture of that which is presented as one unit.

Notes

Lesson 23

"THE INTERLUDE" OF THE FIFTH VISION
The 144,000 Are Sealed
(Revelation 14)

Part 1. An Hundred and Forty and Four Thousand on Mt. Zion

1. Who are the main characters brought to view in the "Interlude" described in Rev. 14:1-5? _____

Note: Each vision is characterized by four parts: 1. The "Heavenly Scene," 2. The "Basic Prophetic Outline," 3. The "Interlude," and 4. "The Eschatological Culmination." This lesson, No. 23 is focused on the "Interlude." In each vision, the "Interlude" is a description of the ***144,000***. You may wish to review the fifth column of the "*The Eight Major Visions of Revelation*" inside the cover of the workbook.

2. What is written in the foreheads of the 144,000? Rev. 14:1. "...having his Father's _____written in their foreheads."

Note: The Father's name reflects His character. (See Ex. 32:18-22.) The law of God is the transcript of His character. To have the Father's name written in the forehead, is to have His character or His law written in the forehead. The "forehead" represents the ***mind***. The 144,000 will have God's law written in their minds, and in this state they will be sealed forever into God's kingdom.

3. What has God promised to write in the foreheads or minds of His people? Heb. 10:16. "This is the covenant [contract] that I will make with them after those days [in the endtime] saith the Lord, I will put my _____into their _____, and in their ***minds*** [foreheads] will I write them."

Note: The 144,000, will have the law of God written in their minds. What about their sins? "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." Heb. 10:17.

4. How perfect will the 144,000 be? Rev. 14:5. "And in their mouth was found no _____: for they are _____ _____ before the throne of God."

5. Thought Question: As you read Rev. 14:4, regarding "women" and "virgins," and from a practical point of view, do you consider the language to be literal or figurative? _____
_____
_____
_____

Note: There is much speculation as to whether the number 144,000 is literal or figurative. If the language is literal, only "virgin" women could be among them. Married persons and men would be excluded. The fact that John "heard" the number is not proof that it is either literal or figurative.

The number 144,000 is probably significant as it relates to God's church and Christ's kingdom. "Jerusalem which is above is Mother of us **all**," and she is therefore the Universal Church of all ages. That Holy City has ***12*** gates, there are ***12*** foundations, and there are ***12*** stars are on the crown of the symbolic "woman." of Rev. 12:1. (12 x 12 is 144). The word, "thousand" indicates very many. The 144,000 is a perfect number of those who receive the "Seal of the Living God" to prepare them to live through the seven last plagues without a Mediator. It is not the number that is so important to us, but the character which must be developed to receive the gift of having the law of God written in the heart and mind so that they can reflect the image of Jesus fully. We must strive to be one of them.

6. What kind of a song do they sing? Rev. 14:2 and 3. "A _____song."

7. What do they have to sing about? Rev. 7:2-4. _____
_____

Note: The "*First Major Line of Prophecy*" (Rev. 1-11) contains, in chapter 7:1-4, an account of the ***sealing*** of the 144,000. The "*Second Major Line of Prophecy*" (Rev. 12-22) also contains, in chapter 14, an account of the sealing of the 144,000 who are made ready for their final work and translation. There is an alignment of these two *Major Lines of Prophecy* so that they complement and supplement each other. The reason that the 144,000 are the only ones who can sing the new song is that their generation is the only one which receives the "Seal of the living God" in full measure, to enable them to live without a Mediator. After the close of probation, Jesus will no longer minister as Intercessor in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary. It is only the last generation who need such a special gift as that "final atonement" sealing work to fit them to live through the seven last plagues and be translated.

8. Thought Question: Why are they the only ones who can learn or sing that song? Rev. 14:3. _____
_____

9. What name is given to the 144,000 that shows they are the first to be made ready for translation? Rev. 14:4. "These were redeemed from among men, being the _____ unto God and to the Lamb."

Note: The 144,000 will be the "Firstfruits" because they will be, as an entire group or "church" the first to "reflect the image of Jesus fully," the first to live without a Mediator, and the first to experience the joy of perfection of character.

Part 2. The Three Angels' Messages To The World

Note: Revelation, chapter 14 reveals special messages that are intended to be given to all the world by the "remnant" people who "keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus." These special warnings are known as the "Three Angels' Messages" which have been proclaimed for more than a century. They will finally swell into a "Loud Cry" which will be given by the 144,000. Lessons 22 and 23 are a review of the "Three Angels' Messages."

Part 3. The First Angel's Message

The prophet John saw an "angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." (Rev. 14:6.) However, it is not angels, but *men* who "*preach*" the everlasting gospel. Since angels are known as "messengers," to bring good tidings to earth (Luke 2:10) it is understood that the "angel" represents a **message** of good tidings which will go to **every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.** Only in the endtime, with world-wide communications, would this be possible. Therefore, this everlasting message will swell into an endtime proclamation or "Loud Cry" to be given by the 144,000 to all the world.

Part 4. "The Everlasting Gospel."

10. What does the angel which brings a message "have"? Rev. 14:6.

    _____

11. What is the "everlasting gospel"?
    Gen. 3:15. _____
    Gen. 49:10. _____
    Isa. 53:3-11. _____
    Matt. 1:22,23. _____
    Matt. 2:2,3. _____
    John 1:29. _____
    Rev. 1:5. _____
    I Thess. 4:15-18. _____

Note: The entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation is a "revelation of ***Jesus Christ***." All through the Old Testament He was the promised One, "The Holy One of Israel." The first four gospels are the living witnesses of those who lived with and experienced Him. The New Testament, and especially the book of Revelation, reveals Him. Sometimes the Revelation is called "The Fifth Gospel."

Part 5. "Fear God, and Give Glory to Him"

12. What will this first angel's message proclaim in a "***Loud Voice***"? Rev. 14:7.
"Fear _____, and give _____to him...worship
_____that _____
_____

13. According to the Ten Commandments, how do men worship Him as the Creator?
Ex. 20:8-11. _____
Gen. 2:1-3. _____

14. Who is the Creator? Col. 1:13-18. _____
Heb. 1:2. _____
John 1:1-4. _____

Note: The creation was a joint effort. God, the Father and Jesus Christ worked together. (Gen. 1:26,27.) It was Jesus, the "Word," who spoke the world into existence. (Heb. 1:2.) The third Person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit, was the active agent Who "moved upon the face of the waters." (Gen. 1:2.) Sabbath worship honors all three of the Godhead.

Part 6. "The Lord's Day"

15. Who then is the ***LORD*** (owner of all or "landlord") by virtue of creation?
Mark 2:28. _____

16. What then, is the ***"LORD'S DAY"?*** The first or the seventh day of the week?
Ex. 20:8-11. _____

17. What is Satan's work? Rev. 12:9. "...to _____the whole _____."

Note: "The whole world," including apostate Christian churches, is observing a day which is in direct opposition to the fourth commandment of God's holy, immutable Ten Commandment Law!

18. Who then will be God's "remnant" people who worship on the seventh day, the true Sabbath? Rev. 12:17. _____
_____
Rev. 14:12. _____
_____

Note: The book of Revelation was directed to the Christians and its messages are for us today. The Jews may become Christians and join Christians who are keeping the Ten Commandment Law of God and have the faith of Jesus.

19. Thought Question. Is the Seventh-day Sabbath an important issue to the world and to me? I John 5:1-3. _____

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_____

20. Thought Question: Is it worth whatever sacrifice I may have to make to change my life to come into conformity with God's Ten Commandment Law? _____

_____

21. Thought Question: Who are you worshipping when you are keeping a false sabbath? _____

Part 7. "The Hour of His Judgment is Come"

Note: The first angel's message also proclaims that "the hour of his judgment is come." The word "judgment," includes two main actions in a court of law. The first action is that of ***investigation***. It is called the "***Investigative Judgment***" What is the incriminating evidence? What circumstances must be considered? Is there plea bargaining? What is the attitude of the suspect? Only after the "Investigative Judgment" is completed, does the judge pronounce the ***Executive Judgment***." The Bible describes both phases of judgment.

The "Investigative Judgment" is first described in Dan. 7:9-14. It is also described in Revelation, chapters 4 and 5. In both these books, there are references to "books" or "a book" of records which is opened right at the throne of God, so that the records of the lives of men can be investigated before the universe, to reveal the mercy and justice of God. This work must be accomplished before the Second Coming of Jesus.

The "Investigative Judgment" 2300 day-year timeline is given in Dan. 8:14. That timeline, began in 457 B.C. and ended in A.D. 1844. That judgment process reviews the names of all who have given their lives over to Jesus and lived "in Him." Their sins are covered with His blood. Their names were entered into the "Lamb's Book of Life" at the time of their conversion, and in the "Investigative Judgment" their names are legally (in the court of heaven) retained in the "Lamb's Book of Life." They are given a "Quit Claim Deed" to their inheritance of eternal life, and legal citizenship in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Those who have not advantaged themselves of His grace are unforgiven. They will die, even the "Second Death" which will occur at the end of the millennium. (See Revelation, chapter 20.) Not until then, will the Executive Judgment take place when the sentence to be executed will be carried out.

Part 8. A Review of the "Investigative Judgment"

22. What prophetic timeline indicated that the "Investigative Judgment" would begin toward the end of this earth's history? Dan. 8:14. _____

23. In prophetic symbolism, what according to the Year-day Principle, does a symbolic "day" represent? Num. 14:34. _____
Ez. 4:6. _____

24. When did the 2300 day-year prophecy begin? Dan. 9:25. "Know therefore and understand, [that you start counting]... ***from*** the _____ [decree] to build Jerusalem [which occurred in 457 B.C.]."

Note: The effective (third) decree occurred in 457 B.C. See Ezra 1:1 and Dan. 10:1. This prophecy not only predicted the date when the Messiah (Jesus, the Christ) would begin His ministry in A.D. 27, but also the date of the crucifixion in A.D. 31. It gave the time when the transition of the gospel went from the Jews to the Gentiles in A.D. 34 It also extended to the date of A.D. 1844 when the Investigative Judgment in heaven should begin and when the "books were opened, and the judgment was set." (The records were opened and the court convened.)

25. If you count out the 2300 years, beginning in 457 B.C., to what date does it extend?
_____

Note: Be sure to include the two years of 1 B.C. and A.D. 1. If correct, your computation will extend to A.D. 1844.

Part 9. Personal Application of Prophecy

26. Thought question: Of what significance is the date A.D. 1844, or the beginning of an Investigative Judgment to us today? (See the Note below) _____
_____
_____

Note: The beginning of the Investigative Judgment in A.D. 1844 seems to have little to do with us today. However, the Investigative Judgment began with the dead—those who first lived upon the earth, then took up the names of each succeeding generation and ***closes with the living***. Current events, according to Bible prophecy, reveal the fact that time is running out and the judgment of the living is right upon us. Soon, none know how soon, your name will come up in the Investigative Judgment. As the name of each individual is brought up his destiny is forever sealed. Either he is sealed into Christ's kingdom, or he is forever lost. That is the close of his probation. When Jesus completes judgment of the last name, He will close the books. Then the court will be adjourned! That will be "The Close of Probation" for all mankind! Then Jesus will step out of the Most Holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, remove His priestly robes, and put on robes of "vengeance" in which He will direct the seven last plagues.

27. What did Paul say happens to men after they die? Heb. 9:27. _____
_____

Note: After they die, their cases come up in the Investigative Judgment. Not so that God can be informed, but so that all the universe is utterly convinced that God is fair and just. There is confusion in regard to this matter when theologians teach that those who die go to heaven or hell immediately. The truth is that they rest while the Investigative Judgment is going on. Then when Jesus comes, He will bring His "rewards" with Him. (Review Rev. 11:18.)

28. Thought Question: Does this Investigative Judgment scene in Revelation 14:7 in this *Second Major Line of Prophecy*, **align** with the Investigative scene in Revelation, chapters 4 and 5 in the *First Major Line of Prophecy?* _____

29. Thought Question: If I have confessed all my sins and have faith in the blood of Jesus to cover them, or blot them out on the books of heaven, and to write His law in my mind and heart, will those sins be reviewed in front of the whole universe, or will the blood of Jesus cover them? _____

Part 10. The Warning of the First Angel's Message

The three angels' messages of Revelation 14 are ***warnings***. The first angel's message of Rev. 14:7 was and is a warning that the Investigative Judgment began for the dead in A.D. 1844. The 5th angel's message of Rev. 14:15 repeats that same message but with the emphasis that the Investigative Judgment is about to close and your destiny will then be forever sealed. The good news is that if you will submit your will to His and receive Him into your life, you may receive the Seal of God by faith, a gift of perfection of character in which the law of God will be written in heart and mind. (Heb. 10:16.)This is the ***First Angel's Warning Message***.

Lesson 24

THE SECOND AND THIRD ANGELS' MESSAGES
(Rev. 14:8-14)

Part 1. Satan's Counterfeit

1. What is Satan's work in this world? Rev. 12:9. _____

2. Does Satan have helpers? Rev. 12:9. _____

3. Thought Question: If Satan is not the Creator, and is not "creative" and cannot devise a new religion, what then does he do to the Truth? _____

Note: Satan deceives the ***whole world***, except for those who choose to treasure the truth and enter into God's kingdom. Therefore we should expect the great worshipping masses of people to be deceived, to blindly follow various forms of false religion and counterfeits of the true. Just as God has a true church of all the ages, (New Jerusalem, which is above), so Satan also has a counterfeit church of all ages—a universal figure which is a composite of all false religions of the world. Both churches are known as a "city." Satan's church, in contrast to "Jerusalem" is named "Babylon."

Part 2. The Second Angel's Warning Message "Babylon is Fallen"

4. What warning is given in the Second Angel's message? Rev. 14:8. "And there followed another angel, saying, _____ is _____ is _____, that great city, because she made ***all nations*** drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

5. Thought Question: The name, "Babylon" means *confusion*. Do all religions teach the same things? Do all Christian churches teach the same doctrines? Do all Protestent churches agree in doctrine? Does Roman Catholicism teach the same doctrines as are found in the Bible? Do false religions agree with Holy Scripture?

_____

Note: Babylon is the conglomerate of errors of all false religions, from the most primitive to the most sophisticated. Her influence has permeated the whole earth. It has affected all peoples, all cultures, all governmental bodies, as well as policies and practices everywhere. She is known for her cruel persecutions of God's people, and for the filthiness of her practices and life styles. Whereas the people of God are keeping His commandments, and His statutes, ever lifting humanity to cleaner and better ways of life, Babylon drags men down to ignorance and filthiness lower than the dumb beasts. As this second angel's message swells into a loud cry, it will call all of God's children out of her, and into God's truth.

Part 3. The History of the Second Angel's Message

6. How long has the Second Angel's Message been given to the world?

_____

Note: The Second Angel's Message was first given in the summer of 1844. For ten years the Dan. 8:14, 2300 year-day prophecy was proclaimed regarding the soon coming of Jesus. By the summer of 1844, the Christian churches had put those who believed in the prophetic timeline, out of the churches with much persecution. More than 50,000 Christians had voluntarily withdrawn from membership. It was under these circumstances that the Rev. 14:8 message was given, identifying the apostate churches who despised the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, as "Babylon." This was called the "moral fall" of the churches. But that fall was not yet complete because Babylon had not yet made ***all*** nations conform to one system of false worship. That second angel's message has identified the counterfeit as those who do not keep the commandments of God and do not teach doctrines which are plainly stated in the Bible which is the "testimony of Jesus."

Part 4. My Clear Responsibility

7. Thought Question: Am I a member of the true church—Jerusalem, or am I still a member of Babylon, the counterfeit? _____
   What action do I need to take? _____
   How long shall I wait to make this change? _____
   For my eternal salvation, what is the only safe thing to do? _____
   If I need to be baptized, to whom shall I go? _____
   If I wish to make further commitment, to Whom do I go? _____

Note: The Second Angel's Message is directly contrary to Ecumenism. It is contrary to the popular teaching that all religions are just different roads all leading to heaven. It is a call to bring our teachings and beliefs into direct harmony with the Holy Bible.

The Second Angel's Message is also a great comfort to God's people in this world with all its strange, confusing ideas and various religious beliefs There is one factual truth about God and all that He has created, about man and his destiny in the universe. These truths can be found in His Holy Word. It is wonderful to know that, in contrast to all the counterfeit confusion, there is "one body [true church], and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all..." Eph. 4:4-6.

Part 5. The Third Angel's Message

Note: The First Angel's Message is a call to "***Worship***."

The First Angel's Message
A Call to Worship The Creator

"Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come:
Worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the
fountains of waters." Rev. 14:7.

The Creator is to be **worshipped** by keeping holy the memorial of His creation which is the Seventh-day Sabbath. The Third Angel's Message is a warning to abstain from the **worship** of the "beast." Whereas God's seal or mark of His authority as Creator is the Seventh-day Sabbath; the mark or sign of the authority of the "beast" is a false sabbath or Sunday worship.

The Third Angel's Message
A Warning to Not Worship the "Beast"

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice,
If any man **worship** the beast, and his image, and receive his mark
in his forehead, or in his hand,
The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out
without mixture into the cup of his indignation;
and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels,
and in the presence of the Lamb:
And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever:
for they have no rest day nor night,
who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."
Rev. 14:9-11.

Part 6. A Warning Against the Seven Last Plagues

8. If any man (person) worship the "beast" and accept his "mark" what will happen to him? Rev. 14:10. _____
_____
_____

Part 7. The Negative Aspect of the Third Angel's Warning Message

9. What is the "wrath of God"? Rev. 15:1. _____
Rom. 1:18. _____
Rom. 1:24. _____
Rom. 1:26, 28. _____

Note: Under the Third Angel's Warning Message, the last generation will make their final choice as to whom they shall serve: to worship the Creator, or to worship the "beast" and be brought under Satanic control. God will not force the conscience. As men choose to follow and join with evil forces, God will "give them up," or "give them over" to the master they have chosen.

10. Thought question: To what generation would this warning message specifically apply? _____

Note: It is only the ***last*** generation who will suffer the seven ***last*** plagues. Although this message, for more than a century, has identified the "beast" and his "mark," the warning against the seven last plagues is an endtime proclamation to be given in a "Loud Cry" to all the world just before the seven last plagues occur.

11. What is the third angel's warning in regard to the final end of the wicked?
    Rev. 14:10,11. _____
    Rev. 20:15. _____
    _____
    _____

12. Will the suffering of the wicked continue through all eternity? Mal. 4: 1-3.
    _____

Note: The idea of an eternal burning hell is not Scriptural. The fire is eternal fire in that its results are eternal. After a fire finishes burning everything "up," sin and sinners never return to live again. The righteous will walk on the ***ashes*** of the wicked in the New Earth. The earth will be purified by the fire, and the New Earth will be established as described in Revelation, chapters 21 and 22. Sin shall not arise a second time. (See Nahum 1:9.)

13. How long does the "***smoke*** of their torment" continue to rise? Rev. 14:11. _____

Note: When a fire burns, the smoke ascends upward and never returns to its place. The statement that they have no rest "day nor night" refers to those who worship the "beast" before the Second Coming of Jesus as they suffer through the seven last plagues and until they are utterly consumed.

Part 8. The Positive Aspect of the Third Angel's Message

14. What is positive about the Third Angel's Message? Rev. 14:12. "Here is the patience of the _____: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

Part 9. The "Final Intercession" for the "Saints"

Note: In contrast to the terrible fate of the wicked, Rev. 14:12 and 13 reveal the glorious destiny of the saints.

15. Just before probation closes, what will Jesus do for last generation saints who will live through the seven last plagues? Lev. 16:30. "For on that day [day of at-one-ment] shall the priest [Jesus Christ] make an atonement for you, to _____ _____ that ye may be _____from all your _____ before the Lord."

16. Not only will Jesus the High Priest forgive all their sins, but what other wonderful thing will He do to seal them from committing sin through all eternity? Heb. 10:16. "This is the _____ [promise] that I will make with them after those days [in the last days before probation closes], saith the Lord, I will put my _____ into their _____, and in their _____ will I write them; And their _____ and _____will I remember no more."

17. What is this wonderful work called in Revelation 14:1-4? Rev. 7:1-4. "The _____ of the living God."

Note: The Seal of God will be placed upon the saints of the last generation known as the 144,000. God will not only forgive past sins, but His law will be written in heart and mind (Heb. 10:16,17), They will then reflect the perfect image of Jesus, not only all the way through the seven last plagues, but for all eternity. A gifted writer expressed it this way:

The "Final Intercession"

The **third angel** closes his message thus. Here are they that keep the comandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. As he repeated these words, he **pointed to the heavenly sanctuary.** The minds of all who embrace this mesaage are directed to the ***Most Holy Place*** where Jesus stands before the ark, making his ***final intercession***." *Early Writings* 254.

The **"final intercession"** is the final or last prayer for His people. After that there is no longer any intercession in the Most Holy Place!

18. Thought Question: If, in Christ's "final prayer" for His people, He places upon them the robe of His own righteousness, and places upon them a permanent Seal of God, will they need a Mediator for sin during the seven last plagues? _____

Part 10. No Mediator-Intercessor!

"Every case had been decided for life or death. While Jesus had been ministering in the sanctuary, the judgment had been going on for the righteous dead, and then for the righteous living. Christ had received His kingdom, having made the atonement for His people and ***blotted out their sins***. The subjects of the kingdom were made up...As Jesus moved out of the most holy place...a cloud of darkness covered the inhabitants of the earth. There was then ***no mediator*** between guilty man and an offended God...it was impossible for the plagues to be poured out while Jesus officiated in the sanctuary, but as his work there is finished, and His intercession closes, there is nothing to stay the ***wrath of God*** [seven last plagues]...In that fearful time, after the close of Jesus' mediation, the saints were living in the sight of a holy God ***wihtout an intercessor***." *Ibid. 280.*

Note: God's commandment keeping people have had "inside information" as to how to survive the seven last plagues for over a century. Nothing short of the Seal of God, which will write the law of God in the heart and mind, so that they can reflect the image of Jesus fully, will carry them through that fearful time so that they can be alive and well to be delivered, translated, and meet Jesus at His Second Coming.

Part 11. The Year of the Seven Last Plagues

19. How long will the plagues last? Rev. 18:8. _____

Note: Remember that "Babylon" is a symbol. That "day" is couched in symbolic language. Therefore the symbolic "day" should be converted to a literal year, according to the Year-day Principle. The seven last plagues will last a literal year. The close of probation will occur just before the plagues begin.

Part 12. The Third Angel's Message and the Timelines of Daniel 12

20. Thought Question: Is the third angel's message found only in the book of Revelation? (See Dan. 12:5-13)_____
_____
_____
_____

Note: The book of Daniel gives the prophecy. Revelation is the revealing of the prophecy. The third angel of Rev. 14 describes a "beast" empire with Rev. 13:5 and 7 declaring that it will continue in the future to persecute for "forty and two months." Dan. 12:7 describes that same period of time as a "time, times, and an half" in which the "holy people" will be "scattered" which, in the Hebrew, means that they will be "crushed and dashed to pieces."

The three timelines of Daniel 12, very simply declare that a future persecution will continue for "a time, times, and an half" or ***1260*** literal days, that the persecutor will reign for ***1290*** literal days, and that from the first sign that they have entered the final crisis, they will wait it out for ***1335*** literal days. Revelation describes the symbolic "beast" with his seven symbolic "heads" and Daniel explains how long the seventh "head" will reign, how long he will persecute God's people, and leads to an understanding of the final, glorious destiny of God's people at their final deliverance from persecution and their glory at the Second Coming of Jesus.

Part 13. The Three Angels' Warning Messages Given in Daniel *and* Revelation

"Let us read and study the 12th chapter of Daniel. It is a *warning* ...we shall all need to understand before the...end."
Ltr. 161. 1903.

"The most solemn *warning* and awful threatening ever addressed to mortals is that contained in the third angel's message."
Signs of the Times 11-01-1899.

21. Thought Question: If all the books of the Bible came from One Source, and if Daniel and Revelation are both Bible prophecy, which is simply "history written in advance," then is it appropriate that Daniel and Revelation should both focus on the same final events? _____

_____

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Lesson 25

THE THREE FINAL HARVESTING ANGELS
(Rev. 14:14-20)

Part 1. The "Eschatological Culmination" of the Fifth Vision

1. The prophet John saw eight major visions which he recorded in the book of Revelation. The first four visions are found in the *First Major Line of Prophecy* (Rev. 1-11). The *Second Major Line of Prophecy, (Rev. 12-22)* which begins in chapter 12, brings to view the fifth vision. In that fifth vision, like every other vision, it began with a "Heavenly Scene" which introduced the prophetic symbols. The "Heavenly Scene" was followed by a "Basic Prophetic Outline" in which the symbolic characters bring to view a sequence of events from the fall of Lucifer to the very endtime. Then, before the action is complete, there follows an "Interlude" in Rev. 14:1-5, regarding the sealing of the 144,000 and the message they will give which will swell into the Loud Cry. In every vision there are four parts: the "Heavenly Scene," the "Basic Prophetic Outline," the "Interlude" and then the "_____ _____."

Note: The "Eschatological Culmination" brings to view those endtime events which occur just before or at the Coming of Jesus.

Part 2. The Son of Man On The White Cloud

2. In the "Eschatological Culmination" of Rev. 14:14, what does the prophet John see Jesus sitting on? _____

3. How will Jesus travel when He comes again? Rev. 1:7. "Behold, he cometh with _____; and every eye shall see him."

4. At what other event did Jesus come with clouds? Dan. 7:10-13.

_____

_____

Note: The "white cloud" is in modern language, a "space vehicle." The Scriptures reveal the fact that whenever Jesus travels from one place to another he goes in the "white cloud." He ascended to heaven in A.D. 31 in a cloud. (Acts 1:9.) He came from the Holy Place in the heavenly sanctuary in A.D. 1844 "in the clouds of heaven" to the Most Holy Place. At his Second Coming, He "cometh with clouds" (Rev. 1:7) and we will "meet the Lord in the air." (I Thess. 4:17) That "space ship" will be large enough to carry all the redeemed to heaven!

Note: The "great white cloud" is not the holy place, but entirely separate from the Holy and Most Holy Place, entirely separate from the sanctuary. Therefore, it is necessary to determine, when looking at Rev. 14:14, whether it is a picture of the Second Coming, or a picture of Jesus in the Investigative Judgment.

5. By what title is Jesus called in Rev. 14:14? _____
   By what title is Jesus called in Dan. 7:13? _____

6. In Rev. 14:14 what does Jesus have on His head? _____
   Is there any inference in Dan. 7:14 that Jesus would be wearing a crown?
   _____
   Is there any reference in The Song of Solomon to a crown, at the time of the Investigative Judgment which is also known as the time of the "Marriage" or the "wedding"? Song of Solomon 3:11. _____

Part 3. The Final Harvest

Note: When a king receives a kingdom, then he wears a crown. In Dan. 7:14, which is a description of the Investigative Judgment, "there was given him dominion, and glory and a ***kingdom***. The crown is that which reveals kingship. It is in the Investigative Judgment, that each name comes up and is added to *make up* the kingdom. It is in the Investigative Judgment that the kingdom is made up.

7. What does Jesus have in his hand in Rev. 14:14. _____
   "Thrust in thy sickle, and _____: for the _____
   of the earth is _____

Note: A "sickle" is used for ***harvest***. Jesus "harvests" His people in the process of the Investigative Judgment. That is the time when each name in retained in the Lamb's Book of Life! When probation closes, that harvest comes to its end. Rev. 14:14 is ***not*** a picture of the Second Coming, but it is a view of Jesus in the final harvest of the last generation.

Part 4. The Seven Angels' Messages of Revelation 14 and 18:1-4.

Note: Revelation, chapter 14, brings to view, not just three angels' messages, but six! Revelation 18 reveals still another angel with a message. This totals seven angels' messages, consistent with the other "sevens" in Daniel and Revelation.

8. Count the angels in Rev. 14 and Rev. 18:
   Rev. 14:6,7 is One; Rev. 14:8 is Two; Rev. 14:9-13 is ____; (Rev. 18:1-4 is _____.) Rev. 14:15 is Five; Rev. 14:17 is ____; Rev. 14:18 is ____ ;

9. What was the message of the first angel of Rev. 14:7? "Fear God, and give glory to him for the _____of his _____is come."

"Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation and ***closes with the judgment of the living***." *The Great Controversy p. 483.*

Note: The Investigative Judgment began with the cases of the dead in A.D. 1844. That message of the first angel has been given to the world for over a century.

Part 5. The First Angel's message To Be Repeated in the "Loud Cry"

10. What gives the Bible student the idea that the angel of Rev. 14:15 will give a "Loud Cry"? "And another angel came out of the temple, _____ with a _____ _____."

11. What gives the Bible student the idea that the angel of Rev. 14:15 is repeating the first angel's message? "...crying to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap, for the _____ _____ _____."

Note: The original Greek language in Rev. 14:7 is the same as that in Rev. 14:15. Rev. 14:7 in our English Bible says, "the *hour*...is come," but Rev. 14:15 says "the *time* is come." But in Greek, they both say exactly the same thing. The only difference is that the first angel was announcing the Investigative Judgment beginning with the dead, but the angel of Rev. 14:15 is announcing the beginning and ending of the Investigative Judgment of the ***living***.

12. For what reason does the angel of Rev. 14:15 make this "Loud Cry"? "Thrust in thy sickle, and reap; for the _____ of the _____ _____ _____."
Joel 3:13-14. "Put ye in the _____, for the _____ is _____."

13. Is this an endtime event? Joel 3:16. _____

Part 6. The "Firstfruits" of the Harvest: The 144,000

14. What group of the living people would be judged and sealed first? Rev. 14:4.
_____

Note: The 144,000 are the "***first****fruits*." In ancient Israel, there were three harvests. The barley harvest was first, the wheat harvest was second, and the grape harvest was last. The barley harvest was small in comparison to the great wheat harvest. The 144,000 is a small number compared to a "great multitude." The 144,000 "first" fruits harvest will be the first of three harvests of Rev. 14:14-19.

Note: God seals His Sabbath keeping people first. It is His pleasure to rescue His people from sin and Satan, just as soon as possible. Consistently, He also does this in

regard to the Investigative Judgment. First, it is His people whose names are retained in the Lamb's book of life, and later, during the millennium, the wicked are judged.

Part 7. The Second Angel's Message To Be Repeated

Note: Revelation 14:17 declares that "another angel came out of the temple, which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle." But Rev. 14:17 does not tell what his message will be. However, it is clear that another harvest is to come after the first.

15. Review Question: What was the second angel's message? Rev. 14:8.
"..._____is fallen, is fallen...that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

Note: The second angel's message, that of Rev. 14:8 was in reference to a "moral fall of the churches" since 1844. But that message was not fulfilled completely at that time because she had not yet "made ***all*** nations to drink" of the wine [false doctrines.]" Not until there is a union of church and state on a **world wide** basis will that prophecy be completely fulfilled and that harvesting message be given in a final "Loud Cry." However, we need to know that for the first time, in August of 2000, the Millennium world Summit of Religious and Spiritual leaders met in the United Nations Assembly Hall to "advise the secretary-general on religious matters." *The Washington Times.*

16. Will the second angel's message be repeated in full force to bring about a great harvest out of Babylon itself? Rev. 18:1,2. _____
"After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lighted with his glory. And he _____ with a _____ _____, saying, _____ the great is _____, is _____."

17. Will the moral fall of Babylon be complete in this "Loud Cry" message? _____
"...and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For _____ nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies."

18. Will this "Loud Cry" Message go forth to Babylon and produce a harvest? Rev. 18:4. _____
"And I heard another _____ from heaven, saying _____ _____ _____ _____, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her _____."

Note: This final "Loud Cry" message which reaps a large harvest out of Babylon will be given to that very generation who are about to receive the seven last plagues. The angel of Rev. 14:17 which reaps a second harvest will repeat the second angel's message. The "Loud Cry" will be given when the apostate churches have completed their moral fall by uniting in urging enforcement of the false sabbath. The union of church and state to persecute God's people will be formed. It is the last message to be given to the world to harvest souls for God's great kingdom.

> "Fearful is the issue to which the world is to be brought. The powers of earth ***uniting*** [all nations] to war against the commandments of God; will decree that all...shall conform to the customs of the church by observance of a false sabbath." *The Great controversy 605.*

Part 8. The Third Angel's Message To Be Repeated

19. What is the message of the angel of Rev. 14:18?
"And another angel came from the altar, which had power over _____ and cried with a _____ _____ to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the _____ of the _____ of the earth; for her _____ are fully _____."

Note: In ancient Israel, the third harvest of the year was the grape harvest which came in the autumn at the time of the "Feast of Tabernacles." The grapes were to be processed into wine before the feast, and the harvest was to have been completed.

20. Over what does this last angel have power? Rev. 14:18. _____

21. What in the third angel's message of Rev. 14:10 is similar to Rev. 14:18?

_____
_____
_____

22. How is this expressed in the Old Testament? Joel 3:13-16.

_____
_____
_____

23. What is the "wrath of God" spoken of in Rev. 14:19?
Rev. 15:1. _____

Part 9. The Final Fate of the Wicked

Note: The wicked not only die at the Second Coming, but after 1,000 years, they will be resurrected to live again. Rev. 14:20 brings the action clear down to the end of the millennium! Rev. 14:19, 20 carries the "Eschatological Culmination" clear down to the end of sin when the wicked surround the Holy City, New Jerusalem. At the end of the millennium, Satan, his angels, and all the wicked will suffer the second death to perish in the lake of fire. (See Rev. 20.)

24. What city is brought to view in Rev. 14:20? _____

25. What will the resurrected wicked do at the end of the millennium? Rev. 20:9.

    _____

26. Thought Question: Why do you think it says, "blood came out of the winepress, even up unto the horses bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs or (200 miles). _____

    _____

    _____

    _____

Part 10. The Correct Timing for the "Loud Cry"

The three angels' messages of Rev. 14:6-14 will be repeated by the 144,000 in what is known as the "Loud Cry." Not until a Universal Sunday Law is legislated by a One World Order with papal head, affecting ***all nations*** will these same three angels' messages of Rev. 14:6-12 swell into the "Loud Cry" of the harvesting angels of Rev. 14:15-20. At that time these messages will be amplified by the power of the "Latter Rain" of the Holy Spirit as described in Rev. 18:1. At that time there will be three harvests: 1. The firstfruits harvest of the 144,000 who will give the "Loud Cry," 2. The resultant harvest that comes out of Babylon, and 3. The harvest of the wicked as they are "bound in bundles to be burned." The "Loud Cry" message to the world is the warning that probation is closing, and beyond that is the wrath of God displayed in the seven last plagues. The final end of the wicked will be in the lake of fire. This "Eschatological Culmination" ends the fifth vision of Revelation. You may wish to examine the chart at the front of the *Revelation Workbook*, titled, **"Eight Main Visions of Revelation."**

LESSON 26

THE "HEAVENLY SCENE" OF THE SIXTH VISION
and the "Close of Probation"
(Revelation, chapter 15)

Part 1. The "Heavenly Scene" of the Sixth Vision

1. How does a Bible student know that Revelation, chapter 15 is a "Heavenly Scene"? Rev. 15:1. "And I saw another sign in _____, great and ...marvelous,"

2. What did John see in that "Heavenly Vision"? Rev. 15:1. _____ _____ having the _____ _____ _____

Part 2. The "Wrath of God" Defined

3. What will the seven last plagues demonstrate to the universe? Rev. 15:1. "for in them is filled up the _____ _____ _____

4. What is the Bible definition for the "wrath of God"? Rom. 1:18, 24,26,28. God _____ _____ _____ _____

Note: The "wrath of God" is revealed or demonstrated in Romans 1. It is made clear in three verses that the "wrath of God" is the result of rebellion against God in which the wicked choose their master and suffer the results. God never forces the conscience. He reveals the terrible consequences of sin as He "gave them up" and "gave them over" to the master they have chosen. Always in the past, God has sent the Holy Spirit and good angels to bless and protect from Satan's full possession. But after Jesus leaves the Most Holy Place in the heavenly sanctuary, there will be no protection from Satan as he takes complete control of the wicked. This is "wrath" unmixed with mercy. Never before, has the universe or this world seen what Satan will do, even to his own, when God's restraints are removed during the seven last plagues!

Part 3. The Last Generation Sing a Victory Song

5. Not only does John see the seven angels ready to pour out the seven last plagues, but he also sees the last generation who go through the seven last plagues. How do we know that he is seeing the last generation in this "Heavenly Scene"? Rev. 15:2. "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had _____ _____ over the _____, and over his _____ and over his _____, and over the number of his _____"

6. What are these victorious saints doing in this "Heavenly Scene"? Rev. 15:2,3 "...having the _____ of God. And they _____"

7. What song are they singing? Rev. 15:3. The song of _____ and the song of the _____

Note: Moses experienced ***deliverance***. He saw the deliverance of God at the Red Sea when they passed over and left forever their enemies behind them. He was also delivered from the grave. (Jude 7.) The Lamb was also delivered from the tomb, and He is the great ***Deliverer*** of His people. The last generation, threatened with extinction, sing of deliverance from their enemies, the greatest of which is death.

8. What does that generation declare concerning their experience with God? Rev. 15:4. "Who shall not _____ _____ _____, Lord, and _____ _____ _____ for thou only art _____: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made _____

Part 4. The Temple and Tabernacle in Heaven Will Be Opened

9. What next did John see in this "Heavenly Scene"? Rev. 15:5. "And after that I looked, and, behold, the _____ of the _____ of the _____ in heaven was opened.

Note: The "testimony" is the "Ten Commandment Law."

10. What next did John see in this same "Heavenly Scene"? Rev. 15:6,7. _____ _____

Note: John saw the seven angels with the "vials" or bottles, containing the seven last plagues, with their contents to be poured out upon the earth. These seven last plagues are "full of the wrath of God." Then he saw the Ten Commandment Law of God, and knew that the plagues would be poured out upon law breakers. In the demonstration of the seven last plagues, all the universe will see what it means to break the laws of God without His mercy to protect them from the full results of such actions. They will also see the 144,000 protected, vindicated, and sealed with the law written in their hearts and minds.

11. How does the Bible express this fact that there will be no further protection from the wicked one and from the results of lawlessness? Rev. 14:10. "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out, without _____." (The fearful result of wickedness is not mixed with God's love and mercy)

Part 5. An Example of the "Wrath of God"

12. What man suffered Satan's oppression when God removed much of His protection and mercy? Job 1. _____

13. What was happening behind the scenes? Job 1:6-12. _____
_____
_____
_____
_____

Note: There was a "committee meeting" in heaven. Satan appeared at the meeting as a representative of planet earth—having usurped Adam's dominion. Satan, as usual, was complaining that the earth was his, and wanted full possession without any of God's interference! But God claimed Job as His representative on earth. Satan then challenged God regarding God's protection, mercies, grace, and abundant blessings to Job. So God removed much of His protection, permitting Satan to do to Job, whatever he wished except to take his life.

14. What, beyond the loss of his wealth, happened to Job? Job 2:7. _____
_____
_____

15. What similar thing will Satan do to his followers, in the very first plague, as soon as God removes some of the restraints from Satan and withdraws His merciful protection from the wicked lawbreakers? Rev. 16:1,2._____
_____

16. Thought Question: Was Job's experience because he was a lawbreaker? Then why did God permit those things to happen to him? _____
_____

Note: Job was not a lawbreaker! His experience was recorded in the Sacred Bible so that we might understand that the great struggle between good and evil is a demonstrations to the universe, as to what will be in the seven last plagues.

Part 6. The Close of Probation

17. What great event must occur in heaven before the seven last plagues can be poured out? Rev. 15: 8. "And the temple was filled with _____ from the _____ _____ _____ and from his power; and no _____ was _____ to enter into the temple, till the _____ _____ of the seven angels were fulfilled."

18. Who would be the "man" who no longer enters the temple until the seven last plagues are poured out? Zech. 6:12,13. _____
"Behold, the _____ whose name is THE BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place and he shall build the temple of the Lord; Even he shall build the temple of the Lord, and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a _____ upon his throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both [Between the Father and the Son]."

Part 7. The Rationale of the Seven Last Plagues

Note: Jesus is the "man" who does not enter the temple all during the time when the plagues are being poured out. His priestly work there will be finished when every name of those who will have eternal life has been entered into the Lamb's book of life. Then Probation will close for the human race. His people will be safe and secure in the Seal of the living God which He will have placed upon them. He will then go out of the temple to direct the seven last plagues. The Holy Spirit and God's protection will be withdrawn plague by plague so that Satan's malignant nature can be exposed in a demonstration which has never before come before the inhabitants of the universe.

19. Thought Question: During the seven last plagues, do you think that perhaps God has run out of patience with humanity and sinners? Has His character of love changed to one of retaliation? Will He be getting even with Satan and the wicked? Is He angry that His authority has been challenged? Will He be trying to force a confession out of anyone? James 1:17. _____
_____
_____

Note: Before the great controversy between good and evil is settled, every accusation and complaint against God must be considered and proven false. Everything must be demonstrated so that no questions remain in the minds of any of God's created intelligent beings. God has not permitted Satan free run of the universe, but has "quarantined" him and his work to this planet earth. All through the ages, point by point God has been revealing the destructive and painful results of sin, which is the breaking of God's laws. The last demonstration of Satan's full malignity, in the seven last plagues will occur just before Jesus comes.

Part 8. A Review of Events Connected with the Close of Probation

Note: In the first five plagues, nature is affected, then in the sixth plauge, evil spirits go forth to gather the kings of the earth to legislate a Death Decree against God's people. Very interesting inspired comments have been made regarding the seven last plagues as they are represented in the ancient sanctuary services of Israel. These comments are pertinent to the final events of the great controversy between Christ and Satan.

"Then the Catholics bid the Protestants to go forward, and issue a decree that all who will not observe the first day of the week, instead of the seventh day, shall be slain. [Rev. 13:15.] And the Catholics, whose numbers are large, will stand by the Protestants. The Catholics will give their power to the image of the beast. [Apostate Protestantism in the USA]. And the Protestants will work as their mother worked before them to destroy the saints. But before their decree brings or bears fruit, the saints will be delivered by the Voice of God. Then I saw that Jesus' work in the sanctuary will soon be finished. And after His work there is finished, He will come to the door of the first apartment, and confess the sins of Israel upon the head of the Scape Goat [representing Satan]. Then He will put on the garments of vengeance. Then the plagues will come upon the wicked, and they do not come till Jesus puts on that garment, and takes His place upon the *great white cloud.* Then while the plagues are falling, the Scape Goat is being led away. He makes a mighty struggle to escape, but he is held fast by the hand that leads him. If he should effect his escape, Israel would lose their lives. I saw that it would take time to lead away the Scape Goat into the land of forgetfulness after the sins were put on his head." *Spauling and Magan Collection.* p. 2.

20. According to the above paragraph, where will Jesus be while the seven last plagues are being poured out? _____.

Note: For those who have watched the television program, "Startrek," they probably observed that the captain of the spaceship, sits in his chair before the screen to direct a battle. The *"great white cloud"* is, in modern terms, the spaceship which will be the vehicle to carry the redeemed to heaven! It is from that vehicle, that Jesus, Himself, will direct the action of the seven last plagues and the events connected with the battle of Armageddon so that the great demonstrations will be accomplished, but not one of His people will be lost.

21. How long will it take to lead Satan to utter defeat? Rev. 18:8. _____

22. How long is a symbolic "day" in literal time? _____
_____

Note: God has not left His people in the dark, regarding these future events. He has explained in His Holy Word (Rev. 18:8) exactly how long the seven last plagues will last. He has also explained (Dan. 12:7-13) to those who will listen, exactly how long the "time of trouble" will last, how long the persecution will continue, and how long the persecutor will reign. We serve a God of light and truth.

Lesson 27

THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES OF REVELATION 16

Part 1. The "Basic Prophetic Outline" of the Sixth Vision

1. What do you expect to find in Revelation, chapter 16, in regard to the structure of Revelation, just after the "Heavenly Scene" of chapter 15?

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Note: Revelation, chapter 16 is the "Basic Prophetic Outline" which follows the "Heavenly Scene" of the previous chapter. Revelation, chapter 16, is an outline of events which occur in a demonstration that will be put on before man, angels, and the entire universe. Calvary revealed Satan's hatred and murder of his own Creator and Sustainer! In the seven last plagues, God will remove restraints from Satan and his wicked angels, plague by plague, so that the entire universe will see what Satan would have done to their worlds if he had not been restricted to planet earth. As the plagues continue, one after the other, it will be seen that this planet will be devastated. If Satan were not stopped, he would destroy the entire universe.

2. As soon as God removed the "hedge" or restraint from Satan to afflict Job, what did Satan do to him? Job. 2:7. _____

Part 2. Plague No. 1

3. What similar thing will Satan do as soon as the restraints are removed in the first plague? Rev. 16: 1,2. _____

4. Will these sores affect the righteous or the wicked? Rev. 16:2. _____

5. What have the wicked been doing to bring this upon themselves? Rev 16.2.

_____

Note: Apparently, Satan has no attributes, such as loyalty to his subjects! He has neither love nor sympathy. It may be that he aims to afflict the righteous, but cares not that his wicked subjects are in the line of fire.

Part 3. Plague No. 2

6. What will happen under the second plague? Rev. 16:3. _____

_____

7. What will cause the sea to become as the blood of a dead man? Rev. 8:8.

_____

Note: The Seven Trumpets and the Seven Plagues both occur after the close of probation. They align with each other so that the Trumpets describe the causes and effects of the actions described in the plagues. In fact, Revelation 9:20 calls the trumpets "these plagues."

Part 4. The Third Plague

8. What will happen under the third plague? Rev. 16:4-11. _____

_____

9. What have the wicked in the last generation done to make them "worthy" for such treatment? Rev. 16:6,7. _____

10. What will be the physical cause of this catastrophe? Rev. 8:10,11. _____

_____

Note: Trumpet 3 and Plague 3 align and explain each other.

Part 5. The Fourth Plague

11. What will happen during the fourth plague? Rev. 16:8,9.

_____

Note: When the ocean and water sources are affected, the weather patterns change. The earth needs the cooling rains to counter the heat of the sun.

12. Will the wicked repent under such suffering? Rev. 16:11. _____

13. Why will they not repent? Rev. 15:8. _____

Part 6. The Fifth Plague

14. What will happen under the fifth plague? Rev. 16:10. _____

15. Over what part of the earth will "the seat of the beast" and his "kingdom" extend? Rev. 13:3,7. _____

16. Will the smitten sun and the darkness of plagues 4 and 5 align with Trumpet 5?

_____

Note: The first five plagues describe torments which will make the wicked miserable with sores and pains. (They are miserable inside and out.) These plagues also describe a devastation of the planet in regard to its water and weather systems. However, these Trumpet-plagues 1-5 will not be universal. If they were, all the inhabitants of the earth would be destroyed.

Not all oceans, and not all land masses will be involved with every plague. It is important to realize that during the first five plagues, it will be the bodies of men and nature which will suffer.

Part 7. The Literal Language Changes to Symbolism

Note: Plagues 1-5 are written in literal language, but the sixth plague is different. At this point the language of Revelation 16 changes from literal descriptions of the plagues to ***symbolism***. Both plagues and trumpets at this point, describe the work of evil angels gathering the kings of the earth to "battle"—to the legislation of a Universal Death Decree against God's people.

Part 8. The Sixth Plague

17. On what geographical location does the sixth plague fall? Rev. 16:12. "And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great _____ _____,"

18. Through what country did the "great river Euphrates" run in ancient times?

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Note: A map will reveal the fact that the Euphrates river ran through ancient ***Babylon***. Babylon fell in 538 B.C. and that empire does not exist today. Therefore, these verses in Revelation, pertaining to endtime events which occur after the close of probation, are references to spiritual "Babylon" that represents the confusion of all false religions.

Part 9. The Symbolism of a "River Dried Up"

19. What, during the sixth plague, will be "dried up" in spiritual Babylon which is made up of all false and apostate religion? Rev. 16:12. _____

20. To what does a "river" symbol refer? John 7:38,39. _____

Note: Great wisdom from God is needed when using symbols. There is a difference between a "sea" (ocean) symbol and a "river" symbol. Whereas the tossing waves of the ocean or "sea" represent the rise and fall of nations, ("peoples, and multitudes, nations, and tongues" Rev. 17:15) all in commotion; a symbolic "river" is known, especially in the Middle East, as a "river of life." There, a "river" is the source of water and food for the people. The gardens are watered by the canals and waterways.

21. Who interpreted the "river" symbol in John 7:38,39? _____

Note: Jesus is the one who gave the symbol to the prophet, and He is the One to interpret it! Jesus declared that the symbolic "river" represented the ***Holy Spirit***.

22. Thought Question: What makes a river overflow and what makes a river dry up?

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Note: It is *rain* that makes a river swell and it is a lack of rain which makes it dry up. (Under the sixth plague the "river Euphrates will be dried up.") When the Holy Spirit is poured out in the "Latter Rain" upon Babylon in the "Loud Cry" of Rev. 18:1-4 and Rev. 14:14-18, that is the last call to "Come out of her, my people." But, when Jesus leaves the sanctuary, at the close of probation, then the Holy Spirit is withdrawn from the wicked, one plague after the next, until at last the "river" is "dried up."

The work of the Holy Spirit has many aspects: It not only works on the heart and draws people to God, but it also places restraints upon evil. When probation closes, the Holy Spirit still protects and blesses, completely filling those who have received the Seal of the living God, but leaves the wicked to fend for themselves. The Holy Spirit restrains Satan and his evil angels, so that when the restraints are removed, ***one at a time***, each plague will emerge as the Holy Spirit permits.

At last by the sixth plague, the Holy Spirit withdraws the restraints so that "the river is dried up" so that the evil spirits are permitted to do miracles to gather the wicked together to seek to exterminate the hated people of God.

23. Thought Question: When the symbolic "river" is dried up, is this a withdrawal of the Holy Spirit, or a withdrawal of the support by the people? _____

_____

Note: It is not a withdrawal of people support! The action under the 6th plague-5th trumpet is not that of a collapse! Instead, it is the strong action of kings "gathering together" for battle!

Part 10 Running to Battle

24. To what battle are they gathering or "running"? Rev. 16:14,16. _____

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Note: They are gathering to legislate against the people of God a Universal Death Decree. The purpose for the gathering action to the battle of Armageddon has been one of much interest. Whenever war would break out, theologians and evangelists would preach that this was the beginning of Armageddon! Many supposed that it was a war between nations. They did not understand the great controversy between good and evil and could not see it as a time when the people of God would be surrounded by the wicked, sentenced to death, but waiting for deliverance from God.

Lesson 28

THE SIXTH PLAGUE DRAMA
(Rev. 16:12-16)

Part 1. Identifying the Characters of the Drama

Note: The sixth and seventh plagues are written in symbolic language. They are also written as a ***drama***. In this drama there are many characters on stage. There is action which builds or ascends toward one great climactic "coup d' theater," after which the action quickly descends. The drama is also placed in the setting of spiritual "Babylon" which represents counterfeit religion on a world-wide scope. The timing of the action is anchored into those events which just precede the Second Coming of Jesus. When the trumpets and plagues are aligned, they supply a time frame in which the action shall occur. The first task is that of identifying the characters.

1. Who are the symbolic "kings of the east"? Rev. 16:12. _____
   Who is the greatest of these "kings"? Rev. 19:16. _____
   Who are the other "kings" with Him? Rev. 19:14. _____

Note: Jesus is the "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." He does not come alone, but with a great procession. At His Second Coming, all the "armies which were in heaven followed him." (Rev. 19:14)

2. Who are the "armies of heaven"? Matt. 16:27. "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with _____;"

Note: The Bible declares plainly that Jesus will bring the heavenly angels with Him. The Bible also describes other intelligent beings who inhabit heaven—"the four beasts" and "elders" and there may be others not mentioned who ride along on this rescue mission.

3. Why does Rev. 16:12 say "kings of the *east*"? From what direction does the sealing angel come? Rev. 7:2. _____

Note: There are many who believe that Jesus will come from the east through the open space in Orion.

Part 2. Preparing the Way for the Kings of the East

4. What must be done to "prepare the way" before Jesus can come? Rev. 16: 12. "the great river Euphrates...the waters _____."
   Rev. 16:14. "the spirits of devils, working _____."
   Rev. 16:14. "the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the _____."

Note: The Plagues-Trumpets will be the final demonstration revealing the effect of the withdrawal of the Holy Spirit from the wicked, the malignity of Satan when restraints are removed. Evil spirits will be doing miracles to gather the kings of the whole world (Rev. 16:14) to legislate a Universal Death Decree against God's people. Not until these events take place, will the way **"be prepared"** for Jesus to deliver His people. God will not bring judgment upon the wicked, until the wicked have demonstrated their evil intent.

Part 3. The Three Main Characters That Compose Babylon

5. Who are the three main characters that make up Babylon? Rev. 16:13. "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the _____, and out of the mouth of the _____, and out of the mouth of the _____ _____.

6. Who is the "dragon"? Rev. 12:9. _____ and _____

Note: Primarily, the symbolic "dragon" represents Satan. His most direct influence is over those who practice ***spiritism***, in various forms such as: Satan worship, Spiritism as it uses channeling, mediums, and various ways of contacting evil spirits, Serpent worship, Occult worship, Fire-god worship, New Age teachings which bring people under the control of the "masters," Ancestor worship, Mormonism and its spirit worship, and various beliefs, and practices which bring Satan into direct contact with humanity.

7. Who is the modern "***beast***" today with its seventh "head" described in Rev. 13?
_____

8. Who is the "false prophet"? See the Note. _____

Note: The word, "prophet" can also mean "preacher." A false preacher is not telling the truth as it is in Scripture. He preaches and teaches error. He is against the laws of God. He is not only disobedient, but teaches men disobedience. It is ***Apostate Protestantism*** today which teaches men to disobey the Ten Commandments, with its seventh-day (Saturday) Sabbath, and presents an eternal burning hell in opposition to the plain truths on the state of the dead.

Part 4. "Out of the Mouth Of" --Verbal Agitation

9. To what are these three characters of conglomerate symbolic Babylon likened? Rev. 16:13? _____

Note: Frogs are known for certain characteristics: 1. Their ability to keep out of sight, 2. Their long tongues which capture their prey, 3. Their loud voices penetrating the night air. The evil spirits are invisible, keeping out of sight, but they are working through Spiritism, Catholicism, and Apostate Protestantism. They are speaking "out of the mouth of" these three agencies, verbally agitating to accomplish Satan's real purpose—to destroy the people of God.

10. What force binds these three symbolic characters together? Rev. 16:14.

_____

Note: "they are the spirits of devils, working miracles..." It is Spiritism, in its many forms which binds these three characters together. It is Spiritism, in the form of the apparitions of Mary in Catholicism, and the charismatic tongues and healings in Apostate Protestantism. Babylon is known for its false teachings that the dead do not really die, but go straight to heaven or hell and appear from time to time on earth. These teachings place people under Satanic deception that will bring the kings of the whole world together in one united front against the people of God.

11. How widely will this Satanic control extend? Rev. 16:14? _____

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12. What is the purpose for which the kings will be gathered together? Rev. 13:15.

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Part 5. The Battle of that Great Day of God Almighty

13. What is the true name for the conflict or battle to which these kings are moving to legislate against those who keep the laws of God? Rev. 16:14.

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Note: Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these,...ye have done it unto Me." (Matt. 25:40.) Taking action against God's people becomes the "Battle of that Great Day of God Almighty." It is God who will fight for them as He did for ancient Israel.

14. Thought Question: What do you think is the meaning of Rev. 16:15? _____

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Part 6. "Armageddon"

15. Is there a geographical "place" called "Armageddon" anyplace in the world ?

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16. Since there is no geographical place called by that name, what clue is given in Rev. 16:16 as to how to understand its meaning? Rev. 16:16. "called in the _____ _____Armageddon."

Note: The "Hebrew tongue" has to do with the meaning of the word, "Armageddon" rather than to a geographical location. The word, "Armageddon," is formed from two words, "Arm," and "geddon." In the Hebrew language, the "Arm" may have a "rough breathing" mark before it or an "h" sound, which is "h'arm" that means "mountain." (not valley.) The last part of "Arma**geddon**" may refer to a "place of troops" or where a large gathering to battle is being formed. It was on Mt. Carmel that Elijah gathered all Israel to worship the true God, and the very place where he was confronted with the worshippers of Baal—the counterfeit sun god. "Armageddon" is the "Mount of Confrontation"

17. Thought Question: Where will the people of God be when such a confrontation occurs? _____

Note: God's people will be living in different parts of the earth. The "kings of the earth and the whole world" are gathered together in one place only for the purpose of legislating a Universal Death Decree which will affect God's people in all parts of the world.

18. Thought Question: In the drama of the gathering action of the sixth plague, what do you think will be the most critical point in time for God's people?

_____

19. What similar action in past history was similar to this final Universal Death Decree? Esther 3:8-15 and 4:1-3. _____

_____

Gen. 32:11, 33:1. _____

_____

_____

Note: When the Universal Death Decree will be passed by legislation at a World Federation meeting or council, then that decree will be similar to the death threats that came upon Israel in the time of Esther from which they were delivered, and similar to the death threats made against Jacob. When the last generation experience this legislative action against them, they will cry for deliverance as did those before them. This time between the legislative action in making the Universal Death Decree a Law, and date for it to go into effect is known as "The Time of Jacob's Trouble." Just as Jacob feared when his brother came against him with 300 armed men, so God's people will be surrounded with armed men to carry out that Death Decree.

20. Is this Decree brought to view in any other part of Scripture? Zeph. 2:1-3.

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Note: The "decree," mentioned in Zephaniah, was a prophecy which was fulfilled in the past history of ancient Israel. But it, like many other prophecies has a dual application, and applies primarily to the "day of the Lord," referring to the endtime and his Second Coming.

Note: It is a National Sunday Law in the USA that will begin the "time, times, and an half" of the Dan. 12:7 timeline which is 1260 literal days of persecution upon God's people, with the timeline ending at the legislation of a Universal Death Decree.

Part 7. Conclusion
The Apex of the Drama of The Seven Last Plagues

The Drama throughout the seven last plagues builds upward in suspense until it reaches its apex at the end of the sixth plague. God's people will be surrounded with enemies who have been given permission by a One World Government with Papal "Head" to destroy them. They wait for their execution date!

The Three Frogs
Representing Three Parts of Babylon
(agitating for the Legislation of a Universal Death Decree)

Death Decree!
Death Decree!
Death Decree!
Croak!

Death Decree!
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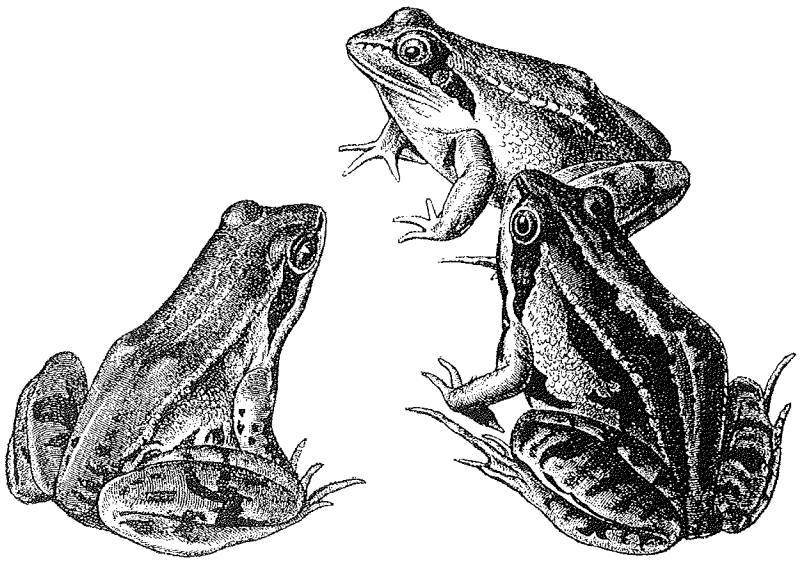


Lesson 29

THE SEVENTH PLAGUE
"Coup d' Theater"

Part 1. An Overview of Plagues 5, 6, and 7

Plague 6—Trumpet 5 describes only the ***gathering*** action of the kings of the earth to the battle of Armageddon, at which time wicked men and evil angels will unite to gather the kings or representatives of the "whole world" to legislate a universal Death Decree against the people of God. (Rev. 16:14 and Rev. 13:15.) They will attempt to destroy the "remnant" who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus (which is the Spirit of Prophecy. Rev. 19:10.) They also have the "faith of Jesus" which is faith like that which Jesus had depending entirely upon His heavenly Father. But just at midnight, when that Death Decree is to go into effect, the ***seventh*** plague begins with the "***Voice of God***" or what is known as a "coup d' theater" (blow of force) which turns everything around. This is sacred drama at its best. It will deliver the people of God from that Death Decree and glorify them so that their enemies will fall and worship at their feet.

Part 2. The Alignment of Trumpets and Plagues

The ***sequence*** and ***continuity*** of the seven last plagues, and the seven trumpets is perfect. The ***alignment*** is also perfect. However, the numbering is not exactly the same. That numbering is illustrated below:

The Numbering of Plagues and Trumpets

Plague 1 Trumpet 1	Plague 2 Trumpet 2	Plague 3 Trumpet 3	Plague 4, Plague 5 Trumpet 4	Plague 6 Trumpet 5	Plague 7 Trumpet 6, Trumpet 7

Part 3. "The Voice of God"

1. What is the first action of the seventh plague? Rev. 16:17. _____
   _____

Note: This action is known as the "Voice of God."

2. What does the "Voice of God" say? Rev. 16:17. "_____ _____ _____"

Note: It is the persecutions of the people of God which are "done." They will never be persecuted again! The oppressor's power over God's people will be broken.

"Their Captivity Was Turned"

"A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance...and [they] were delivered by the Vocie of God [which] shook the heavens and the earth. **Their captivity was turned.**"
Early Writings p. 36,37,272.

Part 4. The "Day and Hour" Announcement

3. What important announcement is also made by the "Voice of God"?

_____

The "Day and Hour" Announcement

"The Voice of God is heard from heaven, declaring the ***day and hour*** of Jesus coming." *The Great Controversy* p. 640.

Note: If the "Voice of God" declares the "day and hour" of the Second Coming of Jesus, it precedes His coming and **cannot be the same event**. The people of God will wait and count out the 1335 literal days timeline of Dan. 12:12 until the 1335th day at which time they will be delivered from the universal Death Decree by the "Voice of God." Then the "Voice of God" will also tell them the exact "day and hour" of the Second Coming of Jesus. God's people will walk in the light of the Dan. 12:12 prophecy *all the way* to their deliverance but not knowing the day and hour until spoken by God on the 1335th day. Although the wicked will not understand these things, God's people will be walking in the light of His prophetic Word all the way to the Holy City.

Part 5. The "Everlasting Covenant"

4. What is the "everlasting covenant"? Gen. 3:15._____
   Rev. 14:6. _____
   Dan. 7:27. _____
   Isa. 66:22. _____

Note: The everlasting covenant, with its promise of a Savior, and promise of eternal life in Paradise, is found from Genesis to Revelation. The preaching of these promises is called the "everlasting gospel."

5. What else will the "Voice of God" have to say? See the following reference.

_____

_____

_____

_____

Note: If the Bible student will look at the references in *The Great Controversy,* and in *Early Writings,* he will discover that the "Voice of God" is the climactic event at which God speaks several times and there are many marvelous things which occur at that time. This search would be well worth the time spent on it.

The "Everlasting Covenant" Announcement

"The voice of God is heard from heaven, declaring the day and hour of Jesus coming, and delivering the ***everlasting covenant*** to His people. Like peals of loudest thunder His words roll through the earth. The Israel of God stand listening, with their eyes fixed upward. Their countenances are lighted up with glory, and shine as did the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. The wicked cannot look upon them. *The Great Controversy* p. 640.

Note: In many ways, the delivery of the everlasting covenant is like the reading of a will. It will tell God's people what they are going to get!

Part 6. The Reading of the Will

6. List some of the things that the people of God will get as their rewards:
   John. 3:16. _____
   Rev. 2:7. _____
   Rev. 3:21. _____
   Rev. 22:14. _____
   Rev. 21:4. _____
   Matt. 5:6. _____
   I Cor. 15:52,53. _____
   _____

Part 7. The Glorification of the People of God

7. What evidence of physical restoration will be visible upon God's people at the time of the "Voice of God"? _____
   _____

Health and Beauty, Light and Glory

"A glorious light shone upon them. How ***beautiful*** they then looked! All marks of care and weariness were gone, and ***health*** and ***beauty*** were seen in every countenance. Their enemies, the heathen around them, fell as dead men; they could not endure the ***light*** and ***glory*** that shone upon the delivered, holy ones. This light and glory remained upon them, until Jesus was seen in the clouds of heaven and they were [will be] changed from glory to glory."

Early Writings p. 272,273.

Note: At the "Voice of God" event, God's people reflect the glory (light) which shines upon them from Jesus. But at the Second Coming event, they will be translated. Therefore it says in the previous reference, that they will change "from glory to glory."

Part 8. The Special Resurrection.

8. What *special* resurrection will occur at the time of the "Voice of God"? Dan. 12:2.

_____

The Third Angel's Message and A Special Resurrection

"It was at midnight that God chose to deliver his people...There was one clear place of settled glory, whence came the voice of God...There was a mighty earthquake. The graves were opened, and those who had died in faith, under the third angel's message, keeping the Sabbath, came forth from their dusty beds, glorified, to hear the covenant of peace." *Early Writings* p. 285.

Note: The Third Angel's Message has been given for more than 150 years! Many generations have come and gone in faith that the everlasting covenant would soon be fulfilled. They will come up to hear the "Voice of God" and the delivery of the everlasting covenant pronounced upon them.

9. What other group of persons will also come up in this special resurrection at the time of the "Voice of God?" Rev. 1:7. "...every eye shall see him and they also which _____ him."

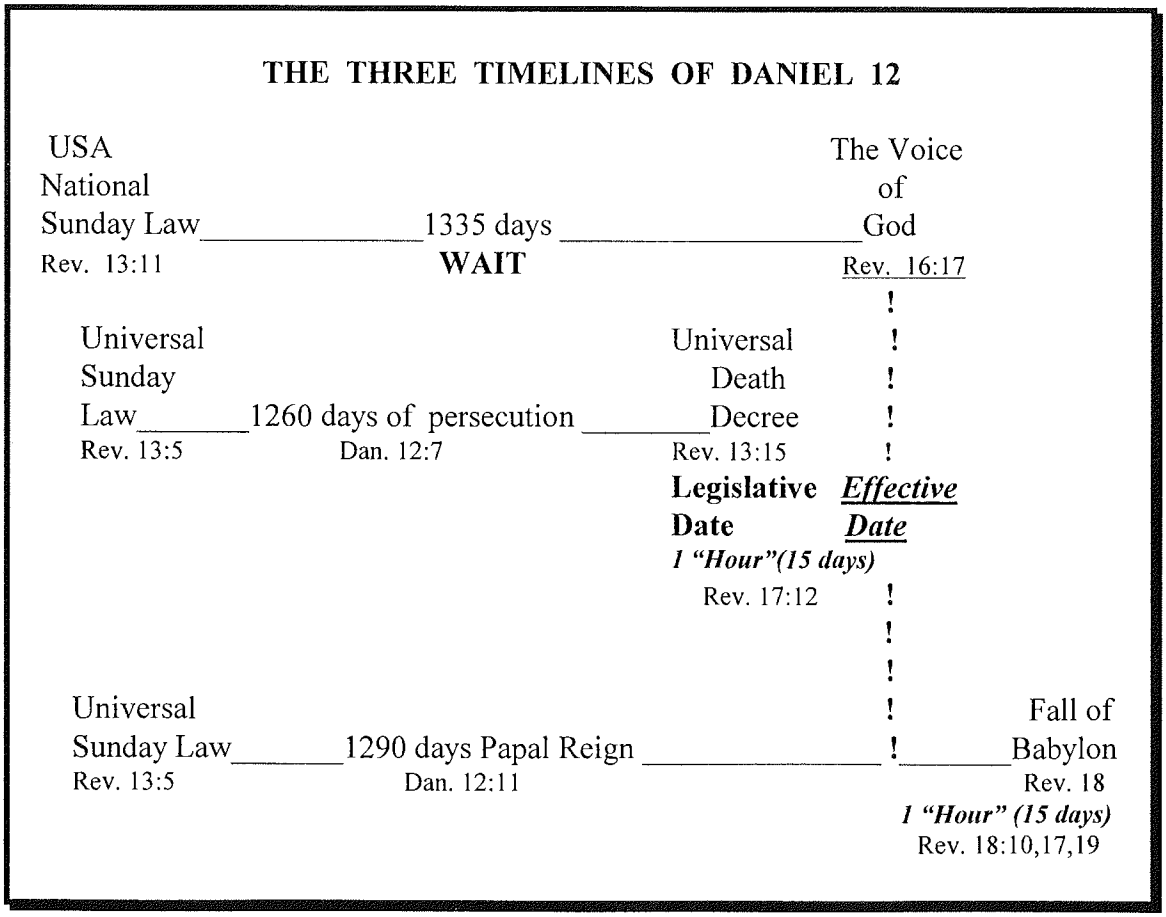
10. What did Jesus tell Pilate regarding this special resurrection? Matt 26:63,64? "Hereafter, shall ye _____ the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and _____."

Note: Jesus warned Pilate that he would be brought up in a special resurrection to see the Second Coming of Jesus. Those who "pierced him" and persecuted Him, as well as those who have been the greatest tormentors of God's people down through the ages, will be brought up to see the triumph of God's people and the glorious coming of Jesus.

11. Thought Question: On what day will the special resurrection of those who have died in the third angel's message, and those who pierced him, occur? Dan. 12:12. _____

Part 9. The Three Timelines of Daniel 12

Note: The "Voice of God" will occur on the 1335th day of the 1335 literal day timeline of Dan. 12:12. The last chapter of Daniel contains those three timelines which throw a flood of light on events then to transpire. These timelines are illustrated as follows:



Part 10. The Alignment of the Two *Major Lines of Prophecy*

12. What other events occur in connection with the "Voice of God"? Rev. 16:18.

_____

Note: "Thunders and lightnings" occurred also at Mt. Sinai at the giving of the Ten Commandments.

13. With what other event does this correspond in the *First Major Line of Prophecy?* Rev. 11:11-13. _____

_____

Part 11. The Alignment of Plagues, Trumpets, and Seals

14. What other event occurs under the seventh plague? Rev. 16:18. "And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a _____ _____."

15. How great is this earthquake? Rev. 16:19. "...and the cities of the nations _____ Rev. 16:20. "And every island _____ _____ and the mountains _____

16. In Rev. 16:13 symbolic Babylon is described as being made up of three parts: the "dragon," the "beast," and the "false prophet." What happens to that threefold union of Babylon at the time of the "Voice of God"—7th plague? Rev. 16:19. "And the great _____

Note: At the "Voice of God" the saints are glorified (they are glowing with light) so that the wicked worship at their feet. The wicked cannot look upon them for their brightness. There is no longer any question as to who God's people truly are. False religion is completely exposed and falls apart.

17. The mighty earthquake occurs under the 7th plague. Does it also occur under the sixth trumpet? Rev. 11:13,14. _____

18. Does this great earthquake also occur under the sixth seal? Rev. 6:12.

_____

Note: The three "Basic Prophetic Outlines" of the plagues, trumpets, and seals merge together to make up just one picture of endtime events from 1844 to the end of time. It is the privilege of the Bible student to study the structure of the book of Revelation to find the linkage between them. These three "outlines" converge at last in the 7th item of each "Basic Prophetic Outline" which is the "Eschatological Culmination."

19. What is the last event in the 7th Plague, 7th Trumpet? Rev. 16:21, and Rev. 11:19.

An Alignment of Seals, Trumpets, and Plagues

Seal 1 (1844-today)
Seal 2 (Sunday Laws)
Seal 3 (Apostasy)
Seal 4 (Devastations)
Seal 5 (Avenge our Blood)

Seals 6,7

Plague 1	*Plague 2*	*Plague 3*	*Plague 4, 5*	*Plague 6*	*Plague 7*
Trumpet 1	Trumpet 2	Trumpet 3	Trumpet 4	Trumpet 5	Trumpet 6, 7
(Blood	Judgments... .....)				

20. Do you have added comments?

Lesson 30
SATAN'S CROWNING ACT
(Rev. 17:1-11)

Part 1. The Revelation 16,17 and 18 Unit

Revelation 16, 17, and 18 are one unit. Revelation 16 presents the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of the seven last plagues. However, Revelation 17 is an amplification of details regarding those events which occur during the sixth and seventh plagues. Chapter 17 is an explanation of the battle of Armageddon, (not only of the gathering action which happens during the 6th plague, but of the battle action which occurs at the "Voice of God" and all that follows.

Chapter 17 focuses on ***Satan*** supporting his counterfeit false religions which are called "Babylon." Chapter 17 also describes ***Satan's crowning act*** when he will personate Christ to deceive all the inhabitants of earth except those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. When the kings of the earth hear the "Voice of God" and see the saints glorified, (the coup d' theater) they discover the true identity of "Babylon." It is then that Babylon crumbles and falls.

Part 2. Identifying The "Scarlet Beast" of Rev. 17

1. Who, in Rev. 17:3 is the "scarlet colored [red] beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns? (Remember that the Bible is its own interpreter of symbols) Rev. 12:9._____

2. Why is he spoken of as a red "**dragon**" in Rev. 12:3, but in Rev. 17:3 as a scarlet **"beast"**? See the following Note. _____
   _____

Note: In Genesis, Chapter 3, Satan is known as a **"serpent"** (with forked tongue) to reveal his deceptive character, as he deceived Eve in Eden. In Revelation 12:9, he is spoken of as a great red **"dragon"** to describe his persecuting role. In Revelation 17, he is spoken of as a **"beast"** to reveal his position which he will finally take as a spurious "King of kings" over all nations. (A "beast" in symbolism always represents a king and his kingdom or empire. Dan. 7:17.) The "scarlet [red] colored beast"is Satan himself, the main character of Revelation 17.

Part 3. Identifying the Symbolic "Woman" of Revelation 17

3. Who is the symbolic "woman" that Satan supports and carries along? Rev. 17:1. "I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great _____..."

4. What is her full name? Rev. 17:5. _____
   _____

5. Thought Question: Compare the symbolic "woman" of Revelation 12:1 and the symbolic "woman" of Revelation 17. With what is the symbolic "woman" clothed as described in Rev. 12 as she represents the true church of Jesus Christ?
"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the _____"

6. What does the symbolic "sun" represent? Mal. 4:2. _____
_____

7. What is the symbolic "woman" of Rev. 17 wearing? Rev. 17:4.
_____
_____

Note: The good "woman" of Revelation 12 is modestly "clothed" with the righteousness of Christ, but the bad "woman" is "**decked**" out with baubles and bangles, the garb of a cheap harlot representing the conglomerate of all false religion known as "Babylon."

Part 4. The Wine of Babylon

8. What does Babylon have in her hand? Rev. 17:4. _____

9. What is in the golden cup? Rev. 17:4. _____
_____

Note: The word, "abominations," according to Webster's Dictionary, means "extreme disgust or loathing." She has this cup of filthiness to offer to all who join her company.

10. Why is her conduct so bad? Rev. 18:2 "...Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of _____, and the hold of every_____ spirit, and the cage of every _____and hateful _____."

Note: Those who refuse obedience to God's laws, teaching men that they have been removed or changed, come under Satanic control. The many charismatic miracles done in Babylon are the works of unclean spirits, the lawless doctrines permit all manner of perversions, excesses, and sins to dwell right within the fallen churches. Even some of their clergy are guilty of the basest of sins.

Part 5. "Fornication"--The Union of Church and State

11. With whom does Babylon commit "fornication"? Rev. 17:2. _____

Note: The "whore" solicits and expects the favor and support of state government. She expects the "kings of the earth" to do her bidding and destroy her enemies. Satan is determined to unite church and state to enforce false worship and destroy God's people.

12. Who is it that has supported and carried Babylon along century after century? Rev. 17:3. What is she riding on? _____

13. Babylon is drunk! What has she been drinking? Rev. 17:6. _____
_____
_____

Part 6. Identifying The "Beast that Was, Is Not, and Yet Is"

14. How is Satan, the symbolic "beast" described? Rev. 17:8. "The beast that thou sawest [in Rev. 17:3] _____."

15. What "***was***" Satan-Lucifer in heaven? Eze. 28:14. _____
"***Was***" he ***visible***? _____

Note: Satan was "perfect in beauty," Eze. 28:12. "Beauty" is ***visible***.

16. Revelation 17 indicates that Satan ***was*** visible. Is he visible ***now***? Rev. 17:8 "...the beast that was, and is _____" visible now.

17. Although Satan is not now visible, does he actually exist, working actively today? Rev. 17:8 "...the beast that was, and is not, _____ _____."

18. During the final crisis of earth's history, will Satan ever be able to "ascend up out of his invisible dimension"? Rev. 17:8. "And the beast that thou sawest was [visible], and is [presently] not [now visible] ; and shall _____
_____."

19. How can it be proved that Satan will become visible? Rev. 17:8. "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and shall go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, [be amazed] whose names are not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they _____ the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."

Note: The word, "***BEHOLD***" (KJV) is the key to the meaning of this verse and the entire chapter! Satan was visible, is not now visible, but will become visible so that all the wicked can "***behold***" him. "Those that dwell on the earth shall wonder whose names are not written in the book of life...when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is." Only the wicked will be deluded. Those who have made the Word of God their study, who have anchored their faith in the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, and have the "testimony of Jesus" which is the Holy "Spirit of prophecy" to understand these things—they will not be deluded but recognize the fulfillment of these verses!

Part 7. Satan's Crowning Act

"As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Savior's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. Revelation 1:13-15. The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: 'Christ has come! Christ has come!' The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Savior uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong almost overmastering delusion."

The Great Controversy p. 624.

We need to remember that Revelation 17 is giving added details to plagues 6 and 7. The verses 1-8, taken up in this lesson, are "setting the stage" for the "judgment of the great whore." These verses are identifying the characters of Satan and his "woman" Babylon. These verses also reveal Satan's final masterpiece of deception upon the world. The next lesson will reveal the union of church and state through which Satan will work in an attempt to annihilate the people of God.

Lesson 31
THE UNION OF CHURCH AND STATE TO ANNIHILATE THE PEOPLE OF GOD
(Rev. 17:9-18)

Part 1. Orientation to Revelation 17:9-18

1. The Structure.
John's 6th vision begins with the "Heavenly Scene" of Revelation 15 of the Close of Probation. That is followed by the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of the Seven Last Plagues of Revelation 16. Plagues 6 and 7 are further explained in Chapter 17.

2. The Literary Drama of the 6th and 7th plagues.
The first five plagues are written in literal language, but the 6th and 7th plagues are written in symbolic language and constructed as a drama. In that drama the setting is that of spiritual Babylon as it exists over the entire world. There are many characters brought on stage: the kings of the east, unclean spirits, acting like frogs, the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. In the 6th plague, the ascending action of the drama is a gathering of the kings of the earth, but the first action of the 7th plague is the coup d' theater and that is followed by the descending action of terrible destruction all over the world. At the same time, apostate religion collapses and that action is known as "The Fall of Babylon."

3. The Synthesis of The Drama in Revelation 17.
Revelation 17 brings together into synthesis, the symbolism of Revelation, chapters 12,13, and 16. It includes the "great red [scarlet] dragon" of chapter 12, then adds the leopard-like beast of chapter 13, brings in symbolic Babylon, and shows how *all of them work together* to bring about the fall of Babylon!

4. The Endtime Application of Revelation 17.
God, in His great wisdom, has used the symbolic language of Revelation 17 to hide its meaning until the last generation. Consistently, all through the ages, it was not until the events of history caught up with prophecy that its meaning was clearly understood. Thus it is with the last generation and it is called by prophetic expositors, "the contemporaneous recognition of the fulfillment of prophecy."

Part 2. "Here is the Mind Which Hath Wisdom"

1. What statement indicates that Rev. 17 has been a conundrum or puzzle to prophetic expositors, and requires the "Spirit of Prophecy" to reveal its true endtime meaning? Rev. 17:9. _____

2. Immediately following this statement, what symbolism has been the cause of confusion? Rev. 17:9. "The seven _____ are seven _____ on which the woman sitteth."

Note: There are many who have jumped to the conclusion that the symbolic "woman" represents just the city of Rome or the Vatican. This *assumption* has led to confusion.

3. How do you know that the symbolic "woman" or Babylon refers, not just to Rome or one religion but to the many false religions of the whole world? Rev. 17:1.
   "...I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many _____."

4. Does the Bible key explain what the symbolic "many waters" represent?
   Rev. 17:15. _____
   Would that be just the Vatican? Or just Rome? _____

Part 3. The Symbolic Leopard-like "Beast" of Revelation 13

Note: In Revelation 17:1-8, the "great red dragon" of Revelation 12 is referred to as the "***beast*** that was, and is not, yet is." But in verse 9, we need wisdom to understand that the prophet John adds to the symbolic picture the leopard-like ***"beast"*** of Revelation 13! The word, ***"beast"*** refers to Satan in verses 3,7,8 and 11 as he will personate Christ and assume the role of the "King of kings." But the word, ***"beast"*** in Rev. 17:13,16 and 17 refers to the leopard "beast" of Rev. 13, with its 7th head which represents the Papacy.

Part 4. The Seven Symbolic "Heads" of the Rev. 13 "Beast"

5. How many symbolic "heads" does the leopard-like beast of Rev. 13 have?
   Rev. 13: 1,2. _____
   Rev. 17:9. _____

6. What did the seven symbolic "heads" of Rev. 13 represent? 7 _____

7. Rev. 17:9 states plainly that "The seven heads are seven _____.
   What do symbolic "mountains" represent? (See Dan. 2:35 and 44.)
   _____

Note: There are some prophetic expositors who also assume that there cannot be two prophetic symbols to represent the same thing. But the Bible, and especially the parables, reveal, for example, that the kingdom of God is represented by many different symbolic representations. The symbolic seven "heads," are the same as the seven symbolic "mountains," and the following verse verifies that conclusion by saying that there are literally seven "kings" or kingdoms—empires.

8. Review Question. Name the seven heads of the symbolic "Beast" of Rev. 13.
   1._____ 2._____ 3. _____
   4._____ 5._____ 6._____
   7. _____

9. What has happened to the first five empires? Rev. 17:10. _____

10. What great empire fell in 1989 and yet still exists? _____
11. What will the seventh empire be called which is "not yet come"?

_____

Note: There are several names by which the seventh empire is known. Outside the Federal Building in many cities is the seal which says, "Novus Ordo Seclorum" or New World Order. These words are also on the one dollar bill. It may be known as a "One World Government" or "Federation of Nations," or "Global Governance," .

Part 5. The 1290 Day Reign of the Seventh Head-Empire

12. How long will the New World Order, with Papal head, last? Rev. 17:10.
Dan. 12:11. _____ literal days.

Part 6. The Eighth Head—Satan

13. Who will finally take his position as "Head" over the "New World Order"?
Rev. 17:11._____

14. What will be Satan's punishment? Rev. 17:11. _____
Rev. 17:8. _____
Rev. 20:10. _____

Part 7. The Ten Kings

15. On which "beast" are there "ten horns"? Rev. 17:3. _____
Rev. 13:1,2. _____

16. What do the symbolic "ten horns" represent? Rev. 17:12. _____

Note: Rev. 17:12 is a key verse which unlocks the meaning of symbolic "horns." Horns always represent kings and their kingdoms. The "horns" are symbolic, and the "ten" is symbolic as in the parable of the "ten" virgins, representing ***all*** Christians.

There is an Hermeneutic Principle which governs certain prophetic symbolism. Symbolic "heads" represent a ***sequence*** of kings—kingdoms or empires. Symbolic "horns" represent the ***scope*** of contemporaneous kings reigning at the same time. Bible prophecy is simply "history written in advance," and a study of history requires a knowledge of "scope and sequence" often supplied by publishers of social studies textbooks!

HERMENEUTIC PRINCIPLE
of
Scope and Sequence

Symbolic "Heads" reveal a ***Sequence*** of Empires
Symbolic "Horns" reveal a ***Scope*** of Contemporaneous Kings

17. How many kings will be gathered together under the 6th plague? Rev. 16:14.
"...the kings of the earth and of the _____world."

Note: The New World Order has divided the world into ten sections. Whether there will be a council of only ten representatives or if they are all there from every country, the entire world will be represented.

Part 8. The Symbolic "One Hour" of Rev. 17:12

18. Thought Question: For what purpose are the ten kings gathered together at Armageddon? _____

Note: They are gathered to pass the legislation to exterminate the people of God who persist in keeping a seventh-day Sabbath in the face of a united world religion and government. They are labeled as "lawless" and a menace to peace and security. The populace assumes that the first 5 plagues were poured out by an angry God and that God will stop the plagues and be pleased with them if they bring the entire world into conformity of a one world religion and one day of worship—Sunday.

19. When the ten kings have legislated a Death Decree (Rev. 13:15), how long will it be between the legislative date and the effective day (when that law will go into effect)? Rev. 17:12. _____

20. How long is one symbolic "hour" in literal days? _____

Note: Using the Year-Day Hermeneutic Principle of Eze. 4:6, we remember that a symbolic "day" in prophecy represents a literal year. There are 360 literal days in a prophetic year. There are 24 literal hours in a literal day. Just divide 360 by 24 which equals 15 literal days. Therefore, one symbolic "hour" represents 15 literal days.

Part 9. The 15 Literal Days "Reign of the Kings"

21. With whom do the kings of Rev. 17:12-14 reign? Rev. 17:12. _____

Note: If the "beast" is the eighth "head" who sits with the kings of the earth in that final council to pass the legislative action against God's people, it would appear that this symbolic "beast" is Satan himself. But the Papacy, Satan's figurehead, will not have the "power and strength" to locate, and exterminate on a specific date, every one of the 144,000 who will be living in all parts of the earth. They will need the "power and strength" of the kings of the earth to accomplish such an action.

22. Will the kings of the earth be united and willing to put their police and military to this task? Rev. 17:13._____

THE REIGN OF THE KINGS
A Universal Death Decree

Legislative Date_____15 Literal Days_____Effective Date
(One Symbolic Hour)

23. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these,...ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40. When Satan, and the kings of the earth and the whole world pass a Universal Death Decree to annihilate the people of God, against whom are they moving? Rev. 17:14. _____

Note: As the wicked move into battle action, God also moves into battle action as well. This is the battle action of Armageddon—the battle of that great day of God Almighty. (Rev. 16:14.)

Part 10. The "Coup d' Etat" or "Coup d' Theater"

24. What is the sudden "Coup d' Etat" or "Coup d' Theater" action which turns the captivity of God's people—stops the wicked in their tracks, and causes them to worship at the feet of the people of God? Rev. 16:17 first part.

_____

Part 11. The Fall of Babylon

25. After the kings of the earth hear the Voice of God and see the glorified saints, what will be their attitude toward the false religions of Babylon? Rev. 17:16.
"...these shall _____the whore."

26. Thought Question: As you read the symbolic description of the actions of the kings of the earth against Babylon, what in your opinion will be the literal actions taken? Rev. 17:16. _____

_____

The Fall of Babylon

"When the voice of God turns the captivity of His people, there is a terrible awakening of those who have lost all in the great conflict of life. The people see that they have been deluded. They accuse one another...their bitterest condemnation [will be] upon the ***ministers*** [the supporters of Babylon.] These teachers confess before the world their work of deception. The multitudes are filled with fury...they turn upon their ***false shepherds***...Everywhere there is strife and bloodshed...the angel of death goes forth...In the mad strife of their own fierce passions, and by the awful outpouring of God's unmingled wrath, fall the inhabitants of the earth...***Priests***, rulers, people...from one end of the earth to the other." *The Great controversy* p. 653-657.

27. How long will that destructive work continue in Babylon? Rev. 18:10,17,19. _____

Note: Again, as in Rev. 17:12, one symbolic "hour" represents 15 literal days.

28. For what purpose did the angel come in Rev. 17:1 and was that explained in the rest of that chapter? _____

Part 12. The Two Timelines of Rev. 17 and 18

The Voice of God Deliverance
The Coup d' Theater

The Reign of Kings		**The Fall of Babylon**
Legislative Date	Effective Date Death Decree	
15 Literal Days		15 Literal Days
Ascending Action		Descending Action

Note: These 15 day timelines throw a flood of light on events then to transpire, but do not give the day and hour of the Second Coming of Jesus. It is these 15 day periods which are actually timelines, that must be coordinated with the three timelines of Dan. 12 to form the grid to lock those timelines into position. All three timelines are linked together with the Voice of God Deliverance. The 1335 timeline of Dan. 12 ends at the Voice of God. The 1260 timeline of Dan. 12:7 plus the 15 day reign of the kings ends at the Voice of God, and the 15 day Fall of Babylon begins at the "Voice of God" and ends the 1290 reign of the "Beast" power.

Lesson 32
THE FALL OF BABYLON
(Revelation 18)

Part 1. The "Interlude" of the Sixth Vision

In the sixth vision, the "Heavenly Scene" revealed the Close of Probation. (Rev. 15:8.) Then followed the "Basic Prophetic Outline" of the Seven Last Plagues." (Rev. 16 and 17.) But before the 7th plague is described in full, (which will be the "Eschatological Culmination" of Rev. 18:5-24), there is that interruption or "Interlude" (Rev. 18:1-4). The "Interlude" explains the work or witness of the ***144,000*** as they give the "Loud Cry" warning to all peoples to come out of Babylon before her final destruction.

Part 2. The "Loud Cry"

1. How widely will the endtime "Loud Cry" be proclaimed? Rev. 18:1.

   _____

2. How much power will be exhibited in this warning of the angel of Rev. 18:1-4, who joins the third angel of Rev. 14:9-12? Rev. 18:1. _____

   _____

3. What is the substance of the message? Rev. 18:2. _____

   _____

4. Who will be "running things" in the false religion of Babylon? Rev. 18:2.

   _____

5. What ripens Babylon for her final downfall? Rev. 18:3. "_____ _____ have drunk...and the kings of the earth have _____

   _____."

Note: Not until "***all*** nations and the kings of the earth" have united in legislating a Universal Sunday (false sabbath) Law, can this "Loud Cry" warning go forth in the power and light of this fourth angel's message of Rev. 18:1-4.

6. "**All** nations,...kings and merchants" will be involved with Babylon (verse 3). What will be the warning message to all these people? Rev. 18:4. _____

   _____

   _____

7. After the plea to "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins," what warning will be given to that very generation? Rev. 18:4. _____

   _____

Note: Immediately after the "Loud Cry" and close of probation there follows the seven last plagues.

Part 3. The Seven Last Plagues Will Last One Literal Year

8. How long will the seven last plagues last? Rev. 18:8. _____

Note: "Babylon" is a symbol representing the conglomerate of all false religions. Therefore, the "day" is symbolic time.

9. In prophecy, what does a symbolic "day" represent? Num. 14:34. _____
   Eze. 4:6. _____

Note: **All seven plagues will take a year to be accomplished**.

Part 4. The Seventh Plague Will Last Fifteen Literal Days

10. How long will it take for "Babylon" to fall after the "Voice of God"?
    Rev. 18:10,17,19. _____

Note: The "Fall of Babylon" is the action of ***only the seventh*** of the seven last plagues. Whereas the seven last plagues require one full literal year, the seventh plague takes only fifteen literal days! This is illustrated in the box below:

The Timing of the Seven Last Plagues

Plagues 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

(**One Year**)

(**15 days**)

Fall of Babylon

Part 5. The Symbolic Context of The Fall of Babylon

11. Thought Question: Is "Babylon" a literal city or is this a symbolic term?

_____

Note: Some prophetic expositors have assumed that "Babylon, that great city" refers only to Vatican City in Rome. This is not correct because Vatican City and Rome are but a part of this vast conglomerate of false religions of the entire earth. Just as the "New Jerusalem" represents the Universal true church of all ages all over the earth, so also in symbolic contrast, "Babylon" is the universal false church of all the ages that encompasses the whole earth. The description of the "Fall of Babylon" should be kept in symbolic context.

Part 6. Interpreting the Symbolism of the "Fall of Babylon"

12. Thought Question: Rev. 18:8 says, "she shall be utterly burned with fire:" Do you think that this is literal fire or symbolic fire? Will the wicked be literally burned in the lake of fire of Rev. 20:9 and 10? _____

13. Thought Question: Will it be ***all*** the wicked of all ages represented by "Babylon" who will be literally burned, or will it be only Vatican City? _____

Note: Wherever there are symbols, such as "Babylon" or the "Beast," they are couched in literal language sentences which explain the action. The ability to discern between the symbols and the literal language which surrounds them, requires an absolute determination never to permit any conjecture or assumption to impose our ideas on the text. We must let the Bible interpret its own symbols. The guidance of the Holy Spirit is imperative, but there is also an element of "common sense" required which permits the Bible to interpret the symbol, and combine it with a practical application of Bible doctrines as provided by the entire Scripture itself.

14. Thought Question: Who are the "merchants" of Rev. 18:11 and 23?

_____

Why do you think so? _____

_____

Note: Literal "merchants" are those who buy and sell literal goods. The "merchants" of symbolic "Babylon" are those who buy and sell spiritual things. (They are literal men—priests, ministers, religionists engaged in spiritual things.) After the "Voice of God" they will no longer be able to "buy or sell" their religious goods.

15. Thought Question: Read Rev. 18:11-17. What do you think is represented by all the things listed there? gold _____, silver _____,
precious stones _____, pearls _____,
fine linen _____, silk _____,
scarlet _____, wood _____,
ivory _____, brass _____,
Iron _____, marble _____,
cinnamon _____, perfumes _____,
wine _____, flour _____,
wheat _____, sheep _____,
beasts _____, horses _____,
slaves _____, fruits _____,
ships _____, sailors _____,
the souls of men _____.
(An Analytical Concordance may help you, but just fill in what you can call to mind.)

Note: Biblical figurative language includes many things which have *spiritual* meanings. For example, "gold" represents faith and love. "Silver" points to the Word of God. "Fruits" have to do with the results of our doings. "Spices" represent the anointing oil of consecration to service. Revelation 18 is a curious combination of literal words, symbolic figures, and spiritual applications. Just a surface reading of the text gives the general impression that Babylon will fall and be utterly destroyed.

Part 7. The "Eschatological Culmination" The Fall of Babylon

16. How is the "Fall of Babylon" first introduced? Rev. 16:17?
    (Verse 17) "there came a great _____from heaven..."
    (Verse 18) "there were voices [of doom], and _____ and _____; and there was a great _____."
    (Verse 19) "And the great city [of Babylon] was divided into _____ parts, and the _____fell: and great _____came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the _____of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.
    (Verse 20) And every _____fled away, and the _____ were not _____.
    (Verse 21) And there fell upon men a _____ _____."

17. Will the wicked be glad to see "Babylon" fall? Rev. 18:15,16,18,19.
    _____
    _____

18. Will the righteous be glad to see "Babylon" fall? Rev. 18:20.
    _____

19. Read Rev. 18:21-22. What in this passage describes the fall of "Babylon"?
    _____
    _____
    _____

Note: A "millstone" is used to grind grain into flour for bread. Jesus claimed to be the "Bread of heaven." However, "Babylon" has given the people the poisoned "bread" of false doctrines.

20. Instead of using the "millstone" to grind and make bread, it is used to illustrate what action? Rev. 18:21. _____

21. Whose voices will no longer be heard in "Babylon"? Rev. 18:22. _____
    _____

22. Who is the symbolic "bridegroom"? Matt. 25:1. _____
Who is the symbolic "bride"? Rev. 21:2. _____
Who are the symbolic "merchants"? Proverbs 23:23. _____
By what were the nations deceived? Rev. 18:23. _____
What, in the past, was the light in Babylon? Rev. 18:1-4. _____

Part 8. Heavenly Rejoicing At the Fall of Babylon

23. Rev. 19:1-6 is a scene of rejoicing at the fall of Babylon. Who are rejoicing and praising God that false religion has fallen and that it will never rise again?
Rev. 19:1,4 and 6. _____
_____

Note: After the "Fall of Babylon" the next event will be the Second Coming of Jesus in the clouds of heaven. It is not possible to know the "day and hour" of His coming until it is announced by the "voice of God." Rev. 18:24 ends the action of the "Fall of Babylon." Not until Revelation, chapter 19, is the Second Coming of Jesus brought to view. Not until these prophecies are fulfilled, will the day and hour of the Second Coming be known when spoken by the "Voice of God."

24. What does the "great voice of much people in heaven" say? Rev. 19:1.
_____
_____

Note: Revelation, chapter 19 brings to view the Second Coming of Jesus. The first 10 verses of chapter 19 simply describe the joy and gratitude of the saved when they know that the wicked, and their false religion are forever fallen.

25. To whom do they give all the credit for the "Fall of Babylon"? Rev. 19:1.
_____

26. What was found in Babylon? Rev. 18:24, 19:2? _____
_____

Note: All of these will be in heaven! Alive!

27. Will false religion, lies, and corruption ever arise again? Rev. 19:3. _____

Note: Not that she burns forever, but the smoke rises and disperses forever, indicating that she will never be reconstituted again.

28. What does the great multitude say? Rev. 19:6 and 5. _____
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_____
_____

Part 9. "Alleluia, For the Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth"

"Alleluia, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth," Rev. 19:6. The great demonstration on earth of the destructive nature of sin and all that it touches has been accomplished. Satan and his entire following of evil angels and wicked men have been exposed and condemned by the courts of heaven and the entire universe. The saved are alive and well, rejoicing in the pure, untainted atmosphere of heaven.

Lesson 33

The "Eschatological Culmination" and Events Connected With the Second Coming of Jesus

(Rev. 19 and 20)

Part 1. The Structure of Revelation 15-19. Sixth Vision

The Sixth Vision was long. It began with the "**Heavenly Scene**" of Revelation 15 at the close of probation. The "**Basic Prophetic Outline**" was also long in that the basic outline of the seven last plagues was given in chapter 16, but continued with additional details of the 6th and 7th plagues all through chapter 17. The "**Interlude**" regarding the final witness of the 144,000 was contained in Rev. 18:1-4. Again, the "**Eschatological Culmination**" was long, explaining the 7th plague more fully, as given in Rev. 18:5-14, (as well as Rev. 10:7, Rev. 11:15-19, and Rev. 16:17-21.)

The "**Eschatological Culmination,**" in each vision, has consistently been involved with the Second Coming of Jesus. Again, in the sixth vision, there is the fall of wicked Babylon, and the joyous rewards of the righteous as they are brought into heaven singing "The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth"!

Part 2. The "Marriage Supper of the Lamb"

1. What great celebration will occur as soon as God's people reach heaven? Rev. 19:7. _____

2. Who is the symbolic Lamb? Jn. 1:29. _____

3. Who is the symbolic Lamb's bride-wife? Rev. 22:17. _____

Part 3. The "Wedding Gown"—Christ's Robe of Righteousness

4. Is the symbolic bride wearing a wedding gown? Rev. 19:8. _____

5. Of what fabric is the wedding gown made? Rev. 19:8. _____

6. Thought Question: Is the "righteousness of the saints" merely imputed righteousness written on the books of heaven, or is it also imparted so that their characters reflect the image of Jesus fully? Rev. 14:1. _____

Note: It is now washing and ironing or "laundry time" when our garments must be cleansed: 1. by confession of sin and **justification,** 2. by the daily struggle to come into harmony with the laws of God in the process known as **sanctification**, and 3. by cooperation with the High Priest in the "final atonement" to have the law written indelibly in the heart and mind, and sealed to "reflect the image of Jesus fully."

God's people will experience **glorification** at His Second Coming. Then, the "bride" of Christ will be wearing her wedding gown, woven in the loom of heaven.

Part 4. The "Wedding Reception" and "Marriage Certificate"

7. How do we know for sure that such a wedding reception will take place? Rev. 19:9.

_____

Note: The "marriage certificate" or the legal "paper work" or "book work" of the marriage is accomplished during the Investigative Judgment which began in A.D. 1844 and continues until the close of probation. It is at the "courthouse" of heaven that all legal aspects of the marriage are completed and all the names of the saved retained in the Lamb's book of life. (As in an oriental wedding, the bride waits at home until the legal procedures are finished, after which the bridegroom comes in a large procession to pick up the bride and take her to his father's house.) Then the reception supper or the "Marriage Supper" begins.

8. When the prophet John viewed this beautiful, triumphant scene of the wedding banquet, what was his reaction? Rev. 19:10. _____

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Part 5. The Wedding Music

9. There will be music at the wedding banquet. What song are they all singing? Rev. 19:1,6,7. _____

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10. Why are they so glad? Rev. 19:2. _____

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_____

Note: "The wicked witch is dead!" All the persecutions perpetrated by Babylon are to be no more. Never again will the blood of martyrs fill her cup.

Part 6. The "Spirit of Prophecy"

11. When John tried to worship the angel who showed him the vision of the wedding reception, what did the angel tell him? Rev. 19:10. "And he said unto me, See thou _____ _____ _____" "for I am thy fellow _____ and of thy brethren that have the _____ _____ _____."

Note: The faithful angels consider themselves to be children of God and of that one family of heaven, the entire earth and all the universe and one with saved sinners who serve God and have the "testimony of Jesus."

12. What is the "testimony of Jesus"? Rev. 19:10. See also the following Note:
    It is the _____

Note: The "Spirit of prophecy" is referring specifically to the Holy Spirit. It is specific in that the "testimony of Jesus" has to do with ***prophecy***. It was the Holy Spirit who gave all the prophets the prophetic visions and dreams found in the Bible and in the book of Revelation. It was the Spirit of prophecy which enabled Ellen G. White to write those statements which throw great light on the Word of God in regard to future events. It is also the gift of the Spirit of prophecy which enables us to comprehend the fulfillments and correct meaning of Bible prophecies, such as these in the book of Revelation. It is the Spirit of ***prophecy*** which distinguishes God's people from the counterfeit in every age. It is the torch in the hand of God that lights the path all the way to the kingdom of God. It is the anchor which keeps the ship from being blown away by heresies, and the rudder which brings the ship into harbor.

13. Thought Question: Are you aware of the fact, that in as much as you have comprehended all these things in this Revelation Workbook, you have had the Spirit of prophecy guiding and opening the mind to all the truths therein? Any comments?

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    _____
    _____
    _____

The sixth vision is now finished. The seventh vision begins in Rev. 19:11

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Lesson 34

THE "HEAVENLY SCENE" of the SEVENTH VISION
THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS
Rev. 19:11-21

Part 1. Review: The "Eschatological Culmination" of the Sixth Vision

1. With what events does the "Eschatological Culmination" end the sixth vision?
   Rev. 19:2. "...for he hath _____ the great whore."
   Rev. 19:6. "...for the _____ omnipotent _____."
   (Does this refer to the Second coming of Jesus?) _____
   Rev. 19:9. "Blessed are they which are called unto the _____."

Note: The events mentioned above, which are the endtime "Eschatological Culmination" of the sixth vision, reveal that Jesus has already judged Babylon, that He reigns and has established His kingdom. His people are already in heaven with Him celebrating the "marriage supper of the Lamb." All of these events occur at His Second Coming or follow directly after it.

Part 2. The "Heavenly Scene" of the Seventh Vision

2. What indicates that a "Heavenly Scene" is now ready to begin the seventh vision?
   Rev. 19:11. "And I saw _____ opened, and behold..."

Part 3. The Triumphal Entry

3. What is seen in the seventh vision "Heavenly Scene"?
   Rev. 19:11. "...a white _____;"

Note: A white horse, or colt, or ass, or mule was used in a triumphal entry into a city. When a king was entering for his coronation, ascending to His throne, or when a great army general was about to be crowned for victory, he came on a white horse. (Even Queen Elizabeth, rode in a chariot behind white horses as she went to her coronation in England as late as 1953.) When Jesus made His "***Triumphal Entry***" into Jerusalem He came riding on a colt—or young horse, as a type pointing forward to His Second Coming. (Mark 11:2.) When Solomon, who was a type of Christ, the Prince of peace, took the throne, he rode into Jerusalem on David's own mule. I Kings 1:37,38. This action was a type or projection of the "**KING OF KINGS**," at the Second Coming when He will ride down through the heavens, to establish His kingdom, and to execute judgment upon the wicked.

Part 4. Jesus, The "Faithful and True"

4. Who in this "Heavenly Scene" is sitting on the white horse?
   Rev. 19:11. "...and he that sat upon him was called, _____and _____
   and in righteousness doth _____and make _____."

Part 5. The "Pivot" of Prophetic History

Note: Some may object that the "Eschatological Culmination" of the sixth vision of Rev. 19:1-10 is the same event as the "Heavenly Scene" of the seventh vision of Rev. 19:11-21. Revelation 19 is the "***pivot***" which ***divides*** this world's prophetic history, from those future events which follow the Second Coming.

5. Thought Question: What changes will occur at the Second Coming?
   In your physical body? _____
   In your diet? _____
   In your clothing? _____
   In your occupation? _____
   In your family? _____

Whereas, the Second Coming of Jesus ends earth's history, that same event begins a new era. For six visions, the action has led toward the endtime "Eschatological Culmination," but the seventh vision "Heavenly Scene" begins with the Second Coming and moves forward into events which follow the Second coming.

Part 6. Jesus, Judge and Warrior

6. What does Jesus come to do? Rev. 19:11 "...to _____and make _____."

7. Thought Question. When He comes, it says it will be to judge and make war.
   To what war or battle will He come? Rev. 16:14,16. _____
   _____

Part 7. Jesus "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS"

8. By what name and title will Jesus return? Rev. 19:16. _____
   _____

9. What will Jesus have on His head? Rev. 19:12. "Many _____"

10. Thought Question: What does a crown represent? _____
    What would many crowns represent? _____
    _____

Part 8. Jesus and His New Name

11. Thought Question: Rev. 19:12 declares that Jesus will have "a name written, that no man knew, but he himself." Names indicate positions, or offices, or character traits. What do you think this strange statement means?
    1. Will Jesus have a new role to play in the future pertaining to our well being?
    2. Will He take a new position on God's throne?
    3. Will some aspect of the character of the Godhead be revealed?
    4. Why did no man know it?
    5. Will Jesus have some wonderful surprise waiting for us?

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Part 9. Jesus, the "Word"

12. By what other name has Jesus been called and will still be called? Rev. 19:13.

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John 1:1-5. What position does this "Word" hold in the universe? _____

Is He "God"? _____

Is He a Creator? _____

John 1:10-14. What does that "Word" do for us? _____

_____

Part 10. Jesus, Our Sacrifice and Redeemer

13. Thought Question: Why would His clothing be "dipped in blood"? Gen. 3:15.

_____

Gen. 9:4. _____

Rev. 6:9,10. _____

Part 11. The Wedding Procession

14. Thought Question: Who are the "armies in heaven" of Rev. 19:14 which follow Him? Angels? Luke 9:26. _____

The 24 elders and other resurrected ones from this earth? _____

Inhabitants of other worlds? _____

"Space aliens"? _____

_____

If not, why not? _____

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_____

The Forward, Progressive Movement of Scripture

Throughout the entire Bible, there is a forward, progressive movement in time from Genesis to Revelation. In each book of Scripture, there is a forward movement, even as a story unfolds. In each "Basic Prophetic Outline," in each timeline of prophecy, there is a forward, progressive movement in time. In the two *Major Lines of Prophecy* of Revelation 1-11, and 12-22, there is a forward movement of time. The forward movement in the *Second Major Line of Prophecy* of Rev. 12-22 is illustrated on page 106.

Notes

The Forward, Progressive Movement in *The Second Major Line of Prophecy* of Revelation 12-22

Vision 5
Rev. 12-14
From: The Fall of Lucifer
To: The Loud Cry

Vision 6
Rev. 15-19:10
From: Close of Probation
To: Second Coming

Vision 7
Rev. 19:11 to 21:2
From: Second Coming 1000 Yrs.
To: Third Coming

Vision 8
Rev. 21:3-22
Rev. 22
Eternity ~~~~~~
The New Earth

A Review of the Forward, Progressive Movement in
The First Major Line of Prophecy--Revelation 1-11

Vision 1.....7 Letters

Rev. 1-3

From:	To:
Ephesus	Laodicea
A.D. 31	1844

Vision 2.....7 Seals

Rev. 4-8:1

From:	To:
1844	The
White	Second
Horse	Coming

Vision 3.....7 Trumpets

Rev. 8:2-11

From:	To:
Close of	Second
Probation	Coming

Vision 4...1260 days of endtime events

Rev. 11

From:	To:
The Beginning of the	The end of the
1260 days—42 months	1290 days timeline of Dan. 12:11

Lesson 35

THE JUDGMENT OF THE WICKED
(Rev. 19:15-21 and Rev. 20)

Part 1. The Wrath of God

Note: Rev. 19:13 declares one name of Jesus is the "Word." Jesus is the Father's thought made audible. While the Father is the "Source" of all, Jesus is the "Word" which spoke the worlds into existence. (Heb. 1:1,2.) Jesus is made known to us through His "Word" the Bible. He is also called the "Faithful and True" so that every prophecy as written in His Word, the Bible, will be fulfilled. The judgment of the wicked is spoken of in prophecy and will be fulfilled. A "word" comes from the mouth and the fulfillment of the Word of God is as a sharp sword against the wicked.

1. How is the judgment of the wicked announced in Rev. 19:15. "And out of his mouth goeth a sharp _____." (The "sword" is a symbol for the Word of God—the Bible. See Eph. 6:17.)

2. How will the Word of God be fulfilled in regard to the destruction of the wicked? Rev. 19:15. "...that he should smite the _____:"

3. How was this same event described in the book of Daniel. Dan. 2:44,45.
   _____
   _____
   Dan. 7:26. _____
   Dan. 8:25. _____

4. A Review Question: Rev. 19:15 declares that "he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God." What is the "wrath of God."? Rom. 1:18, 24, 26 and 28. _____
   _____

Note: Not only do many of the wicked die by violent hands during the 6th and 7th plagues, but there is also a "flame of fire" which encircles the earth at the Second Coming of Jesus which extends from the highest mountain to the deepest mine to cleanse the tainted air. God's people will walk through the flame as did Shadrack, Meshak, and Abednego, but the wicked will perish by fire at the Second Coming.

Part 2. The Great Supper of the Birds

5. What is the angel crying out in Rev. 19:17? _____
   _____
   _____

6. What are the birds bidden to eat? Rev. 19:19. _____

_____

_____

_____

Note: While the "Marriage Supper" is going on in heaven, the "Supper of the Birds" will be taking place down here on earth. Just as the scavenger birds keep the African plains cleaned up from all that dies, so again, those scavenger birds that can rise above the flames on earth, then return to clean up the dead flesh of the wicked.

7. How is the Word of God fulfilled in regard to the judgment of the wicked? Rev. 19:21? _____

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Part 3. The Judgment on The Three Parts of Babylon

8. The prophet John saw the gathering of the kings of the earth together with the "beast" (Catholicism), the "image of the beast" (that union of church and state to enforce false religion in the USA,) and the "false prophet" (Apostate Protestantism) as they legislated against the people of God to destroy them from the face of the earth. But just as that evil decree was about to go into effect, he saw the seventh plague action in which the "Voice of God" delivered His people and the destruction of Babylon began. Where does John declare they all end up? Rev. 19:20.

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Note: This ends the "Heavenly Scene" of the 7th vision.

Part 4. The "Basic Prophetic Outline" of the 1,000 Years

9. Thought Questions: Who is the angel of Rev. 20:1 which "come[s] down from heaven"? See Note. _____

Note: Jesus Christ was known to the Jews in the Old Testament as "Michael" (One like God) and as "Michael the archangel." (See Jude 9 and Dan. 10:5,7, and 21.) The prophet John was a Jew and like Jude, wrote in harmony with Old Testament writers. In Rev. 8:5, Jesus is the "angel" which throws down the censer. He is the "angel" of Rev. 10:1, whose position with one foot on the land and one on the sea denotes His position of authority over all the world as He brings the Loud Cry before the last generation. He is the angel which lightens the earth with His glory in Rev. 18:1-4. So again, it is Jesus, who is the "angel" which comes "down from heaven" as described in Revelation, chapter 19. The translators separated chapter 19 from chapter 20 but it is actually one continual vision!

10. What does the angel, Jesus, have in His hand? Rev. 20:1. "the _____ to the _____ _____. And a great _____ in his hand."

11. Who does Jesus chain up and imprison in the "bottomless pit"? Rev. 20:2.

_____

12. What is the "bottomless pit"? Rev. 20:3 and Rev. 9:1,2 and 11.

_____

Note: The "bottomless pit" comes from the Greek word, No. 12 "Abussos" or "Abyss" meaning "*deep or bottomless.*" See *Strong's Analytical Concordance.* Satan is spoken of as the "angel of the bottomless pit" in Rev. 9:11. The "bottomless pit" is Satan's abode. First, it must be remembered that when he was cast out of heaven he had no home, but was cast out into *deep space*! Not until he gained dominion of this world, was he able to find a place to claim as his own. He is also restrained by God in an invisible dimension, except as man has authority to call him or his evil angels out of it. The word, "Abyss," is also used in the Hebrew language to describe the earth in Gen. 1:1,2 when it was without form and void and darkness was on the face of the *deep*. At creation, this earth was like any other frozen, lifeless planet in the solar system. Jesus spoke, saying "Let there be light" but Satan's abode is that of darkness, and disorder. At His Second Coming, as He returns to heaven, this earth will be left in complete devastation, darkness and disorder.

13. What will be the condition of the earth after the Second Coming of Jesus? Jer. 4:23-28. _____

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_____

_____

14. For how long will Satan be chained up in the "bottomless pit"? Rev. 20:3.

_____

Part 5. Hermeneutic Principles Regarding the Use of Prophetic Symbolism and Its Interpretation

Note: Throughout the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, there has been an Hermeneutic Principle of prophetic symbolism which indicates that the context of the passage dictates the way in which a timeline shall be understood, as literal or symbolic time. Some have argued that this principle does not hold in Rev. 20 because there is the prophetic symbolism of the "angel," the "bottomless pit," the "chain," the "dragon" and the "old serpent," but that the 1000 years is literal time. Such an argument seems valid until another hermeneutic principle is applied. This Hermeneutic Principle declares that all prophetic symbolism must be interpreted by Scripture to give the literal meaning. This principle must be applied in verses 2 and 3.

15. At what point is the prophetic symbolism interpreted by the Scripture itself in Rev. 20? _____
"And he laid hold on the [symbolic] dragon, that old [symbolic] serpent, ***which is*** [interpreted] the [literal] Devil, and Satan, and bound him a [literal] thousand years."

Note: Yes, there is prophetic symbolism in Rev. 20:1,2. But in verse 2, immediately the symbolism is interpreted into literal language and with that literal context, the 1000 years is stated. Hermeneutic Principles are consistent and can be safely applied in every case!

Part 6. Satan's Time For Reflection

16. Thought Question: Why can Satan "deceive the nations no more" after Jesus comes? Rev. 20:3. _____

Note: If all the wicked are destroyed at the Second Coming of Jesus, and the righteous have all gone to heaven with Jesus, who is left on earth for Satan to deceive?

17. Thought Question: What will Satan be doing all during the 1000 years?
_____

Note: Some mothers will punish their naughty children by spanking and then have them sit in a chair for a while. They are admonished to **"Think about what you have done wrong, and tell me what you did to deserve this punishment."** Satan will have 1000 years to sit on the ruined planet and observe the results of his rebellion with nothing else to do!

Part 7. The Second Resurrection

18. What will happen to the wicked at the end of the 1000 years? Rev. 20:5. "But the rest of the dead [the wicked] lived _____ _____ until the thousand years were _____".

Note: The wicked dead will be resurrected to live again at the end of the 1000 years.

19. What is the resurrection of the righteous called? Rev. 20:5 (last part) and 6 (first part.) _____

Note: "This is the ***first*** resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection..." The first resurrection, that of the righteous, will happen before the 1000 years begin. But the wicked come up in the ***second*** resurrection at the end of the millennium.

The "Basic Prophetic Outline" of the 1000 Year Millennium

The Second Coming of Jesus	**The Third Coming of Jesus**
The First Resurrection	**The Second Resurrection**
The righteous go to heaven	
The wicked are destroyed	The wicked destroyed again
The wicked live not again	

_____ **until the 1000 years** _____ are finished.

Part 8. The "Interlude"—The 144,000 Enthroned

20. Thought Question: How can you know for sure that Rev. 20:4 has to do with the last generation and the 144,000? "And I saw thrones, and they that sat on them: and I saw the souls of them that were _____ for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not _____ the _____, neither his _____, neither had received his _____ upon their _____, or in their hands;..."

21. How in this "Interlude" are the 144,000 vindicated and blessed? Rev. 20:4.
"And I saw _____, and they that sat upon them..."
Rev. 20:6. "...but they shall be _____ of God, and of Christ,
"and shall _____ with him a _____ _____."

22. What will be the work of the redeemed during the 1000 years? Rev. 20:4,12.

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_____

Note: It is the wicked who will be judged "out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works," There will be many questions answered at that time. For 1000 years the judgment of the wicked will go on, beginning with the first generation who lived upon the earth, and each succeeding generation in their order. That will be the time when the righteous may understand why some of their loved ones were not safe to save. They will be convinced of the justice, mercy and love of God.

An excellent word picture has been drawn for us in regard to the conclusion of the judgment which is placed at the end of this lesson.

Part 9. The "Eschatological Culmination" of Vision 7
The Battle of Gog and Magog

23. What will Satan do when he has someone to deceive again? Rev. 20:7,8.

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_____

Note: Their number is as the "sand of the sea." Think of all the wicked who have lived on the earth since the time of Adam. God is a just judge. Some, who have had no opportunity to know or choose will be as if they had never been born. Some will be among the righteous who ask Jesus, "What caused the scars in Your hands"? Some will be in heaven that we never expected to see there and we will look for some who will not be there. These things we can leave to the loving God. He alone knows who will be safe to save in the sinless society.

24. What is Satan's objective in deceiving the reactivated wicked? Rev. 20:8.

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Note: Satan will not repent! He was leading the wicked to the battle of Armageddon at the Second Coming, and again, at the end of the 1000 years he leads the wicked to battle. That will be the battle of "Gog and "Magog" referring to Satan and his followers.

25. What is the scene of the battle of Gog and Magog? Rev. 21:2.

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Rev. 20:9. _____

Part 10. The Second Death

26. What is the final end of the wicked? Rev. 20:9. _____

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27. When the wicked die in the lake of fire (prepared for the devil and his angels), what is that second time they die called? Rev. 20:6. _____

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28. Will the wicked be tormented for all eternity in the lake of fire? Rev. 20:10.

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Note: At first reading it would appear that "forever and ever" means for eternity. This could give one the idea of an eternal burning "hell." But Rev. 20:14 needs also to be considered!

29. What does Rev. 20:14 declare concerning "hell"? _____

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Note: The word "ever" or "forever" in old English meant "for the time that it lasts," or as long as the fire burns. Rev. 20:14 declares that "Death is cast into the lake of fire." That means that no one will ever die again. "Hell" is also cast into the fire and burned up, so that means that no one will ever go into the grave again or be burned up again.

30. What is the real fate of the wicked after all is done? Mal. 1:1, 3, Rev. 20:15.

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Part 11. A Beautiful Word Picture

"Far above the city, upon a foundation of burnished gold, is a throne, high and lifted up. Upon this throne sits the Son of God, and around Him are the subjects of His kingdom. The power and majesty of Christ no language can describe, no pen portray. The glory of the Eternal Father is enshrouding His Son. The brightness of His presence fills the City of God, and flows out beyond the gates, flooding the whole earth with its radiance.

...The redeemed raise a song of praise that echoes and re-echoes through the vaults of heaven: 'Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.' And angel and seraph unite their voices in adoration... As if entranced, the wicked have looked upon the coronation of the Son of God. They see in His hands the tables of the divine law, the statutes which they have despised and transgressed. They witness the outburst of wonder, rapture, and adoration from the saved; and as the wave of melody sweeps over the multitudes without the city, all with one voice exclaim, 'Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty: just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints' (Rev. 15:3); and falling prostrate, they worship the Prince of life." *The Great Controversy* 665-669.

Note: The fact that they acknowledge and even worship Jesus as the Prince of life will not change a rebellious and evil nature. Satan quickly energizes them to return to battle to take the city by force. Then it is, that they are destroyed in the lake of fire.

"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved,...Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat." II Pet. 3:11,12.

This is the end of the 7th vision.

Lesson 36

THE EIGHTH VISION: THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH
(Revelation 21 and 22)

Part 1. An Overview of The Plan of Salvation

The entire Bible is the story of redemption and restoration. After the great controversy is finished, after Satan, sin, sinners, death, pain, sorrow, and all manner of evil are destroyed, there will be a complete restoration of a new heaven and new earth. Eden will be restored, more glorious than before. Man will have been recreated in the image of his Maker. Our eyes have not seen and our ears have not heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man what God has prepared for them that love Him, and are willing and obedient to fit into the sinless society of the universe. Redemption and restoration are a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Part 2. "Heavenly Scene" of the Eighth Vision

1. What did John see in the "Heavenly Scene" of the eighth vision? Rev. 21:1.

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Note: The "sea" or vast oceans, as we know them today, were formed at the time of Noah's flood. In the New Earth, the waters will be redistributed as new rivers and lakes and in their underground watering systems to provide moisture to the roots of plants without rain as it was in the Garden of Eden. (See Gen. 2:5,6.) The new earth will have new and perfect weather patterns and the beauties of Eden will be restored.

2. Did the prophets understand that Jesus would restore all things? Isa. 66:22.

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3. How will the creation of the new earth be commemorated? Isa. 66:23.

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Part 3. The Holy City, New Jerusalem

4. What did John see coming down from God out of heaven? Rev. 21:2.

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5. On what part of the earth will New Jerusalem rest? Zech. 14:4.

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6. What will the New Jerusalem be called? Rev. 21:2. _____

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7. Who besides the saved will dwell in the Holy City, New Jerusalem? Rev. 21:3

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Part 4. The Inheritance

8. What did Jesus promise His people? John 14:1-3. _____

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9. Who will inherit all these things? Rev. 21:7. _____
Rev. 3:21. _____

10. Who will not be in the Holy City? Rev. 21:8,27. _____

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Isa. 66:17. _____

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11. To what place will God's throne be moved? Rev. 21:3.

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Part 5. The Capitol of the New Sinless Society

12. Will God's people sorrow for the lost through all eternity? Rev. 21:4,5.

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13. Where is the literal "fountain of youth"? Rev. 21:6. _____

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14. Compare Rev. 17:1 with Rev. 21:9. What is similar? _____

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What is different? _____

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Part 6. The "Basic Prophetic Description" of New Jerusalem

Note: Please refer to the chart at the beginning of the Workbook titled "**The Eight Major Visions of Revelation**" to see that in Vision 1 and Vision 8 there is a "Basic Prophetic ***Description***" rather than a "Basic Prophetic Outline." There is no "Interlude" or "Eschatological Culmination" in these beginning and ending columns of visions 1 and 8. Whereas the "Outlines" have numerical figures such as 7 or 1000 or 1260, the "Basic Prophetic Descriptions" simply describe what John saw.

15. What kind of generator is used to light up the entire city? Rev. 22:5.

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Rev. 21:10,11, 23. _____

16. What is the general layout of the city? Rev. 21:16. _____

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17. What will be the size of the city? Rev. 21:16. _____

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Note: This measurement is thought to be 1,500 miles. (See margin reference.)

18. What kind of building material is used in the construction of the city? Rev. 21:18.

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19. Of what kind of material are the twelve gates? Rev. 21:21.

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20. What kind of material will go into the paving of the streets of the city? Rev. 21:21.

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21. How many churches will there be in the Holy City, New Jerusalem? Rev. 21:22.

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22. How often will God's people come into the Holy City from all other parts of the earth to worship? Isa. 66:22,23. _____

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23. Thought Questions: If there is no temple, no churches, no sermons, no preaching, then how will God's people worship on the Sabbath? _____

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Part 7. Our Country Estate

24. In the Holy City, there are mansions for those who are there over the Sabbath. Where will they live during the week? Isa. 65:17, 21-24.

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25. What changes will occur in the world of nature? Isa. 65:25.

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Lesson 37
THE BLESSED HOPE
(Rev. 22)

Part 1. Eden Restored

1. What issued from the Garden of Eden to bless the whole earth? Gen. 2:10-14.

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Note: The river which went from the Garden of Eden parted and went in four directions to bless the whole earth. These rivers were named for their powerful gushing currents. These rivers were entirely broken up at the time of Noah's flood and are not the same rivers in the Middle East today, which were named in memory of what had been in the antediluvian world.

2. What will be restored as it was in Eden? Rev. 22:1,2. _____

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3. What was in the Garden of Eden and what will be restored in the new earth?
   Gen. 2:9. _____
   Rev. 22:2. _____

Note: The tree of life will be restored, but the tree of the knowledge of good and evil will be removed because mankind will have been tested and characters developed resistant to sin through the power and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. Today, we cannot see nor face God. How will it be in the new earth? Rev. 22:3-5.

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5. How sure can we be of these promises of eternal life? Rev. 22:6.

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Part 2. The Blessed Hope

6. What promise and blessed hope is given to us today? Rev. 22:7, 12, 20.

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7. What is the work of God's people today? Rev. 22:17. _____

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Note: The Holy Spirit still calls men to come into Christ's kingdom working through human evangelism and labors in the name of Jesus Christ. We are to give that gracious invitation, "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Part 3. Our Title and Right to Enter the Holy City

8. What are the requirements to have the "***right***" to enter the Holy City, and to eat of the tree of life and enter through the gates into the Holy City? Rev. 22:14.

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9. Revelation, chapter 1, three times described Jesus as the Eternal Self-existent God. How does the last chapter reaffirm that fact? Rev. 22:13.

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10. What will happen at the Second Coming of Jesus? Rev. 22:12.

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Note: It is good to crowd into the life as many good works as possible because Jesus will bring His rewards to "give to every man, according as his work shall be." We are not saved by works, but there is a reward for good works and an eternal "weight of glory" that will rest upon the saved.

Part 4. The Endtime Message of the Book of Revelation

11. What decree will be uttered at the close of probation? Rev. 22:22.

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12. What is the warning given to us today? Rev. 22:6.

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Rev. 22:10. _____

Rev. 22:20. _____

13. What warning is made regarding the book of Revelation? Rev. 22:18,19.

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Part 5. The Great Controversy Ended.

14. Who will not be in the Holy City to make trouble for God's people? Rev. 22:15.

Note: The word, "dogs" is sometimes used to mean prostitutes and those who deal in various kinds of slavery.

15. What will be the end of this great struggle between good and evil?

> "The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all thing, animate, and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love." *The Great Controversy* 678.

Part 6. Revelation Workbook Summary

This Revelation Workbook is unique in that it has presented the consistent and orderly structure of the entire book of Revelation, which places each unit into its correct setting. The structure of the book of Revelation is the key to open its full endtime meaning to the last generation. Past generations found much spiritual comfort and helpful applications of prophecy in the book of Revelation. But much of it seemed to be a conunderum of unrelated ideas and confounding symbolism. At last, the **structural "key"** has opened the book so that its end-time applications may be clearly understood. The Revelation Workbook is what it is because it has:

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6. Permitted the meaning to come from the original languages
7. Permitted the structure to define and dictate the time for applications
8. Permitted sequence and continuity to align the prophetic outlines
9. Permitted the writings of the modern prophet to add clarity and validity
10. Permitted both Daniel and Revelation to reveal Jesus

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It is suggested that the Bible student-teacher become familiar with the book, *The Great Controversy.* It will supply much additional information to give excellent reserves of important factual knowledge.

Part 7. The Blessing

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all." Rev. 22:21. May we all ride upward in that cloudy chariot together.

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