

**Chapter 1 : Revelation ESV - The River of Life - Then the angel - Bible Gateway**

*By Stafford North. Five Keys that Unlock the Book of Revelation Background Information for the Teacher Objectives: The student can identify the main symbols in Revelation and explain its basic story.*

The church of Christ is the church that belongs to Christ, that was established by Christ, that was built by Christ, and that was bought by Christ. We are not voted into the church by men, and we do not join a church the way some might join a country club. Instead, God adds us to His church when we obey His gospel. Are those in the church of Christ the only people who are going to be saved? Of course they are! God adds people to His church when they are saved. To be saved outside of the church of Christ is to be saved outside of the body of Christ – and that can never happen. Jesus is not just a way to the Father; he is the way to the Father. As Jesus said in John That question was asked in the first century as it is asked today, and the answer remains the same. Like the Apostle Paul, we are saved when our sins are washed away at our baptism. There is one church of Christ. If you are a member of something else or something more or something less, then you are not serving God according to His plan or according to His will. He wants you to be a Christian and only a Christian, wearing only the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the head and the savior of the church, His body. What Must I Do? What must I do? That same question was asked in Acts 2: Each of us has already been personally predestined to Heaven or Hell without regard to anything we do on Earth, and so, logically, according to Calvin, the only answer to the question in Acts 2: Peter had just said in Acts 2: Jesus is Lord of lords and King of kings, which means he is your Lord and your King whether or not you obey him or believe him. In fact, Paul prayed after he saw Jesus on the road to Damascus Acts 9: Cornelius prayed to God always Acts Listen as Peter answers that question: If your preacher is telling you something different, then you need a new preacher! Lesson 1 The End is Near? Does the book of Revelation tell us that the end of the world is near? Does the book of Revelation tell us anything about the end of the world? Did you know that the book of Revelation repeatedly says that it is concerned with events that were to come to pass soon after it was written? The very first verse of the book says, "The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. Revelation was written to provide comfort and encouragement to those first century Christians who were being persecuted and killed by the Roman empire. They must have wondered if God had forgotten about them, and they must have wondered how the church could possibly prevail against the might and power of Rome. The book of Revelation was written to answer those questions. The 25 lessons on this website are a complete course on the book of Revelation that can be used for self study or to teach the book to others. They begin with a lengthy but vital introduction and then proceed on a verse by verse walk through the entire book. Each lesson is 45 minutes long, and included for each lesson is a complete transcript and an audio copy of the lesson in the MP3 format. Many lessons also include a colorful handout. These resources are available using the links found on the upper left of each page. Please study the book of Revelation carefully, leaving your preconceptions behind. Revelation is meant to be understood, and it can be understood! This would seem to be an odd question to ask about a book of the Bible, but Revelation is like few other books of the Bible. Just what is Revelation? Here are several answers to that question: John has a better sense of the right word than Stevenson. He has a greater command of unearthly supernatural loveliness than Coleridge. He has a richer sense of melody and rhythm in composition than Bach. It is the only masterpiece of pure art in the New Testament. Its fullness and richness and harmonic variety place it far above Greek tragedy. I can say this with confidence because the facts and predictions in the next few pages are all taken from the greatest sourcebook of current events in the world. Here is something quite unlike the rest of the New Testament. And not only is it different, but it is notoriously difficult for a modern mind to understand. As a result it has sometimes been abandoned and has instead become the playground a religious eccentrics. One despairing commentator said that there are as many riddles in the Revelation as there are words. And another that the study of Revelation either finds or leaves a man mad! It is a dramatic, forceful, yet surprisingly tender and comforting book. The result is that this remarkable book is both hard to understand fully and impossible to forget. Beautiful in form, in symbolism, in purpose, and in meaning. Where in

Scripture do we find a more vivid and picturesque portrayal of the Christ, Faithful and True, going forth unto victory, seated upon a white horse, arrayed in a garment sprinkled with blood, followed by the armies of heaven? There are as many answers to that question as there are commentators. We will see how we answer that question at the end of our studies. What is Revelation About? Either Revelation is almost totally neglected or it is elevated to a prominence shared by no other Biblical book. No other part of the Bible has proved so fascinating to commentators, and no other has suffered so much at their hands. What is this book all about? Most people would tell you that Revelation is all about Heaven, the second coming of Christ, and the end of the world. But we need to be very careful. Not every coming of Christ in the New Testament deals with his final coming at the end of the world. The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken, and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. But if we keep reading, we find something interesting in verse 34. A basic principle of Bible study is that we should use the easy verses to help explain the difficult verses. Verse 34 is very easy to understand! The language in Matthew 24 is the language of judgment, and there are many judgments in the Bible: The same sort of language used in Matthew 24 to describe a judgment against Jerusalem in A.D. 70. So what can we conclude about Revelation from Matthew 24? Only that we should be careful not to automatically assume that language of judgment must apply to the final judgment of the world. It definitely does not in Matthew 24, and we may discover that it does not in Revelation. One thing we can say for sure is that Revelation is a book about Jesus. Some of the most wonderful titles and images of the Messiah in all of Scripture are found in Revelation, including: The faithful witness The first born of the dead The ruler of kings on earth The first and the last The living one The one with the key of death The one with the key of David The lion of Judah The lamb that was slain The King of kings and Lord of lords The alpha and omega The bright morning star Not only is this a book about Christ, but this is a book about the church of Christ. Revelation has permeated the popular culture. Revelation forms the basis for virtually all of the predictions by the end-is-near prophets. Many feel that the Middle East and especially Israel will play a special role in the end of the world. Rushing to Armageddon, The Rise of Babylon: A simple Amazon search would turn up many more that are available today. One that I purchased recently is entitled Armageddon, Oil, and Terror, by John Walvoord, someone we will have more to say about later. That book lists a series of 12 catastrophic events that will supposedly take place as the fulfillment of Revelation. How long can world tensions be kept in check? Events, as rapid in their succession as they are startling in their magnitude, From another modern end-is-near bestseller? The first time I taught this class in 1990, we were at war with Iraq—the site of ancient Babylon. Popular books at that time told us that the locusts were smart bombs, and Saddam Hussein was the antichrist. The second time I taught Revelation was in the aftermath of a war with Waco. Now, the third time I am teaching the book, we are once again at war in Iraq. And once again, the books and the preachers are shouting that the signs are clear that this is the end. Is that what we want the world to believe? Another example is premillennialism. As we will see, that false doctrine involves much more than simply a year reign of Christ. The premillennialist doctrine has consequences that run counter to the very heart of the gospel. It matters what we believe about and what teach about this book. Do misconceptions about Revelation make any difference?

**Chapter 2 : Bible Study Notes**

*Revelation Lesson 22 Additional Comments on Chapter Last week we discussed the false denominational notion that people somehow make Jesus Lord or crown Jesus King.*

The student can identify the main symbols in Revelation and explain its basic story. Have a way to show students visually a picture of the dragon, the seven-headed beast, the beast with two horns like a lamb, the harlot. These are available on the PowerPoint or you can order the pictures and show them that way. If you choose to do it, have ready your visuals-overhead projector and transparencies, PowerPoint, chalkboard. Have enough of the student worksheets for all the students to have one. All students should have a Bible. Have a map for students to see that shows the seven cities of the seven churches of Asia. One is included on PowerPoint. You should know the five most common views of the meaning of Revelation and five reasons why one of these is in harmony with what the book teaches about itself. Lesson Plan for Conducting the Class Introduction: Introduce to the class the study for the next quarter-the Book of Revelation. What thoughts come to your mind when you hear "Book of Revelation? We can understand this book which God gave with the full intent that we would learn from it and obey it. Open your Bibles to Revelation 1: Someone read this verse. Who is promised a blessing from Christ? The one who reads this letter aloud to others, those who hear him read it, and those who "take it to heart" or, as other translations say, who "obey" it? Can we be included in this blessing? Perhaps the best summation of the meaning of Revelation is this: Christ and his followers will win; Satan and his followers will lose. We need to know what these are and which is most in harmony with what Revelation says about itself. Hand out the Worksheets for Lesson 1. Fill in the blanks on the worksheets. Use PowerPoint or overheads or chalkboard to show information marked "Visual. Some believe that the various disasters revealed in Revelation predict the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. The Jews had rejected Jesus and persecuted the early church and, so these say, God here reveals that He is going to bring about the fall of Jerusalem. Others believe the Fall of Rome is the event predicted by the disasters described in Revelation. The greatest persecution the church has endured came at the hands of the Roman Empire and Revelation is an encouragement to early Christians to stand fast during Roman persecution and a promise the God will bring the persecutor to defeat. Prediction of Religious and Political History. Some hold that Revelation is not about specific historical and religious events at all, but is a revealing of a certain "repeating pattern" which events will follow: Christ is preached and this is always followed by political and religious persecution. That pattern will be seen over and over in all places and all times. Events Around the End of the World. Those holding this view say that Revelation teaches that there will be a "rapture" when all living Christians and all dead Christians will be taken to heaven and this event will be followed by seven years of tribulation when the Jewish temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem and then will come a terrible war over Israel. This war will climax in the battle of Armageddon and then Jesus will return and establish His kingdom on earth where He will reign with His people for years. Which of these five views have you heard the most about? Now circle the letter preceding the one which you think might be the one we will find most in harmony with our study of Revelation. From what you know about the Book of Revelation, what would you say makes it different from any other book in the New Testament? It tells about lots of animals and strange events. It has lots of figures of speech. Revelation is Written in Symbols. This is the first key to understanding Revelation. This is obviously not like reading in Matthew or Ephesians. What kind of literature is Matthew? What kind of literature in Ephesians? What kind of literature is Revelation? In this type of literature the writer usually sees a vision filled with symbolic figures and numbers which predict historical events. Are there any Old Testament books that use this style of writing? We read most books of the Bible with the assumption that their words are to be taken literally with an occasional figure of speech thrown in. In apocalyptic literature, however, we assume the opposite, that most will be figurative. How do we determine whether a statement is to be taken figuratively or literally? Use this sentence, for example: Since I am obviously not on fire, the statement must mean something other than what appears on the surface. So fill in No. Here is another statement: Jesus says, "I am the water of life. So we look for the deeper meaning-that Jesus is as important to us spiritually as water is physically. We

find many statements that are clearly not saying what they might, on the surface, appear to say. Put your right hand above your left hand and parallel to it as a demonstration of how figurative language works. This is how figurative language works. It says one thing wave your right hand a bit but it means something deeper wave your left hand a bit. Students, all of you do this same thing with your hands and repeat after me- wave your right hand -This is what it says now wave your left hand This is what it means. Jesus says, "I am the water of life" but he means something deeper, "You need me spiritually like you need water physically. Why did the Holy Spirit choose to reveal the message He gives in Revelation in this way? Because He wanted to reveal it to some while concealing it from others. Jesus said the same of His parables Matthew As we learn what the message is about, we will understand why God wanted Christians to get it and others to see only a mystery. So, the first key to understanding Revelation is that it is written largely in symbolic language. Next we want to see if Revelation gives any clues to when the primary events of which it speaks will happen. Did those who first received the book, in the first century, get from the book some idea of the time period with which it will deal? Remembering that those who first read these words lived near the end of the first century, what time frame would you say the author is suggesting for when the story of Revelation would happen? Soon, starting near the end of the first century. So the second principle is this. For the next key to understanding Revelation we need to look at what the book of Revelation says will be happening to the church during this "soon to come" time period. What does it sound like would be happening to the church in the time after they received the book of Revelation? Revelation clearly is about persecution of the church and is both a warning that it is coming and a message of comfort to those who were about to endure it. Something is said about persecution of Christians in nearly every chapter. So, to understand it, we must find in its message something that would benefit those Christians who first received it who were about to undergo persecution in the near future. The book of Revelation tells a story. It is like a play, a drama. Its real cast of characters is "hidden" by making each one of them appear in some symbolic form. Sometimes, today, one who writes a comic strip or a political cartoon will use this method. The president may be represented as a rabbit and congress as a turtle. Yet, when Revelation presents its key players in such symbols, it gives us enough clues that we can recognize them. So the fourth principle. Here are some of the characters which we can identify. One of the major players is a dragon. Whom does the dragon represent? Satan, the devil Teacher: The next key character we need to identify is a beast. Look at the questions under 2 d ii and complete them as I read these verses. Notice from the picture that the beast has seven heads and ten horns. He has a mouth like a lion, body like a leopard, and paws like a bear. This associates him with the fourth beast in Daniel 7 which represented a great world empire yet to come. The dragon gave the beast great power. The beast blasphemes God. The beast made war against the saints. Who are the saints? The beast ruled over all nations or peoples.

**Chapter 3 : Revelation Sunday School Lessons - Bible Believers Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, Texas**

*By Stafford North. The New Jerusalem Revelation Background Information for the Teacher Objectives: The student can identify the main symbols in Revelation and explain its basic story.*

The Book of Revelation is the revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants, the things which must shortly take place. This book is a book of prophecy that deals with end time events and it deals with a lot of imagery and symbols in which Jesus reveals the meaning of many of these symbols. Did Jesus reveal the meaning of the mystery of the seven stars in His right hand and the seven golden lampstands? Jesus revealed the answer to this mystery in that the seven stars are the seven angels of the seven churches and the seven golden lampstands are the seven churches with each church having its own angel. These seven churches were in seven specific cities throughout the Roman province of Asia. These cities were important trade and communication centers, which were connected by major roads in New Testament times. A mail letter carrier could have left the island of Patmos, where the apostle John was exiled, and sailed by boat to the mainland, he would have first arrived at Ephesus, then traveling north he would have come to Smyrna, then Pergamum, turning southeast to Thyatira and then to Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea, which was the exact order in which the letters were dictated. There are different theories or views as to these seven churches. Each church represented an era of time that existed down through time. The seven churches are a model of the entire church at any given point in time and these seven group attitudes have existed at any point in time. Seven is the number of complete-ness and these seven churches are a model of the whole church at the end time. In each letter to each church Jesus gives a commendation, a rebuke and an action that the should be taken. He gives a warning to that particular church and also a warning to all of the churches. Jesus makes the statement to each church: Jesus addressed the angel of which church first? This church had an angel, perhaps a guardian or protective angel. The Greek word for "angel" is "aggelos" and it could be translated as "messenger. Notice that the rest of the verse: Did Jesus say that He knew their works and that they could not bear those who are evil? Did He also say that He knew that they had tested those who say they were apostles and were not, and found them to be liars? The apostle Paul started the church at Ephesus and met with them. Paul had given them a strong warning about what would happen in the future. Are we to endure to the end? Are we to have patience? After you struggle over a long period of time you get tired and feelings to give up become almost overwhelming, but they had endured and had not grown weary. Did Jesus still find something against them and what was it that He found against them? In Verses we saw that they had put forth a lot of effort and were busy but from what Jesus said, they had lost their "first love. Perhaps they had become to "busy" with "church work" that this affected their love for God, Christ and caring for their fellow man. Did Jesus tell them to remember something? Did He tell them to repent and do the "first works? If they did not repent, their lampstand would be removed. What this suggests is that a true body of believers that belong to Christ could stop believing and lose their place. The idea of a lampstand is to be a light for God, we are to be the light of the world Matthew 5: What did the church of Ephesus hate? They hated the doctrines of the Nicolaitans. We do not know a lot about the Nicolaitans but Jesus said that He hated their deeds. What was their reward? Do you have an ear? Do you have two ears? This is addressed to you, and to all Christians, wherever you are and whatever time period you live in. Notice the reward if you overcome: A good synonym for "overcoming" is "winning. What was the name of the second church that Jesus then addressed the angel of? This second church also had an angel, perhaps a guardian or protective angel. As a reminder the Greek word for "angel" is "aggelos" and it could be translated as "messenger. Smyrna was famous for science, medicine and the majesty of its architectural buildings. Apollonius of Tyana refers to her "crown of porticoes," a circle of beautiful public buildings which ringed the summit of Mount Pagos like a diadem. Notice the rest of the Verse 8: Did Jesus say that He knew their works? Did He also say that He knew about their tribulation and poverty? Smyrna means myrrh or bitterness. Smyrna was a wealthy town with a strong economy, but this church congregation suffered with the bitterness of physical tribulation and poverty. Jesus in this Verse said that they were "rich" meaning that they were "rich" spiritually. At times it may be difficult for a person to be a

Christian because he may have to suffer from a serious economic disadvantage. This is what happened in many parts of the Roman Empire. If you were not willing to burn incense to the Emperor and confess that he was a "god", you could not function economically in some of these cities. Looking to the future, will a Christian be at an economic disadvantage when the "mark of the beast" is imposed upon the world? What blasphemy did Jesus know about? Many people have taken this verse and have concocted a theory against the Jewish people to demonize them, which is antisemitism of the worst kind. They brand synagogues as satanic and commit crimes against them. This synagogue had rejected God in their hearts. The apostle Paul said "he is a Jew who is one inwardly" and that circumcision is of the heart, not of the flesh Romans 2: Paul is talking about the spiritual not the genetic or physical. The term "Synagogue of Satan" is a spiritual matter, they had turned their backs on God. Did Jesus tell them not to fear any of the things which they were about to suffer? Did Jesus tell them that Satan the devil would cause some to be thrown into prison? How many days would they suffer persecution? Were they to remain faithful until death? What was to be their reward? Jesus would reward them with "the crown of life. Notice that Jesus told them that they should be "faithful until death", He did NOT say to "be faithful and I will keep you from dying. One lesson that we can learn from this is that we must be faithful to God and persevere stick in there and do your best. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" Matthew 6: If we remain faithful to God and persevere and endure to the end Matthew One thing that we must realize with God is that there is no sacrifice that we would make to God that would ever be in vain or meaningless. He is aware of our pain, suffering, agony, tribulation, persecution and death and He will reward us with the "crown of eternal life" after we die. What is the point of my suffering? The lesson that we must learn is that through suffering we are to build character. Our trials and tests are more precious than gold and silver that can perish 1 Peter 1: God is in the process of making us into something that we are not now. He is making us into His sons Matthew 5: Have you heard what the Spirit is saying to the churches of God? As with the First Century Church of God in Smyrna, so it is with us today in the end time, what is the reward if we overcome? What is the second death? The second death is Hell, the lake of fire which burns with fire and brimstone. Jesus commended the Saints in Smyrna to suffer persecution and poverty. He did not rebuke them at all and admonished them to be faithful. If we are winners in overcoming then we will receive our reward of our "crown of life. The city, situated opposite the island of Lesbos, was about 24 kilometers 15 miles from the Aegean Sea. In its early history Pergamos became a citystate, then a powerful nation after Attalus I B. It stood as a symbol of Greek superiority over the barbarians. Great buildings were erected and a library containing over , items was established. As a result, a new form of writing material, Pergamena charta, or parchment, was developed. Not only was Pergamos a government center with three imperial temples, but it was also the site of the temple of Asklepios the GrecoRoman god of medicine and healing , and the medical center where the physician Galen worked about A. Here also was a temple to Athena and a temple to Zeus with an altar showing Zeus defeating snake-like giants. It was laid out in terraces on a hillside. A city also developed at the foot of the hill; there was located a famous health resort dedicated to the god Asclepius. Pergamum was renowned for its school of sculpture. Who is the "He" who has the sharp two-edged sword?

**Chapter 4 : [blog.quintoapp.com](http://blog.quintoapp.com) - Revelation - Lesson 22**

*Who is the villain in Revelation? From Lesson 4: "A coin minted during the reign of Vespasian (the time when Revelation was written) depicts the goddess Roma sitting upon the seven hills that surrounded the city of Rome.*

They will learn about what is in Heaven and be encouraged to live a life that will lead to going to Heaven with Jesus. Heaven is Awesome Bible Reference: Preschool Target Time Frame: Prepare It Before Class: Prepare a large box of various house hold items. Place enough cleaning items duster, small broom, rags, sponge, or whatever you have around the house in the box for each child to have one. Bring the class together and tell them that you are going to pretend that you have company coming to your classroom and you need to clean it up. Tell them that you have cleaning supplies in the large box and that you will use these things to clean the room. One at a time, ask a child to go to the box and find something that they can use to clean the room. Ask the child what they can do to clean the room to prepare it for company. You can use the rag and a little soap to clean the table. That is a very good way to prepare, or get ready, for company. Repeat the process until every child has had a chance to get a cleaning object. Now, tell the class that they need to prepare the room and give them a few minutes to play through cleaning the room. Call the class together and return all items to the box. Tell them the following story. Today we prepared our room for company. We did this because we pretended that we have friends coming over and we want the room to look nice for them. In the Bible, there is a story about Jesus preparing a special place for us. This place is called Heaven and it is the most awesome place ever. He says that He will come back to us and take us there. Jesus says that there are many mansions; that means there is room for everyone! See It Before Class: Make Cloud dough by mixing 8 cups flours with 1 cup baby oil. Stir well and make enough for each child to have some to play with. This gets messy so cover your table with a table cloth and have baby wipes ready. Tell the class that there is a man in the Bible named Stephen who died while trying to tell others about Jesus. Right before he died he saw looked up into the clouds and saw Heaven. This is what he saw: Now we know that Jesus lives in Heaven. Jesus came to the Earth and died for our sins so that we can go to Heaven someday. Heaven is awesome because Jesus lives there. Place the cloud on the table and make a hole in the middle and ask the children to imagine how Stephen must have felt when He saw Heaven. Tell the class that Heaven is awesome. Encourage them to make some of the favorite things out of the cloud and then remind them that Heaven is even better than those things. Bedazzle It Before Class: You will need glue, beads that look like gems and pearls, construction paper, and gold glitter. Have the class close their eyes and imagine what Heaven looks like while you Revelations When you are finished reading, discuss all the awesome things that await us in Heaven. Ask the class to list as many awesome things as they can remember. Heaven is better than anything else that you can think of. Remember that Jesus went to Heaven to prepare it for us. We also have to prepare ourselves for Heaven by trusting in God for all of our lives. Create a sparkly picture of Heaven. Each child will use a glue stick or bottle of glue to draw Heaven. They could make a road or building. Sprinkle gold glitter over the glue to show that Heaven has streets of gold. Then, glue other small beads and sequins to the picture. As you pray, make sure to thank God for allowing us to go to Heaven someday. Pray that each child would learn what it truly means to know God.

Chapter 5 : [blog.quintoapp.com](http://blog.quintoapp.com) - 25 Lessons on Revelation

*Lesson 1-Level 1 Revelation Purpose: Presentation of the Catholic Youth Bible Understanding of Scripture Concepts of revelation through examples of daily life. Define Revelation in faith.*

Background Information for the Teacher Objectives: The student can identify the main symbols in Revelation and explain its basic story. The student can share the hope of eternal life as pictured in Revelation. Post for students to see any pictures you want to use of the events in this lesson. If you choose to use them, have ready your visuals-overhead projector and transparencies, PowerPoint, or chalkboard Have enough of the Story of Revelation Worksheets ready for those who do not have one. Have copies of the Lesson 7 Worksheet. Have copies of Test 6 for students as they enter class. All students should have access to a Bible. There will be an exercise in which it is suggested that students work in pairs for a few minutes so you may need to make some plan for arranging the seating to accommodate this. The main storyline of the Book of Revelation has been completed with the fall of the Roman Empire and the description of the destiny of the beast. At the end of chapter 20 the great judgment day was presented with two possible destinies for human beings: This lesson presents that contrast. Lesson Plan for Conducting Class Introduction: Call the roll, welcome visitors, and make any necessary announcements. Give answers to Test No. Class members read along in your Bibles because we will have some questions from these verses. Two eternal destinies are mentioned. Lake of Fire, New Jerusalem No. What determines whether a person goes to the New Jerusalem? Is the person written in the Book of Life Check previous lesson about passages that describe the Book of Life. They must overcome How have those acted who are going to the Lake of Fire? What did Jesus once say that sounds similar? Again from Revelation God, people who have overcome with moral living, saved people written in the Book of Life, joy. Which place would you rather spend all of eternity? Read to yourself Revelation The Jaster wall is feel high. There are 12 layers of foundations, each of which bears the name of an apostle. The city is miles in each direction and so is shaped like a cube. The streets are made of pure gold. The food comes from the tree of life. Light comes from the presence of God and Christ. There is no temple in heaven because God is there in person. A river flows from the throne of God, and on each side of it are planted the trees of life. Two Visuals of Heaven. If you have the pictures of heaven on PowerPoint or posted, you can tell the students that you will look at the picture and see in what points it follows the description in scripture. Use the PowerPoint, an overhead, or the board. What does Jesus mean by "I am coming soon" in verse 7? The third one is the best choice. Someone read Revelation Want to be washed in the blood of the Lamb, baptism for remission of sins. Do not want to be sexually immoral or tell a lie. This is a very important opportunity for practical application. Get down to specifics. Look at Act II, No. Lake of Fire, New Jerusalem, Eternal punishment of all the wicked, Eternal reward of all the righteous. Prepare for the test next time on Lesson 7. Also review your Story of Revelation Worksheets as we will give you a new copy of this worksheet and, as a class project, try to fill it in from memory. A test over this lesson next time. General review lesson next time to help focus on remembering key items from this study.

**Chapter 6 : Revelation - NIV Bible - Then the angel showed me the river of the water of**

*The Book of Revelation is the revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants, the things which must shortly take place. This book is a book of prophecy that deals with end time events and it deals with a lot of imagery and symbols in which Jesus reveals the meaning of many of these symbols.*

Revelation Lesson 22 Additional Comments on Chapter Last week we discussed the false denominational notion that people somehow make Jesus Lord or crown Jesus King. There is a great deal of misunderstanding about the reign of Christ, and much of it comes from misunderstandings about the book of Revelation. Sadly, many denominational interpretations of this book belittle the church and belittle Christ. To them, the church is just a mistake and just an afterthought. They tell us that Jesus failed to set up his kingdom during the first century, and that he is not ruling now. It is alleged however, that because the Jews refused his person and work he postponed the establishment of his kingdom until the time of his return. How anyone could read the Bible and believe that Jesus failed in anything he intended to do is inconceivable! Premillennialism is not simply a matter of opinion on which we can agree to disagree. Rather, it is a false doctrine that runs counter to the gospel of Jesus Christ, belittles the work of Christ, and belittles the church of Christ. We discussed these issues in our introductory classes, and we will have more to say about this dangerous heresy when we get to Chapter In each case, the ruin of a great city is described in vivid, poetic language interspersed with apocalyptic speech. Here “ just as a careful student of the Old Testament should have expected “ we have a doom song for Rome. Verse 1 reconfirms that this message of doom and the judgment that it relays are from God. The verse also brings to mind Ezekiel It has become a dwelling place of demons, a haunt of every foul spirit, a haunt of every foul and hateful bird; In In like manner, over years before the actual fall of ancient Babylon, Isaiah The description of this city is very different from the holy city we will see in Chapter 21, of which It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there. And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: As we discussed earlier, ancient Babylon fell without a shot being fired. Why then is the city described that way? Surely the most dramatic part of the picture is the demons haunting the ruins. The pagan gods banished from their reign haunt the ruins of the temples where once their power had been supreme. The language denotes utter devastation and utter desolation. That is what it meant in Isaiah 13 about Babylon, and that is what it means here about Rome. Rome was powerful and arrogant and openly boasted of her abominations. We are reminded of the description given in Isaiah By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom, for I have understanding; I have removed the boundaries of peoples, and have plundered their treasures; like a bull I have brought down those who sat on thrones. My hand has found like a nest the wealth of peoples; and as men gather eggs that have been forsaken so I have gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved a wing, or opened the mouth, or chirped. Rome had the same attitude as that Assyrian king and ultimately suffered the same fate. As we like to say today, if you want to understand something, then just follow the money. And if you followed the money in the first century you would end up in Rome. It was money that kept the emperors in power because it was money that allowed them to keep the army happy, and no emperor ruled very long when the army was unhappy. Then, as now, much and perhaps most of the misery in the world can be traced to greed. While the Christians were denying themselves, the Romans were denying themselves nothing. This call is one that is made many times in the Old Testament. It was the call that Lot heard in Genesis It was the call that Moses heard in Numbers And let everyone deliver himself from the fierce anger of the LORD. Was this call in verse 4 a call for the people to literally leave the city? No, and once again we should consider the example of ancient Babylon. Were the exiles in Babylon being told to literally flee that city? No, and, in fact God told them in Jeremiah Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper. Instead, they returned in three groups. First, some of the exiles returned in BC when Cyrus gave a decree that the Jews should return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. That decree can be found in Ezra 1: Second, others returned in BC when Ezra led men with their families to Jerusalem. And third, yet

others returned in BC when Nehemiah, a cup bearer in the court of Artaxerxes, asked the king to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. And these returns happened after the judgment of Babylon by the Persians that Jeremiah wrote about in Jeremiah Likewise, the Christians in Rome are not being told to literally flee that city. Throughout this book the church has been pictured in Heaven. God is simply telling them to live that way. It is what Paul told us in Colossians 3: Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. The Christian is not conformed to the world but transformed from the world Romans It is not a question of retiring from the world; it is a question of living differently within the world. We are reminded of 2 Corinthians 6: Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty. God is always calling upon his people to cut their connection with sin and to stand with him and for him. Wherever the Christian finds himself, and whatever his calling in life, his life must stand as a radical protest against the world and its standards. Hope means a continual looking forward to the eternal world. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. The church has a lot of problems today. Heresy is inevitable when men become more interested in pleasing themselves and in pleasing the world than in pleasing God. Why are some today advocating leadership roles in the church for women? Because they think it pleases God, or because they want to please the world? Why are they bringing instruments into the worship? Why are they watering down baptism? Is the church becoming more like the world, or is the world becoming more like the church? Is the world setting our agenda or is God? Yes, God is longsuffering, but at some point sin reaches a level that is intolerably high, and judgment falls. How close is our own country to that divine tipping point? How many are left in our own land who are ashamed and blush to lift their faces to God? To whom is this command directed? We know it is not directed to the church because the church is commanded in Romans Some argue the command is directed to the 10 horns in But one thing is certain: Vengeance does not belong to man, it belongs to God. God said in Deuteronomy The verse that commands us not avenge ourselves is the same verse that promises us there will be vengeance. We see the same thing in the Old Testament about ancient Babylon: The double punishment in verse 6 may come from the double repayment that was often exacted under the old law. We see this idea in Isaiah The first lesson is that a man sows what he reaps. Rome was all that Rome needed! Rome was full of pride and thought it would never and could never fall, and Rome was not the last nation to feel that way. Pride is one of seven things that God hates in Proverbs 6: We are reminded of a similar pronouncement regarding Babylon in Isaiah Both Babylon and Rome were filled with pride, and both later had to eat their boastful words. Isaiah 14 presents a vivid picture of the Babylonian king going into the underworld after his destruction to be greeted by other fallen nations. Rome and its godless emperors would one day make a similar trip and receive a similar greeting. Is Revelation relevant today? Yes, very much so. One way in which it is particularly relevant is that it reminds us that history repeats itself.

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