

Appendix 1 - The Book of Revelation
B-230/530/730 Revelation Review Questions

Introduction

1. Before starting this course, what are your thoughts about The Book of Revelation?
2. What do you think is important about studying Revelation?
3. Do you think that you are sufficiently open-minded with a teachable spirit to learn from this course (i.e. do you have a heart open for correction)? What do you think would be a block for this to occur?
4. The Bible is full of literary styles (symbolism, similes, metaphors, and parables). How do *you* decide if a verse or verses are symbolic or factual? How do you decide if it matters whether something is symbolic or factual?

Lesson 1 – Terminology, Views & Other Information

Lesson 1

1. What are your thoughts about "the last days"? How do these thoughts affect your faith and ministry?
2. What interesting facts or elements of the material in this lesson have interested or surprised you?
3. Was there anything from the information provided in this section that changed or shaped your perception of Revelation?

Lesson 2 – Revelation Chapter 1

2.1

1. The Greek source of the word Apocalypse has a meaning different from what you might have thought. How does it change your opinion view of this book?
2. Based on the definition of "blessed" in this section, do you consider yourself blessed? Why or why not?
3. What are your thoughts about "the last days"? How do these thoughts affect your faith and ministry?

2.2

1. Is there a "John" for you or your church? What messages does he or she send?

2.3

1. Why do you think that all "kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him" (v1:7)?

2.4

1. Thinking of times that you've been "in the Spirit," is there a pattern to when and how they occur? Do you have any experiences that stand out as more powerful than others?
2. Have you ever had a vision? What was your reaction?

Lesson 3 -The Seven Churches: Overview and the Church at Ephesus

3.1

1. It seems that there was some strategy for the placement of the seven churches of Revelation. What similarities/differences do you see with the placement of churches throughout history and/or within your region?

3.2

1. Do you believe that the letter to Ephesus is a good model for reproof?
2. If this letter were to you, what would it say? In what ways may you have forgotten "your first love"?

Lesson 4 – The Seven Churches: Smyrna

4.1

1. Jesus tells the members of the Smyrna church that they are about to suffer, possibly to death. How would that make you feel? As a Christian? As a human who is probably fearful by nature?

Lesson 5 – The Seven Churches: Pergamum

5.1

1. If the words of 2:14-17 were for you, what words of praise/reproof would be used? What would be your response?

2. Concerning Pergamos, what will be the scope of the wrath?

Lesson 6 – The Seven Churches: Thyatira

6.1

1. If you were a member of the church of Thyatira, on which side of Jesus' "cleansing" do you think that you would fall?

Lesson 7 – The Seven Churches: Sardis

7.1

1. What are your reactions to the words pronounced against the church of Sardis?

Lesson 8 – The Seven Churches: Philadelphia

8.1

1. What are your reactions to the words pronounced against the church of Philadelphia?

Lesson 9 – The Seven Church: Laodicea

9.1

1. What are your reactions to the words pronounced against the churches of Laodicea?
2. What do you think it means to be lukewarm?
3. Have you ever been lukewarm? If so, what was God's reaction to that?

Lesson 10 - Chapters 4-11

10.2

1. What does it mean to you to be "in the Spirit"? Have you ever had an experience that you would describe as "in the Spirit"?
2. Rev 4:3. The KJV writes "there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald." Other translations interpret it as a "rainbow that looks like an emerald." What are your thoughts on its meaning?

3. In Revelation Chapter 4, there's an interesting cast of heavenly entities. Would you expect to see creatures like this in Heaven?

10.11

1. What are some of the interesting facts or elements from the first half of the course materials which have interested or surprised you the most?
2. What was the one concept from the course materials that you had never conceptualized or understood prior to now?

Lesson 11 - Chapters 12-16

11.1

1. From Revelation Chapter 12, what thoughts do you have about the birth of the "man child"? Do you see any comparison with the Christ birth narrative?

11.2

1. In Revelation 13:7 there are the phrases "It was allowed" and "It was given authority". Who is giving this authority?
2. In Revelation 13:9 we see a phrase like Jesus' warning in the Garden. What are the parallels and contrasts? What seems to be Jesus' view on hostilities and war?
3. There are many theories and controversies about "the mark of the beast." What are your thoughts about it?

11.3

1. What are your thoughts about the "great harvest"? How does this line up with God's promise that came with the rainbow in Genesis?

Lesson 12 - Babylon

There is some interesting language about the beast: "was, is not, and is about to". What are your thoughts about these statements?

12.1

1. Revelation 17:17 is an interesting statement. What are your thoughts about it?

12.2

1. Are there any cities that you think could be the Babylon of Revelation?

Lesson 13 – The Kingdom Age

13.1

1. In Rev 19:10, the angel makes an interesting, but not surprising, comment (even a rebuke). What objects, ideas, or entities do *you* kneel before and worship that you shouldn't?

13.2

1. In Revelation 19, John writes about the Lamb and the Rider on the white horse. Many people presume that he's writing about Christ. However, he doesn't mention Christ at all. What are your thoughts? Is John writing about Christ, or someone else?

13.3

1. Some believe that the thousand years have happened already. What is your position? How are you prepared to defend your faith and position amidst today's culture?
2. Rev 20:3: "After that, he must be let out for a little while." What are your thoughts on this statement?

13.4

1. In the Book of Revelation, there are some verses about souls being judged by their works. How does this compare to the theology of being "saved by grace" (Ephesians 2) or even "everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (John 3:16)?

Lesson 14 – A New Heaven and New Earth; Christ's Last Words

14.1

1. Rev 21:2 What does it mean for a city to "come down from heaven"? Describe your thoughts on this as literal or symbolic?
2. Rev 21:3-6 There are a few themes here. Do they seem familiar? Are they found anywhere else?
3. Rev 21:22 What message does this have for churches?

14.2

1. Rev 22:7 There are several references for the imminent arrival of Christ. Given that these words were written almost 2000 years ago, what do you think about them? What might this say about the understanding of Biblical time in the first century? What could be the Biblical interpretation of "soon."

2. Rev 22:9 The angel repeats the rebuke for worshipping him. Why would John do it again?
3. What are your overall thoughts about Revelation?
4. How are they different from the thoughts you provided at the beginning?