

BIBLE 906

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

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VOCABULARY

Study these words to enhance your learning success in this section.

cubit (kyü' bit). A measure, the Biblical form of which equals the length of a forearm from the elbow to the fingertip.

exclusion (eks klü' zhun). Being shut out.

furlong (fer' lông). A measure, the Biblical form of which equals one-eighth of a mile.

immortality (im ôr tal' u tē). Unending existence.

indicative (in dik' a tiv). Showing; signifying; pointing out.

luminous (lü' mu nus). Shining by its own light.

moribund (môr' u bund). Being at the point of death; dying.

turbulent (ter' byu lunt). Characterized by disturbance; agitated.



Read Revelation, Chapters 17 through 20.

THE SEVEN JUDGMENTS

The seven judgments finish the defeat of Satan. The judgments begin with the world system that Satan controls, then focus on the individuals aligned with him, and finally extend to Satan himself. The last judgment ends with the destruction of death and hell, both of which came into existence through Satan's influence.

The first judgment. The first to be judged in this series is the religious-political system which is pictured as a drunken harlot sitting on the first beast and being carried along by him. She is in striking contrast to the woman of Chapter 12 who was in the desert to be delivered from the dragon. This harlot is in the desert to be destroyed by the beast. The kings of the earth gave their power to the beast, but turned on this wicked woman and made her desolate. The merchants mourned because of her destruction. The apostles and prophets rejoiced, since she had been responsible for slaying the prophets and saints of the earth.

The second judgment. The exciting scene depicting the second judgment shows a judgment of **exclusion**. Only those who have

made themselves ready are allowed to be a part of the bride of Christ. Only those who are righteous can be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white. Only those who are called can come to this grand occasion. The marriage of the Lamb is of vital importance for the final events of the **moribund** heaven and earth and for the eventual victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over His foes. After His marriage, He will enter into His full inheritance from the Father. Romans 8:17 clearly states that those who are in Christ Jesus are heirs with God and joint-heirs with Christ. This passage indicates that if the saints suffer with Him, they will be glorified together with Him. A joint-heir is one who receives equally with another at the same time. The reward received by the Lord Jesus will be shared with those who are joined unto the Lord and are one spirit with Him (1 Corinthians 6:17). Jesus Christ desires to share His inheritance and glory equally with you if you have been born into the family of God. If you have not yet taken this step of faith, why not confess Him right now as your Lord and Saviour and let Him make you a joint-heir with Him.



Write true or false.

- 3.1 _____ The drunken harlot probably represents the world religious-political system.
- 3.2 _____ The harlot is pictured as riding on the dragon.

- 3.3 _____ The kings of the earth gave their power to the harlot.
 3.4 _____ Finally the kings turned on this harlot and made her desolate.
 3.5 _____ The merchants mourned, but the apostles and prophets rejoiced because of the harlot's downfall.



Complete these activities.

- 3.6 Briefly contrast the two women described in this section.
 a. the crowned woman _____
 b. the drunken harlot _____
- 3.7 State three things spoken about the saints who become part of the bride.
 a. _____
 b. _____
 c. _____



Complete these statements.

- 3.8 Only when Jesus is united with His a. _____ will He enter into His full b. _____ from the Father.
- 3.9 Those who are in Christ Jesus are a. _____ with God and b. _____ with Christ.
- 3.10 If the saints a. _____ with Christ, they will be b. _____ together with Him.



Complete this activity.

- 3.11 On separate paper write a 200-word report about why you are or are not qualified to be a part of the bride of the Lord Jesus Christ.



When Christ goes forth to conquer, He does so with an air of finality. Followed by His saints on white horses, Christ returns to earth to the final battle against His foes. The names given to the Lord Jesus are **indicative** of His character: Faithful and True, the Word of God, King of kings, and Lord of lords. His appearance is an important indicator of His work in the world. His eyes are as a flame of fire. Many crowns are on His head. He is clothed with a vesture dipped in blood. The sharp sword which proceeds out of Christ's mouth is the Word of God. With the sword He smites the nations and slays the wicked ones. This event is the crowning moment for Christ the Conqueror.

The third judgment. In the final conflict the allied evil powers are arrayed against the Lord. The **beast** (Revelation 19:19, 20) to whom Satan gave his power, his seat, and his authority, is the first one taken in this wicked war. The beast is thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

The fourth judgment. The next one to be judged is the false prophet, the miracle-worker who deceived those who received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. Because the false prophet and the beast were in league together, both are doomed to the same destruction in the lake of fire.

The fifth judgment. After the beast and the false prophet are judged, the Lord descends upon those gathered together in rebellion against Him and His saints. These include kings, captains, mighty men, free men, bond men, small men, and great men, who were a part of the armies making war with the King of kings and Lord of lords. This remnant is slain with the sword of the Word of God proceeding out of the

mouth of Christ. The Word of God is powerful in vanquishing the foes of the kingdom of God and winning the victory for the Lord and His saints. You should be thankful that the words of the Scriptures are forever settled in heaven (Psalm 119:89). The Lord Jesus said heaven and earth would pass away, but His words would not pass away (Matthew 24:35).



Complete these activities.

- 3.12 State the three names of Jesus given in Revelation, Chapter 19.
- a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
- 3.13 Give details about the description of Christ in this chapter.
- a. eyes: _____
 - b. head: _____
 - c. clothing: _____
 - d. mouth: _____
- 3.14 Name those who were judged during the following judgments.
- a. third judgment: _____
 - b. fourth judgment: _____
 - c. fifth judgment: _____

The sixth judgment. The judgment of God is meted out upon the one who is responsible for all the rebellion and misery in the world since the beginning of time. In the sixth judgment Satan is bound by an angel and is put into the bottomless pit for a thousand years. Satan is shut up and has a seal placed upon him so that he is unable to deceive the nations. The saints are seated in judgment and are ruling and reigning with Christ during this period. They are called blessed, holy, and priests of God and of Christ. When Satan is loosed out of his prison for a little season, he deceives the nations and gathers them together, compassing about the camp of the saints and the beloved city. God intervenes with fire from heaven upon His enemies. The devil is cast into the lake of fire

and brimstone to be tormented day and night for ever and ever along with the beast and the false prophet. Although evil may triumph for awhile, God eventually gains the victory and gets the glory through His Son, Jesus Christ.

The seventh judgment. At the great white throne of judgment, the unsaved dead, both small and great, stand before God and are judged by the things written in the book of life and in another book which records their works. Those whose names were not found written in the Lamb's book of life were cast into the lake of fire. Their names could not be in the Lamb's book of life since they did not become saved and serve Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. When the sea, death, and hell have delivered up the dead to judgment,

death and hell are cast into the lake of fire, the second death, or eternal separation from God. Jesus said that the lake of fire was prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41), not for man. Those who will not receive salvation as a gift through Jesus Christ will experience the same death as the enemy who

deceived them. The Scriptures say (Romans 6:23), "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Jesus can provide eternal life to those who believe in Him because He first offered His own life for sin.



Write true or false.

- 3.15 _____ Satan is bound by the Lord and put into the bottomless pit.
3.16 _____ The saints rule for seven years while Satan is shut up in prison.
3.17 _____ Satan is loosed for a little season after his imprisonment.
3.18 _____ The Lord rains hailstones on His enemies in this battle.
3.19 _____ The devil is the first person cast into the lake of fire.



Complete these statements.

- 3.20 The saints who sit in a. _____ and who b. _____ and c. _____ with Christ are called d. _____, e. _____, and f. _____ of God and Christ.
3.21 Those whose names were not found written in the a. _____ of b. _____ were cast into the c. _____ of d. _____.
3.22 The a. _____ of sin is b. _____, but the c. _____ of God is d. _____ through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Read Revelation, Chapters 21 and 22; Isaiah 65:17; 66:22; and Second Peter 3:1 through 14.

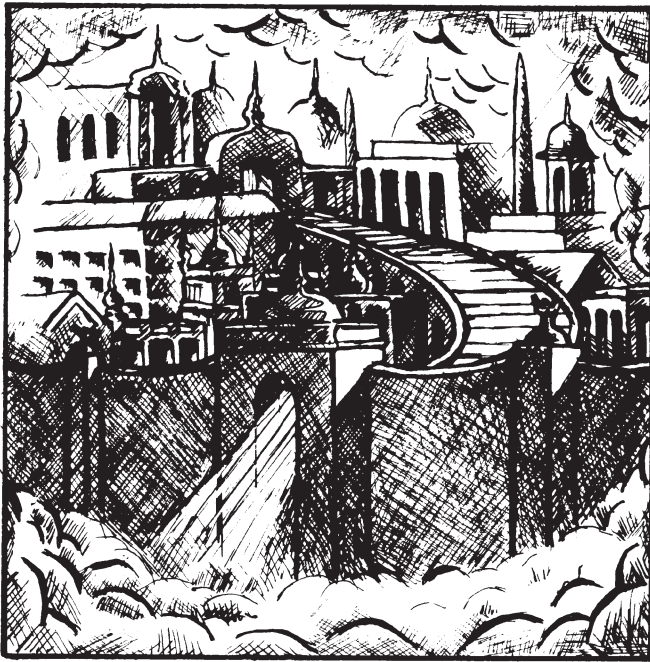
THE SEVEN WONDERS

The study of the eternal state can be organized as seven wonders. These wonders are presented to encourage the believers for what lies ahead. They also form a distinct contrast with the preceding judgments.

The first wonder. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. One of the wonders of the new creation will be the new heavens and the new earth wherein dwells righteousness. The stain of sin will no longer be upon God's handiwork. Satan and his evil hosts will be under the sentence of eternal separation

from all that is holy and sanctified. No **turbulent** sea will exist in the new order. God has ordained that all things will be tranquil and peaceful during this everlasting rest of the saints.

The second wonder. The spectacular scene that breaks upon John's view at this point in the Revelation is utterly breathtaking. The great city, the holy city, the heavenly city, new Jerusalem is seen descending out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Having heard from the Alpha and



The New Jerusalem

Omega, who instructs him to write concerning this part of the vision, John is given the

opportunity of taking a close view of the Lamb's bride. Although scholars do not all agree on the shape of the city and the wall, the dimensions of both are given. The city lies four square and has dimensions of 12,000 **furlongs**, or 1,500 miles in each direction. It is made of pure gold, like clear glass. The wall has a dimension of 144 **cubits**. It has twelve gates, each being one large pearl with an angel at each gate. The gates face three in each direction and are inscribed with the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. The walls have unique foundations, garnished with all manner of precious stones, with each of the twelve foundations displaying a different stone. These foundations have the twelve apostles' names imprinted in them. The light of this city comes from the Lamb and the glory of God and appears like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. The city has no need of the sun or of the moon; the city has no night. The city has no temple because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the living temple of it. Nothing that defiles is allowed in this heavenly city, for the breathtaking beauty is reserved for those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.



Complete these activities.

3.23

Describe briefly the first wonder in this section.

first wonder: _____

3.24

Describe briefly the second wonder under the following headings.

a. second wonder: _____

b. city: _____

c. wall: _____

d. gates: _____

e. foundations: _____

f. light: _____

g. temple: _____
