

REVELATION - THE FINAL VICTORY

(Lesson 10)

Intro: What's a fitting or appropriate ending to any good book or story?

- The Seventh Vision: The Church's Final Victory

1. The Thousand Years Reign (20:1-6)

- Who is the angel coming down out of heaven? (cf. 1: 18)
- In what sense is the devil "chained"? (cf. Jude 6)
- What will happen shortly before the end?
- What period of time does the thousand years represent?
- Who are the ones seated on the throne?
- What is it that "came to life" (or "lived") "and reigned with Christ"?
- What is the "first resurrection"? (cf. John 5:25-29; Ephesians 2:1,4-5; 5: 14; Colossians 3: 1)
- How are those who take part in the first resurrection blessed?

2. The Defeat of Satan (20:7-10)

- What battle is being described in these verses? (cf. 16:12-21; 19:19-21)
 - Who are Gog and Magog?
- Who is delivered and who is destroyed in the battle?
- What are the "books" that were opened first?
- How can believers be judged according to what they have done?
- What is the lake of fire into which Hades or hell is thrown?

3. The New Jerusalem (21:1-27)

The New Heavens and the New Earth

- What are the new heavens and the new earth?
- What is the New Jerusalem?
- What is different about the new heavens and the new earth?
- Why was John told to write these things down?
- What comfort is there for us knowing that God is the Alpha and Omega?
- What is the purpose of the offer of the water of life to those who are thirsty?
- Who will not share in the glories of the New Jerusalem?

The City and Its Inhabitants

- What was John carried away "in the Spirit" to see?
- How is the Holy City, Jerusalem, described by John?
- What is the symbolism behind the 12 gates and the 12 foundations?
- What is the significance of the measurement of the city as a perfect cube?
- How does John describe the beauty of the city?
- Why is there no temple in the city?
- What is unique about the lighting in the New Jerusalem?
- What comfort is given by the fact that the gates will never be shut?
- Who will be found in the city?

4. Paradise Restored (22:1-6)

- What are the characteristics of the river that flows in the New Jerusalem?
- It's difficult to translate and picture the scene in verse 2. Consider the following translation.
"Between the street of the city and the river, there was a tree of life visible from this side and from that; it produces twelve kinds of fruit, for each month its own fruit; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. "
- What is life like in the New Jerusalem?

- The Conclusion: Jesus is Coming (22:7-21)

- What does it mean to "keep the words of the prophecy of this book"?
- What does John assure us as he concludes his book?
- What was John to do with this book?
- What final encouragements and warnings does Jesus give to close the book?

Conclusion: In what way has the study of Revelation benefited you the most?