

Week 49 (12/2/2019 – 12/8/2019)

<p>Monday</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 2</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 3</p>	<p>* Revelation begins with the words “The revelation of Jesus Christ...” Jesus is the central figure of the book. As you read, highlight the images of Christ. I will mark the first few with a †. After that, continue to mark them as you read.</p> <p>* Revelation 1-3 records “things that are” (1:19). These messages to the churches of first-century Asia Minor still speak to us today.</p> <p>† Rev 1:7 – Jesus is the one who “is coming with the clouds” in victory.</p> <p>† Rev 1:13 – Jesus is the glorious “son of man.”</p> <p>? As you read the message to each church, ask “Does this describe me?” Notice the warnings and the promises.</p> <p>? Are you in danger of abandoning your first love (2:4)? Take the counsel given to the Christians at Ephesus. Return and do the things that you did when you first came to Christ.</p> <p>* The church at Laodicea received no commendation. But even at Laodicea, those who respond to Christ’s invitation will sit with him on his throne. You can be faithful even in difficult situations.</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 5</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 6</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 7</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 8</p>	<p>* Revelation 4-22 records “things that shall take place after this.” These chapters look at future events. You may find these chapters confusing because prophecies about the future are never as clear as records of the past. If you find the details of these chapters difficult, focus on the big themes: God’s sovereignty, His protection of His people, Christ’s ultimate victory over evil, and God’s plan for the future.</p> <p>* Revelation 4-5 shows a picture of worship in heaven. This worship is focused on God and His glory and holiness.</p> <p>† Rev 5:5 – Jesus is _____.</p> <p>† Rev 5:6 – Jesus is _____.</p> <p>* Jesus is portrayed in Revelation as the Lamb. While a lamb is gentle, Revelation 6:16 shows the “wrath of the Lamb.” We cannot reject Him forever. A day will come when every knee will bow to His authority (Rev 5:13; Phil 2:11). We should bow willingly now rather than bow in defeat at the judgment.</p> <p>† Rev 7:17 – Jesus is the Lamb who becomes the shepherd.</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 9</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rev 10</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rev 11</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rev 12</p>	<p>? Revelation 9:20-21 shows that sinful men refuse to repent even in the face of plagues and God’s judgment. Think about our world today. Do you see signs of man’s stubborn refusal to repent?</p> <p>* Throughout Revelation, the scenes of judgment on earth are interspersed with scenes of worship in heaven. The worship reminds us that God will ultimately triumph over evil (11:16-18).</p> <p>† Rev 12:5 – Jesus is _____.</p>

<p>Thursday</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rev 13</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rev 14</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rev 15</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rev 16</p>	<p>? Revelation 13 shows that God sometimes allows His saints to suffer. Perseverance in the face of suffering is a major theme of Revelation. Are you willing to suffer for God?</p> <p>* The beast of Revelation 13 will deceive people with “great signs.” We must not trust apparent miracles and signs from teachers who do not follow Scripture. Signs can be faked; our final authority must be God’s Word.</p>
<p>Friday</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rev 17</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rev 18</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rev 19</p>	<p>† Rev 17:14 – Jesus is _____.</p> <p>* One message of Revelation is endurance. Faithful endurance requires us to avoid compromise with evil. God called His people to “come out” of Babylon “lest you take part in her sins” (18:4). In Revelation, “Babylon” represents the evil powers of this world. God’s people must never compromise truth for the sake of political, economic, or social power.</p> <p>? As you read about the fall of Babylon, rejoice in God’s ultimate victory (19:6-8). Although the powers of evil may appear to be strong, God will ultimately win.</p> <p>† Rev 19:11 – Jesus is the Faithful and True rider on the white horse.</p>
<p>Saturday</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rev 20</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rev 21</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rev 22</p>	<p>* Revelation was written to encourage persecuted Christians. John promised that “they will reign with him for a thousand years” (20:6). When John wrote this letter, the Roman Empire was less than 400 years from collapse. God’s kingdom will outlast all other empires.</p> <p>? As you read Rev 20:15, ask, “Is my name written in the book of life?” God promises that anyone who believes will have eternal life. If you have never accepted Christ, please turn to Him and accept His promise of new life.</p> <p>* As you read Revelation 21-22, recall the picture of the Garden of Eden in Genesis 2. In heaven, the perfection of the Garden will be restored. God will reverse the results of man’s sin; we will once again live in a perfect world. We can summarize the story of the Bible like this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creation of a perfect world (Gen 1-2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Judgment for sin (Gen 3-11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redemption through Israel (Gen 12 – Mal 4). This points to... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jesus Christ, the second Adam (Matt 1 – John 21) • Redemption through the Church, the new Israel (Acts 1 – Rev 19) ▪ Final judgment for sin (Rev 20) ○ New creation of a perfect world (Rev 21-22) <p>* Revelation 22:4 is one of the most exciting verses of the Bible. After the Fall, no one could see God and live. God told Moses that no one could see His face and live (Ex 33:20). But in heaven, we “will see his face.” We will live forever in His glorious and beautiful presence. All the difficulties of life will be worth it when we see Him face to face.</p> <p>† Rev 22:12 – Jesus is _____.</p> <p>† Rev 22:16 – Jesus is _____.</p>
<p>Weekly Summary</p>	<p>Summarize one practical application of this week’s readings. Each day next week, review this lesson and ask God to help you to apply the lesson in your daily life.</p>

Weeks 50-52 (12/9/2019 – 12/29/2019)

These final three weeks give you an opportunity to catch up if you have fallen behind. If you have finished on schedule, take these weeks to reflect on what you have learned this year. Review your notes and ask God to remind you of valuable lessons for the coming year. Ask God to continue to plant God's Word in your heart. Commit to living in daily obedience to His Word. Remember James 1:22-25 –

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.