

## The book of Revelation

### Review

#### 1. *Schools of Interpretation*

-**Historicism**-(the view that was supported by our study)-the view that sees Revelation as pertaining to the time \_\_\_\_\_ the advents of Christ

-**Futurism**-the view that sees the majority of the book of Revelation as pertaining specifically to the \_\_\_\_\_ (after the rapture of the church)

-**Idealism**-the view that sees Revelation primarily as a picture of the \_\_\_\_\_ between good and evil with good prevailing at the end

-**Preterism (partial)**-The view that sees Revelation as primarily discussing events that took place before the close the \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. *The Millennium of Revelation 20*

-**Amillennialism** (the view that was supported by our study)-the one-thousand years where Satan is bound and the saints reign with Christ refers to the \_\_\_\_\_. The life, death, and resurrection of Christ bound Satan and now the gospel advances throughout the world (in nations that under the old dispensation were kept under Satanic darkness). Those who die “in the Lord” (the saints) reign in heaven with Christ now.

-**Premillennialism**-the one-thousand year reign of Christ and binding of Satan are future (after the church has been raptured, the seven year tribulation, and the return of the saints to the earth). The reign of Christ will take place on \_\_\_\_\_ and the earth will be filled with glorified saints and sinners still under the curse for one-thousand years.

-**Postmillennialism**-the gospel will advance so much so on the earth that a golden era of Christianity will sweep across the entire earth. There will be in the future a period of \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity.

#### 3. *Theme of the book*

-“The theme is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and of His Church over the dragon (Satan) and his helpers.” (14)

#### 4. *The Seven Cycles of Revelation*

-**Revelation 1-3, Christ among the lampstands**-Christ is the Lord of the Church. He knows each and every church. He sees \_\_\_\_\_ the strengths and weaknesses of every congregation. He guides and directs His church with His word-words of blessing and words of rebuke. Just because He ascended does not mean He is not present among His churches.

-**Revelation 4-7, The seven seals**-Before we approach the trials of life, we must first get a heavenly perspective. The heavenly perspective is that Christ (the Lamb who was slain but is living) is the Lord. He is over all the events of \_\_\_\_\_. The seals show us the trials of life but remind us that those who are sealed by God will persevere and find themselves standing at the end (Psalm 1:5).

**-Revelation 8-11, The seven trumpets**-The trumpets of judgement represent the judgments of God on the wicked that are a call to repent now before the end. However, those whose names are not written in the book of life will only continue to \_\_\_\_\_ their hearts against the Lord and will not repent. In fact, the enemy will attack the church (after it has finished its work) and seem to win the victory. However, the church will be victorious in the end as Christ comes back in judgment upon the beast and those who bear his mark.

**-Revelation 12-14, The war behind it all**-The reason the devil rages against Christians is because the devil has been \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ. Satan could not defeat the Christ, so he rages against His people. He rages by using the beast (persecution), the false prophet (false religion), and the harlot (material seduction) to wage war on the church. But in the end the Lord's people will be rescued and the enemies of God's people are trodden in the wine press of God's wrath.

**-Revelation 15-16, The seven bowls**-These judgments of God are poured out on the \_\_\_\_\_ wicked. When the wicked do not respond to the trumpets of judgment God pours forth the bowls of wrath. Again, as has already been seen several times, in the end the enemies of God's people perish, and His people are rescued.

**-Revelation 17-19, The fall of beast, the false prophet, and the great harlot**-The enemies of God's people are one by one being shown to be defeated. All of the enemies of Christ and His Church will be \_\_\_\_\_, and His people will be the ones rejoicing in the end. The joy of the saints will not only be in the victory of Christ over His adversaries, but their joy will be complete as they experience the bliss of communion with their Groom for all eternity.

**-Revelation 20-22, The end of Satan and beginning of endless joy for the saints**-Satan is the last of the enemies of God's people to be seen defeated. Christ is Lord and His victory will be seen. He will not only throw Satan into the lake of fire but also all the wicked human beings. But the saints will stand in the judgement not being judged for \_\_\_\_\_ deeds but being judged by the deeds of \_\_\_\_\_. Christ and His bride will enjoy the beauty of life evermore in the presence of God-and they will be His people and He will be their God. This is the glorious future for the saints. We long for that day and say with the apostle of old "Amen. Come Lord Jesus."

##### 5. *The purpose of Revelation for us today*

-Revelation calls us to see things not as they appear but as they truly are. For instance, we see hardships and trials and we can think that these things mean that God is not for us but against us and that there is nothing good in this suffering. The book of Revelation calls us to look at hardships \_\_\_\_\_-maybe we struggle so much with suffering because we have neglected this book of Scripture for too long. Suffering does not give us a pass to sin.

-Revelation calls us to hope in God not in \_\_\_\_\_ in this life. Life is hard but God is good. Life can seem overwhelming but the Lord Almighty reigns. Evil can appear to be winning but, in the end, it is saints who conquer. Hope in God and view things through the eyes of faith, not sight. In the end all the enemies of God's people will perish, and it will be saints who are comforted and eternally cared for.

-Revelation calls to glory in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. He is the slain Lamb who lives. He is the Conqueror going forth conquering on a white horse. He is the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings.

-Revelation calls for us to \_\_\_\_\_. We can endure as we walk by faith in the word of God. Do not neglect the words of this book! Stand firm, fight the good fight by faith in Christ. Do not retaliate. Do not take vengeance into your own hands. Walk humbly before your God remembering He has it under control.