



Week 10: End Times

Day 1 Reflection

TRUTH

The book of Revelation reveals Jesus and magnifies His greatness and His glory. To understand Who He truly is, we need to see Him high and lifted up. Nothing is more encouraging and satisfying to our souls than to see Him in all His glory and this book certainly gives us phenomenal pictures of Christ. But this book is also prophecy concerning the End Times. And as Warren Weirsbe says in his commentary on Revelation, "prophecy is history written down beforehand."

So, the End Times events given in Revelation is absolute truth about the future of earth and humanity. Scholars, of course, have debated about the details and how they come to fruition. This week we will examine this book using the divinely inspired outline found in Revelation 1:19. Read Revelation 1:19. Write down the three parts of the outline for this book in the corresponding blanks below.

Part 1 - _____ (found in Chapter 1)

This includes the vision that John saw of Jesus. We have already examined this chapter in the Jesus week of our study. Record what you remember. Or reread this beautiful chapter describing your Savior High and Lifted up!

Part 2- _____ (found in Chapters 2 &3)

These are letters that give each of the seven churches words of encouragement and admonition - if needed. These words of Jesus, in fact the whole book of Revelation, was written for their encouragement. Yes, it is Scripture, so it was written for us too, but it was initially written for these churches and their understanding. *Fun fact- the order of these churches was an actual mail route. This enabled the church to read the whole book and pass it on.

Pick a church from one of the two chapters and read about it. What encouragement does Jesus give this church? What admonition?

Part 3- _____ (found in Chapters 4-22)

Within these chapters you will find:

- The throne room in heaven – Chapters 4 and 5
- The events of the Tribulation – Chapters 6 -19. This is the seven- year period where the Anti-Christ rules on earth. The last three and a half years being the most terrible.
 - The tribulation ends with the Day of the Lord when Jesus returns with His people culminating in the battle of Armageddon – Chapter 19.
 - The Kingdom of Christ when He rules on earth for 1,000 years – Chapter 20
 - The new Heaven and Earth Revelation 21 and 22

Read Chapter 4 and 5. Sketch the throne room. Where is Jesus? What is He doing? What does He look like? How does this picture of Him give you encouragement?

Day 2 Reflection

TRUTH

Revelation is full of fantastic imagery which can make it extremely difficult to understand. Much of this imagery is also describing the impending doom for earth and its people so it can be depressing. But if as readers, we do not let ourselves drown in all of this and keep our eyes on Jesus, there are many reasons to rejoice in the midst of all this sorrow. With this in mind, read Chapter 16. What is the source of these bowls of wrath? The contents of these bowls seem familiar. Where have we seen these kinds of plagues before? Where is Jesus? What encouragement can you glean from all of this wrath?

EVIDENCE

It might be that this is the first time you are studying the End Times. Our prayer is that the study of this topic leaves you with hope and a strengthened faith knowing that you are loved and saved by an unfathomable grace and not because of anything you have done but because of our Father's love and personal sacrifice for you!

However, perhaps you still have moments where you worry or are concerned about certain things. Today we thought it would be good to look at the topic of "worry" from a point of how we can encourage each other through these periods as well as perhaps how you could use what you learn to encourage others.

Focus on the Family is where you will be directed today. An interview with Lee Strobel entitled "Trusting God in Worrisome Times" – there are two parts to the teaching. Listen to Part 1 of 2 today: https://www.focusonthefamily.com/episodes/broadcast/trusting-god-in-worrisome-times-part-1-of-2/?utm_source=youtube&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=broadcast_2020&utm_content=video

To get you interested, the overview for the interview is as follows:

Offering tremendous hope in the face of our global pandemic, evangelist Lee Strobel describes how we can overcome fear by entrusting our lives to God and meditating on His faithfulness. Lee offers practical suggestions for alleviating our uncertainty, including praying, giving thanks, and turning anxiety-inducing 'what if' questions into courses of action that are reassuring.

Day 3 Reflection

TRUTH

Read Revelation Chapter 19. Sketch your coming King as described in this chapter. What is He doing? What are His Names? How does this chapter give you encouragement?

TACTICS

Today, listen to Part 2 of 2 of the lesson from Pastor Lee Strobel: <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/episodes/broadcast/trusting-god-in-worrisome-times-part-2-of-2/>

Is there anything that you would like to note down?

Day 4 Reflection

TRUTH

Read Chapter 20. What happens before Christ will reign for 1,000 years on earth? v. 1-3.

Where did the angel throw Satan? Is this Satan's final resting place? What happens to him after 1,000 years? Where is Jesus? What does He look like? What is He doing? How does this chapter encourage you?

Day 5 Reflection

TRUTH

After Satan has received his final and eternal punishment and thrown into the lake of fire(hell), the Lord God will usher in the new Heaven and new Earth. What do they look like? Are there many details for what they will look like? Read Revelation 21 to find out.

In this chapter, there are details of the new Jerusalem. Sketch the new Jerusalem. What geometric shape is the city? Google got questions.com to see the estimates of the length and width of the walls. Look at your sketch and know that this is your future home. Where is Jesus? How does this chapter encourage you today? For a moment, forget the difficult realities of your life today and meditate on what awaits you. Glory to God in the Highest!

DIGGING DEEPER

Has this week of study got you excited about the book of Revelation? If you would like to dive a little deeper into Revelation, here are a few resources you could investigate:

- This link takes you to sermons that John Piper has given on various topics and chapters on Revelation. Some go back to 1983! Perhaps you would like to pick a topic that interests you: <https://www.desiringgod.org/scripture/revelation/messages>
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- Here is a four-part teaching on The Bride by Beth Moore:
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- The Bride in Revelation 21 | Part 1 | Beth Moore - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wU6mZKvNml>
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- The Seduction of Babylon | The Bride - Part 2 | Beth Moore - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16uxUZpa07Q>
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- You are a NEW Creation | The Bride - Part 3 | Beth Moore - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_SBPjvjbEXQ
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- Do NOT Lose Heart | The Bride - Part 4 | Beth Moore - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ve7CAcrr3C8>