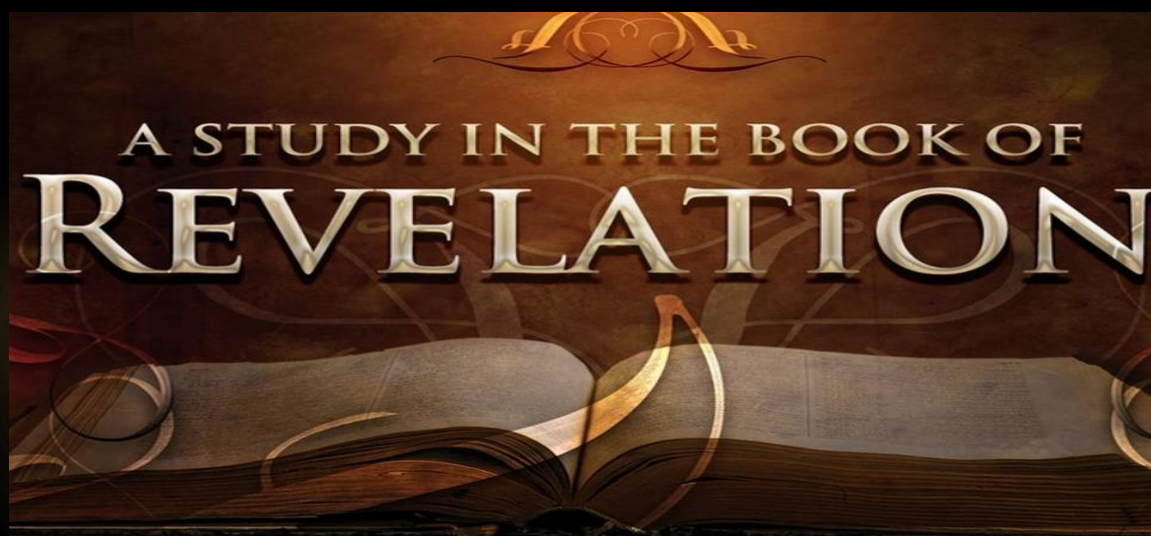


SRMBC May - Jul Bible Study Schedule

Date	Subject	Scripture
5/1/2019	Lesson 1: An Illustrated Letter from Jesus	Revelation 1
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Revelation - The Triumph Of God Lesson 8: **The Last Word on Witness** Revelation 10 – 11

The Apostle John – The Book of Revelation

- **Author:** Revelation 1:1,4,9 and 22:8 identify the author as the apostle John.
- **Date of Writing:** The Book of Revelation was likely written between A.D. 90 and 95.
- **Purpose of Writing:** The Revelation of Jesus Christ was given to John by God (while in exile on the Isle of Patmos) to tell his servants about the last days before Christ's return, the final judgment of sin and Satan and the new heaven and new earth.

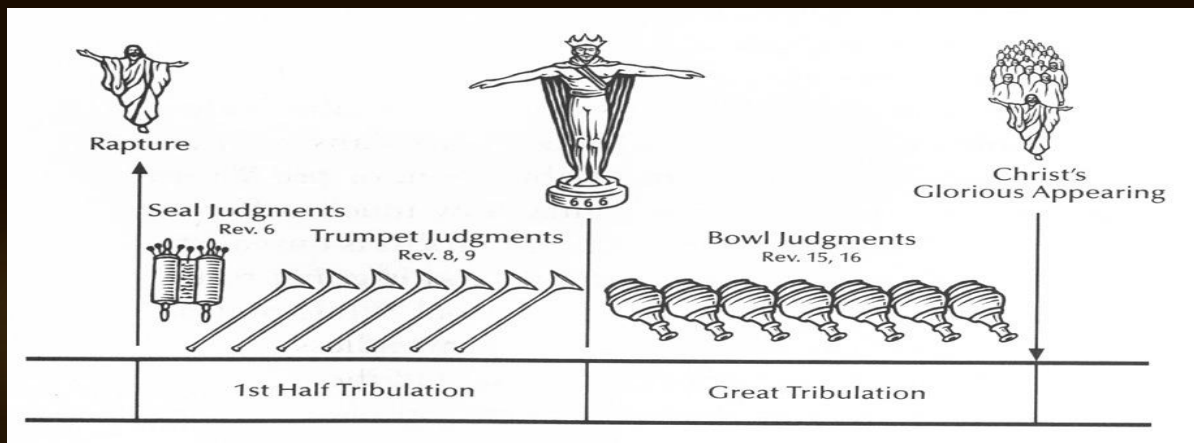
The Book Of Revelation:

- Gives us a glimpse of heaven and the glories awaiting those who keep their robes white.
- Informs us on the Great Tribulation and the final fire that unbelievers will face for all eternity.
- Records the defeat of Satan and the doom he and his angels are bound for.
- Shows us the worship and service of all creatures and angels of heaven and the promises of eternal life with Jesus in the New Jerusalem.



John on the Isle of Patmos

Foundational Truths on Revelation

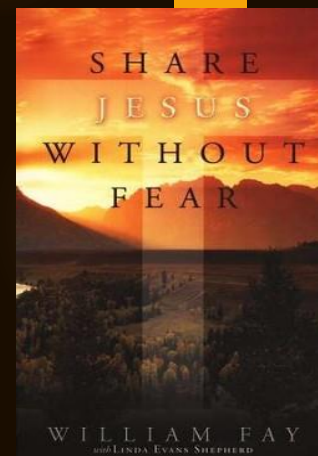


"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ " - 1 Thessalonians 5:9 (KJV)

Group Discussion: Explore your own history of being a witness for Christ. When did this seem to come naturally? When was it forced?

8 Common Excuses Christians Give To Not Evangelize

1. **They may ask a question I can't answer** - Sometimes people will ask questions to distract you. Don't let those distractions keep you sharing the Gospel
2. **I'm scared** - Scared of what? most of us do not live under the type of persecution to lose your life trying to share the Gospel
3. **It is not my responsibility**. If it isn't your responsibility then whose is it? Jesus everyone they were being sent (Acts 1:8) to be witnesses
4. **I don't know how to witness**. - One of the simplest ways to witness is to tell other people how Christ saved you.
5. **I don't speak well**. Moses used that excuse too in Exodus 4:10. Yet God still used him. He'll use you too.
6. **I don't know how to start a conversation about the Lord**. Let the Spirit lead you just to ask a person what they believe about God.
7. **I am afraid my friends will remember the bad things I have done**. As far as your past once God forgives you, share how Jesus changed your life
8. **I don't have time** Yet you have time for TV, Facebook and hanging out with your friends on Friday night?



A Helpful Witnessing Resource by William Fay

Revelation 10:1 – 5 (NKJV)

1 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.

2 He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,

3 and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.

4 Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."

5 The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven

Revelation 10:6 – 8 (NKJV)

6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer,

7 but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth."

9 So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

Revelation 10:10 – 11 (NKJV)

10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.

11 And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

1. What are the actions of the mighty angel introduced in 10:1?

The interludes in the sequence of seals and trumpets contain John's deepest pastoral messages.

- In the first interlude (chapter 7) John answered the question "who can stand?" (6:17).
- This time John seems to be answering the implied question "what shall we then do?"



Before the sounding of the 7th Trumpet the ushering in of the Kingdom of God on Earth, the Mighty Angel announces a call to witness to unbelievers to repent and trust Christ.

2. What is the significance of the mystery of God which will be revealed without further delay (10:6-7)?



A “mystery” in the New Testament is something that had at one time been hidden but is now revealed to God’s people (1 Cor 4:1; Eph 3:9; Col 2:2)

- **The Family of God** - In Christ God has purposed to include all peoples (Jews and Gentiles) into His Holy.
- **The Kingdom Of God** - The mystery of God is the consummation of God’s plan in bringing His kingdom in Christ to fulfillment.
- **The Salvation of God** - In its fullest sense, the “mystery of God” is God’s plan of salvation through Jesus.
- **The Triumph of God** – Despite the best efforts of Satan and his demons, Jesus Christ will ultimately reign triumphant over all heaven and earth.

3. The “little scroll” that John eats (10:8-11) probably refers to the gospel. When in your life has the gospel tasted like honey or turned your stomach sour?

- It was sour to me when I realized how vile a sinner I was (am) in light of God’s holiness and righteous Judgement
- It was so sweet to me the moment I received Jesus as my Saviour. O happy Day.
- It was sweet seeing my brothers saved and baptized – welcomed into the family of God.
- It is sour – when I think of all those who are lost – still rejecting this great salvation in pride and unbelief.



Revelation 11:1 – 5 (NKJV)

1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.

2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.

3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.

5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.

Revelation 11:6 – 10 (NKJV)

6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.

10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

Revelation 11:11 – 15 (NKJV)

11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

13 In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

Revelation 11:16 – 19 (NKJV)

16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God,

17 saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was [g]and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

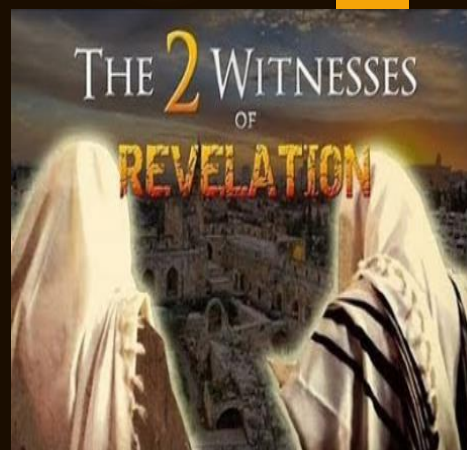
4. In 11:1-14 John combines two pictures: the measuring of the temple and the saga of the two witnesses. What indicates that he is really describing the witness of God's people as a whole?

- The church is described as God's sanctuary (1 Cor 3:16; 2 Cor 6:16; Eph 2:21).
- John uses the measurements of the temple court and the holy city to show that there is limit to which unbelievers can trample God's holy people.
- Unbelievers and the enemies of the Gospel will come against the church and her efforts share the Good News
- The spreading of the Gospel by the Church is even more important as the 2nd coming of Christ draws near.



5. What happens to the two witnesses empowered by God (11:3-14)? Why do you think the witnesses caused such turmoil?

- The two witnesses in Revelation will have miraculous powers to accompany them and no one will be able to stop them (v.5)
- These witnesses cannot be harmed until their mission is accomplished (11:7) even though the world system was aligned against them.
- The witnesses preached with such fervor and conviction that it moved the unbelieving world to murder leaving their bodies in the street.
- Three and a half days later, however, God's two witnesses will be resurrected and, in full view of their enemies, ascend to heaven (vv. 11-12).



Note: The identity of the two witnesses has been a matter of considerable speculation, Moses and Elijah being the most frequently cited

6. How can these witnesses know that they have fulfilled their life-purpose and that their witness will not be result-less (11:7-13)?

- They know that are speaking the **Word of God**.
- They know they are under the **Power of God**.
- They know they are doing the **Will/Work of God**.

“The church is a powerful church only when it is a penitent church. A comfortable, easy-minded church has no power to stir the world either to salvation or to opposition”

- Leon Morris -

7. What happens when the seventh trumpet is blown (11:15-19)?

- I. There are the loud voices (11:15) of a heavenly chorus.
- II. The heavenly voices and the elders join to proclaim that Christ has triumphed and will reign forever.
- III. This moment, signified by an open heaven, the ark of the covenant (2 Chron 35:3; Heb 10:19) and cosmic.

John stops short of declaring final victory. The kingdom can only be spread of the gospel and through a violent battle with the powers of evil.



Revelation 11:15-19
(The Seventh Trumpet, the Third Woe)

8. What have you learned about our calling to be God's witnesses?

- God has left us on the Earth to be His witness – every can and should be a witness.
- Jesus has promised to give us His power to witness in any situation.
- We need to be faithful witnesses – His Word, His Will & His way.
- Faithful witnesses will sometimes face opposition and even persecution.
- We can trust God with the results of our witnessing efforts – His word will have the final say.
- We won't leave this present age until our work is done.
- Faithful witnesses will always be victorious in the end.

Worship Together

Keys For Living

- *The Gospel has 2 distinct effects on people – either they will repent and receive it, or they will resist and reject it. As we witness and face rejection, we need remember people are rejecting God, not us.*
- *No matter how evil the world is, or how evil it will get, the Lord will always have at least one faithful witness that will be true His Word and Message.*
- *As Christ's Ambassador's we are called be witnesses of the Gospel, regardless of the opposition, leaving the results or success totally to Him.*

QUESTIONS



YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

Acts 1:8

