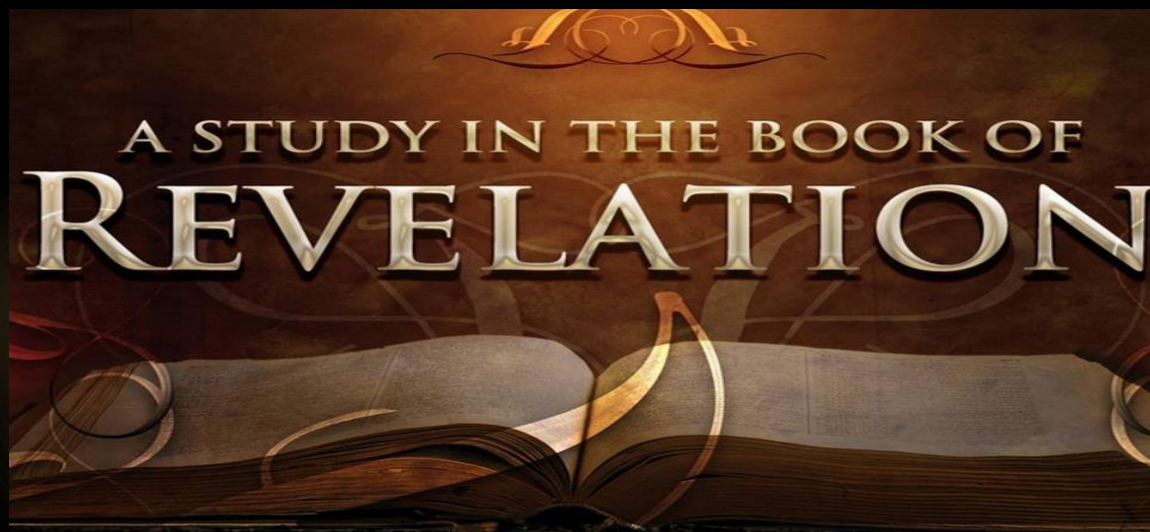


SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



SRMBC May - Sept Bible Study Schedule

Date	Subject	Scripture
5/1/2019	Lesson 1: An Illustrated Letter from Jesus	Revelation 1
5/8/2019	Lesson 2: Pardon My Speaking the Truth	Revelation 2
5/15/2019	Lesson 3: My Dear Compromised People	Revelation 3
5/22/2019	Lesson 4: Worship the All-Powerful Lamb	Revelation 4 – 5
6/5/2019	Lesson 5: The Beautiful Wrath of God	Revelation 6
6/12/2019	Lesson 6: Living Faithfully Through the Holocaust	Revelation 7, 16
6/19/2019	Lesson 7: Cheer Up! The Worst Is Yet to Come!	Revelation 8 – 9
6/27/2019	Lesson 8: The Last Word on Witness	Revelation 10 - 11
7/3/2019	Holiday (Independence Day)	No Study
7/10/2019	Lesson 9: Conflict with the Accuser	Revelation 12 – 13
7/17/2019	VBS	No Study
7/24/2019	Lesson 10: Doing Mission in Hard Times	Revelation 14 – 15
7/31/2019	Lesson 11: Tearing Down Strongholds	Revelation 17 – 18
9/11/2019	Lesson 12: Are You Going to the Wedding?	Revelation 19
9/18/2019	Lesson 13: The Last Battle	Revelation 20
9/25/2019	Lesson 14: God Dwelling With His People	Revelation 21 – 22

SRMBC Family Bible Study

Revelation - The Triumph Of God

Lesson 14: **God Dwelling with His People**

Revelation 21 – 22

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.

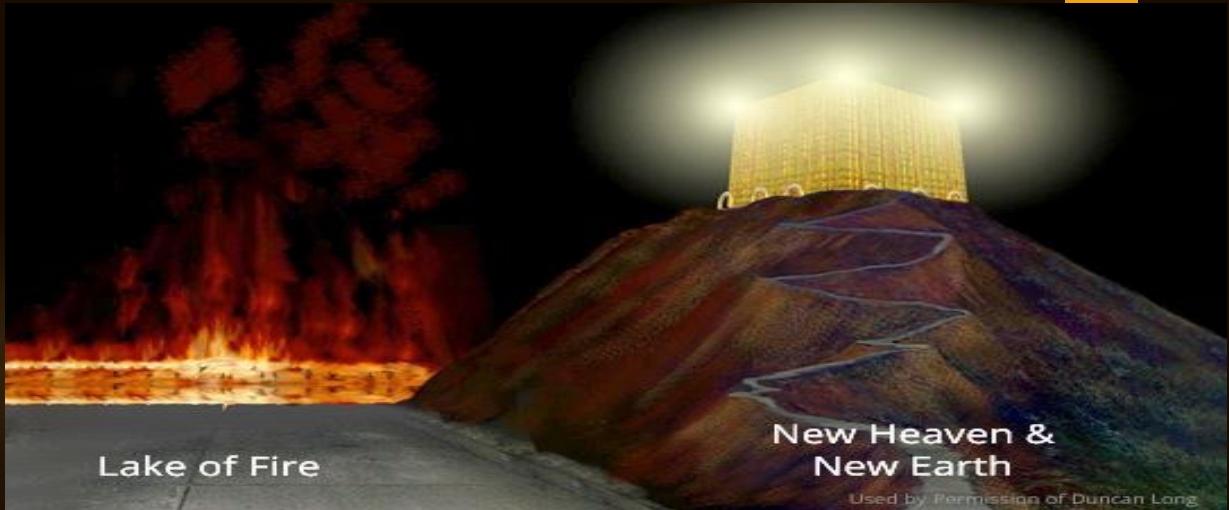
The Book Of Revelation:

- 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

The Future Eternal State of Creation - Rev. 20 - 22



Unbelievers (Sinners) , Demons, Satan,
The Beast and The False Prophet

Saints (Saved), Angels, The Father,
The Son and The Holy Spirit

Group Discussion: What do you look forward to most about Christ's return?

- Seeing Jesus In All His Glory
- Being In Glory Seeing Heaven And Home
- Seeing My Loved Ones Again (Mom, Dad, 'Nette...)
- Seeing The Babies "Thomas & Isaac"
- Seeing His Kingdom – Finally A Place Where Everything Is Done God's Way
- My New Body – Praise The Lord

Surrounded by Your glory what will my
heart feel will I dance for You Jesus
or in awe of You be still
I can only imagine

Revelation 21:1 – 4 (NKJV)

All Things Made New

1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Revelation 21:5 – 8 (NKJV)

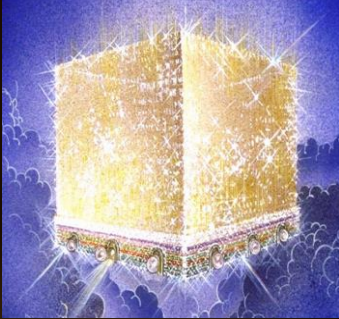
5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

1. List the things that will and will not be found in this eternal city.



What Will Be In The Heavenly City

- The Tabernacle – the House of God
- The People of God
- The Heavenly Angels
- The Presence of The Father Son and Holy Spirit

1. List the things that will and will not be found in this eternal city.

- **Sinful Perspectives:** Death, Dying, Sorrow, Sin , Sickness & Suffering.
- **Sinful People** – cowardly (Fearful), unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all **liars.**

Note: Satan and his demons are not in charge of hell or the Lake of Fire – but suffer along with the rest of the wicked and unbelieving



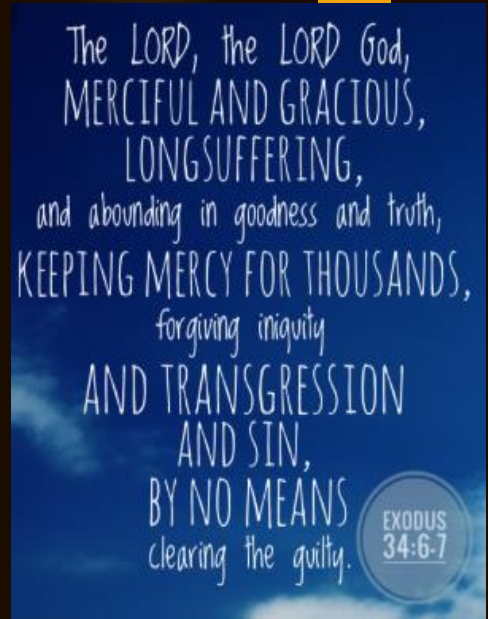
Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 NKJV

2. What do you learn about God from these verses?

What we learn about God from Revelation?

- God Is Faithful To His Promises.
- God Is Merciful To All Who Put Their Trust In Him.
- God Totally And Completely Holy And Righteous.
- God Is Rightfully Angry At Sin And Unrighteousness.
- God Is Much More Powerful Than Satan.
- God Is Loving And Desires To Dwell With His People So Can Bless Them Eternally
- God's Word Is True And Should Be Obeyed And Trusted



3. After reading about all the destruction that will one day take place, what hope does God's promise bring you?

- The Hope of the finally seeing the reality of His heavenly kingdom.
- The extreme joy of seeing Jesus in all of His Power Majesty and glory
- To experience the unending complete joy of the perfect fellowship we will share with all of the Saints and Angels



Revelation 21:9 – 13 (NKJV)

The New Jerusalem

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west

Revelation 21:14 – 19 (NKJV)

14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.

16 The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal.

17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

18 The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,

Revelation 21:20 – 23 (NKJV)

20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

The Glory of the New Jerusalem

22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

Revelation 21:24 – 26 (NKJV)

24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).

26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

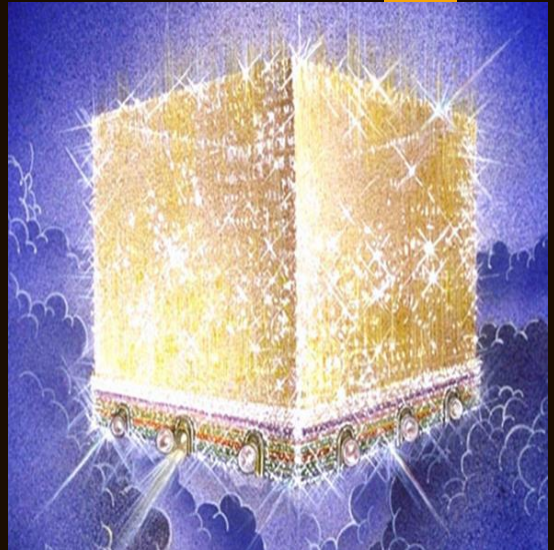
4. What are the new Jerusalem's most important characteristics? What spiritual realities are symbolized in this description?

Characteristics Of the City

- The Glory of God in the Midst of the City
- A High wall of jasper of 4 sides
- 12 foundations of precious stones
- No Temple – But the Gory of the Lord and the Lamb
- 12 – Pearly Gates

Spiritual Realities of the City

- (3 – representing the Trinity)
- 12 Gates and Angels – with the names of the Tribes of Israel
- A specific (limited) Dimension – Everybody talkin' bout Heaven...
- Pearls Gold, Jewels, extreme value and holiness.



5. What are the requirements for entering the city (21:27)? Why must these requirements be met during the times of testing we experience in this life?

Requirements To Enter The Heavenly City:

- Spiritual and Moral cleanliness and purity
- Walking In and speaking the Truth of God's Word
- Pure and undefiled Worship of the Living God.
- Having your names written in the Lamb's Book of Life – by Accepting Jesus as Saviour

What Times of Testing reveals:

- Testing reveals what is really in the heart
- Testing prevents people with only "lip Service from getting in the City.
- Testing keep the City pure and keeps the liars out
- Reveals the Work of God in the believers life and validates the entry



"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord." Matt 25:23

6. What is the source of life in this city? What do you learn from this passage about the activities of heaven?

- The Lord God and the Lamb is the Light of the City – His Holiness illuminates everything (John 8:12; 1 John 1:5)
- God is the source of light and life – the light represents Holiness, Purity, Truth and Love.
- All who enter the cities – come to bring Glory to God – it will be a place of Unending Worship of God
- The Gates are always open – Freedom, Joy, Peace. No need for protection because there is no evil or enemy.



"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all." (1 John 1:5)

Revelation 22:1– 6 (NKJV)

The River of Life

1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

6 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.

Revelation 22:7 – 11 (NKJV)

The Time Is Near

7 “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

9 Then he said to me, “See that you do not do that. [d]For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

10 And he said to me, “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.

11 He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.”

Revelation 22:12 – 17 (NKJV)

Jesus Testifies to the Churches

12 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the [f]Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”

14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

16 “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:18 – 21 (NKJV)

A Warning

18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

I Am Coming Quickly

20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

7. What warning do the words in verses 11 and 12 give us against becoming distracted or indifferent to the coming of the Lord? Who does John say is blessed or happy (verse 14)?

Warnings

- God knows who is evil, unjust and unbelieving – no matter what we portray on the outside, he knows what on the inside.
- God also knows who is right, believing and honestly trusting in Jesus. We will know as well by the way we live.
- Jesus is coming quickly (suddenly) – in other words, at a time that we do not expect.

Blessings

- Those who keep the Commandments – lovingly obeying the Will and the Word of the Lord
- The right – the personal privilege of the Tree of life
- Entering the Gates of the Heavenly City
- The Rewards for faithful service

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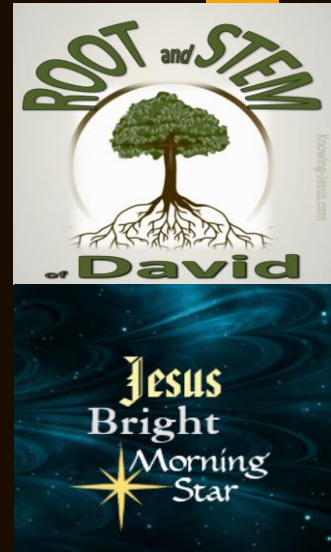
HEBREWS 3:15 KJV ♦

MADE WITH SPOKENLY

8. What does his first statement do for those who cherish the past? What does his second statement say to those who look to the future (vs.16)?

Jesus' Statements	What It means for the Past/Future
I am the Root and the Offspring of David	This is an OT Reference to Prophecy of the Coming of the Promised Messiah (II Sam 7:12 -13; Matt. 1:1)
[I am] the Bright and Morning Star	A Symbol of the 2 nd Coming of the Lord Jesus – signifying a New Day and Rising of a Bright future .

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." Rev. 1:8



9. Who are the Spirit and the bride mentioned in verse 17? What invitation is given to anyone who feels unsettled reading about the future?

- **The Spirit** – Heaven The Angels, The Godhead all in concert inviting, imploring all who would hear to come and accept the invitation for salvation and eternal life.
- **The Bride** – The Church – the called out born – again believers and followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Church represents Jesus in the Earth as Ambassadors and heralds of His Gospel (Matt. 28:19 – 20)

The Invitation

- If someone is worried about the future – looking for hope "Come"
- If someone is longing for something fulfilling – thirsty "Come!"
- We can be sure that He is coming – but the window is closing...



"...Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price." Isa. 55:1

Keys For Living

- *Despite the troubles we see in this world and the havoc Satan is causing, God has assured us that it will not stand, He has chosen a day where all evil, Satan, sin and sinners will be judged and He will make all things new.*
- *Although we need to be aware of the extreme troubles and wrath that will be poured on the earth, instead of looking for those things to come to pass we ought to be looking to coming of the Lord Jesus.*
- *When we consider the splendor and majesty of enternal life, our eternal home and the eternal presence of the Lord in contrast to the judgement of evil that is to come, we ought to live with passionate obedience to God and His Word*

Helpful Resources

- ▶ The Popular Encyclopedia of Bible Prophecy: Over 150 Topics from the World's Foremost Prophecy Experts (Tim LaHaye Prophecy Library™)
- ▶ The Book of Revelation: Unlocking the Future (21st Century Biblical Commentary Series) by Ed Hindson (Author), Mal Couch (Series Editor)
- ▶ Rose Guide to End-Times Prophecy by Timothy Paul Jones (Author), Rose Publishing
- ▶ Revelation Illustrated Movie on DVD -
<https://revelationillustrated.com/store/en/>



QUESTIONS

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