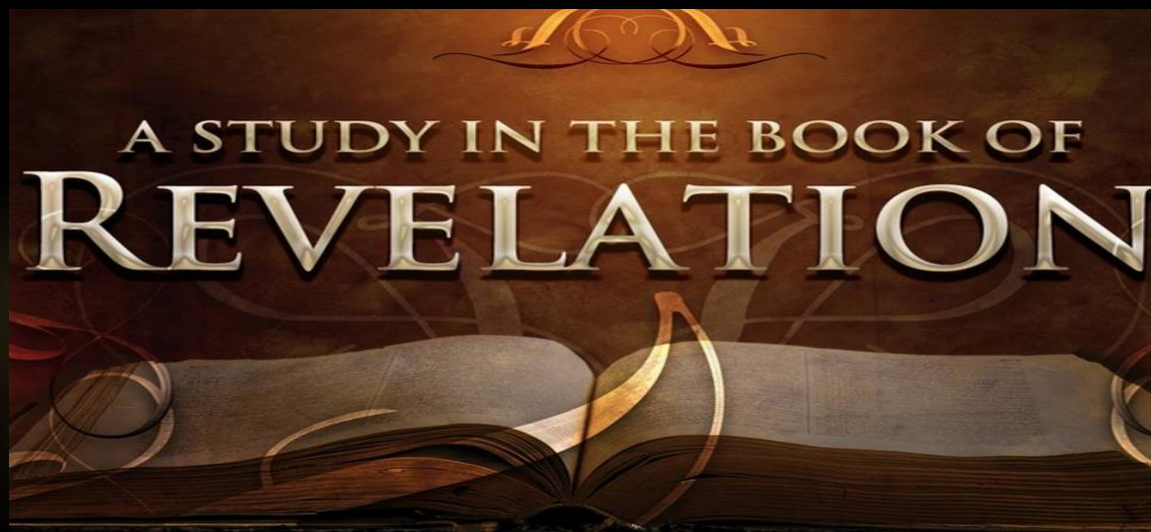


SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



SRMBC May - Jul 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

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Revelation - The Triumph Of God

Lesson 9: **Conflict with the Accuser**

Revelation 12 – 13

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

Group Discussion: Why do you think it is so difficult for believers to make substantial changes in society? (For example, in the areas of justice, protection of the unborn or making peace.)



Maximus is a powerful Roman general, loved by the people and the aging Emperor, Marcus Aurelius.

As Maximus leads his soldiers into battle against the barbarian horde; he tells them, "What we do in life, echoes in eternity."

Questions:

- What parallels can you draw from the Roman Army's preparations for battle with our spiritual warfare?
- What are the instructions Maximus gives to his troops? Why?
- Although mentioned in jest – "Elysium" the Roman version of paradise and place of rest. How did Gen. Maximus challenge His troops with this reference to the afterlife?
- The focus for this clip and for the movie "Gladiator" is "What we do in life echoes in eternity!" Do agree or disagree?

Revelation 12:1 – 6 (NKJV)

The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon

1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Revelation 12:7 – 12 (NKJV)

Satan Thrown Out of Heaven

7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

Revelation 12:13 – 17 (NKJV)

The Woman Persecuted

13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.

14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.

16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

1. Describe the various conflicts between the characters in this chapter? Why would the dragon seek to devour the child (v. 4)?



The Woman (God's People/Israel) The Child (Jesus Christ)
Vs.
The Red Dragon (The Devil Satan)



The Angels (Lead By Michael)
Vs.
Lucifer (Satan) and the Rebellious Angels

Note: The Dragon (Satan) desires to destroy the child (Christ) to somehow thwart God's plan of redemption for sinful man and the setting up of God's Kingdom on earth which includes Satan's ultimate doom and destruction.

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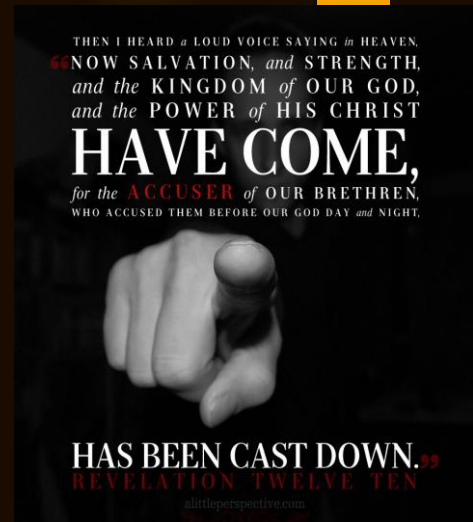


The Woman (The Bride of Christ)
The Child (Gentiles who come to faith in the Tribulation)
Vs.
The Red Dragon (The Devil/Satan)

"Time, Times And Half A Time" (12:14), both of which describe 3 ½ years or 42 months is a period of distress suggested by Daniel's vision (Dan 12:1, 7). (See also Daniel 9:26-27, which is the only direct mention of Anointed One/Christ) in the Old Testament).

2. Why would Satan be so intent on accusing believers before God day and night (v. 10)?

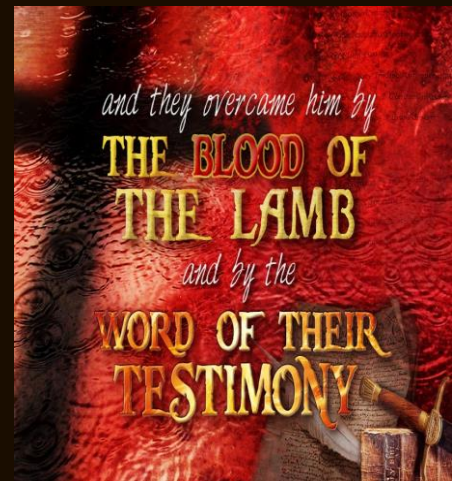
- To attempt to bring dishonor to God and to Jesus Christ.
- He hates God and hates the people whom He has graciously saved.
- He knows He is doomed and wants to take his fate out on God's people.
- To try to drown out the praise that goes on in heaven at all times.
- To discourage and bring condemnation to God's people on earth.



"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus ..." (Rom. 8:1)

3. What does it mean to overcome Satan's accusations by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony (v. 11)?

- **The Blood:** Overcomes Satan's accusations because Jesus has already paid the penalty for our sins.
- **The Lamb:** Emphasizes the substitutionary work of His death, because the Passover Lamb died as a substitute for others.
- **The Word Of Their Testimony:** Knowing and remembering the Word/Work of God help them overcome against Satan's deceptions
- **Loving Not Their Lives.** Since to live is Christ, and to die is gain (Philippians 1:21), then how can Satan's violence against them be effective?



4. How can we help a fellow Christian who is no longer under God's condemnation but who still feels condemned and defeated?

We need to distinguish between genuine Conviction Of Sin and Condemnation:

Conviction is the work of the Holy Spirit (Jn 16:8)

- Leads to repentance
- Believing the gospel more deeply
- Freedom from guilt (Rom 8:1)

Condemnation Satan's lies he uses to harass God's children.

- We have no hope of forgiveness/restoration.
- We are never good enough.
- We are no longer loved By God.

The solution for condemnation is to discern the spirits and to have the discouraged Christian to apply the truth of the gospel to their hearts.



"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal 6:2).

Revelation 13:1 – 5 (NKJV)

The Beast from the Sea

13 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

Revelation 13:6 – 10 (NKJV)

6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

10 He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

Revelation 13:11 – 14 (NKJV)

The Beast from the Earth

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

Revelation 13:15 – 18 (NKJV)

15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,

17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has [g]the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

5. In what ways is the beast out of the sea (13:1-10) a satanic imitation of Christ?

The Beast of Sea (Counterfeit)	The Lamb of God (Jesus)
having seven heads	7 Stars – 7 lamps 7 Spirits of God (Rev. 1:1 – 12)
a blasphemous name	I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," (Rev. 1:11)
The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority	Christ is worship at the Throne (Rev. 4 – 5)
heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed	I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore (Rev. 1:17). Lamb that was slain (Rev 5:4 – 5)
worship the dragon the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast?"	"Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"
Who is able to make war with him?"	For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" (Rev. 6:17)
opened his mouth in blasphemy against God	His voice as the sound of many waters; 16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword Rev 1: 1 – 15
worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life	He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life (Rev. 3:5)



The Beast



The Lamb of God

6. What new powers are given to the second beast, the beast out of the earth (13:11-18)?

- He performs great signs - even makes fire come down from heaven
- He deceives those who dwell on the earth to make an image of the beast
- Power to give life and speech to the image of the beast
- Power to put to death anyone who would not worship the image of the beast.
- Power make everyone to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads
- Power to control the world economy based on having or not having the mark of the Beast.



The Beast of the Earth

In the number **666** each digit falls short of perfection (7). Therefore **666** represents "failure upon failure upon failure." the important thing is to direct the meaning of this vision to the reality of spiritual warfare in every age.

7. How might we expect to see this satanic influence at work today?

- I. John shows us that radical evil is centered in an evil spiritual being—the red dragon (Rev 12).
- II. The two beasts (Rev 13), one from the sea and the other from the earth, combine secular authority and a religious system to support it.
- III. We see this Satanic Influence in just about every world system:
 - Media/Entertainment
 - Economy
 - Politics/Government
 - Religion/Church



The Dragon, the Beast and False Prophet

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time (1 John 2:18).

8. How can we prepare ourselves to face this conflict?

- Be aware that we are in a spiritual battle against a real and powerful enemy.
- We need to make very effort to continue in prayer, Bible Study worship and service.
- A diligence to remain separate from the mindset and mores of world (Rom 12:1 – 2).
- Using all of the spiritual resources for victory that God has made available to us (Eph. 6:1 – 10).
- Keep "Short sin accounts" with the Lord and be ready to lift up discouraged believers
- Instead of looking for the Antichrist – we need to look for Jesus' Coming.

Keys For Living

- *As followers of Jesus, we need to realize that the Christian Life is not a playground but a spiritual battleground. We need to ready and prepared to engage in warfare.*
- *Satan, the enemy of our souls, already knows that he is defeated. Because his time is short, Satan seeks to use any means necessary wreak as much havoc in our lives as he can.*
- *As the church moves forward with the mission of the spreading the Gospel, we will run into satanic opposition. Thanks be to God, that He has provided the Armor of God for our protection and our victory (Eph. 6:10 – 19).*

QUESTIONS



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EPHESIANS 6:11

