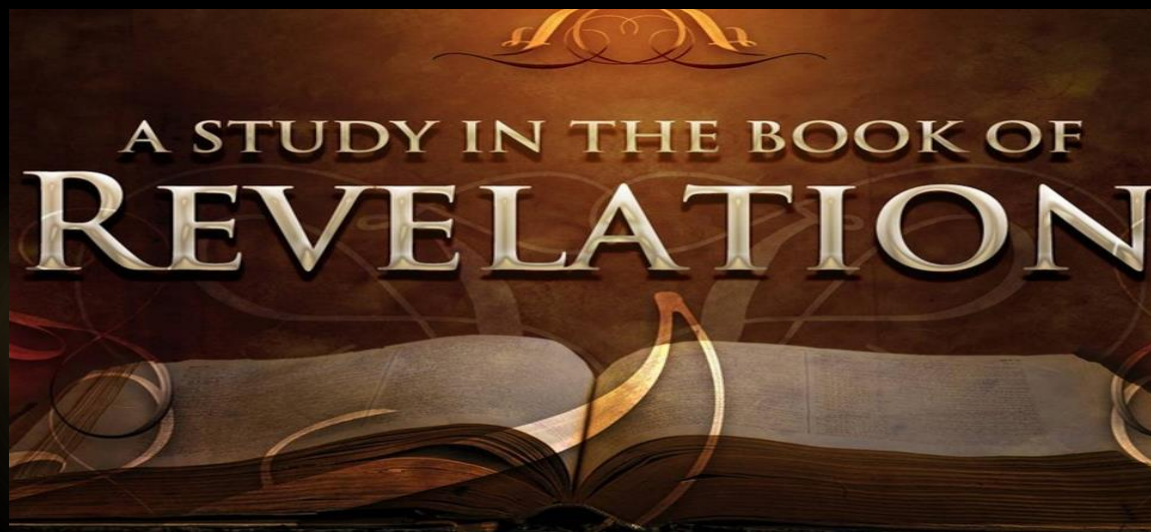


SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



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 12: **Are You Going to the Wedding?**

Revelation 19

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

BIBLICAL EVENTS TIMELINE



Group Discussion: In your opinion, what are some of the best things about marriage?

Why Did I Get Married?: "Fells So Good"



Sheila & Troy



Sheila, Patricia, Angela, Dianne

At a gala award celebration, Dianne, Patricia and Angela are shocked when Sheila arrives and introduces Troy as her husband and has successfully lost weight thanks to his help.

Sheila expresses her joy and praise to the Lord for her marriage with her friends

Questions:

- What made Sheila's Joy So real and genuine?
- What are some of the best things about marriage?
 - Companionship/Love
 - Doubled Joy/Shared Burdens
 - Completeness/Compliment
 - Intimacy without guilt/shame
 - Help in accomplishing God's will
 - Children/Christian Witness
- What does marriage convey about our Relationship with Christ?

Revelation 19:1 – 4 (NKJV)

Heaven Exults over Babylon

1 After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!

2 For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her."

3 Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!"

4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"

Revelation 19:5 – 9 (NKJV)

5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"

6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

Revelation 19:10 – 14 (NKJV)

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Christ on a White Horse

11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

Revelation 19:15 – 17 (NKJV)

15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

The Beast and His Armies Defeated

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

Revelation 19:18 – 21 (NKJV)

18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great.”

19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

1. Why is the great multitude shouting praise in heaven?

Who Jesus/God is:

- He is the Saviour
- He is all – powerful – He is too be feared
- He is worthy of All Glory (weight) and Honor
- He is the Lord – He has the highest authority
- He is Faithful True and Righteous

Who Jesus/God Has Done:

- He has created and rules
- He sacrificed and saved all those who believe
- He has defeated His enemies and saved His people
- He has brought down perfect and righteous judgement against sin and sinners

What Jesus/God Will Do

- He will give places to His Church/Bride at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb
- The eternal peace and joy of victory
- He will provide holiness and righteousness for His people

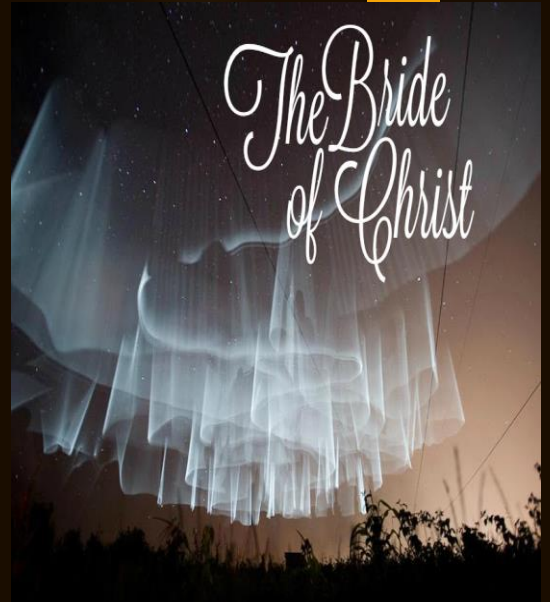


...I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! (Rev. 19: 1)

2. Based on what you have studied in Revelation, what do you think has made the bride ready for the groom (vv. 7-9)?

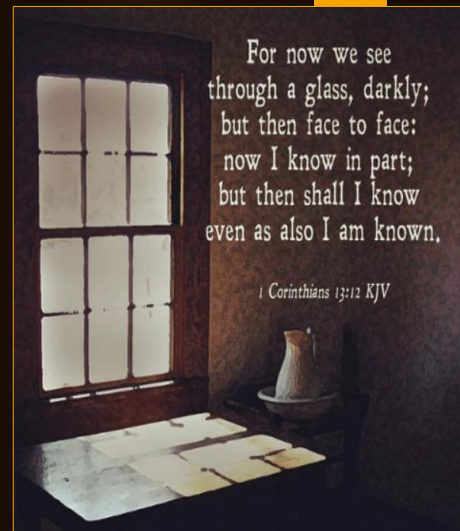
The Bride of Christ Consists of the NT Church and the OT saints

- The Bride has answered the call – the “wooing” of Holy Spirit to faith in Jesus for Salvation
- The Bride has had herself clothed in Robes washed in the Blood of the Lamb (All sins forgiven)
- The Bride keeps her robes white and without wrinkle through acts of personal holiness and Christian Service.
- The Bride Continues to proclaim and hope in Coming Kingdom – inviting others to come along via the Gospel



3. Why is marriage such a good image for the believer's hope? How is this hope greater than our present experience of Christ?

- The union of man and woman in marriage is a mystery because it conceals, a truth about Christ and the church.
- As God willed for the husband and wife become one flesh (Gen. 2:24) Christ and the church to become one body (Gal. 3:28; 1 Cor. 12:13).
- The roles of Husband (Eph. 5:25) and of the Wife (Eph. 5:23).
- Presently our hope in Christ can only be seen darkly – There will be a time coming when our relationship with Our Lord will be seen in all its fullness (1 Cor. 13:12).



John Piper, "A Metaphor of Christ and the Church," *The Standard* 74:2 (February 1984)

4. Like a champion ready for battle, Jesus appears on horseback (vv.11-16). What do we learn about him?

- Jesus is Faithful and True to His Word -Coming back just as He said
- He is Coming back as the Righteous Judge – doling out Just punishment by war
- He sees all the evil in the world
- He is Awesome that we don't know Everything about Him
- He is the Living Word – Who was slain but is now alive forever more
- He is Commander In- Chief of the Heavenly Army (of which we will be a part)
- He will not come as Savior but to execute God's Righteous Wrath and against sin and sinners
- He is ready and has the authority to rule Every nation



And He has ...a Name written:

**KING OF KINGS AND
LORD OF LORDS.**

5. Why must this battle take place before the marriage can begin and the kingdom of God can fully come (vv. 17-21)?

- Jesus is coming to meet His Bride and His purpose is that no enemy will interfere with that glorious consummation.
- We are saved from the **power** and **penalty** of Sin, but it is not complete until we are free from the **presence** of Sin.
- Some may wonder how a loving God could inflict such pain. But God's holiness demands He judges sin. We can trust His mercy and Justice.



The Lord's Battle



The Wedding Banquet

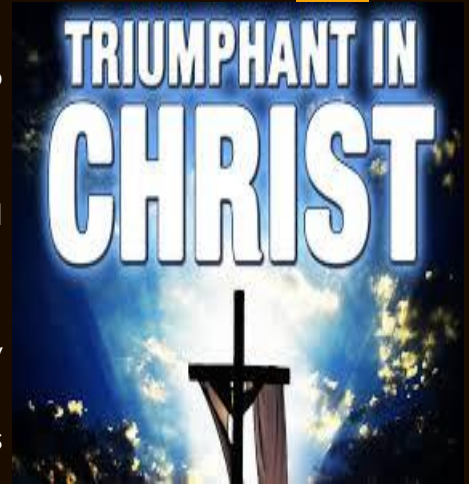
6. In what ways would you like to see Christ triumph in your life or in the world around you?

Christ's Triumph in My Life

- Over doubts and fear when faced a challenge to obey
- Over my sin, flesh, selfishness and laziness
- To my church and my family come to salvation and growth in Christ.

Christ's Triumph in The World

- To have the Gospel go around the World and draw people to Salvation
- Hearts with be changed and bent toward God's Word and Ways
- Our families and communities restored and re-built on godly principles



Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us (II Cor. 2:14)

7. How does engagement (or betrothal) describe our present relationship to Christ?

- If the wedding is yet to come, then at present we are only engaged to Jesus Christ. (2 Cor. 11:2)
- Unlike modern engagements, biblical betrothal was a definite and final pledge to marry which could be broken only by divorce (see Mt 1:19).
- It was pre-sexual marriage; only the consummation and cohabitation remained.
- In marriage but also in spiritual growth, most people "want it all now." This chapter encourages us to pray, "Come, Lord Jesus."

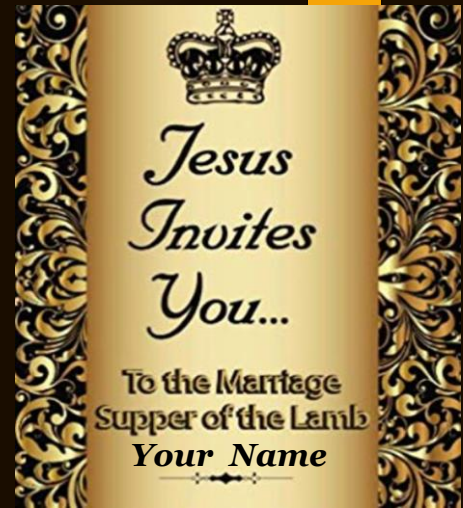
The best is yet to come and is absolutely certain!



"For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." (II Cor 11:2)

8. How can we confidently know we are invited to the “wedding supper of the Lamb”?

- Trusting the Words of Scripture - The Gospel (Rom. 10:9 – 10)
- Trusting the Work of the Savior - Jesus' Cross and Resurrection (Rom 5:17; I Cor 15:3 – 5)
- Trusting in the Witness of the Spirit - Conversion/Conviction (Rom 8:16; John 5:9 – 10)



Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? (II Cor 13:5)

Keys For Living

- *When we reflect on who Jesus is and what He has done in us and for us, the natural response for believers is to express our hearts in extravagant and all-inclusive praise (mind, soul, body, voices, etc.) to His Glorious Name.*
- *Although the Antichrist and his forces will seem to have their way during the Tribulation, we can be confident in the final redemption plan of God. Jesus will return with us His saints to execute His victory and set up His Kingdom here on Earth.*
- *Once anyone turns to Jesus in faith and repentance for salvation, we can be assured of our place at the Marriage Supper of The Lamb to celebrate our Eternal Victory with Our Lord, the Angels and the rest of saints.*



QUESTIONS

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 Revelation 19:7