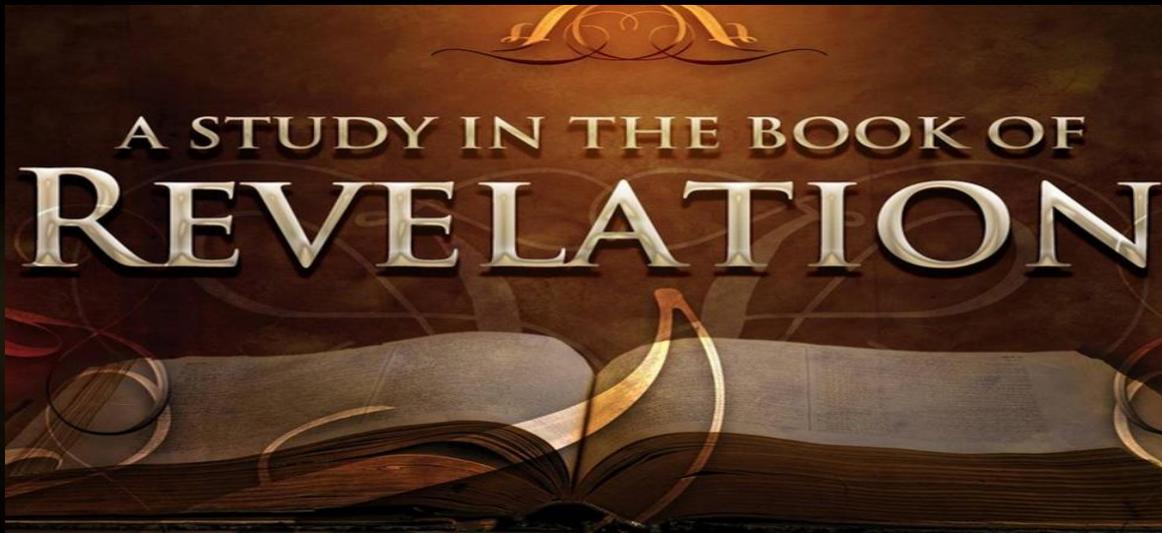


SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



SRMBC May - Jul Bible Study Schedule

Date	Subject	Scripture
5/1/2019	Lesson 1: An Illustrated Letter from Jesus	Revelation 1
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SRMBC Family Bible Study

Revelation - The Triumph Of God

Lesson 6: **Living Faithfully Through the Holocaust**

Revelation 7 (16)

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.

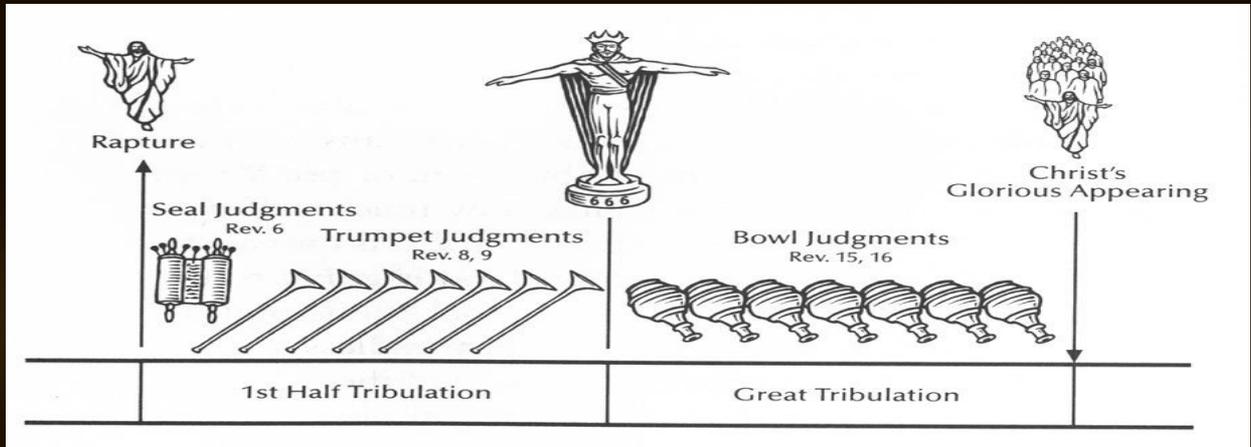
The Book Of Revelation:

- 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: Share some of the hard times you've had during the last year. Which ones were a result of being followers of Jesus?

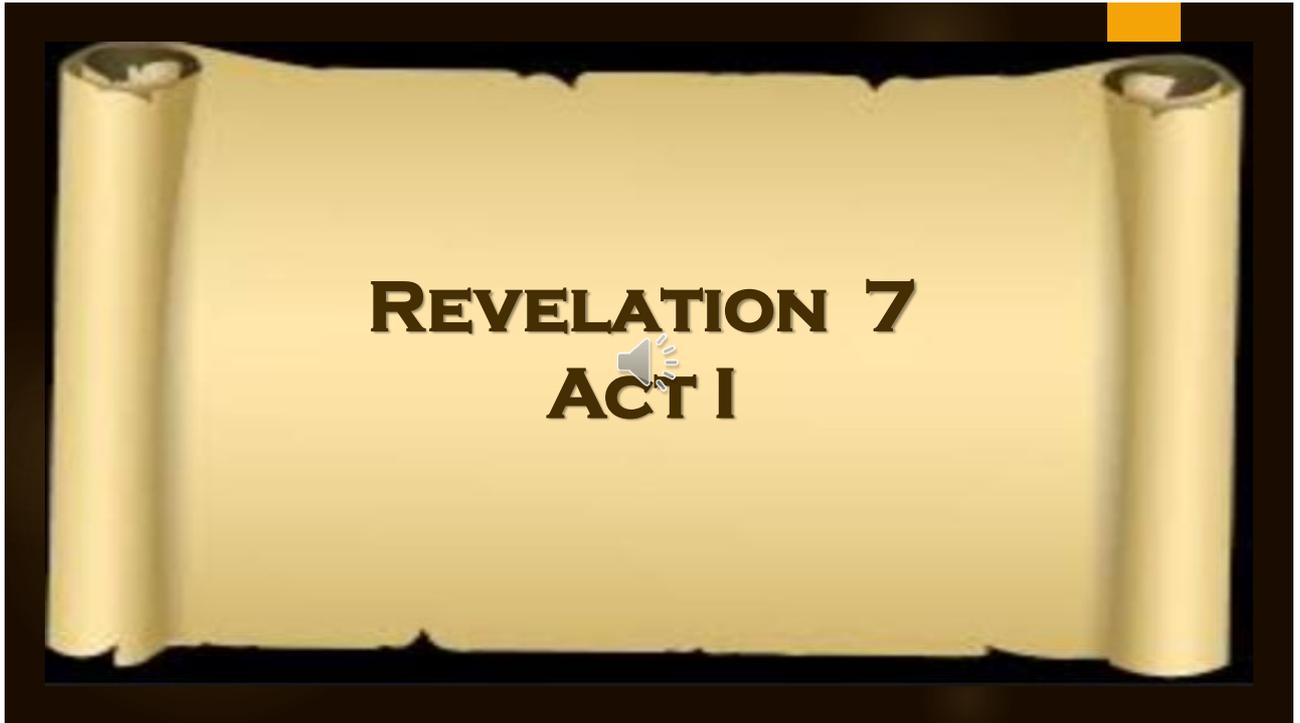


Courageous Movie: "The Job is yours..."

Javier Martinez has been asked by his boss to fudge numbers on the company inventory as condition of receiving a big promotion.

Questions:

- What do you believe Javier thinks about his answer to Mr. Tyson before going into the office?
- How does Javier's Christian faith influence his decision? What risk(s) does he take?
- What are your thoughts after hearing Mr. Tyson's response to Javier's refusal to lie – even for a promotion?
- What could've been the result(s) had Javier comprised his integrity? What lessons do we learn?



Revelation 7:1 – 4 (NKJV)

1 After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.

2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

Revelation 7:5 – 8 (NKJV)

5 of the **tribe of Judah** twelve thousand were sealed; of the **tribe of Reuben** twelve thousand were sealed; of the **tribe of Gad** twelve thousand were sealed;

6 of the **tribe of Asher** twelve thousand were sealed; of the **tribe of Naphtali** twelve thousand were sealed; of the **tribe of Manasseh** twelve thousand were sealed;

7 of the **tribe of Simeon** twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the **tribe of Issachar** twelve thousand were sealed;

8 of the **tribe of Zebulun** twelve thousand were sealed; of the **tribe of Joseph** twelve thousand were sealed; of the **tribe of Benjamin** twelve thousand were sealed.

1. Act 1 – The Scene in Heaven. Describe the scene and the characters in Act 1 (vv. 1-8).



The Four Angels (7:1): One for each corner of the earth. – holding back the Final Judgment of the 7th Seal.



The Angel Rising from the East (7:2 – 3): The Angel that seals the foreheads of the 144,000 with the seal of the Living God.

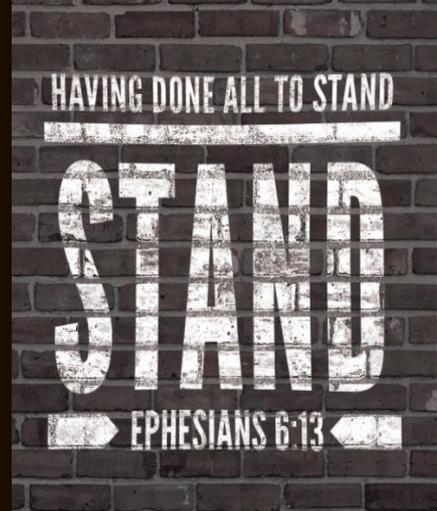


The 144,000 (7:2 – 3): 12,000 of each of the 12 tribes of Israel – martyrs for sake of the Gospel that were killed during the Great Tribulation.

2. What answer does this chapter give to the question, “For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?” (6:17).

At the moment of maximum dramatic intensity in each of the series (between the sixth and the seventh), John gives us a dramatic pause:

- Those who have heard and responded to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and have been sealed by the Holy Spirit.
- Those who are bold in their personal faith in Christ.
- Those who trust and believe in the eternal promises and rewards of the Word.
- Those who live lives of faith and holiness in an evil world.
- Those Who Keep The Faith in the Face of Persecution.



3. In verses 1-8 an angel seals 144,000 people. What do you think “the seal of the living God” means (7:2-3; 9:4)?



John gives us a dramatic pause, an interlude. Here he gives us his most important messages:

- God's people are sealed, protected, saved and certain of complete victory.
- Revelation shows us that history is going somewhere.
- The process of getting there has meaning.

4. What do you think John means by the 144,000, and why?



Four Views of Revelation

- 1) **Preterist** (which sees all or most of the events in Revelation as having already occurred by the end of the 1st century);
- 2) **Historicist** (which sees Revelation as a survey of church history from apostolic times to the present);
- 3) **Idealist** (which sees Revelation as a depiction of the struggle between good and evil);
- 4) **Futurist** (which sees Revelation as prophecy of events to come).

The question "who are the 144,000?" will depend on which interpretive approach you take. The passage leads to interpreting the 144,000 as a literal number of Jews—12,000 taken from every tribe of the "sons of Israel."

REVELATION 7 **ACT II**

Revelation 7:9 – 12 (NKJV)

9 After these things I looked, and behold, **a great multitude** which no one could number, **of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with **white robes**, with palm branches in their hands,

10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, **“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”**

11 **All the angels** stood around the throne **and the elders** and the **four living creatures**, and fell on their faces before the throne and **worshiped God**,

12 saying: **“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”**

Revelation 7:13 – 17 (NKJV)

13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, **“Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?”**

14 And I said to him, **“Sir, you know.”** So he said to me, **“These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And **He who sits on the throne** will dwell among them.

16 They shall neither **hunger** anymore nor **thirst** anymore; the sun shall not strike them, **nor any heat**;

17 for **the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne** will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will **wipe away every tear from their eyes.**”

5. In Act 2 the scene shifts from earth to heaven. Describe the characters and setting in verses 9-17.



The Great Multitude (7:9 -10): The ones who came out of the Tribulation.

The Angels in Heaven (7:11 - 12): The great host of Angels around the Throne of God.



One of the Elders (7:13 - 17): One of the 24 Elders around the throne who cast their crowns in worship to God (Rev. 4:4).



The Lamb on the Throne (7:17):

The depiction of the Crucified and Risen Savior who conquered death, hell and the grave – to be given a Name Above all names to Rule Earth and Heaven

6. How did the great multitude in verse 9 come to stand before the Lamb? Why does the multitude cry out with praise, worship and thanksgiving (vv. 10-12)?

- The idea of the multitude is they were martyrs for their Christian witnesses.
- Physical death for Christ would only be the logical conclusion of the great reversal in their lives.
- Being found in Christ, believers overcome the wrath of humanity and are literally untouched by the wrath of God.
- They have the exquisite destiny of worshipping the Lamb forever.



Martyr-witnesses have already lost their lives in this world when they become disciples.

7. How do the blessings these martyred Christians enjoy compare with the tribulations they suffered (vv. 13-17)?

Tribulations Endured	Blessings Received
These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation	and washed their robes and made them white...
hunger thirst	the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters.
sun shall not strike them, nor any heat	before the throne of God, serve Him day and night in His temple
in the blood of the Lamb	And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

8. How does their experience help us understand the ultimate benefit of being a faithful Christian?

- God does not necessarily reward success (as the world see it) but faithfulness.
- Tribulation – no matter how intense, cannot hinder or thwart our eternal rewards in Christ.
- My eternal future is so bright – it cuts through the darkness of this world.
- The Lord sees my/our struggle and when I respond correctly – it pleases Him..
- I am not the only one that is going through persecution. Believers all over the world see worse.

1Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.



Keys For Living

- *God knows who are His and will remain faithful – even during the toughest times. The Lord has promised to place His Name on us and seal us for His glory.*
- *Even in the face certain death during the Great Tribulation, faith in Christ enables to believers to stand strong.*
- *One thing that will help us endure and have hope during tough times is to look our eternal future that is safe and secure in Christ.*



QUESTIONS

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After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb,

**clothed in white robes, with palm
branches in their hands . . .**

REVELATION 7:9

