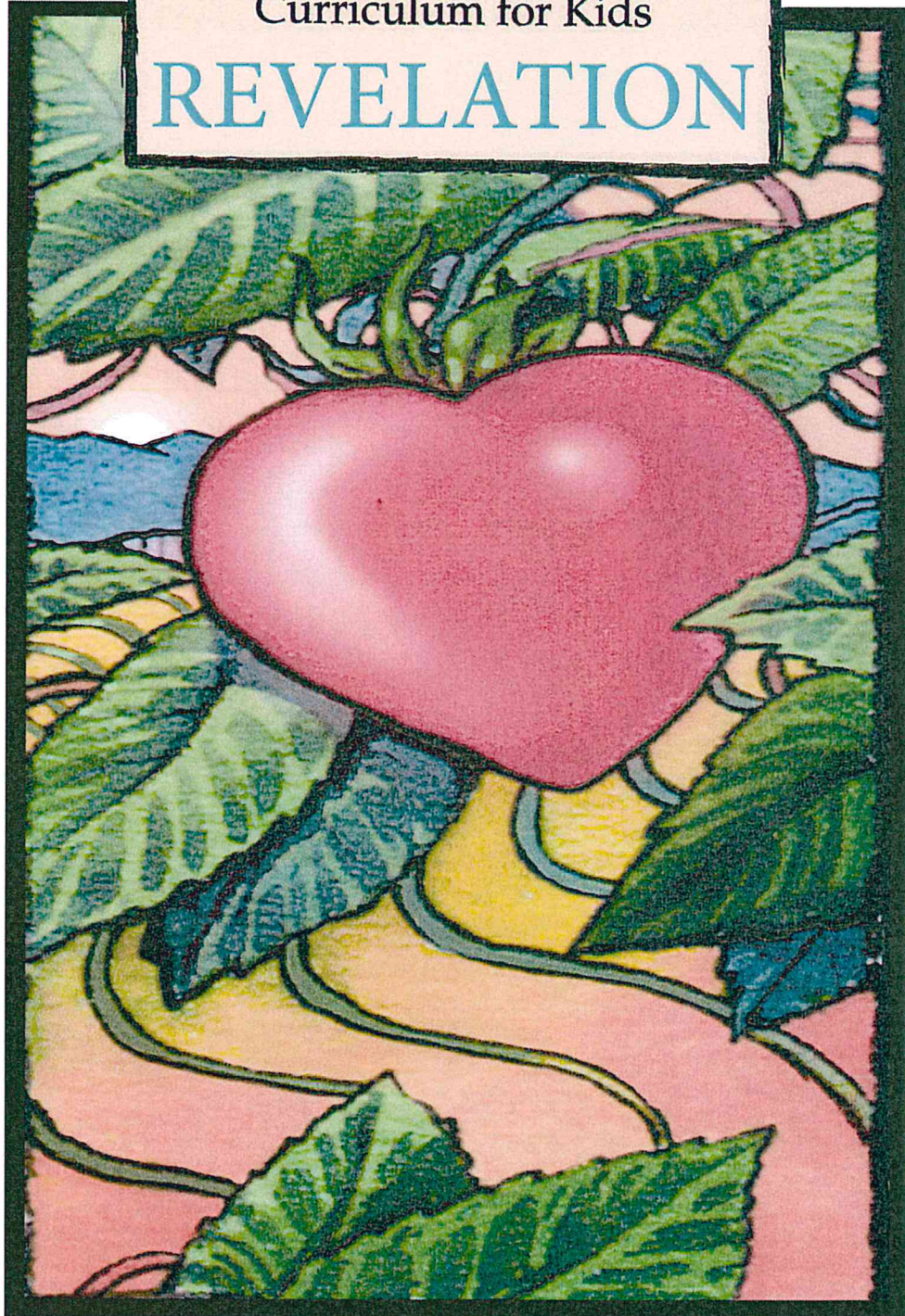


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# REVELATION









## A Brief Introduction to The Revelation of Jesus Christ

The Book of Revelation is not a sealed book, but it is a revealed book. It reveals Jesus Christ. God the Father gave it to Jesus Christ, and He sent an angel to reveal it to John. John was told to write the things that he had seen, the things which are, and the things which shall take place after this.

Why? Because Jesus loves us and wants us to know what He is doing, and about the things which shall shortly come to pass. *"No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you."*

- John 15:15. A servant is a slave by choice, who obeys his master and wants to please Him. Now we are His friends, and that makes us want to do His will and please Him even more! *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."*  
- Matthew 7:21

John was one of the twelve disciples who followed Jesus as He walked upon this earth. After Jesus willingly died on a cross for our sins, He rose again, visited His friends, and ate with them. Before leaving to be with His Father, He told the disciples, *"These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures"* - Luke 24:44-45.

The Word of God isn't understood through brain power, but it is understood because God gives understanding to anyone who asks! Little children are humble enough to ask! The wise of the world lack humility, and they look at the Bible as nonsense. It is foolishness to those who are perishing! Ask the Lord to show you what He has to say! Then ask Him to give you ears to hear! The disciples were with Jesus all that time, yet they didn't understand what He spoke to them until He opened it up to them. So as you join us for our trip through this book, ask the Lord to open up your understanding. First you must be born again. Have you asked Jesus into your heart? Do you know that your own good works are filthy? Do you know that you need Jesus to pay for your sins? Do you believe that He did that already?

Jesus told the disciples that every stone of the temple would be thrown down (Matthew 24:1-2). And before that, He wept over Jerusalem and said, *"See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord!'"*  
- Matthew 23:38-39

Little did the disciples understand that Jesus would not destroy the rule of the Romans and usher in His kingdom during their lives. Instead, He would die, rise again, appear to them, ascend into heaven, and they would be left! But Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with them, teach them all things, give them power, and give gifts to equip them to share the Gospel with the whole world, starting in Jerusalem. Jesus is coming back to reign as King in a Kingdom where there will be no more death, sorrow, crying or pain! This book will show us scenes from the church, heaven, the tribulation period, His return, and the New Jerusalem.

In A.D. 70, Titus (the Romans), came and destroyed Jerusalem. The city was burned, the temple was destroyed and not one stone was left upon another. Their temple was left desolate, just as Jesus said. Many died by the edge of the sword, and those who were left were led away captive into all nations. Just as Deuteronomy 28:64-68, predicts. Believers were also scattered and persecuted. John was one of the only disciples who wasn't killed for his faith in Jesus. Peter and Paul were both killed in A.D. 64 by Nero. John lived during the reign of Domitian (A.D. 81 - A.D. 96). Domitian tried to boil John in oil, but John would not die. So John was sent to the island of Patmos (a small island between Eastern Greece and Western Turkey). John had been the pastor of the church at Ephesus (in Western Turkey). It was while John was in prison on this small island, that he was shown many things. As you read *The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ*, know that John bore witness to the Word of God, and to the Testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw.



There is a special blessing for *reading, hearing, and keeping the things* which are written in this book.

The time is near. *Are you born again?*



## Jesus is coming!

"John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him  
Who is and Who was and Who is to come,  
and from the seven Spirits  
who are before His throne,  
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
and the ruler over the kings of the earth.  
To Him Who loved us  
and washed us from our sins in His own blood,  
and has made us kings and priests  
to His God and Father,  
to Him be glory and dominion  
forever and ever. Amen.

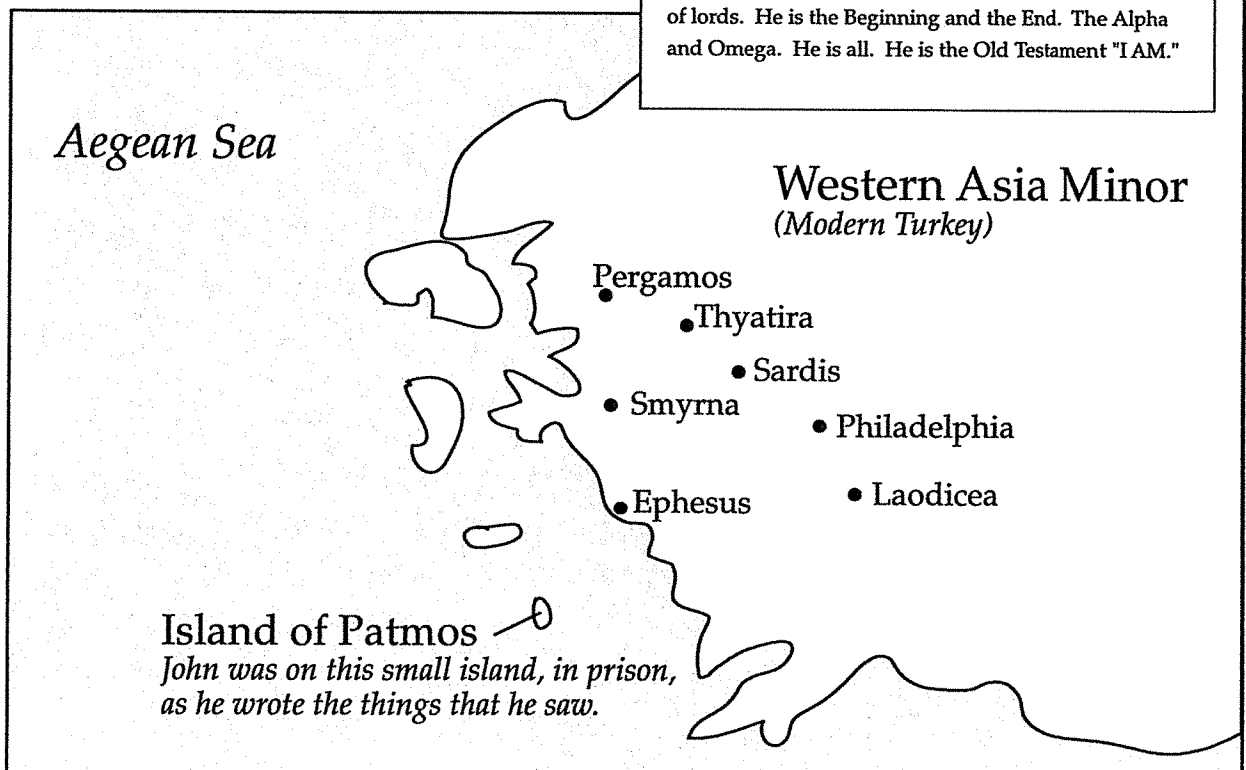
Behold, He is coming with clouds,  
and every eye will see Him,  
even they who pierced Him.  
And all the tribes of the earth will mourn  
because of Him. Even so, Amen.

*'I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the Beginning and the End,' says the Lord,  
'Who is and Who was and Who is to come,  
the Almighty.'"* - Revelation 1:4-8

When Jesus comes, at the end of the age,  
what will it be like?

Acts 1:9-11, says, "Now when He had spoken  
these things, while they watched, He was taken up,  
and a cloud received Him out of their sight.  
And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven  
as He went up, behold, two men stood by them  
in white apparel, who also said,  
'Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven?  
This same Jesus, Who was taken up from you into heaven,  
will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.'  
(Also, see Matthew 24:23-30.) Jesus wants us to know  
that when He comes, every eye will see Him. False  
prophets will tell many that Jesus has already come,  
and that He is in the desert, or in the inner rooms,  
but Jesus said to not believe it.

Every eye will see Him. Even those who put Him  
to death in A.D. 33. They will mourn because they  
rejected Him. Jesus is, He was, and He is to come.  
His words are faithful and true. He loves us so much  
that He came and died for our sins so He could wash  
our sins away in His own blood. Not only that, He  
will make us kings and priests in His kingdom. How  
can He do that? He is the King of kings and the Lord  
of lords. He is the Beginning and the End. The Alpha  
and Omega. He is all. He is the Old Testament "I AM."



# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 1:4-8

### Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

grace- unmerited favor

Trinity- the union of three Persons; Father, Son and Holy Ghost, in the Godhead

### Discussion Questions

*There were seven actual churches that the apostle John was to address this letter to. Although there were many churches at the time, God specifically chose these seven. These churches are still represented today throughout the world.*

1. Rev. 1:4, What is the free gift of grace? (Eph. 2:8)

*Note: Grace always precedes peace. We can't know the peace of God which passes all understanding (Phil. 4:7) until we accept God's free gift of grace, salvation.*

2. Rev. 1:4, who is "Him who is and who was and who is to come,?" (Dan. 7:13-14)

*Note: The seven spirits represent God the Holy Spirit who ministers to the seven churches. (Is. 11:2)*

3. We have two Persons of the Trinity represented in verse 4, God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. Who is represented in verse 5?

4. Read Matt. 3:16-17, is the Trinity represented here?

5. In Rev. 1:5, Who rules over the kings of the earth?

6. How are we washed from our sins?

7. Are we kings and priests? Who made us kings and priests?

8. In Rev. 1:7, how does it say that Jesus is coming back? (Matt. 24:23-30)

9. Why will all the tribes of the earth mourn when they see Jesus? (Zech. 12:10-14)

10. Is Jesus' Second Coming going to be a secret? Will only certain people see Him come? (Matt. 24:31-33)

11. In Rev. 1:8, how many names of God are mentioned? Name them.

### Memory Verse

"Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him even they who pierced Him."  
Revelation 1:7a (NKJV)

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants --things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, who bore witness to the Word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw."

- Revelation 1:1-2

This is the revealing of Jesus Christ. Many will try to teach you that the Book of *The Revelation of Jesus Christ* is a book that is beyond our understanding, and that it has never been meant to be understood. That is not true. God gave this revelation to an angel to give to John, a servant of Jesus Christ. Why? So that the servants of Jesus would know the things which will shortly take place. In Revelation 1:19, John was told to, "Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this." This is the key to understanding the sequence of events in this book.

"Blessed is he who **READS** and those who **HEAR** the words of this prophecy, and **KEEP** those things which are written in it; for the time is near."  
- Revelation 1:3



John was one of the disciples you will read about in the Gospels; Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he wrote *The Gospel According to John*, *The First Epistle of John*, *The Second Epistle of John*, *The Third Epistle of John*, and this book, *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*. John was the pastor of the church at Ephesus. In his later years, he was put into a prison on the small island of Patmos, located near Turkey. It was there, that God sent an angel to show John the plans that He had for the church, the Jews, this world, and eternity.

God doesn't want His servants surprised by events that He has planned. In this book, you will get to see a bigger picture of Jesus Christ, and what it is like in heaven! You'll get to see what God has planned for the end of this age and get a glimpse of eternity, when God will dwell among us!



John sits in prison during the reign of Domitian, who reigned from A.D. 81 - 96. John probably wrote this book between A.D. 95-96. He was released from prison after Domitian died.

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 1:1-3

### Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

revelation- something revealed or unveiled

signified- made known by signs, speech or action

testimony- an open declaration or profession

prophecy- the foretelling or prediction of what is to come

### Discussion Questions

*John was the last surviving apostle at this time. He was about 90 years old when he wrote the Book of Revelation. It was written about A.D. 90 or 96 when he was exiled on the Island of Patmos, after several failed attempts to have him killed.*

1. In verse 1, whom does it say this book is to?
2. Who gave the revelation?
3. To whom did God give this revelation?
4. Who is Jesus supposed to show this to?
5. Who are the servants of Jesus? (1 Cor. 4:1)

*Note: The word 'shortly' in Rev. 1:1 means that once everything starts to happen, it will all happen very quickly. Shortly to us is different than it is to God. God is not subject to our time, He is outside of time. (Ps. 90:4; II Peter 3:8)*

6. We are to be ready and working for Jesus until He comes back for us. How are we supposed to be ready? (Matt. 24:40-44)
7. Who gave this revelation to John?
8. What are some of the duties of angels? (Gen. 3:24; Matt. 4:11; Heb. 1:6b-7; Rev. 5:11-12)
9. How do we know if an angel is from God? (Gal. 1:8)
10. What did John bear witness to? (Rev. 1:2)

*Note: This is the only book in the Bible that begins and ends with a special blessing.*

11. What do we need to do to receive the special blessing? (Rev. 1:3)
12. We are not to be hearers of the Word only. What does James tell us we need to be? (James 1:22)

### Memory Verse

"Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near."

Revelation 1:3 (NKJV)

## What Does God and His Glory Look Like?

### Old Testament

"I lifted my eyes and looked,  
and behold, a certain Man  
clothed in linen,  
Whose waist was girded  
with gold of Uphaz!  
His body was like beryl,  
His face like the appearance  
of lightning,  
His eyes like torches of fire,  
His arms and feet like  
burnished bronze in color,  
and the sound of His Words  
like the voice of a multitude."

-Daniel 10:5-6

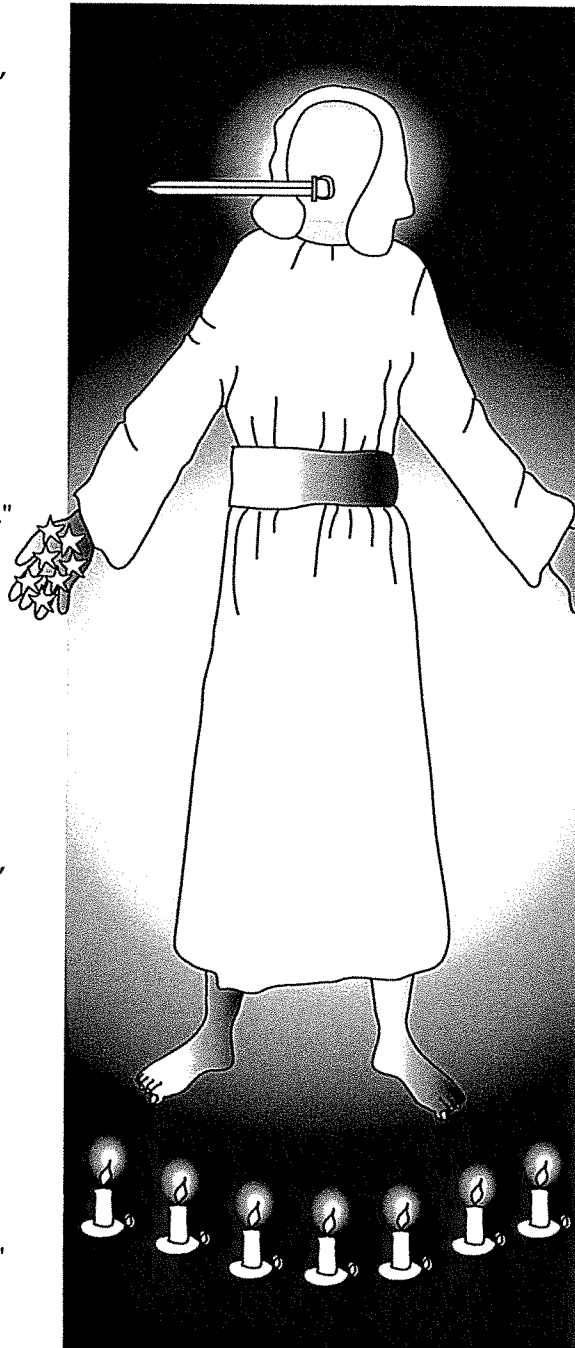
"I watched till thrones  
were put in place,  
and the Ancient of Days  
was seated; His garment  
was white as snow,  
and the hair of His head  
was like pure wool.  
His throne was a fiery flame,  
its wheels a burning fire;  
a fiery stream issued  
and came forth  
from before Him.  
A thousand thousands  
ministered to Him;  
Then thousand times  
ten thousand  
stood before Him.  
The court was seated,  
and the books were opened."

- Daniel 7:9-10

### GOD'S GLORY

"And the Lord said, 'Here is a place by Me,  
and you shall stand on the rock. So it shall be,  
while My glory passes by, that I will put you  
in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you  
with My hand while I pass by. Then I will  
take away My hand, and you shall see My back;  
but My face shall not be seen.'" - Exodus 33:21-23

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### New Testament

"Then I turned to see the  
voice that spoke with me.  
And having turned I saw  
seven golden lampstands,  
and in the midst  
of the seven lampstands  
One like the Son of Man,  
clothed with a garment  
down to the feet and  
girded about the chest  
with a golden band.  
His head and hair  
were white like wool,  
as white as snow,  
and His eyes  
like a flame of fire;  
His feet were like fine brass,  
as if refined in a furnace,  
and His voice as  
the sound of many waters;  
He had in His right hand  
seven stars,  
out of His mouth went  
a sharp two-edged sword,  
and His countenance  
was like the sun  
shining in its strength."

-Revelation 1:12-16

"...and He (*Jesus*) was  
transfigured before them  
His face shone like the sun,  
and his clothes became  
as white as the light."

- Matthew 17:2

### GOD'S GLORY

"But I saw no temple in it (*the New Jerusalem*),  
for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb  
are its Temple. 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 21:22-23  
(Also see Matthew 28:3, Luke 2:9, and Acts 9:3.)

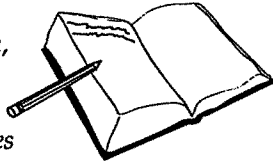


## What does God look like?

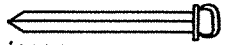
"I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation, and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the Word of God and for the Testimony of Jesus Christ.

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,' and, 'What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia:

to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.'"



"Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven golden lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength."



- Revelation 1:9-16

### Why was John on Patmos?

John was in prison on the island of Patmos for the Word of God and for the Testimony of Jesus Christ. Jesus had warned His disciples that some of them would be delivered up to tribulation, killed, and that they would be hated by all nations for His Name's sake. (See Matthew 24:9.) In John 16:33, He told them that they would have tribulation (troubles) in this world, but that they should be of good cheer, because He has overcome the world. Troubles are part of following Jesus.

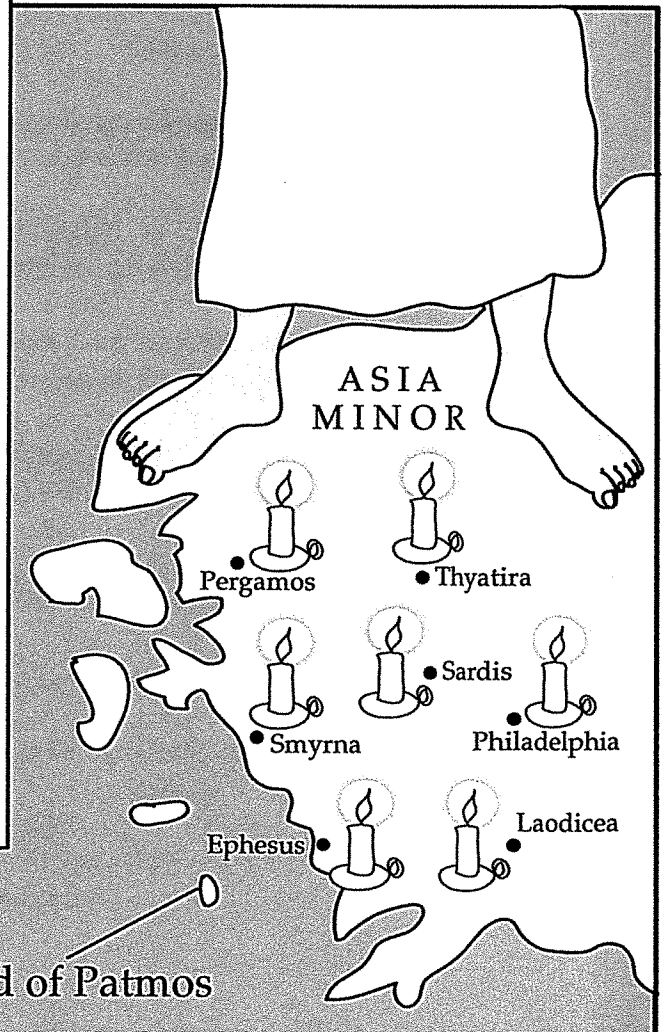
### What does God look like? Read Matthew 17:2.

"...and He (Jesus) was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as the light."

### Daniel 7:9-10, shows us a picture of God from the Old Testament:

"I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened."

If you want to see another picture of God from the Old Testament, read Ezekiel 1:1-28.



Island of Patmos

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 1:9-16

### Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

Son of Man- Jesus Christ

tribulation- severe trial or suffering

The Lord's Day- the first day of the week, Monday

Patmos- a small, rocky island in the Aegean Sea belonging to the Roman government; because of its rocky, barren and desolate nature, it was used as a place of banishment for criminals

### Discussion Questions

1. Why was John on the Isle of Patmos?
2. Are Christians promised a life free from persecution? (II Tim. 3:12)
3. John heard a voice, who did the voice say He was? (Is. 41:4; Is. 44:6)
4. Was John supposed to keep secret what he saw?
5. Where was John to send the book?

*Note: There were many churches during John's time, but these seven churches represented the 'types' of churches. There are still these seven types of churches today and have been throughout the history of the Church.*

6. What did John see when he turned around? Who was standing in the midst?

*Note: John saw Jesus in His human body when He was on earth. Here he sees Jesus as He is now, in His glorified body. Jesus is always standing in the midst of the Church.*

7. In verses 14-16 we are given a description of Jesus. Read Dan. 7:9 and Dan. 10:6. Is this the same description that Daniel gives?

*Note: The clothing that is described is the clothing the high priest wore in Old Testament times, which was a symbol of Jesus Christ. Jesus is our High Priest in Heaven. (Heb. 4:14)*

8. What did He hold in His right hand? What does Rev. 1:20 tell us is represented?
9. What came out of His mouth and what does it represent? (Heb. 4:12)

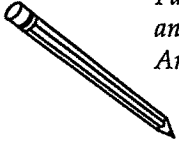
### Memory Verse

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,"  
Revelation 1:11a (NKJV)

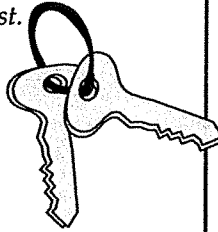
## Jesus lives, *was dead*, and is alive forevermore!

"And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead.  
But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me,

*'Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.  
I am He Who lives, and was dead,  
and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.  
And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.*



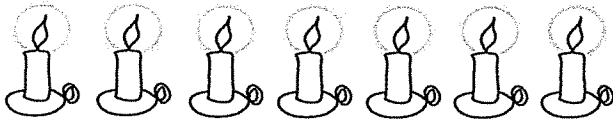
*Write the things which you have seen,  
and the things which are, and  
the things which will take place after this.*



*The mystery of the seven stars  
which you saw in My right hand,  
and the seven golden lampstands:*



*The seven stars are the angels  
of the seven churches,*



*and the seven lampstands  
which you saw are the seven churches.'"*

- Revelation 1:17-20

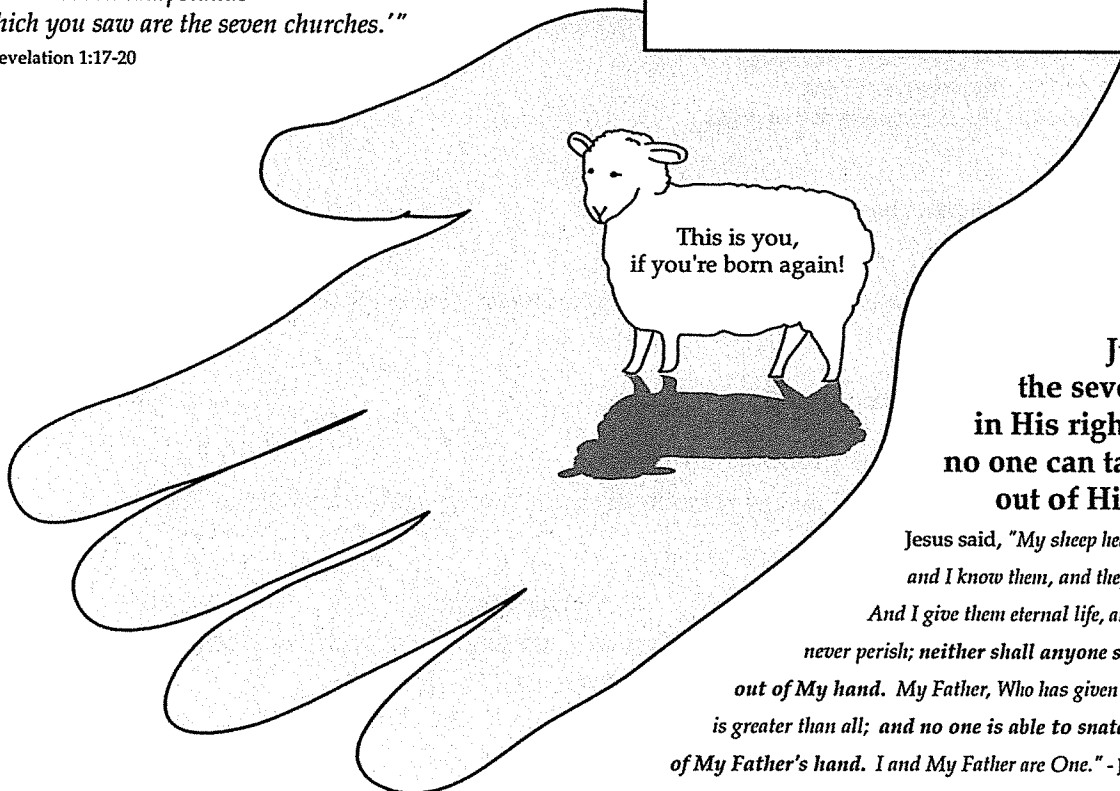


**Jesus lives, was dead, and He is alive forevermore!**  
Jesus is the First and the Last. He inhabits eternity (Isaiah 57:15). He always has been and always will be. Jesus has the keys of Hades and Death. Jesus has power over life and death. Jesus will cast Death and Hades into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:14). There will be no more death (Revelation 21:4). Jesus said, *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"* -John 11:25-26.

### Remember when Jesus was transfigured?

Matthew 17:2, says, *"...and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as the light."* The disciples heard a voice that said, *"This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"* And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, *'Arise, and do not be afraid.'* -Matthew 17:5-7.

Similar accounts of people falling on their face as they see God can be found in Ezekiel 1:28 - 2:1-2, and Daniel 10:5-12. Notice that God doesn't knock people down, He tells them to get up!



This is you,  
if you're born again!

**Just like  
the seven stars  
in His right hand,  
no one can take you  
out of His hand!**

Jesus said, *"My sheep hear My voice,  
and I know them, and they follow Me.  
And I give them eternal life, and they shall  
never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them  
out of My hand. My Father, Who has given them to Me,  
is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out  
of My Father's hand. I and My Father are One."* - John 10:27-30

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 1:17-20

### Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

mystery- a previously hidden truth

Hades- the subterranean abode of all the dead until the judgment; Hebrew word is Sheol

### Discussion Questions

1. What happened to John when he turned and saw Jesus? Why do you think this happened? (Ez. 1:28 and Dan. 8:17-18)
2. Who did Jesus say He was? Here's a hint, use a concordance and look up the name I Am. (Is. 44:6 and Matt. 22:32)
3. Are we supposed to be afraid of Jesus?
4. In verse 18, what is it that Jesus is in possession of?

*Note: The keys that Jesus has represent His complete authority over hell and death.*

5. What three things did Jesus tell John to write down?

*Note: This is the complete breakdown of the Book of Revelation.*

*Chapter 1- The things that John has seen.*

*Chapters 2&3- The things which are.*

*Chapters 4-22- The things which will be after.*

6. Who are the seven stars?

*Note: The angels represent the pastors or overseers of each church. They are not necessarily angelic beings.*

7. What are the seven lampstands?

*Note: Remember in Rev. 1:13, we are told that Jesus is standing in the midst of His Church.*

### Memory Verse

"Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last."  
Revelation 1:17b (NKJV)



# Church History Timeline: (Each church existed during John's life, but also represents a segment in Church history.)

Ephesus: During John's lifetime Smyrna: A.D. 100-314

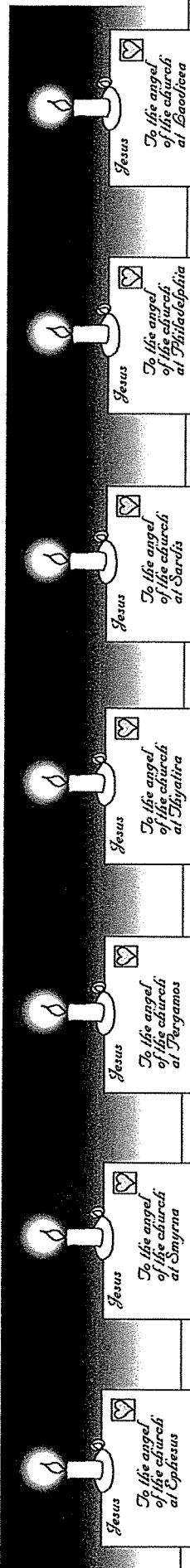
Pergamos: A.D. 314-590

Thyatira: A.D. 590-1500

Sardis: A.D. 1517-1800

Philadelphia: A.D. 1800-Rapture

Laodicea: After the Rapture



Jesus  
To the angel  
of the church  
at Ephesus

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To the angel  
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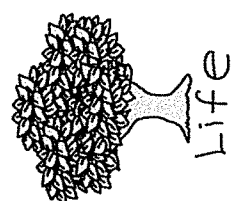
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## EPHESUS

"...To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."  
-Revelation 2:7



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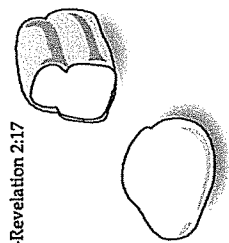
"...Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."  
-Revelation 2:10



"...He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."  
-Revelation 2:11

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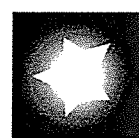
"...To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it"  
-Revelation 2:17



A white stone with a new name on it!  
Matthew 3:9  
Revelation 3:12  
1 Peter 2:4-5  
Revelation 21:19-20

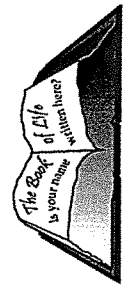
## THYATIRA

"And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations— 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' - as I also have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star."  
-Revelation 2:26-28



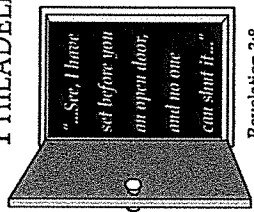
## SARDIS

"He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels."  
-Revelation 3:5



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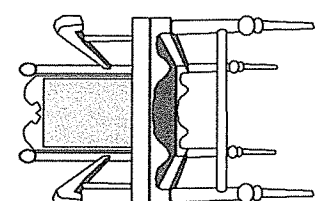
"...Sic, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it..."  
-Revelation 3:8



"Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth."  
-Revelation 3:10

## LAODICEA

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."  
To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne."  
-Revelation 3:20-21



"He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the Temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the Name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new Name."  
-Revelation 3:12



Jesus has overcome the world!  
Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but he of good cheer, I have overcome the world." -John 16:33  
Who is able to be an overcomer?  
"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"  
-1 John 5:4-5



## Jesus' Letter to Ephesus

Jesus



To the angel  
of the church  
at Ephesus

"To the angel of the church of Ephesus write,  
'These things says He Who holds the seven stars  
in His right hand, Who walks in the midst  
of the seven golden lampstands:



I know your works, your labor, your patience,  
and that you cannot bear those who are evil.  
And you have tested those who say they are apostles  
and are not, and have found them liars;  
and you have persevered and have patience  
for My Name's sake and have not become weary.

Nevertheless I have this against you,  
that you have left your first love.  
Remember therefore from where you have fallen;  
repent and do the first works, or else I will  
remove your lampstand from its place  
--unless you repent.



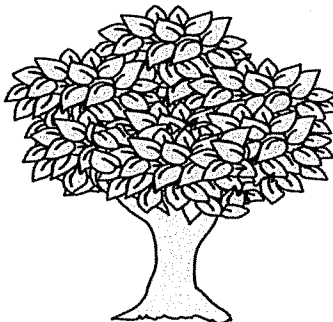
But this you have, that you hate the deeds  
of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.



He who has an ear,  
let him hear what the Spirit  
says to the churches.

To him who overcomes  
I will give to eat  
from the tree of life,  
which is in the midst  
of the Paradise of God.'"

-Revelation 2:1-7



Life

### The Things Which Are.

John was to write the things which he saw (Chapter One), and then the things which are (Chapters Two & Three), and then the things which will take place after this (Chapters Four thru Twenty-Two).

Before being put into prison, John was the pastor of the church at Ephesus. Ephesus was a large seaport, and it was where the temple of Artemis or Diana was located. See Acts 19:21-41. Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus in *The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians*.

Jesus commended their works. They didn't put up with those who were evil. They tested those who came into their midst and proclaimed themselves to be apostles, but were not. But they had left their first love. They were doing the works but their hearts were not on fire anymore. How could they catch their hearts on fire again? Jesus told them to remember what it was like at first (when they were new excited Christians), and then repent (turn around), and do the first works. If they did not repent, Jesus would remove their lampstand. That church is not there anymore. Some churches are closed even now for this same reason. What good is a light or lamp if it is put under a basket? Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

Jesus hated the deeds of the Nicolaitans. Nicolaitans were ones who spiritually ruled over the laity, or common people. In the kingdom of God, there is one Head of the Church. That is Jesus Christ. We are the Body of Christ. We are all different parts, but one body. Pastors and teachers are not the mediators between you and God. Jesus is our Mediator and we all answer Him.

In Genesis 3:3-6, mankind sinned. We were from that point in time, cut off from the tree of life (Genesis 3:24). After Jesus sets up His kingdom, the curse will be lifted and we will again get to eat from this tree! (See Revelation 22:2.)

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 2:1-7

### Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

repent- a genuine sorrow toward God on account of sin; to turn from sin

overcome- to gain victory, to prevail

#### Discussion Questions

*Remember, these seven churches were actual churches of John's time. They are also seven types of churches represented throughout Church history until the present time. Believers can fit into one or more of the seven kinds of church categories.*

1. In verse 1, who is John to address this letter to?
2. In verse 1, where does Christ hold the seven stars, or seven angels?
3. Read John 10:27-29, who does God hold in His hand?
4. When God holds anyone or anything in His hand, can they be snatched out?
5. Rev. 2:1 reminds us that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of the seven golden lampstands, which represent the seven churches. (Rev. 1:20)
6. What did Jesus promise in Hebrews 13:5b?
7. In Rev. 2:2, how do we know if someone is from God and is a true apostle? (Read 1 John 4:1-3.)

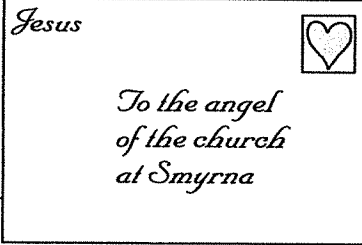
*Note: Notice in Rev 2:4 that they LEFT their first love. They didn't lose it or it wasn't taken away, they LEFT it!*

8. If we are born again, Jesus should be our first love. Read Matt. 22:37-38, what is the greatest commandment?
9. In Rev. 2:5, Jesus tells them to do three things, what are they?
10. What did Jesus say He would do if they didn't repent? (See front of lesson.)
11. Who were the Nicolaitans? (See front of lesson.)
12. We are called the body of Christ, Rom. 12:4-5. Read Col. 1:18, who is the head of the body?
13. Read 1 John 5:4-5, who is he who overcomes?
14. What does Jesus promise to those who overcome? (Read front of lesson.)

#### Memory Verse

"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world."  
1 John 5:4a (NKJV)

## Jesus' Letter to Smyrna



"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write,  
'These things says the First and the Last,  
Who was dead, and came to life:

*I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich);  
and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews  
and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.*

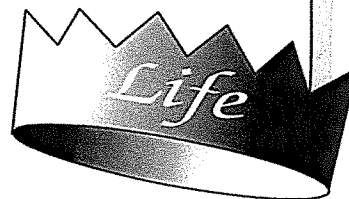
*Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer.  
Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison,  
that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days.  
Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*



*He who has an ear,  
let him hear  
what the Spirit says to the churches.*

***He who overcomes shall not be hurt  
by the second death''***

-Revelation 2:8-11



*"Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has  
been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord  
has promised to those who love Him." -James 1:12*

**Jesus has overcome the world!**

Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me  
you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation;  
but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." -John 16:33

**Who is able to be an overcomer?**

*"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this  
is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.  
Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that  
Jesus is the Son of God?" - 1 John 5:4-5*

### **The Things Which Are.**

John was to write the things which he saw (Chapter One), and then the things which are (Chapters Two & Three), and then the things which will take place after this (Chapters Four thru Twenty-Two).

The church at Smyrna was an actual church during the time that John was in prison on the Island of Patmos. It's also one of seven types of churches that Jesus listed. And it also gives us an historic picture of the Body of Christ (the Church) during the years of A.D 100 - A.D. 314.

Smyrna was named for an herb called myrrh which was used in burial preparations, and it was given to Jesus as a young Child (Matt. 2:11). To this suffering church, Jesus called Himself "the First and the Last," reminding them that He was dead, but that He came to life. They were very poor, yet rich spiritually. During the years between A.D. 100 and 314, the Church was persecuted terribly, especially under the rule of the Caesars (ten of them). Five million Believers died for their faith in Jesus. Though the Caesars murdered so many Christians, it was the devil's plan. Our battle isn't against flesh and blood. "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." -Ephesians 6:11-12

Troubles will come to all Believers, but Jesus wants us to have peace. During this time, some believers died for their faith. Even now, some are part of a "Smyrna-like" church. They are dying for their faith right now. Jesus told us, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?" - Luke 9:23-25 Jesus promised that those who are faithful, even until death will be given the crown of life.

Overcomers (Believers) will not suffer in the second death, but those whose names are not found written in the Book of Life are cast into the lake of fire. (Read Revelation 20:11-15.) They will be separated from God forever.

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 2:8-11

### Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

blasphemy- the act of cursing or reviling God

synagogue- Jewish house of worship in local towns for the study of the Law

overcome- to gain victory, to prevail

### Discussion Questions

1. Who is writing this letter? (Rev. 1:9-11)
2. Who is he to address this letter to? (Rev. 2:8)
3. Who is The First and The Last in verse 8? (Rev. 1:18)
4. Does God know everything about us? (Psalm 139:1-3)
5. What does he mean in verse 9 when he says, "I know your poverty but you are rich"? (Read the parable of the rich man in Luke 12:13-21.)
6. In verse 10, does it tell the church of Smyrna that they MIGHT be persecuted?
7. As Christians, are we guaranteed a life free from tribulation? (John 16:33)
8. Are we to be afraid? (Rev. 2:10)
9. Who is the one persecuting the church of Smyrna? (Rev. 2:10)
10. Who will receive the crown of life? (Rev. 2:10; James 1:12)
11. What is the second death? (Rev. 20:14-15)
12. Will we, the overcomers, see the second death? (Rev. 2:11; Rev. 20:6)

### Memory Verse

"He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."  
Revelation 2:11b (NKJV)

## Apply Within For Kids - Revelation Chapter 2:12-17

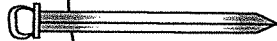
### Jesus' Letter to Pergamos

Jesus



To the angel of the church at Pergamos

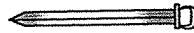
"And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write,  
"These things says He Who has the sharp two-edged sword:



*I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you hold fast to My Name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.*

*But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak, to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.*

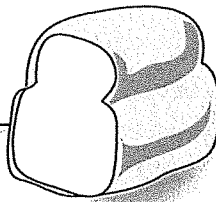
*Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.*



*He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.*

*To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it."*

-Revelation 2:12-17



Matthew 3:9  
1 Peter 2:4-5  
Revelation 3:12  
Revelation 21:19-20

*"I am the Bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." - John 6:48-51*

### The Things Which Are.

The Church Age (Chapters 2 and 3).

The city of Pergamos was located about 70 miles north of Smyrna. A large temple built for the worship of Caesar Augustus was there. The church of Pergamos existed during the time of John's imprisonment on Patmos. It also represents a segment of time during Church history (A.D. 315-590), as well as a type of Church (or Christian) that we see now.

There had been severe persecution by the Roman Caesars during the Church Age represented by the Church of Smyrna (A.D. 100 - 314). The devil could not stop the spread of Christianity through persecution, so he decided to "join" the Church! A Roman emperor named Constantine made Christianity the state religion. (He ruled from A.D. 324-337.) All the pagan temples became church buildings. The worship and rituals of the pagans were mixed with the real Church. Like leaven (sin), it began to leaven the whole lump (Church).

The name Pergamos means "bigamy" or "polygamy." The Church is the Bride of Christ. But the church at Pergamos not only wanted to be married to Jesus, but also to the world and to idols. The doctrine of Balaam was in this church. Numbers 25:1-3, says, "Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the Lord was aroused against Israel." God wants His people to be separated unto Him in our hearts, and not joined to idols.

*"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a Believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:*

*'I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.'" - 2 Corinthians 6:14-18*

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 2:12-17

### Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

repent- a genuine sorrow toward God on account of sin; to turn from sin

martyr- one who has proved the strength and genuineness of his faith in Christ by undergoing a violent death

### Discussion Questions

1. Who is this letter written to? (Rev. 2:12)
2. What does the sharp two-edged sword represent? (Heb. 4:12)
3. In Rev. 2:13, what are the things that Christ is commending the church for?
4. In verse 14, what is the doctrine of Balaam? (Num. 25:1-3)

*Note: Read the front of the lesson to learn more about the church of Pergamos.*

5. What were some of the things that the church was doing that God hated? (Rev. 2:14-15)
6. This church held the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which church hated it as God does (Rev. 2:6)? What is that doctrine? (Rev. 2:2; Rev. 2:9)
7. What does Jesus command the church in Pergamos to do? (Rev. 2:16)
8. How will Jesus fight against the Nicolaitans? (Rev. 2:16)
9. What is the sword in verse 16? (Heb. 4:12)
10. What are the things promised to the overcomers? (Rev. 2:17)
11. What or who is the hidden manna in verse 17? (John 6:48-51)
12. What is written on the white stone? (Rev. 2:17)
13. Is everyone going to know the name? Who is the only one who will know? (Rev. 2:17)

### Memory Verse

"And Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.'"

John 6:35 (NKJV)

## Jesus' Letter to Thyatira

Jesus



To the angel  
of the church  
at Thyatira

"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write,  
'These things says the Son of God,  
Who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

*I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience;  
and as for your works, the last are more than the first.*

*Nevertheless I have a few things against you,  
because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself  
a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants  
to commit sexual immorality, and eat things sacrificed to idols.  
And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality,  
and she did not repent. Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed,  
and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation,  
unless they repent of their deeds.*

*I will kill her children with death, and all the churches  
shall know that I am He Who searches the minds and hearts.  
And I will give to each one of you according to your works.*

*Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira,  
as many as do not have this doctrine,  
who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say,  
I will put on you no other burden.*

*But hold fast what you have till I come.*

*To he who overcomes,  
and keeps My works until the end,  
to him I will give power over the nations--  
'He shall rule them with a rod of iron;  
They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'-  
as I also have received from My Father;  
and I will give him the morning star.*



*He who has an ear,  
let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."*

-Revelation 2:18-29

### The Things Which Are.

The Church Age (Chapters one and two).

The church at Thyatira was an actual church during the time that John was on Patmos. This church also represents a type of church that still exists, plus it represents an era of Church history called "the dark ages" (A.D. 590 - A.D. 1000). The city of Thyatira was a small city that was known for its production of purple dye.

There were good things about this church, but like Pergamos, false doctrines and sexual immorality were allowed to continue, which was part of the false religion practiced there. Many years before Jesus sent this letter to the church at Thyatira, Jezebel had been the wicked wife of Ahab, king of Israel. She was the daughter of the king of the Sidonians, who worshipped Baal. She led Ahab and the people of Israel into idolatry and massacred the prophets of the Lord. (See 1 Kings 16-22.) In this letter to the church of Thyatira, Jesus used Jezebel and past history as an example, because this church was allowing idolatry in its midst. Like the past (Jezebel's murderous and idolatrous activities), many true Believers were murdered by the spiritually adulterous church of Rome during the dark ages. The adulterous church replaced faith with works, became very political (worldly), added the doctrine of purgatory, saying "Masses" for the dead, and added the exaltation of Mary, the mother of Jesus into a position equal with Jesus.

Jesus put no other burden on those who were true Believers during this time, but He said that all those who commit (spiritual) adultery with this adulterous church will be put into great tribulation. This adulterous church still exists and all who join themselves with it will also be taken into the great tribulation with that church.

God knows hearts and minds. Though we may live in a spiritually dark time, He knows all those who are His. He just says, "Hold fast." (Read Deuteronomy 4:3-4.)

True Believers (overcomers) will be made kings and priests (Revelation 1:6), and Jesus will set up His kingdom and the nations shall be dashed into pieces like clay pots! Daniel 2:40-45, tells us about the last Gentile kingdom on the earth. It will be a fragile kingdom made of clay and iron. Iron and clay do not stick to one another.

"And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms (four total Gentile kingdoms), and it shall stand forever." Jesus is coming! Hold fast until He comes!



## Apply Within For Kids - Revelation Chapter 3:1-6

### Jesus' Letter to Sardis

Jesus



To the angel  
of the church  
at Sardis

"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write,  
'These things says He Who has the seven Spirits of God  
and the seven stars:  
'I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive,  
but you are dead.

Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain,  
that are ready to die,  
for I have not found your works perfect before God.

Remember therefore how you have received and heard;  
hold fast and repent.  
Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief,  
and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

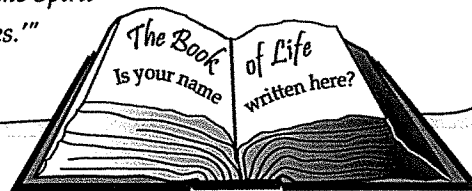
You have a few names even in Sardis  
who have not defiled their garments;  
and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

He who overcomes shall be clothed  
in white garments,  
and I will not blot out his name  
from the Book of Life;  
but I will confess his name  
before My Father  
and before His angels.



He who has an ear,  
let him hear what the Spirit  
says to the churches."

-Revelation 3:1-6



Only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life will be living in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:27). "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." -Revelation 22:19

### The Things Which Are.

The Church Age (Chapters 2 and 3).

There was a church at Sardis during the time of John's stay at Patmos, but this type of church also represented a time of Church history that spans from A.D.1517 -1800. This type of church and individual Believer is still in existence now. Because the city of Sardis was situated on a high hill, it had only been conquered twice. Both times it was taken, the soldiers were asleep and not watching. While teaching about the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins, Jesus said, "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming." - Matthew 25:13.

Jesus' coming shouldn't be a surprise to His Bride, the Church. Those who are born again should not be caught up in the affairs of this world, but we should be anxiously watching for our Bridegroom, Jesus, to come. There is going to be a wedding! Jesus said, "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." - Revelation 16:15. Also, read the Parable of the Wedding Feast, Matthew 22:1-14.

Regarding Church history, the church of Sardis represented the era of the Reformation. Due to spiritual adultery in the era represented by the church of Thyatira, some rebelled against the Pope and the adulterous Roman Catholic church. Martin Luther led the way for the return to the Scriptures, and to salvation by faith alone, not works. Their doctrines were correct. But many churches became a dead organizations. They were "religious" but not born again. There are still many dead Protestant churches!

Who is worthy to walk with Jesus in white?  
Only those who are born again.

"Husbands love your wives, just as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish." - Ephesians 5:25-27  
"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. Then he said to me, 'Write: Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" -Revelation 19:8-9  
We are clothed in His righteousness, washed by the Word of God, and in the Blood of the Lamb!

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 3:1-6

### Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

defile-to make foul, dirty or unclean

overcome-to gain victory, prevail

repent-a genuine sorrow toward God on account of sin; to turn from sin

### Discussion Questions

1. Who is Rev. 3:1 referring to? (Rev. 1:4; Rev. 1:16)

*Note: Matthew 23 lists the woes that Jesus cried out to the scribes and Pharisees. This is similar to the condition of the church of Sardis. Outwardly they appeared to have good works and a good reputation. But Jesus tells them that they are dead. He alone knows the heart. (Rev. 2:23)*

2. What are some of the things that we should be watchful of? (Matt. 24:42; Matt. 26:41; II Tim. 4:5; I Pet. 4:7)

*Note: Read about the church of Sardis on the front of the lesson and see how they fell asleep instead of watching.*

3. Read Rev. 3:3, what is it that they received? (James 1:21)

4. What are they supposed to hold fast onto? (I Cor. 15:2)

5. Who is the Word? (John 1:1)

6. What will happen if we don't watch? (Rev. 3:3; Review the parable of the ten virgins in Matt. 25:1-13.)

7. Who are the ones worthy to walk with Jesus? (Rev. 3:4-5)

8. How do we get white garments? (Rev. 1:5; Rev. 7:14)

9. Whose names are in the Lamb's Book of Life? (Rev. 3:5; Rev. 21:27)

10. Who will Jesus confess before the Father? (Luke 12:8; Rev. 3:5)

11. Who is called to hear? (Rev. 3:6)

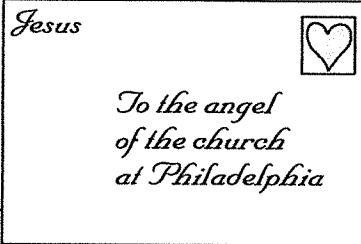
### Memory Verse

"Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

Revelation 16:15 (NKJV)

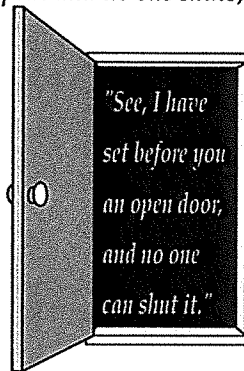
## Apply Within For Kids - Revelation Chapter 3:7-13

### Jesus' Letter to Philadelphia



"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write,  
'These things says He Who is Holy, He Who is True,  
He Who has the key of David, He Who opens and no one shuts,  
and shuts and no one opens':

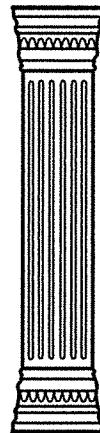
I know your works.  
See, I have set before you an open door,  
and no one can shut it;  
for you have a little strength,  
have kept My Word,  
and have not denied My Name.



Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan,  
who say they are Jews and are not, but lie--  
indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet,  
and to know that I have loved you.  
Because you have kept My command to persevere,  
I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall  
come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Behold, I am coming quickly!  
Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

He who overcomes,  
I will make him a pillar in the Temple  
of My God, and he shall go out no more.  
I will write on him the Name of My God  
and the name of the city of My God,  
the New Jerusalem, which comes down  
out of heaven from My God.  
And I will write on him My new Name.



He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit  
says to the churches.'" -Revelation 3:7-13

### The Things Which Are.

The Church Age (Chapters 2 and 3).

The city of Philadelphia was located about 28 miles south-east of Sardis. Philadelphia means, "brotherly love." 1 John 1:10, says, "He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him."

The church at Philadelphia existed during John's exile on Patmos, but it also represents a time in Church history from A.D. 1800 to the Rapture. Jesus had no condemnation for this church. They had a little strength, kept His Word, and did not deny His Name.

Those churches who currently keep His Word, and do not deny His Name, may be part of this church. Jesus has left the door open to us for salvation and for sharing the Gospel! When He shuts the door, no one will be able to open it! Remember the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins. Five wise virgins were ready, but five foolish virgins were not. The Bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with Him to the wedding; and the door was shut! (See Matthew 25:10.)

"Then Jesus said to them again, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.'" - John 10:7-10

This church obeyed the command to persevere, so God promised to keep them from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only." - Matthew 24:36 Jesus told His disciples and us to watch (Matthew 24:42), and be ready (Matthew 24:44). Then in the Parable of the Faithful and the Evil Servant, Jesus said, "Blessed is that servant whom His Master, when He comes, will find so doing (giving those in His household food in due season). Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all His goods." -Matthew 24:46-47

Those who are of the synagogue of Satan will come and worship before the feet of the true Believers. They will not worship people, but they will be bowing their knees to Jesus and they will know that God loves His own.

The Lord will write on His own, the Name of God and the name of the city of God, the New Jerusalem. The New Jerusalem descends out of heaven and it has the glory of God. Its light is like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal! We will be His jewels! See Malachi 3:17 and Revelation 21:9-27.

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 3:7-13

### Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

persevere-to persist in pursuing something in spite of obstacles or opposition  
deny-to refuse to recognize or acknowledge; disavow  
overcome-to gain victory, to prevail

### Discussion Questions

1. Read verse 7, who is the only one who is holy and true? (Lev. 11:44; 1 John 5:20)
2. What is the key of David? (Is. 9:6-7)
3. Read verse 8, John 10:7-10 tells us that Jesus is the door, what are we to be doing while the door is open? (Matt. 28:19-20)
4. Verse 8 tells us that the church of Philadelphia had yet a little strength or power, and they have kept God's Word. Why is it so important to keep God's Word? (Rom. 1:16)
5. How powerful is the Word of God? (Heb. 4:12)
6. Who is the Word? (John 1:1)
7. What will God do if we deny Him? (Matt. 10:32-33)
8. Read verses 9 and 10, why will non-believers worship before the feet of the saints?
9. What did Jesus promise true Believers in verse 10?

*Note: Verse 11 tells us that Jesus says He is coming quickly. This means suddenly or unexpectedly.*

10. What is it the Believers are to hold fast to? (1 Cor. 15:1-2)
11. Read verse 12, who will be a pillar in the temple of God?
12. What is God going to write on each true Believer?
13. What is the invitation in verse 13?

### Memory Verse

"Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown."  
Revelation 3:11 (NKJV)

## Jesus' Letter to Laodicea

Jesus



To the angel  
of the church  
at Laodicea

"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write,  
'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness,  
the Beginning of the creation of God:

*I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot.*

*I could wish you were cold or hot.*

*So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot,*

*I will vomit you out of My mouth.*

*Because you say, "I am rich, have become wealthy,  
and have need of nothing"--and do not know  
that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked--  
I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire,  
that you may be rich;  
and white garments, that you may be clothed,  
that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed;  
and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.*

*As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.*

*Therefore be zealous and repent.*

*Behold, I stand at the door and knock.*

*If anyone hears My voice and opens the door,*

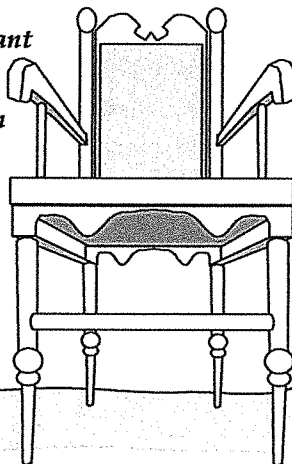
*I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.*

*To him who overcomes I will grant  
to sit with Me on My throne,  
as I also overcame and sat down  
with My Father on His throne.*



*He who has an ear,  
let him hear what the Spirit  
says to the churches."*

-Revelation 3:14-22



## The Things Which Are.

The Church Age (Chapters 2 and 3).

The name Laodicea, means, "justice of the people." Laodicea was about 40 miles south-east of Philadelphia. Laodicea was made wealthy by producing an eye ointment from clay and spikenard. In testing, the ointment was found to be worthless!

The church at Laodicea existed during the time that John was on Patmos. It also represents a period of time *after* the Rapture. The worldly "church" that we see now is like the Laodicean church. Both are financially rich, have need of nothing, but they are lukewarm! Being neither cold nor hot, they walk a fence between Him and the world! The Laodicean church makes Jesus vomit, and He says nothing good about this church. But He rebukes and chastens those that He loves, and then tells them to be zealous and repent!

True riches are in Jesus Christ. "...you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, Whom having not seen you love." -1 Peter 1:6-8. Our faith in Him is more precious than gold!

Jesus covers our sins and nakedness. After Adam sinned, he hid from God because he was naked (Genesis 3:10). God covered Adam and Eve in skins of animals (Genesis 3:21), which pointed to the Blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God. We are washed in His Blood (Rev.1:5), and clothed in white (His righteousness). In the Parable of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:1-14), the man who wasn't wearing a wedding garment was bound hand and foot and then cast into outer darkness!

Unlike the eye salve of Laodicea, Jesus heals and opens spiritually blind eyes! He stands at the door of hearts, and knocks. If anyone hears His voice, and opens the door, He will have fellowship with that person. Jesus' sheep hear His voice. To Laodicea, Jesus says, "IF anyone hears My voice." Jesus said, "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out." - John 6:37. Those who come to Him will get to sit with Jesus on His throne, just as He sits with His Father on His throne! Hebrews 4:16, says, "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." We come boldly because Jesus paid our way to be there!

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 3:14-22

### Vocabulary in Context with Today's Lesson

wretched-very unfortunate in condition or circumstance; pitiable

zealous-devoted, diligent or enthusiastic

chasten-to inflict punishment upon to humble or improve

rebuke-a sharp reprimand

### Discussion Questions

1. What are the names given to Jesus in verse 14?
2. Read verse 15, what is it that God wishes the church at Laodicea was? Why?
3. What will God do to this church?
4. Read verse 17, how does the church see itself?
5. How does God see them?
6. Read verse 18, what does God want them to buy from Him?
7. What kind of riches is Jesus referring to? (1 Peter 1:6-9)
8. What do the white garments represent? (Is. 61:10)
9. What does God want them to see? (Psalm 119:18; Rev. 3:17)
10. What does God do to those He loves? (Heb. 12:6; Rev. 3:19)
11. Read verse 20, Jesus knocks at the door of the hearts of those who don't know Him. What are unbelievers called to do and what does Jesus promise He will do?
12. What does Jesus promise the overcomers? (Rev. 3:21)

### Memory Verse

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

Revelation 3:20 (NKJV)

## Apply Within For Kids - Revelation Chapter 4:1

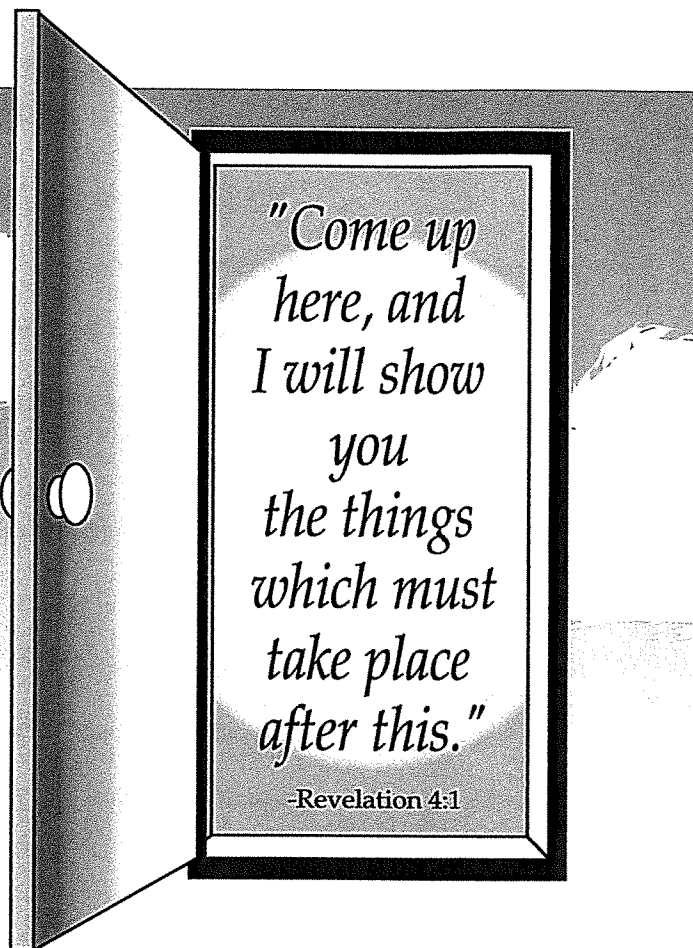
*"Write the things which you have seen (Chapter 1), and the things which are (the Church Age, Chapters 2 & 3), and the things which will take place after this (Chapters 4-22)." - Revelation 1:19 (God's outline for this entire Book.)*



### Come Up Here!

*"After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, 'Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.'"*

- Revelation 4:1



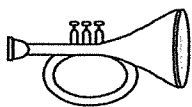
*"Come up here, and I will show you the things which must take place after this."*

-Revelation 4:1

### After These Things...

After these things (the Church Age), a door was standing open in heaven. Remember the church at Philadelphia? Jesus said, *"...See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My Word, and have not denied My Name."* -Revelation 3:8.

He also told them, *"Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth."* - Revelation 3:10. Those in the Philadelphian church will be kept from the hour of trial that is coming upon the whole world to test those who dwell on the earth. Jesus said, *"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."* - Luke 21:34-36



### A Voice Like a Trumpet

The voice like a trumpet was also seen in Revelation 1:10-11; *"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,...'"* That trumpet was the voice of God.

### The Rapture of the Church

John saw an open door in heaven and then a voice saying, "Come up here..." **Immediately, John was in heaven!** This event in Revelation 4:1, may represent the Rapture of the Church! From Chapter 4, the Church is not mentioned again until Revelation 19, where the Church is the Bride of Christ! We read about that event in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; *"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words."*

*"Behold, I tell you a mystery:*

*We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?'"* - 1 Corinthians 15:51-55  
Remember Who has the keys to Death and Hades?

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 4:1

### Vocabulary in Context With Today's Lesson

rapture-from the Greek word harpazo; catch away, pull, violently seize, take by force

### Discussion Questions

*Remember, the whole Book of Revelation is summed up in Chapter 1:19. Jesus told John to write down, "The things which you have seen (Chapter 1), and the things which are (the Church Age, Chapters 2 & 3), and the things which will take place after this (Chapters 4-22)."*

1. What is God referring to when He says, "After these things"? (Rev. 1:19)
2. What did John see?
3. Read John 10:9, who does Jesus say He is?
4. Verse 1 tells us the door is already open, does anyone have the power to close it? (Rev. 3:8)
5. Who is the voice like a trumpet? (Rev. 1:10-11)
6. What did the voice say to him?
7. Where is Jesus now? (Eph. 1:20)
8. Where was John called to go in verse 1?
9. Who will come and call the church to heaven? (Read about the Rapture of the Church on the front of the lesson.)
10. What does Jesus promise He will keep His Church from? (1 Thess. 5:9; Rev. 3:10)
11. Why does Jesus tell us that He will come back to take the Church to heaven? (1 Thess. 4:18)

### Memory Verse

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God."  
1 Thessalonians 4:16 (NKJV)

## What's it Like Where God Lives?

"Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

And He Who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

*"The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." - Genesis 9:16*

Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God."

- Revelation 4:2-5

### Who sits on the Throne?

*"...I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple." - Isaiah 6:1*

### What Does He Look Like?

He was like a jasper and sardius stone. A jasper stone (crystal-clear like a diamond with a bright purple tint) was the first stone on the high priest's breastplate (representing the tribe of Reuben). The sardius stone (fiery red, like a ruby) was the last stone on the high priest's breastplate (representing Benjamin). Reuben's name means, "behold the son." Benjamin's name means, "son of my right hand."

His throne was surrounded by an emerald rainbow. God will never again destroy all flesh with a flood.

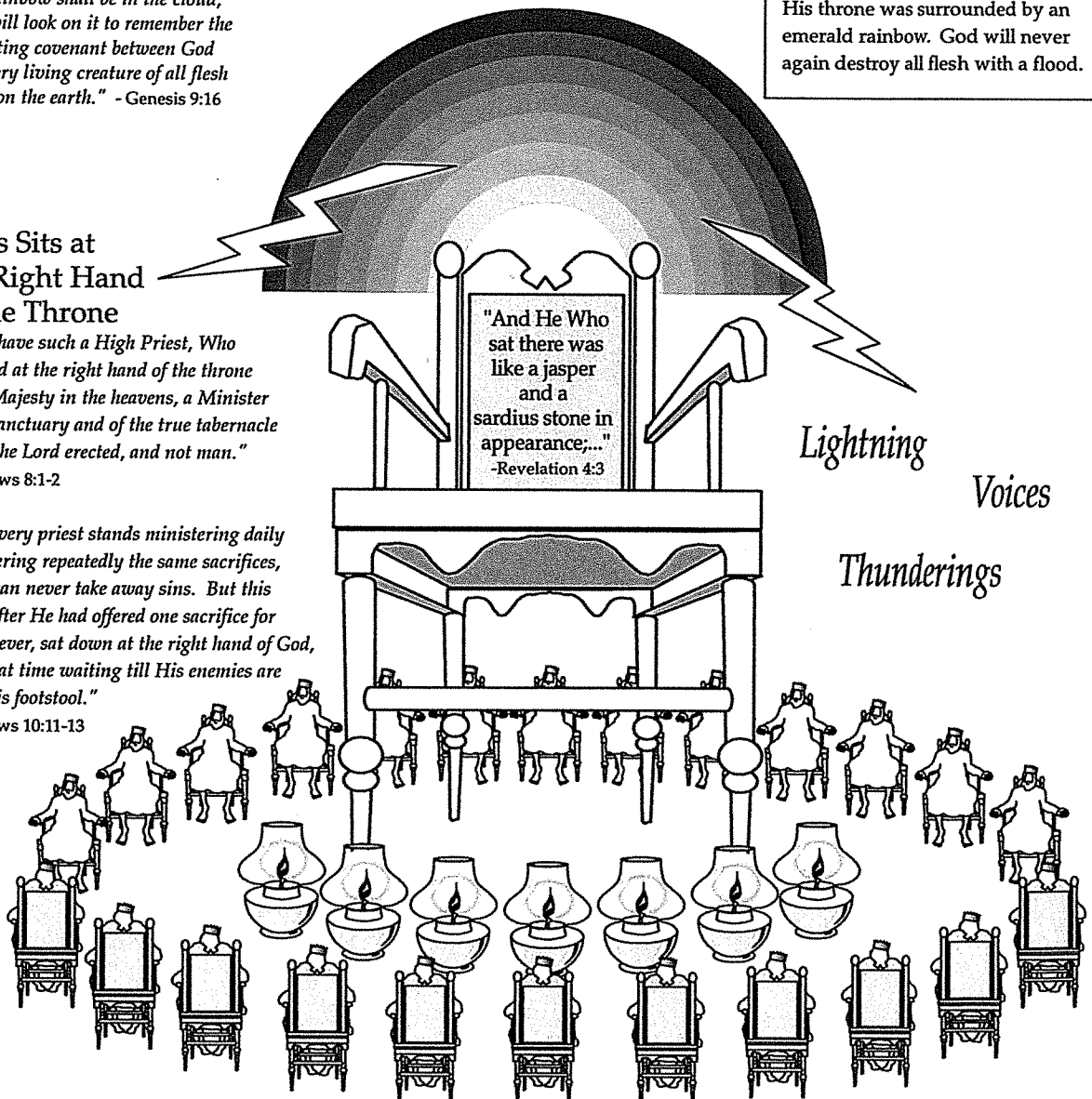
## Jesus Sits at the Right Hand of the Throne

*"...We have such a High Priest, Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man."*

- Hebrews 8:1-2

*"And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made his footstool."*

- Hebrews 10:11-13



# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 4:2-5

### Vocabulary in Context With Today's Lesson

jasper-a stone crystal-clear like a diamond with a bright purple tint

sardius-a stone fiery red, like a ruby

### Discussion Questions

1. In Rev. 4:1 Jesus called John to come up to heaven. What form did John have? (Rev. 4:2)
2. What is God? (John 4:24)
3. Will we take these bodies to heaven? (1 Cor. 15:52-53; 1 John 3:2)
4. Read Rev. 4:2, what did John see?
5. Who was on the throne? (Is. 6:1)
6. What does God look like? (See front of lesson; Rev. 4:3.)
7. Read Rev. 4:4, what did John see around the throne of God?
8. What are they wearing?
9. Who will wear white garments? (Rev. 3:5)
10. Who are overcomers? (1 John 5:4a)
11. Will we have crowns? How do we get them? (2 Tim. 4:8; James 1:12; 1 Peter 5:4)
12. Read Rev. 4:5, what did John see and hear from the throne of God?

Note: The seven lamps or seven Spirits of God represent the Holy Spirit and His seven-fold ministry.

### Memory Verse

"...I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up,  
and the train of His robe filled the temple."

Isaiah 6:1 (NKJV)

# The Throne of God

"Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

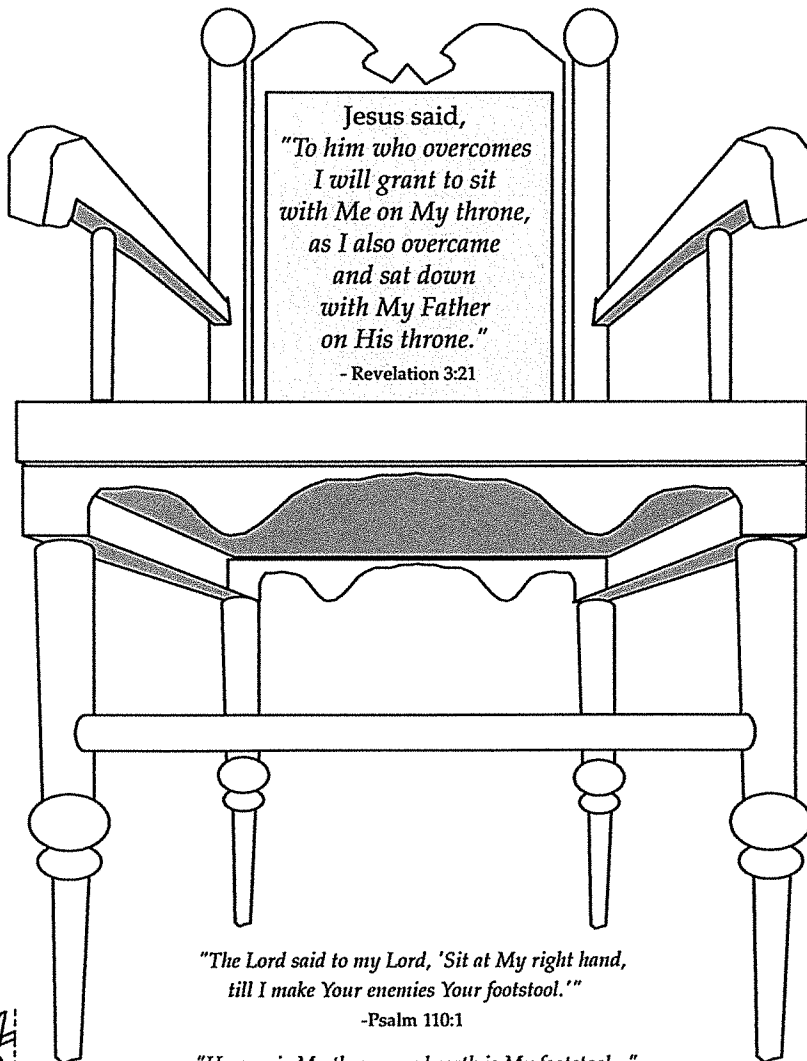
And He Who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald."

- Revelation 4:2-3

What did Ezekiel see?

"And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it. Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking."

- Ezekiel 1:26-28



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Who sits on the throne?

"...I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple." - Isaiah 6:1

"And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made his footstool."

- Hebrews 10:11-13

"The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all."

- Psalm 103:19

His throne is prepared for judgment.

"For you have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging in righteousness. You have rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked; You have blotted out their name forever and ever. O enemy, destructions are finished forever! And you have destroyed cities; even their memory has perished. But the Lord shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment. He shall judge the world in righteousness, and He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness."

- Psalm 9:4-8

God's Covenant with David

Jesus is the King Who will fulfill the promise that God gave to David.

"I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: 'Your seed I will establish forever, and build up your throne to all generations.'"

- Psalm 89:3-4 (See also, 1 Chr. 17:10-12.)

Jesus is the King Who will be upon the throne of David. Isaiah 9:6-7, says; "For unto us a Child is born, and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His Name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

An angel spoke to Mary, concerning Jesus; "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." - Luke 1:32-33



## Who are Those Twenty-four Elders?

"Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads." - Revelation 4:4

"...the twenty-four elders fall down before Him Who sits on the throne and worship Him Who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: 'You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.'" - Revelation 4:10-11  
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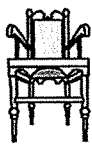
In Revelation 5:9-10, twenty-four elders sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your Blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."

Jesus said to His disciples; "But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as my Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." - Luke 22:28-30  
 (Also, see Matthew 19:28.)

"Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?..."  
 - 1 Corinthians 6:2

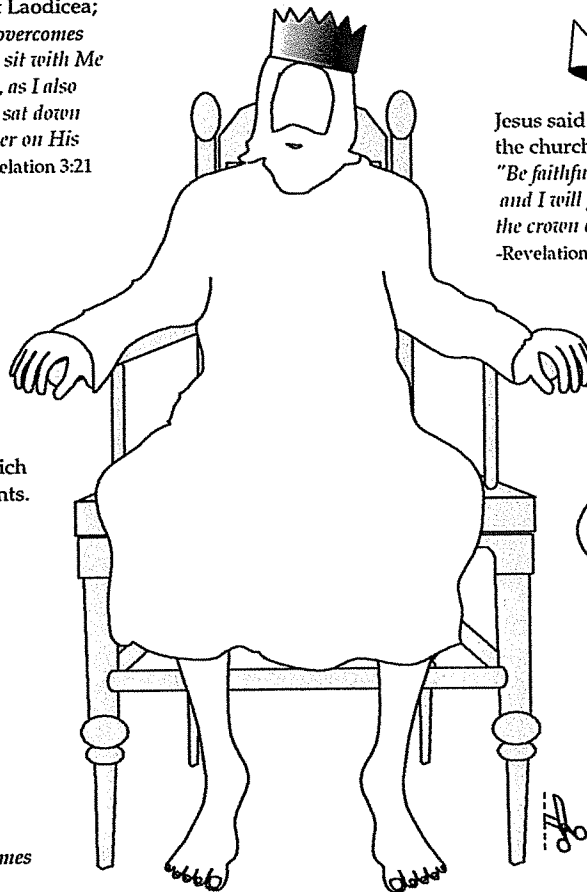
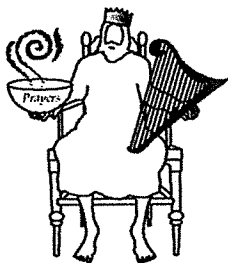
"Do you not know that we (the Church) shall judge angels?..."  
 - 1 Corinthians 6:3

These twenty-four elders are mentioned in Revelation 4:4; 4:10; 5:8; 5:14; 11:16; and 19:4.

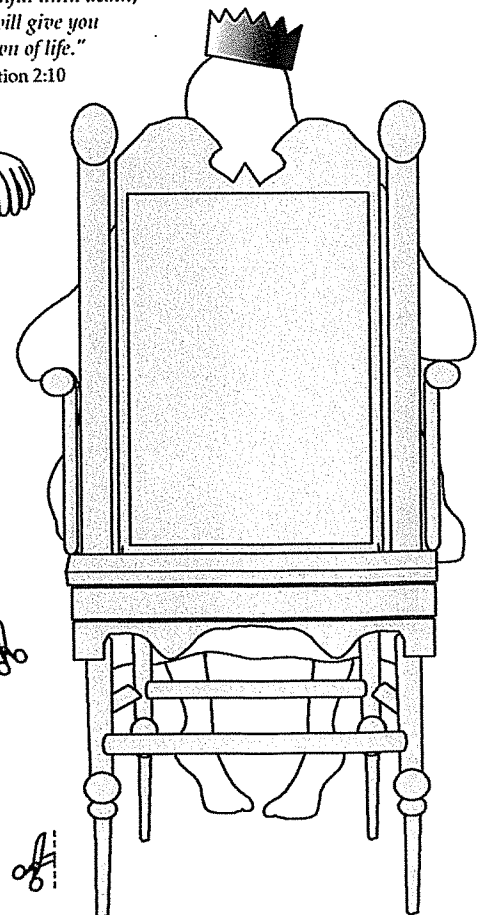


Jesus said to the church at Laodicea; "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne." - Revelation 3:21

To the seven churches (Rev. 1:5-6), John says that Jesus has washed us from our sins and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father. In Revelation 5:8, the elders have a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.



Jesus said to the church at Smyrna; "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."  
 -Revelation 2:10



Jesus said to the church at Sardis; "He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments,..." -Revelation 3:5



We don't know what the twenty-four elders really looked like, but we know what they were wearing and that they were sitting on twenty-four thrones!

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# Seven Spirits Supplement

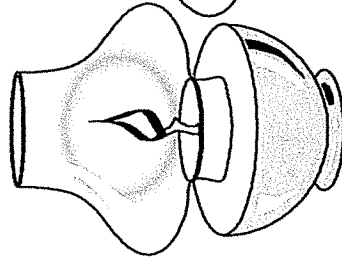
## Apply Within For Kids - The Seven Spirits of God - Revelation Chapter 4:5

### Who are the Seven Spirits Who are Before His Throne?

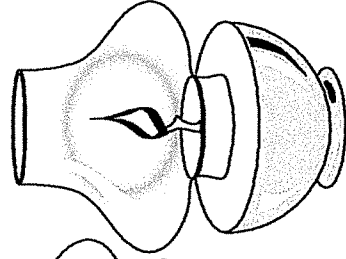
"...Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come, and from the seven Spirits Who are before His throne,..." - Revelation 1:4

"...Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God." - Revelation 4:5

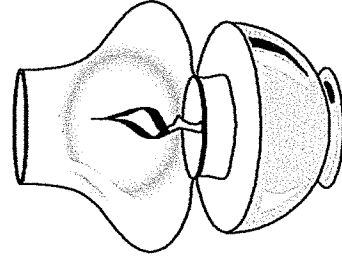
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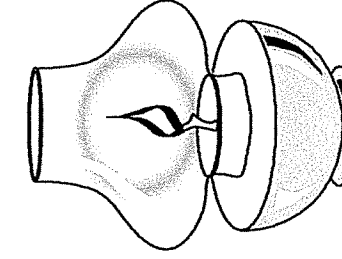
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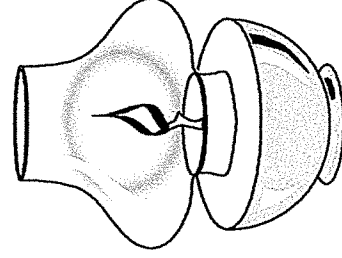
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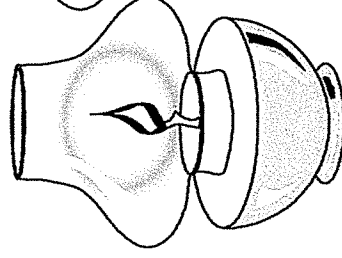
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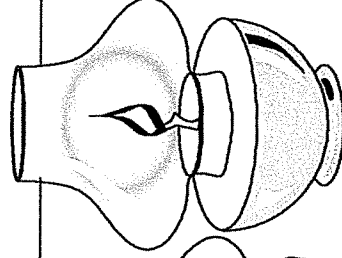
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### The Seven-fold Ministry of the Holy Spirit.

*"There shall come forth a Rod (Jesus) from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch (Jesus) shall grow out of his (Jesse's) roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord."* - Isaiah 11:1-2

Jesse was the father of King David. Jesus is called the Son of David (Matthew 1:1).

Those who are filled with the Holy Spirit are enabled to go and share the Gospel in the wisdom, understanding, counsel, might and the knowledge given by the Holy Spirit, and in the fear of the Lord.

Psalms 111:10, says:  
*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments."*

Many times the Holy Spirit is represented by a flame of fire. John the Baptist said; *"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He Who is coming after me is mightier than I, Whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."* -Matthew 3:11

Note: The seven lamps may have looked more like the one golden candlestick (mentioned in Exodus 37:17-24), rather than seven single lamps.

These seven lamps represent the Holy Spirit. (Teachers: Enlarge these on a copier, cut them out and use them in class!)



## What Happens in Heaven?

"Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

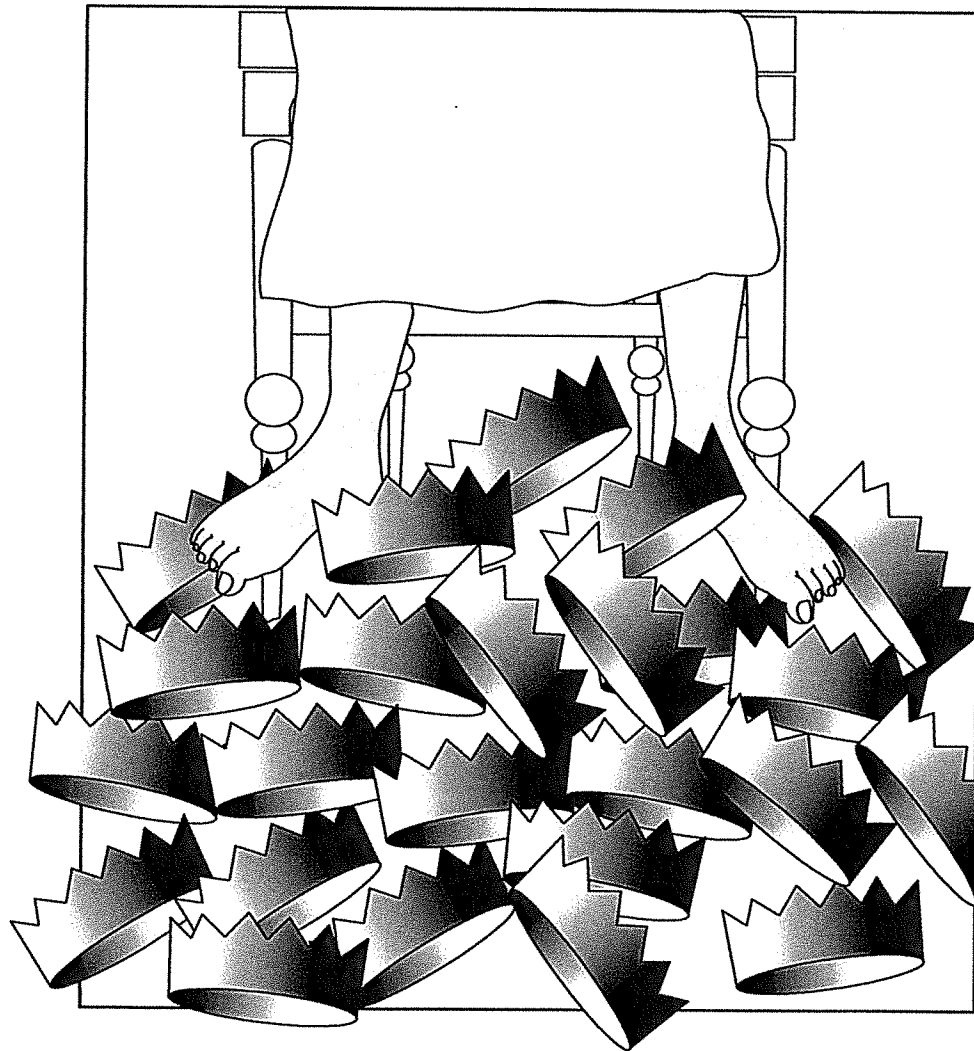
The four living creatures, each having six wings were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:

*'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!'*

Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him Who sits on the throne, Who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him Who sits on the throne and worship Him Who lives for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

*'You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For you created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.'*

- Revelation 4:6-11



### Who are the four living creatures?

"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!'"  
Isaiah 6:1-3

There are other types of angels in heaven, called, "cherubim." They are different from the seraphim seen in Isaiah. For a detailed description of heaven and cherubim, read in Ezekiel 1, and also Ezekiel 10.

### What is the sea of glass?

The sea of glass may refer to the bronze laver (used in the tabernacle) and the "sea" (used in the temple). Both were used by the priests for cleansing purposes. We know that washing in water is symbolic of washing ourselves in the Word of God. For more information about the bronze laver, read Exodus 30:18-21. For more information about the "sea" used in the temple, read 1 Kings 7:23-25.

*"...the twenty-four elders fall down before Him Who sits on the throne and worship Him Who lives for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne,..."*

- Revelation 4:10

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 4:6-11

### Discussion Questions

1. Read Rev. 4:6, what were around the throne?
2. Read Rev. 4:6-8, what do these creatures look like?

*Note: The Old Testament also mentions these living creatures. Isaiah and Ezekiel were given a chance to see them. Read a more detailed description in Isaiah 6:2 and Ezekiel 1:5-10; 10:14-15.*

3. Read Rev. 4:8, did the creatures ever rest?
4. What were they saying?
5. Who is the only One we are to worship? (Rev. 22:8-9)
6. Read Rev. 4:9-10, what happens when the living creatures glorify God?

*Note: We are given crowns as rewards for what we do now to bring glory to God. Review the parable of the talents in Matt. 25:14-30.*

7. What are we going to do with our crowns? (Rev. 4:10)
8. What will we be saying? (Rev. 4:11)

### Memory Verse

"the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne,"

Revelation 4:10 (NKJV)

## The Lamb is Worthy!

"And I saw in the right hand of Him Who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?' And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. But one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, The Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.'

And I looked and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him Who sat on the throne."

- Revelation 5:1-7

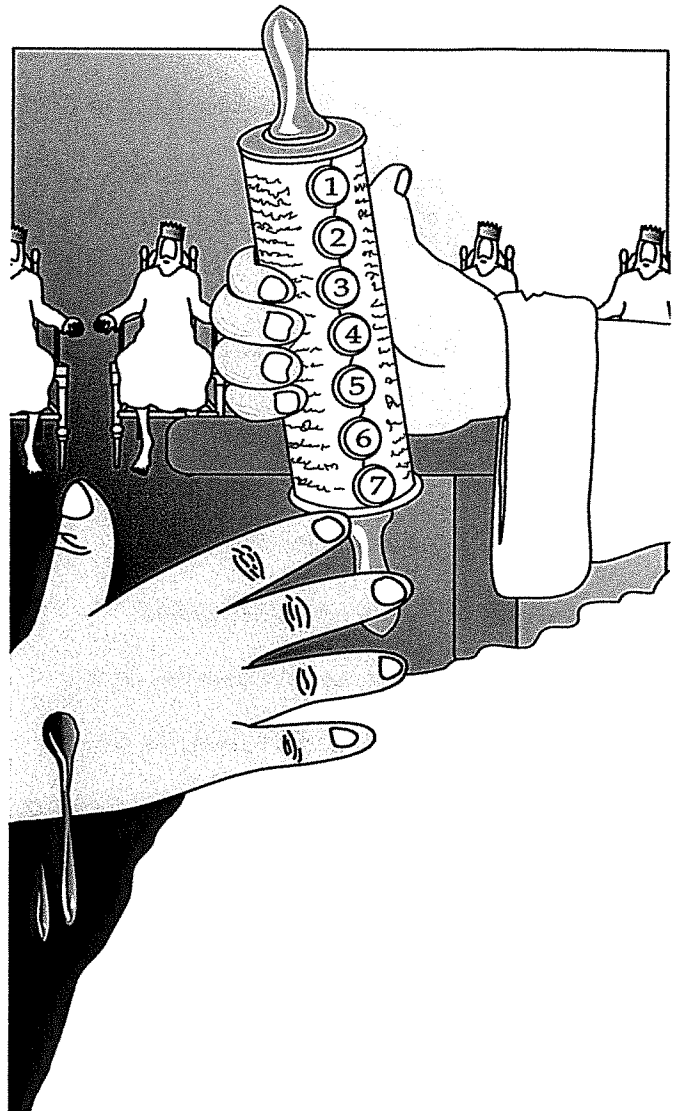
The Lamb of God is Jesus Christ.

"The next day John (the Baptist) saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world!'" - John 1:29

It is believed that this scroll is the title deed to the earth. Jesus told a couple of parables: "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it." - Matthew 13:44-46

The parable of the wheat and the tares, told us that the field represents the world. What is God's attitude toward the world? "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." - John 3:16.

Jesus died to buy the whole field (the world), just to get all of those, both Jew and Gentile, who would put their trust in Him. Now He, as our High Priest, makes intercession for us in heaven. He is sitting at the right hand of the Father. Soon, He will get up and take the title deed of this earth, which He alone could buy with His own Blood, and begin opening the seals. No one else is worthy. All have sinned and have fallen short of God's glory except Jesus, Who never sinned. *He alone is worthy!*



## The Bible: Sealed and Revealed!

In the Bible, some things are sealed up (Daniel 12:4), while other things are revealed (Revelation). Is this seven-sealed book the title deed to the earth? Israel was disobedient, so the Lord sent Babylon to conquer Israel and to carry them off. Just before that, the Lord told Jeremiah to buy a field in Anathoth from the son of his uncle, who said, "...Please buy my field that is in Anathoth, which is in the country of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance is yours, and the redemption yours; buy it for yourself..." - Jeremiah 32:8.

Jeremiah bought the field, signed the deed, sealed it in the presence of witnesses, who also signed it. The Lord told him to put them into earthen vessels so they would last many days. Then the Lord promised that houses, fields and vineyards would be possessed again in the land of Israel. (See Jeremiah 32:10-15.) God assured Jeremiah that Israel would return to their land. Then in Jeremiah 33:14-26, it tells about the Messiah and Millennial reign, and the Lord reaffirms His promises to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and David. God is going to fulfill *all* His promises! The land is paid for in full by Jesus' Blood. Children of faith will possess it! Old and New Testament saints are saved by faith (even Abraham (Romans 4)). We have a rich inheritance to come! Our redemption and the redemption of the promised land (the field) that He purchased draws nigh! Are you born again?

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 5:1-7

### Vocabulary in Context With Today's Lesson

scroll-a roll of parchment, paper, or other material, with writing on it  
worthy-having great value, deserving; a person of eminent worth, merit or position

#### Discussion Questions

1. Read Rev. 5:1, Who is sitting on the throne? (Is. 6:1)
2. What is He holding, and in what hand is He holding it? (Is. 41:10)

*Note: Read the front of the lesson about the title deed to the earth.*

3. Read Rev. 5:2, what did the angel ask?
4. Read Rev. 5:3-4, why was John weeping?
5. Read Rev. 5:5, what does the elder tell John?
6. Who is the only one **worthy** to open the scroll?
7. What are the names given to Jesus in verse 5? (Is. 11:1; Heb. 7:14)
8. Why do you think that Jesus is the only one worthy to open the scroll?
9. Read Rev. 5:6, who does John see in the midst of the throne?
10. What is the description given of Jesus?
11. Why do you think Jesus appears this way? (Is. 53:7)

*Note: Jesus will bear the scars for all of eternity as a reminder of the price He paid for us. We will have new, resurrected bodies for eternity. (1 Cor. 15:51-53)*

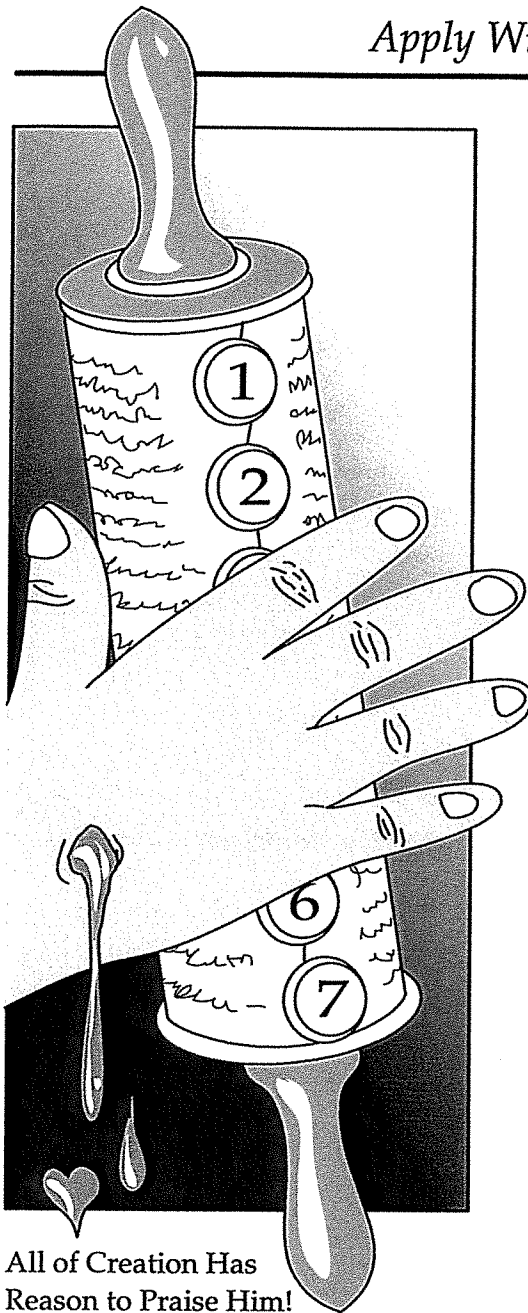
*The seven horns are believed to represent that Christ has all power and the seven eyes may indicate the all-seeing, ever awareness of the Creator. The seven Spirits represent the seven-fold ministry of God the Holy Spirit. (Is. 11:2)*

12. Read Rev. 5:7, what did Jesus do?
13. Whose hand did He take the scroll from?

#### Memory Verse

"You are **worthy**, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For you created all things and by Your will they exist and were created."

Revelation 4:11 (NKJV)



### All of Creation Has Reason to Praise Him!

*Creatures in heaven, on the earth, under the earth, and such that are in the sea praise the Lord. The creation itself has suffered under this world system of sin and death. Romans 8:18-22, says, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him Who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now."*

*Read Psalm 148, 149 and 150! All creation praises the Lord! He is worthy of praise!*

## Every Creature in Heaven, on the Earth, Under the Earth, and Such as are in the Sea, Worship Jesus!

"Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your Blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.'

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: 'Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!'

And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: 'Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him Who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!'

Then the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him Who lives forever and ever."

-Revelation 5:8-14



Psalm 149

*"Praise the Lord!  
Sing to the Lord  
a new song, and His  
praise in the assembly  
of saints. Let Israel  
rejoice in their Maker;  
let the children of Zion  
be joyful in their King.  
Let them praise His  
Name with the dance;  
let them sing praises  
to Him with  
the timbrel and harp.  
For the Lord takes  
pleasure in His people;  
He will beautify the  
humble with salvation.  
Let the saints be joyful  
in glory; let them sing  
aloud on their beds.  
Let the high praises of  
God be in their mouth,  
and a two-edged sword  
in their hand, to execute  
vengeance on the nations,  
and punishments on  
the peoples; to bind  
their kings with chains,  
and their nobles  
with fetters of iron;  
to execute on them  
the written judgment—  
This honor  
have all His saints.*

*Praise the Lord!"*

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 5:8-14

### Vocabulary in Context With Today's Lesson

redeem-to buy back for the purpose of setting free from obligation, bondage, or danger; salvation from sin, death, and the wrath of God by Christ's sacrifice

worship-giving full attention to admiring God for who He is and appreciating what He does; giving your greatest praise to Him alone

### Discussion Questions

1. Read Rev. 5:8, Who took the scroll? (Rev. 5:5)
2. What happened when He took the scroll?
3. What did the elders and the living creatures have?
4. Read Rev. 5:8-9, Who are they singing to?

*Note: The Old Testament records the old song in Job. This is the song of creation. Rev. 5:9 tells us that a new song is sung, it is the song of redemption.*

5. Read Rev. 5:10, who are kings and priests? (Rev. 1:6)
6. Read Rev. 5:11, who were around the throne? Can they be counted?
7. Read Rev. 5:12, Who is being worshiped?
8. Who is the only One we are to worship? (Ex. 20:3-4; 34:14)
9. Read Rev. 5:13, describe who worshiped at the throne.
10. Will there be anyone who doesn't worship God? (Phil. 2:10-11)
11. Who sits on the throne? (Rev. 5:13)
12. Read Rev. 5:14, what did the living creatures and elders do?
13. What do you think we will be doing in Heaven for all of eternity?

### Memory Verse

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!"  
Psalm 150:6 (NKJV)