

## The Mighty Angel and the Little Book

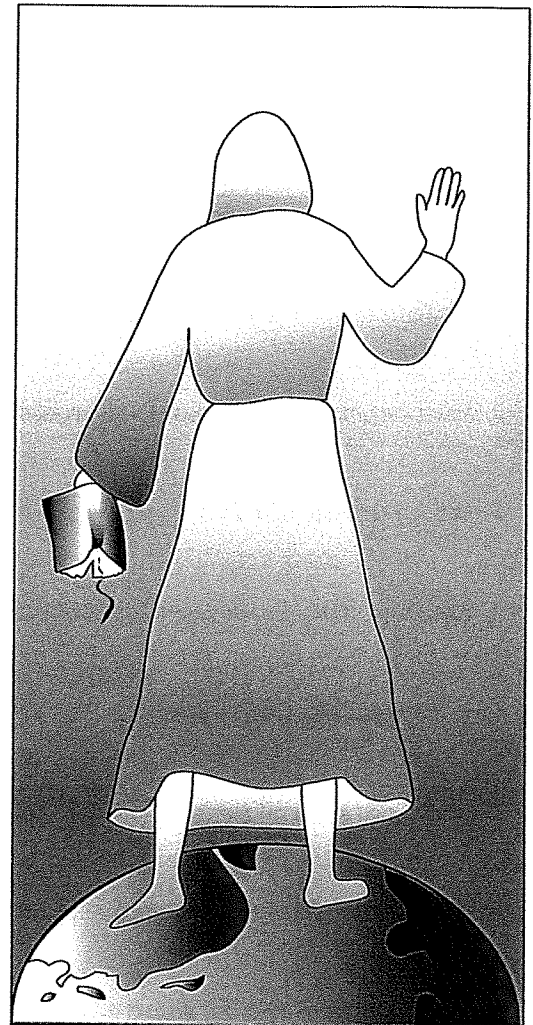
(Between the Sixth & Seventh Trumpet)

"I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars.

When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, 'Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them.'

The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets."

- Revelation 10:1-7



Revelation 1:1, says: *"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."* Jesus used an angel to show John and His servants the things that would shortly take place. In this chapter, a mighty angel stands on the sea and on the land with an open book in his hand. The angel raised up his hand to heaven and swore by Him Who lives forever and ever. Have you ever seen a courtroom? Whoever testifies, puts their hand on the Bible, raises their hand and swears to tell the truth. God is preparing a court date and He is going to judge the earth. Then He will fulfill His promises that He declared to His servants and the prophets. The kingdom of God is coming! When we see the seventh angel sounding (Revelation 11:15-19), we see the verdict declared ahead of time. Those in heaven will say, *"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"* (Read ahead- Revelation 11:15-19!)

In court, those who testify raise their right hand and swear upon a little book, the Bible. God has given His laws and we have broken them. Jesus bought a pardon for us with His own Blood, but many reject Him, so they will represent themselves in court. Christians have the best lawyer! *"...And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world."* - 1 John 2:1-2 In court, there are witnesses who give their testimony, and there is a judge. There is a penalty for breaking the law. *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* - Romans 6:23 Court is about to begin! In Chapter Eleven, two witnesses are coming to give their testimony.

*"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."* - Daniel 7:9-10

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 10:1-7

### Discussion Questions

1. Read Rev. 10:1; describe what John saw.
2. If John saw the angel coming down from heaven, where was he?
3. Read Rev. 10:2-3; what was in the angel's hand?
4. What happened when the angel cried out?
5. Read Rev. 10:4; are we told what the seven thunders uttered?
6. What was John told to do?
7. Does God tell us all things? (Deut. 29:29)
8. Read Proverbs 3:5-6; what are we supposed to do?

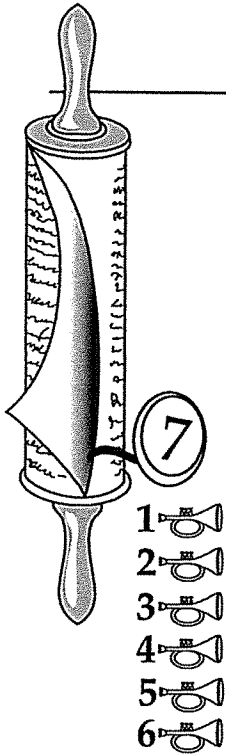
*Note: 1 Cor. 13:12 tells us that now we only know in part. God doesn't reveal everything to us for many reasons. Some reasons are because God wants to keep us humble or to teach us to put our complete trust in Him alone. We are to walk by faith (2 Cor. 5:7). Jesus himself told us that we will not understand everything now, but we will when we get to heaven (John 13:7).*

9. Read Rev. 10:5-7, what did the angel do? (Read the front of the lesson about God's courtroom.)

### Memory Verse

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NKJV)




## John Eats The Little Book

(Between the Sixth & Seventh Trumpet)

"Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, 'Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth.' So I went to the angel and said to him, 'Give me the little book.' And he said to me, 'Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth.' Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. And he said to me, 'You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.'" - Revelation 10:8-11

You are here!!!

7  Is yet to come!

John took the "little book" and ate it. It was sweet to the taste, but it made his stomach bitter, or upset, after he ate it. Then John was told that he must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings. His ministry was not over! Remember that John was an older man who was held captive on the Island of Patmos for the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. After he received *The Book of The Revelation of Jesus Christ*, from the angel that Jesus sent to John (Revelation 1:1), he was eventually let out of prison. He returned to Ephesus, where he had been the pastor. His ministry was not over. The words that John wrote down, as commanded in Revelation 1:11, have been a witness far beyond his lifespan. There is a blessing to those who read those words. "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written it; for the time is near." -Revelation 1:3

### How is the Lord going to judge all flesh?

"For by fire and by His sword the Lord will judge all flesh; and the slain of the Lord shall be many." -Isaiah 66:16  
The sword of the Lord is the Word of God (Eph. 6:17). The Bible, or Word of God, is sweet as honey to all who know that it contains the Words of eternal life. "How sweet are Your Words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" - Psalm 119:103 Jesus said, "... The Words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life." - John 6:63

The Word of God will be a bitter pill to those who are judged by it. Jesus said, "And if anyone hears My Words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My Words, has that which judges him--the Word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day." - John 12:47-48

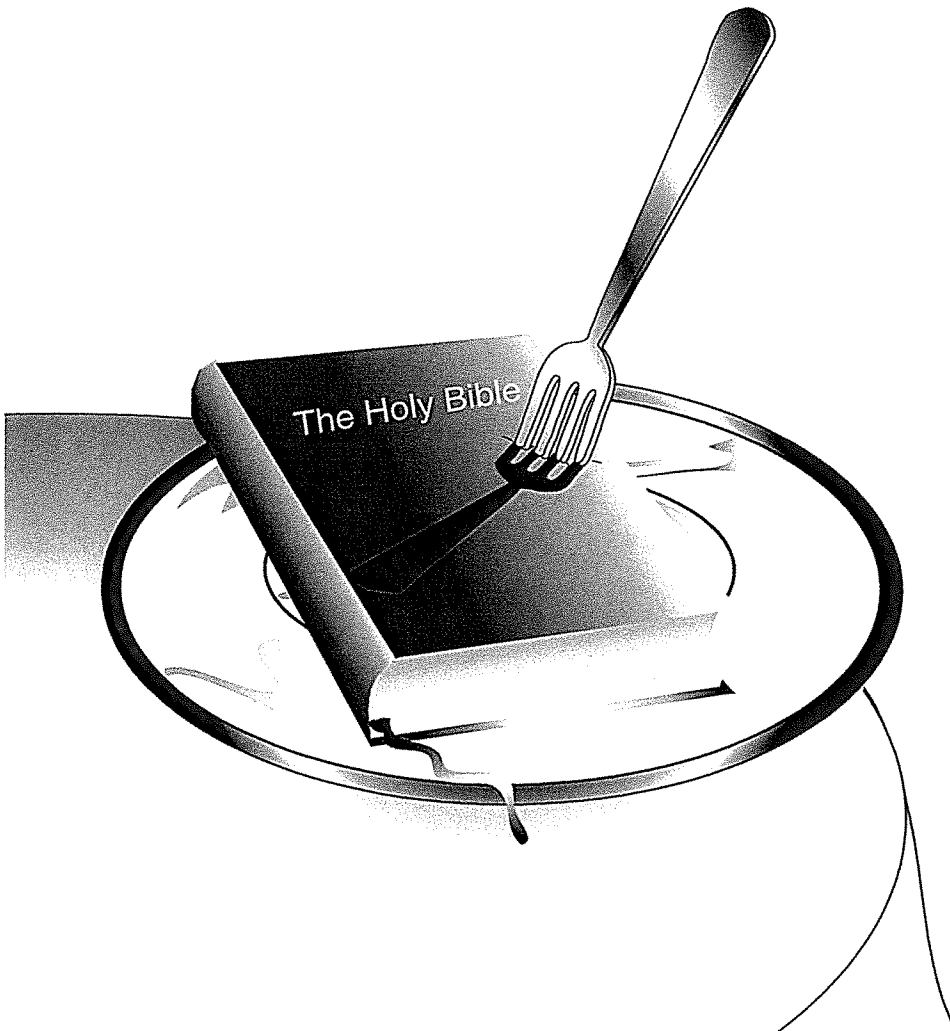
Jesus is the Word of God! (John 1:1)

"Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." -Matthew 24:30 At the Lord's return, there will be mourning by all who rejected Him, and there will be great rejoicing by those who are His!

"Your Words were found, and I ate them, and Your Word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your Name, O Lord God of hosts." - Jeremiah 15:16

### Are you called by His Name?

Ask Him to forgive your sins and tell Him you want to be born again! You can rejoice in that day!



# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 10:8-11

### Discussion Questions

1. Read Rev. 10:8-10, what was John told to do?
2. Read Ezekiel 3:1-3, was this the same thing as what John did?
3. Read Jeremiah 15:16, what did Jeremiah do?
4. What does God's Word taste like to us? (Psalm 119:103)
5. What did it taste like to John? (Rev. 10:10)
6. Why do you think God's Word became bitter in John's stomach?

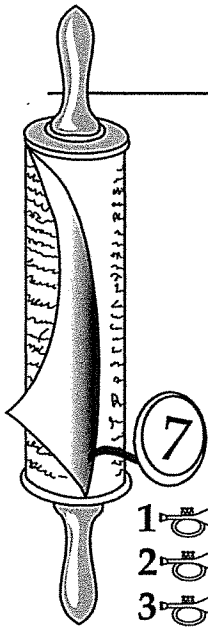
*Note: God's Word is life and hope to all who believe in Jesus and accept Him into their hearts as Lord (John 3:16).  
To those who turn their hearts from the truth, God's Word is bitter and condemning because it sheds light on their sins (John 3:1-21).*

7. Read Rev. 10:11, what was John told to do?
8. When we are given the Word of God, what are we to do with it? (Mark 16:15)

### Memory Verse

"For \_\_\_\_\_ is foolishness to those who are \_\_\_\_\_,  
but to us who are being saved it is \_\_\_\_\_."

1 Corinthians \_\_ : \_\_ (NKJV)



## God's Two Witnesses

(Between the Sixth & Seventh Trumpet)


"Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, 'Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.'

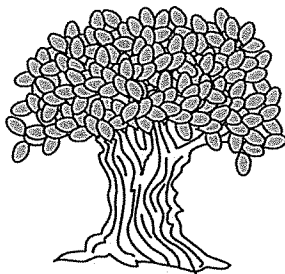
These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.

These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire."

- Revelation 11:1-6

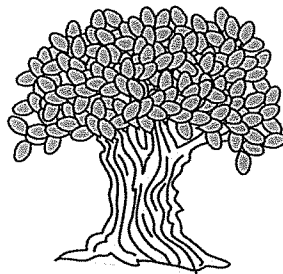
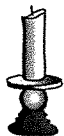
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### An Example of Elijah's Ministry

"And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, 'As the Lord God of Israel lives, before Whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.'" - 1 Kings 17:1



### An Example of Moses' Ministry

"Thus says the Lord: 'By this you shall know that I am the Lord. Behold, I will strike the waters which are in the river with the rod that is in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood.'" - Exodus 7:17



We really do not know the exact identity of these two witnesses, but if they are not Moses and Elijah, they will have ministries like Moses and Elijah had.

(For more information about the two olive trees, see Zechariah 4:1-14.)

John was told to measure the temple of God, the altar and those who worship there (which tells us that there will be sacrifices and worship taking place at the temple during that time). Right now there is no temple, and there is no sacrifice taking place in Israel. John was told to leave out the court outside the temple because it will be given to the Gentiles, who will tread the holy city (Jerusalem) underfoot for forty-two months, (which is three-and-a-half years). The temple that John knew was destroyed in A.D. 70, by the Romans. Not one stone was left upon another, which fulfilled Matthew 24:1-2.

The temple John measured is yet future and will be built before, or during the Tribulation. A covenant may allow Israel to build its temple next to the Islamic mosque which would be the outer court (given to the Gentiles). False peace will be achieved under the leadership of the Antichrist, who will confirm a covenant with many for one week (seven years); but in the middle of the week (three-and-a-half years), he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. Then he will sit in that temple and claim to be God. Jesus called this event, the "abomination of desolation." (See Daniel 9:27 & Matthew 24:15-16.)

### Why are two witnesses sent into the world?

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. God will send His two witnesses to the world to give all who dwell on the earth another chance to hear His Word and repent. He gives His witnesses power to prophesy (speak the Word of God) for 1,260 days. On the day of judgment, the world will be without excuse after hearing the testimony of these two witnesses. "Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three witnesses; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness." - Deuteronomy 17:6 (See also, Matthew 18:16.) These two witnesses may be the same two who appeared at the Transfiguration of Jesus (Matthew 17). John, Peter and James saw Moses and Elijah with Jesus that day! Moses had been given power to turn water to blood, and Elijah called fire down from the sky. Elijah shut the heavens up so there was no rain. Moses was used by God to deliver His people from the bondage of Egypt, and Elijah was used to bring judgment upon Israel (which was under the leadership of evil king Ahab and his wicked wife Jezebel). Moses represented the Law, and Elijah the Prophets. Malachi 4:5, says; "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord."

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 11:1-6

### Discussion Questions

1. Read Rev. 11:1, what is John told to do?

*Note: History tells us that the temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70 just as Jesus prophesied (Matt. 24:2).*

2. Read Rev. 11:2, what was John told not to measure?

3. Who is given the outside court?

4. What will happen to the outside court? (Read the front of the lesson about the temple.)

5. Read Rev. 11:3, who will God give power to?

6. What will they be given power to do?

7. How long will they do it?

*Note: God establishes His Word by witnesses. Matt. 18:16 tells us that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word will be established. This was given to Israel way back in Old Testament times (Deut. 17:6). Jesus sent the apostles out by two's to preach about the Kingdom (Mark 6:7). In Rev. 11:3-4 God has put two witnesses on earth to prophesy about Jesus. Once again we see our merciful God giving the world yet another chance to repent and turn to Him.*

8. Read Rev. 11:5, what will happen if someone tries to harm the witnesses?

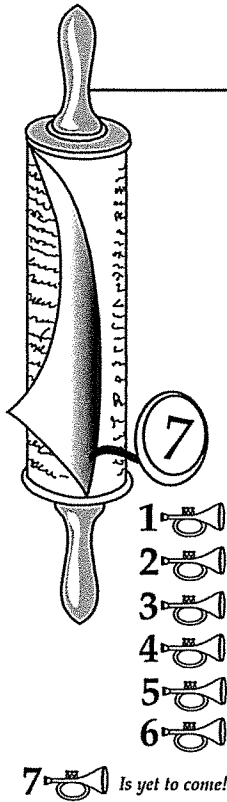
9. Read Rev. 11:6, what has God given the witnesses power to do?

10. Read the front of the lesson about Elijah's and Moses' ministry. What were they given power to do?

*Note: There are many different opinions by many great Bible teachers as to who the two witnesses are. One thing we know for sure is God is going to send two witnesses on the earth to prophesy about Jesus. And His Word is so important and powerful that anyone who tries to stop the witnesses will be put to death. God is not willing that anyone should perish, but that all would come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).*

### Memory Verse

"These are the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth."  
Zechariah 4:14 (NKJV)



## God's Two Witnesses Are Killed!

Then they rise again, three-and-a-half days later!

(Between the Sixth & Seventh Trumpet)

"When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, 'Come up here.' And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven."

- Revelation 11:7-13

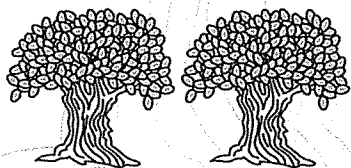
These two witnesses will ascend into a cloud and their enemies will see them. When Jesus ascended into a cloud, two men dressed in white stood by those who watched, and said, "...Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, Who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." - Acts 1:11

These two witnesses get the same call as the Church in Revelation 4:1, "Come up here."

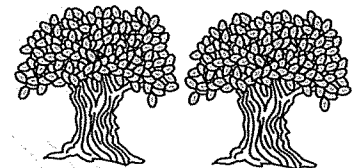
Remember that we saw a star fall from heaven, and he was given the keys to the bottomless pit. Demons, appearing as locusts came out of the pit to harm everyone without the seal of God on their foreheads. The locusts had a king over them who was the angel of the bottomless pit. Now we see a beast who comes out of the pit and kills God's two witnesses after they finish their testimony (1,260 days). Their bodies will lie in the streets of the city where our Lord was crucified (Jerusalem), for three-and-a-half days. Their bodies will not be allowed to be buried. The entire world will rejoice over their death! Like Christmas, people will give gifts in celebration of the death of God's two witnesses.

During Elijah's ministry, the Lord gave him power to proclaim a drought. In 1 Kings 18:17, evil king Ahab said to Elijah, "...Is that you, O troubler of Israel?" Elijah said, "...I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and have followed the Baals." This "Time of Jacob's Trouble," or Great Tribulation, is a time of judgment on God's people. They rejected the Messiah. Jesus said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!" - Matthew 23:37 Jesus told the Pharisees, "...An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." - Matthew 12:39-40 Jesus died and rose again three days later, giving them the sign of the Prophet Jonah, yet they didn't believe!

The whole world will watch these two witnesses rise from the dead (since they were not buried), and all who see, will be without an excuse on the day of judgment. When Jesus was crucified, there was a great earthquake in Jerusalem, and many graves were opened and the saints that had "fallen asleep" were raised. They went into the city and were seen by many. Yet Israel did not believe! Israel was like an unfaithful wife. They strayed from the Lord and became entangled with idols, over and over. They complained to Moses, wanting to go back to Egypt, and though they saw the Lord's miracles, they didn't believe. And their sins were like Sodom's in the eyes of the Lord. Yet He loves them and He'll keep His promises to them. He has not cast them away. The two witnesses (olive trees) may be symbolic of Israel, which is represented by an olive tree in Romans 11:17-24. Hosea 6:1-2, says: "Come, and let us return to the Lord; for He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight."



3 1/2 days later, they're alive!



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

### Chapter 11:7-13

1. Read Rev. 11:7, when did the beast make war with the witnesses?
2. What happened to the witnesses?

*Note: It's interesting to remember that AFTER Jesus finished His testimony He was put to death. Just as the witnesses were put to death after their testimony. We're not going to be taken until after our testimony is finished.*

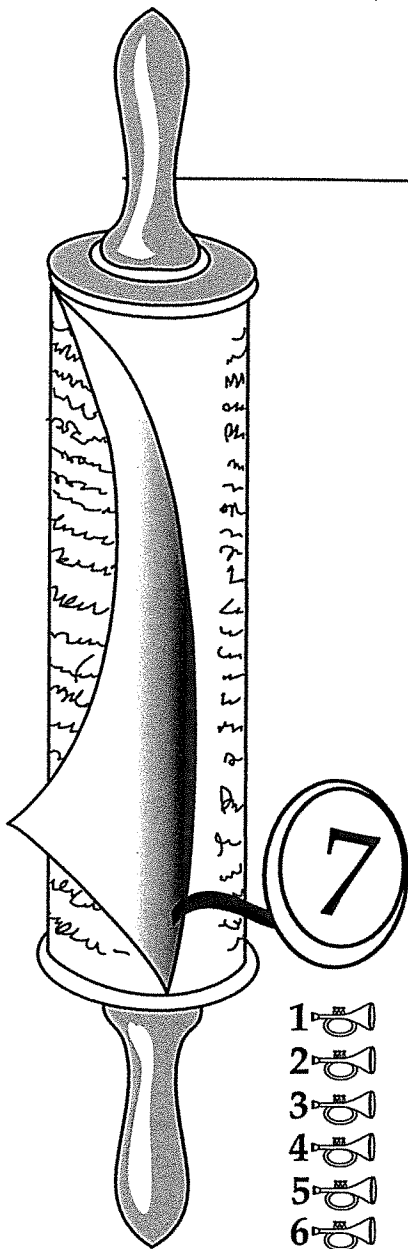
3. Read Rev. 11:8, what happened to the bodies of the two witnesses? Why do you think they weren't buried?
4. What is the spiritual name for the great city Jerusalem? (Rev. 11:8)

*Note: Sodom represents sin and Egypt represents the world.*

5. Read Rev. 11:9, how long were the bodies seen and who saw them?
6. Read Rev. 11:10, what did the people do and why?
7. Read Rev. 11:11, what happened after 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  days?
8. What was the reaction of the people? (Rev. 11:11)
9. Read Rev. 11:12, describe what happened.
10. Read Rev. 11:13, what happened after the witnesses were taken up to heaven?
11. Rev. 11:13 said that the people were afraid and gave glory to God. Did they repent?


### Memory Verse

"... 'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!' "  
Revelation 11:15 (NKJV)



## The Seventh Angel Sounds His Trumpet!

"The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly!"

 "Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!'"

And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: 'We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One Who is and Who was and Who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations were angry and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your Name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth.'

Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail."

- Revelation 11:14-19

This is the announcement of the coming kingdom of God. Remember that Jesus and John the Baptist preached, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Throughout the Gospels, Jesus taught about the kingdom of heaven! The Sermon on the Mount discusses the kingdom (See Matt. 5:3-12, especially!). Revelation 21 & 22 tell us about the kingdom and the New Jerusalem. We become citizens of heaven after we are born again! This world is not our home.

God revealed Nebuchadnezzar's dream and gave its interpretation to Daniel. In his dream, he saw an image of a man. "The image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. You watched while a stone was cut out without hands which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces." - Daniel 2:32-34

The various body parts represented four Gentile kingdoms; the Babylonian kingdom, the Mede & Persian kingdom, the Grecian kingdom, and the Roman Empire, which will be revived through a confederacy of ten nations (ten kings), representing the ten toes of iron mixed with clay. Daniel 2:44, says; "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, and it shall stand forever."

The Antichrist will rise out of this group of ten toes (ten kings), being an eleventh king, but then he will uproot three of the first ten, leaving seven. Revelation 13:1, shows this event as a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

The Roman Empire will be revived for a short time. Then the Lord will destroy it and set up His kingdom. There will be no more death, suffering, or pain! He will wipe away all our tears. The kingdoms of this world will be dashed to pieces, and King Jesus will reign forever and ever! Read Psalm 2!

"But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever. Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him."

- Daniel 7:26-27

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ Chapter 11:14-19

1. Read Rev. 11:14, how many woes have passed?
2. Read Rev. 11:15, what trumpet blast is sounded?
3. What are the voices in heaven saying in Rev. 11:15?
4. Read Rev. 10:7, is this the same thing that is happening in Rev. 11:15?
5. Read Rev. 11:16, what did the twenty-four elders do?
6. Read Rev. 11:17-18, what is the praise about? (Read the front of the lesson.)
7. Read Rev. 11:19, what did John see?
8. Where was the ark of His covenant? (Rev. 11:19)

*Note: The ark of His covenant was the symbol of God's presence in Old Testament times. God gave Moses instructions on how to build the earthly tabernacle according to the real one in heaven (Exodus 25-27; 35-38).*

### Memory Verse

"... 'The kingdoms of this world have become \_\_\_\_\_ and of  
\_\_\_\_\_, and He shall \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_! "  
Revelation \_\_:\_\_ (NKJV)

# Cast of Characters - The Dragon - Supplement

## Apply Within For Kids - Revelation Chapter 12

### Description of the Dragon

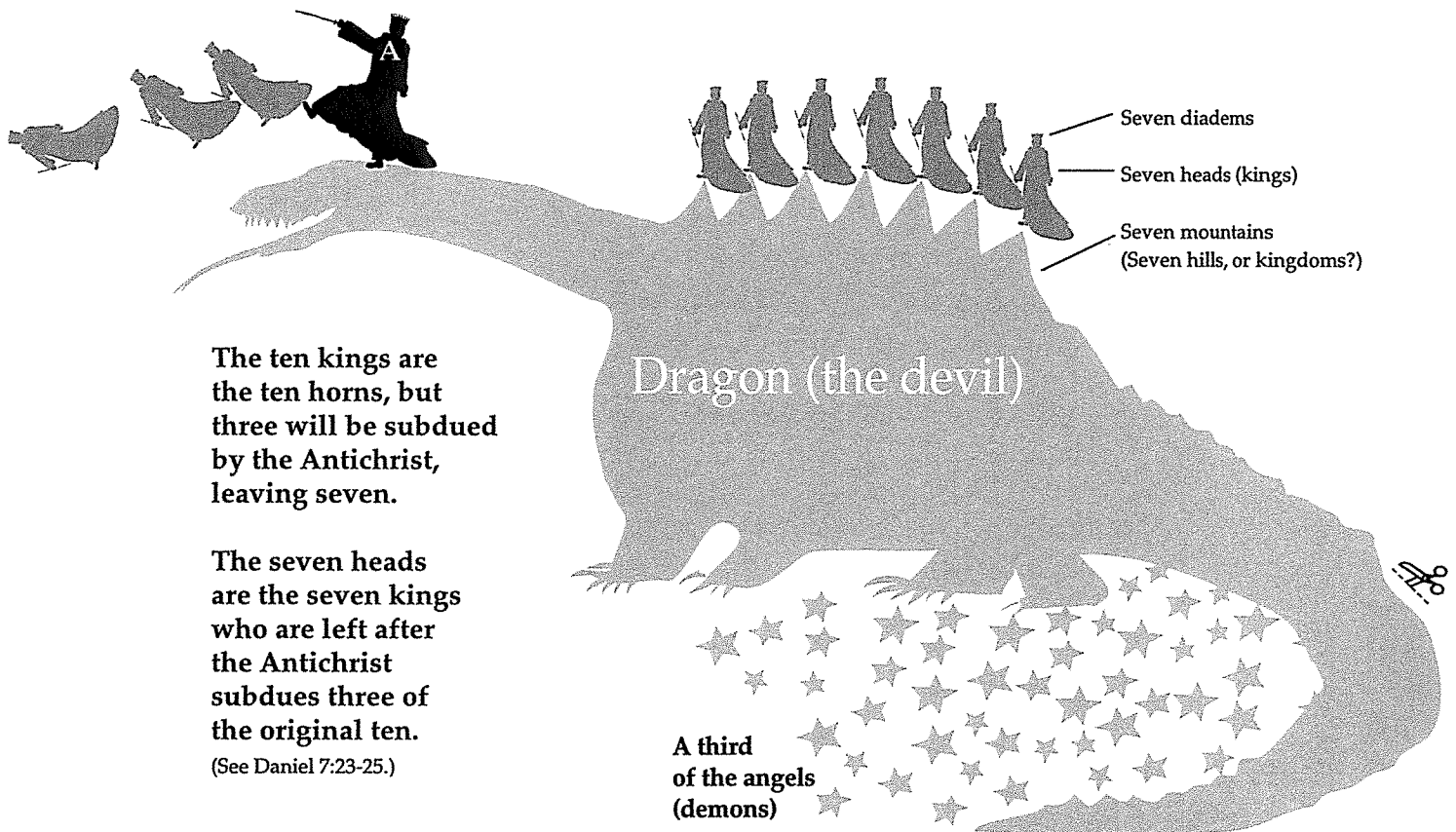
1. Another sign appeared in heaven (besides the woman).
2. He was seen as a great fiery red dragon.
3. He has seven heads (seven kings who reign with the Antichrist after three of the first ten are subdued). Revelation 17:9, says: "... 'The seven heads are seven mountains,' ...." The seven heads could be seven hills, as in the city of Rome, or seven kingdoms or governments. The dragon is the foundation, though.
4. He has ten horns (ten kings who will receive authority for one hour as kings with the Antichrist - see Revelation 17:12).
5. He has seven diadems on his heads (seven crowns for the seven kings who will reign with the Antichrist).
6. His tail drew a third of the stars (angels) of heaven and he and his angels (stars) were thrown to the earth.
7. He stood before the woman (Israel) who was ready to give birth to devour her Child (Jesus Christ) as soon as He was born. (The devil used Herod to try to kill Jesus as a baby.)
8. He will persecute the woman (Israel) - Revelation 12:13-17.

Read Revelation 12:3-4. Read Revelation 12:7-9 for the interpretation of the dragon and the stars.

### The devil's plan:

1. He has, (and will have) a kingdom - (the world system plus the revived Roman Empire).
2. He has, (and will have) a church - (the Babylonian religious-system of Chapter 17).
3. He has, (and will have) have worshipers - (Everyone who takes the mark of the beast!).
4. He will have a government - (through the kings of the earth who commit fornication with the false church of Chapter 17).
5. He will have a throne and a government - (the Babylonian world-system seen in Chapter 18).
6. His government will have a world economy - (the mark of the beast-666).
7. He will have a false prophet - (masquerading as a false type of Holy Spirit).
8. He will perform miracles - (through the false prophet).
9. He will have a false messiah - (the Antichrist who masquerades as the Son - Jesus Christ).
10. He will deceive the world by false peace - (through the false messiah on a white horse in Revelation 6:1-2).

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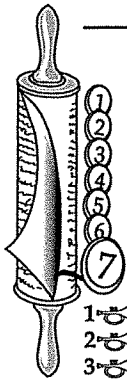
The ten kings are the ten horns, but three will be subdued by the Antichrist, leaving seven.

The seven heads are the seven kings who are left after the Antichrist subdues three of the original ten. (See Daniel 7:23-25.)



Teachers: You may enlarge these on a copier, cut them out and use them for a display! Put the "cast of characters" on the wall or on a bulletin board in class!





## The Woman

"Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

1- And another sign appeared in heaven:  
2- behold, a great fiery red dragon having seven heads  
3- and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.  
4- His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw  
5- them to the earth. And the dragon stood before  
6- the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour  
7- her Child as soon as it was born.

She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days." - Revelation 12:1-6

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## Who is the woman?

Many think this woman is Mary (the mother of Jesus (and His brothers and sisters (Matt.13:55-56)). The woman shown in this chapter is the nation of Israel, which through Mary (and the Holy Spirit), gave birth to Jesus. The Bible will show us! In Genesis 37:9-11, Joseph, a son of Jacob and Rachel, told his dream: "... 'And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me.' So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, 'What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?' And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter in mind." Jacob revealed the meaning of the dream in his question to Joseph.

The Messiah was born out of the nation of Israel. "Before she was in labor, she gave birth; before her pain came, she delivered a male child. Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things?" - Isaiah 66:7-8 Israel gave birth to the Messiah, through Mary and the Holy Spirit. Jesus came the first time without causing Israel any labor pains! But at Jesus' Second Coming, Israel will have great travail and tribulation.

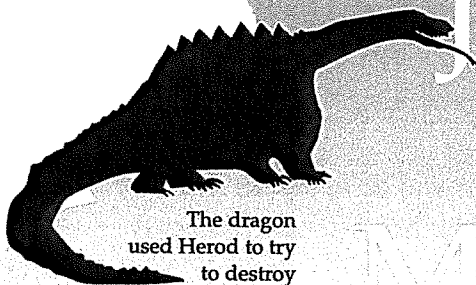
The great dragon will be cast out of heaven and he will persecute the woman (Israel). But God will prepare a place for Israel, and He will feed them for 1,260 days. God fed His people in the wilderness during their exodus from Egypt. God will feed this group in the wilderness for 1,260 days, or three-and-a-half years. Jesus warned all who live in Judea to flee to the mountains when they see the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place (Matthew 24:15-16). The Antichrist will be given authority to continue for forty-two months (Revelation 13:5), which is three-and-a-half years, or 1,260 days!!! Two witnesses give testimony for 1,260 days, too.

## A counterfeit woman is coming!

In Revelation, Chapter 17, we will see another woman in the wilderness. She is a prostitute, and a counterfeit of the real woman. She will be sitting on a scarlet beast that has seven heads and ten horns! Her name is "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." There is a false woman, false church, and there will be a false trinity (the dragon, the Antichrist, and his false prophet). They will persecute Israel and true Believers. In ancient times were many "fertility cults." And now in our day, we are seeing many of those idolatrous practices being resurrected in the "New Age" religions. The Babylonians worshiped nature through the goddess Ishtar, and her mate, Tammuz (Ezekiel 8:14). In Egypt, Isis and her son Osiris were worshiped. In Israel, the ungodly worshiped Baal and Asherah. Fertility cults usually worshiped a mother-goddess who was either pregnant or holding a child. The husband or the child would die in the fall, and then be resurrected each spring. The goddess was often called the queen of heaven. In our day, some pray to Mary and call her the queen of heaven. That is a pagan practice that came from ancient Babylon.

Simeon Judah Zebulun Benjamin Naphtali Asher  
Reuben Levi Issachar Joseph Dan Gad

Israel  
gave us  
Jesus,  
the  
Messiah



The dragon used Herod to try to destroy Jesus as a Child.

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 12:1-6

### Vocabulary in Context With Today's Lesson

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#### Discussion Questions

1. Read Rev. 12:1; what was the great sign that John saw?
2. Read Genesis 37:9-11 and compare Joseph's dream to what John saw. Is it similar?
3. Read Rev. 12:2 and Isaiah 66:7-8; who is the woman and who is she giving birth to? (Read the front of the lesson about the woman and the Child.)

*Note: The woman represents Israel and the Child represents Jesus. Just as there is pain in childbirth, Israel suffered pain in many persecutions when Jesus was born. Israel still suffers persecution to this day.*

4. Read Rev. 12:3; describe what John saw.
5. Who is the dragon? (Rev 12:9)
6. Read Rev. 12:4; what did the dragon do with his tail?

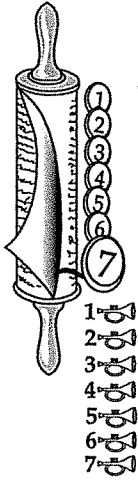
*Note: When Satan rebelled against God, one third of the angels rebelled with him. God cast them out of heaven and put the angels in chains (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6). Read more about who Satan was before he was cast out of heaven in Isaiah 14:13-14 and Ezekiel 28:12-15.*

7. In Rev. 12:4, what was the dragon waiting to do?
8. Read Rev. 12:5; who did the woman give birth to? (Read the front of the lesson about the Child.)
9. What happened to the Child? (Rev. 12:5)
10. Read Acts 1:9-11; what happened to Jesus?
11. Read Rev. 12:6; where did the woman go?
12. Who is she fleeing from? (Rev. 12:4)
13. Who prepared for her a place in the wilderness? (Rev. 12:6)
14. How long will she be there? (Rev. 12:6)
15. Who fed the Israelites when they wandered in the wilderness for forty years? (Exodus 16:4-8)

#### Memory Verse

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder.  
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of  
Peace."

Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV)



## The Child

Verses repeated from previous lesson!

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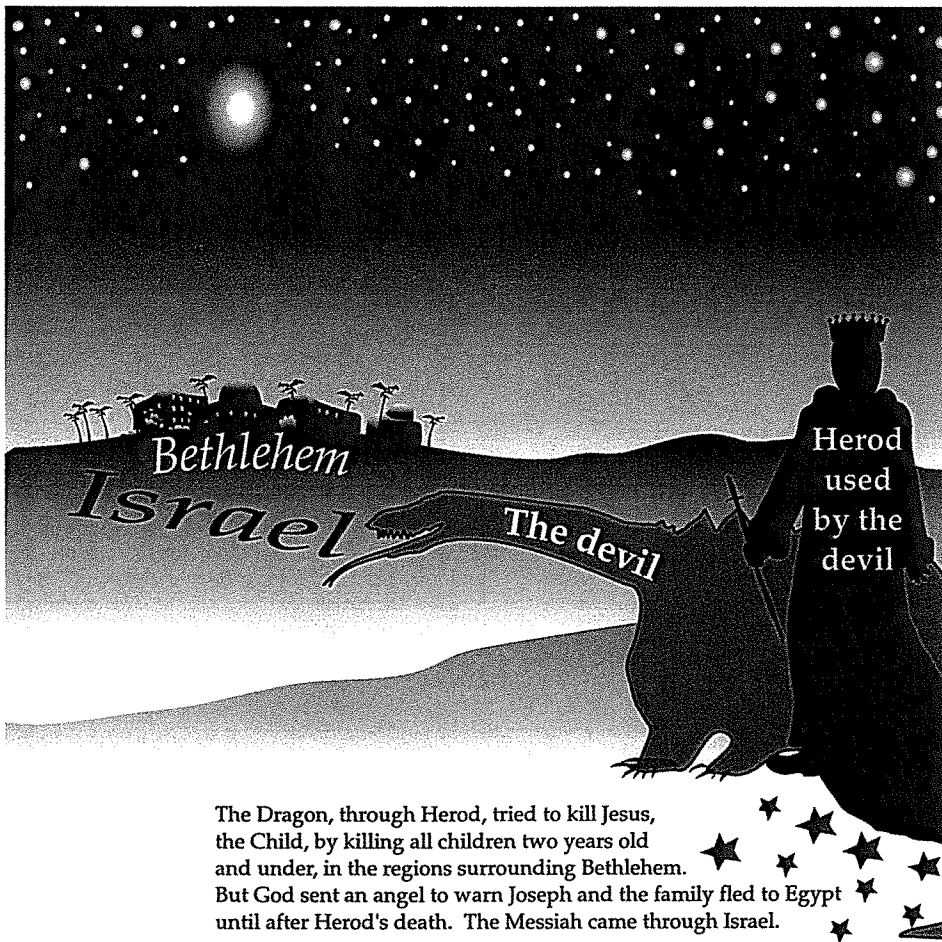
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### Who is the Child?

Jesus is the male Child Who will rule all nations with a rod of iron (Psalm 2). The devil tried to destroy Jesus as a Child, through Herod, who murdered all male children in the region of Bethlehem, two years old and under. But an angel warned Mary and told her to flee to Egypt (Matthew 2). Then, after Jesus died and rose again, He was caught up to God and His throne. (See Acts 1:9-11.)

Isaiah 9:6-7, says: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; 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."

The woman cannot be Mary, because it is after her Child was caught up to God and His throne, that the woman flees into the wilderness to a place prepared by God for 1,260 days. Mary fled to Egypt with Jesus long before He died for our sins and then rose from the dead on the third day.

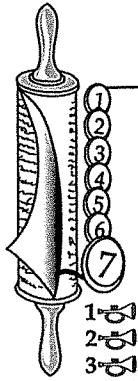


The Dragon, through Herod, tried to kill Jesus, the Child, by killing all children two years old and under, in the regions surrounding Bethlehem. But God sent an angel to warn Joseph and the family fled to Egypt until after Herod's death. The Messiah came through Israel.

**Seed of the woman & seed of the serpent.** After Adam and Eve sinned, and were deceived by the serpent in the Garden of Eden, God said, "And I will put enmity between you (the serpent) and the woman, and between your seed (the serpent's) and her Seed (Jesus); He (Jesus) shall bruise your head (the serpent's), and you (the serpent) shall bruise His (Jesus') heel." - Genesis 3:15  
God said there would be enmity(hatred) between the devil (that old serpent), and the woman. And that enmity would be between the serpent's seed (children), and her Seed (Jesus). Jesus was born from a woman and the Holy Spirit. The serpent will bruise the heel of Jesus, but Jesus is going to bruise the serpent's head!

**The serpent's seed (children):**  
John the Baptist called the Pharisees and Sadducees a "brood of vipers" in Matthew 3:7. Jesus discussed the difference between being the children of Abraham, and the children of the devil in John 8:37-59.  
The demons have a king (Revelation 9:11).  
The devil has a false prophet (Revelation 13:11-18).  
The devil has a false messiah (Revelation 13:1-10).

**God's children through the Seed of the woman:**  
"He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His Name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."  
- John 1:11-13



## The Dragon

Verses repeated from previous lesson!

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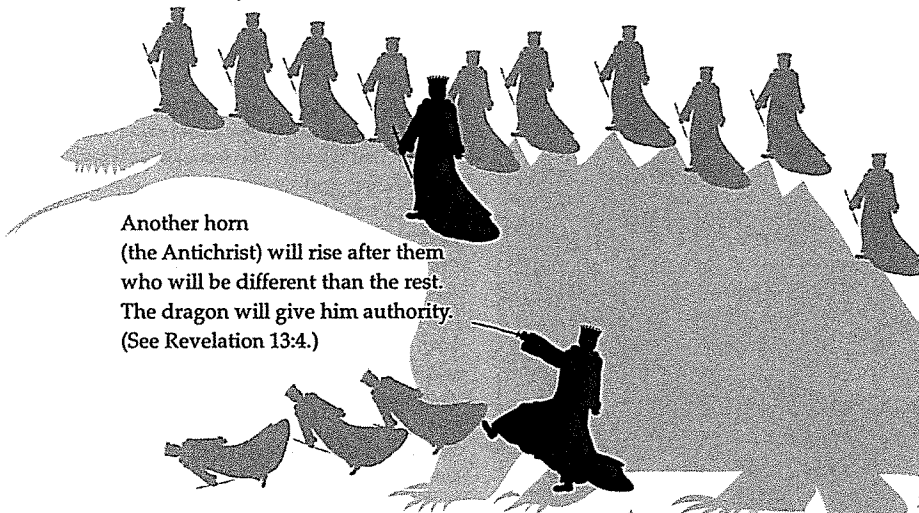
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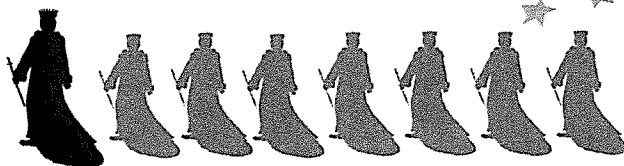
Seven heads (not illustrated) are seven mountains. (See Revelation 17:9.)

Ten horns are ten kings who are of one mind and give their power and authority to the beast (the Antichrist). (See Revelation 17:12-13.)



Another horn (the Antichrist) will rise after them who will be different than the rest. The dragon will give him authority. (See Revelation 13:4.)

He (the Antichrist) will subdue three of the first ten horns (kings), leaving seven horns (kings), plus himself. He shall persecute the saints of the Most High for a time and times and a half a time (3 1/2 years).



Seven horns (kings) will be left, plus the Antichrist, who is the eighth king who will go to perdition (Rev. 17:11).

## Who is the Dragon?

"So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." -Revelation 12:9

- The devil is a deceiver. (Genesis 3:3)
- The devil blinds the eyes, and minds of those who do not believe the Gospel. (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- He is an accuser of the brethren, day and night. (Revelation 12:10)
- He was a murderer from the beginning, and there is no truth in him. (John 8:44)
- He is a liar. (John 8:44)
- He deceives the whole world. (Rev. 12:9)

- He is the ruler of this world. (John 14:30)  
The devil took Jesus up to an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." (Matthew 4:9)

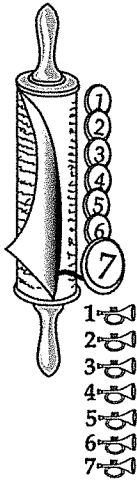
## The Dragon's Kingdom

Satan is the god, or ruler of this world. Daniel saw four beasts in his dream. Each represented a kingdom. Those kingdoms were the Babylonian kingdom, the Mede/Persian kingdom, the Grecian kingdom and the Roman kingdom. (See Daniel 7.) The Antichrist will rise from a revived Roman kingdom, or empire.

"Thus he said: *The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces.*

*The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings. He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and a half a time (3 1/2 years, roughly 1,260 days).*

*But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever. Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him."*  
-Daniel 7:23-27



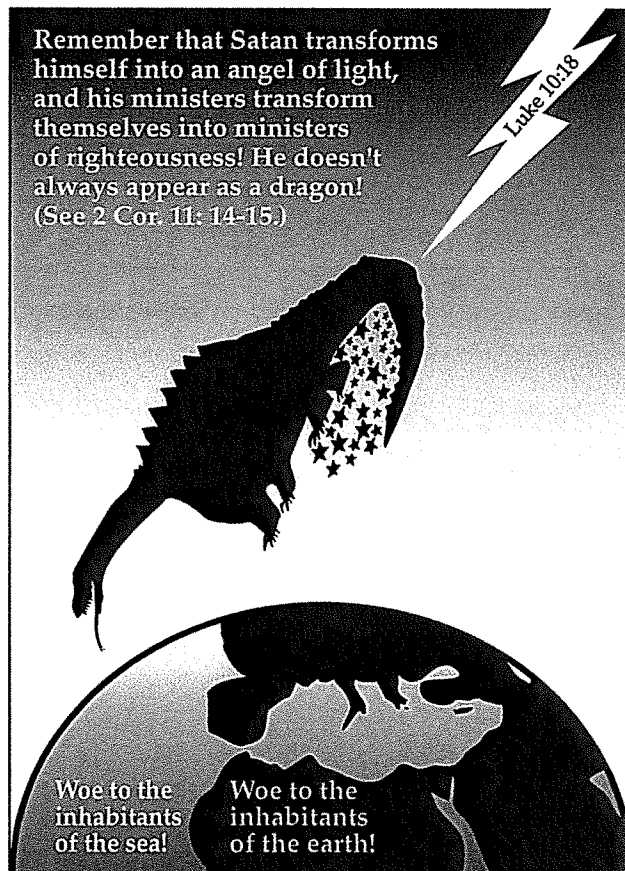
## War in Heaven!

"And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, 'Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the Blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.'" - Revelation 12:7-12

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Remember that Satan transforms himself into an angel of light, and his ministers transform themselves into ministers of righteousness! He doesn't always appear as a dragon! (See 2 Cor. 11: 14-15)

Woe to the inhabitants of the sea!

Woe to the inhabitants of the earth!

## The Last Woe!

Remember in our last lesson that the fiery red dragon drew a third of the stars (angels) in heaven and then threw them to the earth. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea for the devil has come down to you, having great wrath because he knows that he has a short time. Until this chapter, the devil has had access to heaven and earth, but then Michael will throw him out of heaven! While in heaven, the devil accuses the brethren day and night before God. With permission from God, the devil is even able to afflict people with diseases! (See Job 2:1-10.) Heaven will rejoice when the devil is thrown out, but woe to the earth and the sea! In Revelation, Chapter 13, two beasts will rise out of the earth and the sea!

Who overcomes the world? "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

## About the Tribulation;

Daniel, Chapter 12:1-13, says:

"At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people (Israel); and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever. But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.

Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank. And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, 'How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?' Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him Who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.

Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, 'My lord, what shall be the end of these things?' And he said, 'Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand. And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.'"

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 12:7-12

### Discussion Questions

1. Read Rev. 12:7; what happened in heaven?

*Note: Read Daniel 12:1-13; this same event was shown to Daniel more than six hundred years before Christ was born.*

2. Read Rev. 12:8-9; what happened to the dragon and his angels?

*Note: Up to this point in time, Satan has had access to heaven (Job 1:6; Luke 22:31).*

3. What are some of the names given to the serpent? (Rev. 12:9)

4. What does Satan do to the world? (2 Cor. 4:4; Rev. 12:9-10)

5. Read Rev. 12:10; how often does Satan accuse us before God?

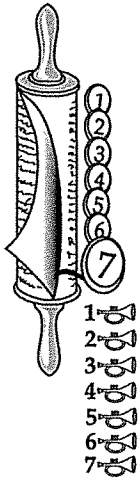
6. How was Satan overcome? (Rev. 12:11)

7. Who are overcomers? (1 John 5:4-5)

8. Read Rev. 12:12; what goes on in heaven compared to what is about to happen on earth and why?

### Memory Verse

"For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,"  
1 Thessalonians 5:9 (NKJV)

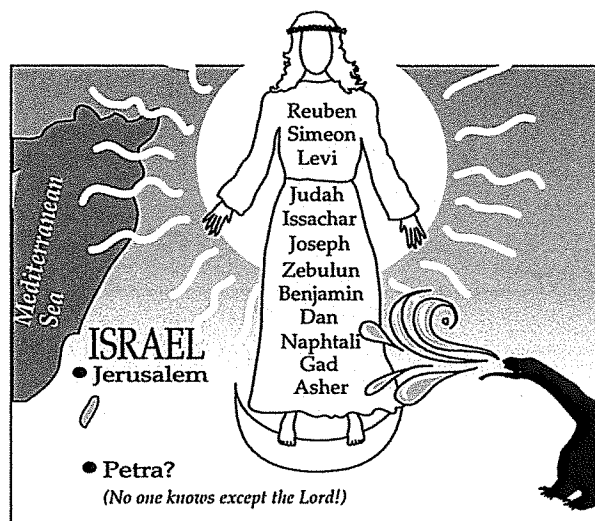


## The Dragon Persecutes the Woman and Her Offspring!

"Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." - Revelation 12:13-17



"For the Lord's portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance. He found him in a desert land and in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. As an eagle stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, spreading out its wings, taking them up, carrying them on its wings, so the Lord alone led him, and there was no foreign god with him." - Deuteronomy 32:9-12

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### The devil hates all who have the testimony of Jesus!

During the days that Jesus was a Child, the devil had not been cast out of heaven yet. In this chapter, the devil was cast to the earth and then he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. That is another reason for not believing this woman is Mary.

The devil hates the offspring of the woman, Israel. And we, as the Church, are like a branch that has been grafted into Israel, the olive tree (Romans 11). Romans 4:13-25 tells us that by faith, we are the children of Abraham (who was the father of Jacob). Jacob was renamed "Israel" by God. So like the Israelites, the Church also has the devil as our enemy, adversary, and accuser. But Jesus is our Advocate. The devil hates all who have the testimony of Jesus!

### Jesus taught about the Great Tribulation!

The Tribulation deals with Israel, the offspring of the woman. In the Book of Matthew, Jesus said, "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place' (whoever reads, let him understand), 'then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.'" - Matthew 24:15-28

We know that the dragon hates the woman's offspring (the Jewish people), and the rest of her offspring, who are those who keep the commandments of God (only by faith in Jesus, because He fulfills the Law and the Prophets for us) and they have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

As a review, Daniel 12:6-7, says: "... 'How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?' Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him Who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.'

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

### Chapter 12:13-17

#### Discussion Questions

1. Read Rev. 12:13; who did the dragon persecute?
2. Read Rev. 12:14; what happened to the woman?
3. Who helped the woman? (Rev. 12:6)
4. Read Rev. 12:15-16; what did the serpent do?
5. Did he succeed? What happened? (Rev. 12:16)
6. Read Rev. 12:17; who did the dragon make war with? (Read the front of the lesson.)

#### Memory Verse

"For \_\_\_\_\_, but to obtain  
\_\_\_\_\_ through our \_\_\_\_\_,"  
1 \_\_\_\_\_ 5:9 (NKJV)

# Supplement to Revelation Chapter 13

## Apply Within For Kids - Daniel's Dream - Daniel Chapter 7:2-14

### Daniel's Dream

"...I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.

The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it. (*Babylonian*)

And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!' (*Mede/Persian*)

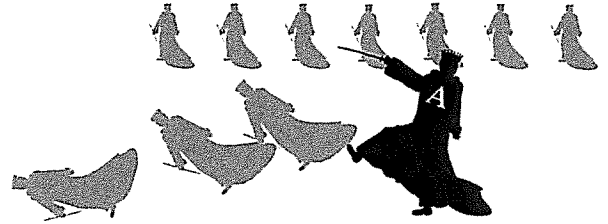
After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. (*Grecian*)

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it (*Roman Empire, and the revived Roman Empire of the last days*), and it had ten horns (*ten kings seen in Revelation 12:3, and the ten toes on the image seen in king Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel, chapter two*).



I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, (*the Antichrist*) coming up among them,

before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots (*leaving seven of the original ten kings*).



And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man (*the Antichrist, or beast out of the sea, seen in Revelation 13:1-10*), and a mouth speaking pompous words.

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.

I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn (*the Antichrist*) was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed (*the kingdom of God, seen in Nebuchadnezzar's dream as the stone that was cut without hands, in Daniel 2*)."

- Daniel 7:2-14

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"...I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other."

- Daniel 7:2-3



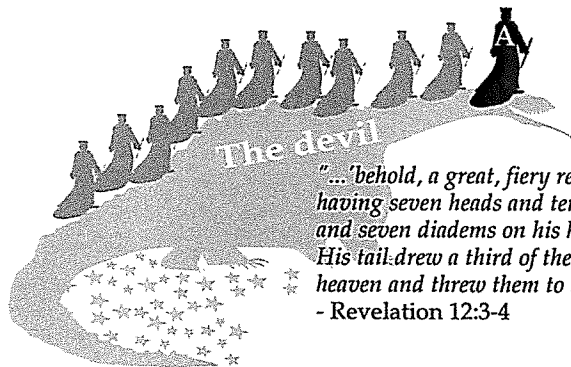
Supplement to Revelation Chapter 13  
*Apply Within For Kids - Daniel's Dream - Daniel Chapter 7:15-28*

## The Interpretation of Daniel's Dream

"I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:

"Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth (*Babylonian Empire, Mede/Persian Empire, Grecian Empire, and the Roman Empire and its end-time revival.*) But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever (*The kingdom of heaven! Jesus taught us about His coming kingdom in the Gospels!!*)."

Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; and the ten horns that were on its head,



"... behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth...."  
- Revelation 12:3-4

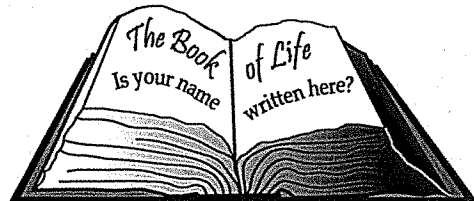
and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

If your name isn't in this Book, you're going to worship me!



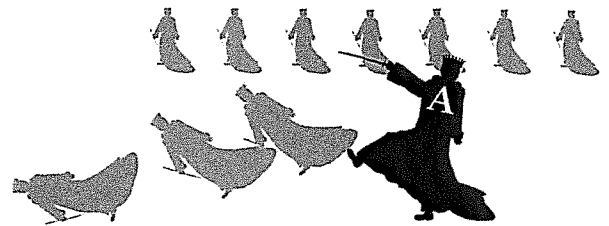
"It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." - Revelation 13:7-8



"Thus he said: "The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces. The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom.



And another shall rise after them: he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings.



He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time. (*For 3 1/2 years, or 1,260 days!*)

(*Court will begin in heaven!*)

But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever. Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart." - Daniel 7:15-28

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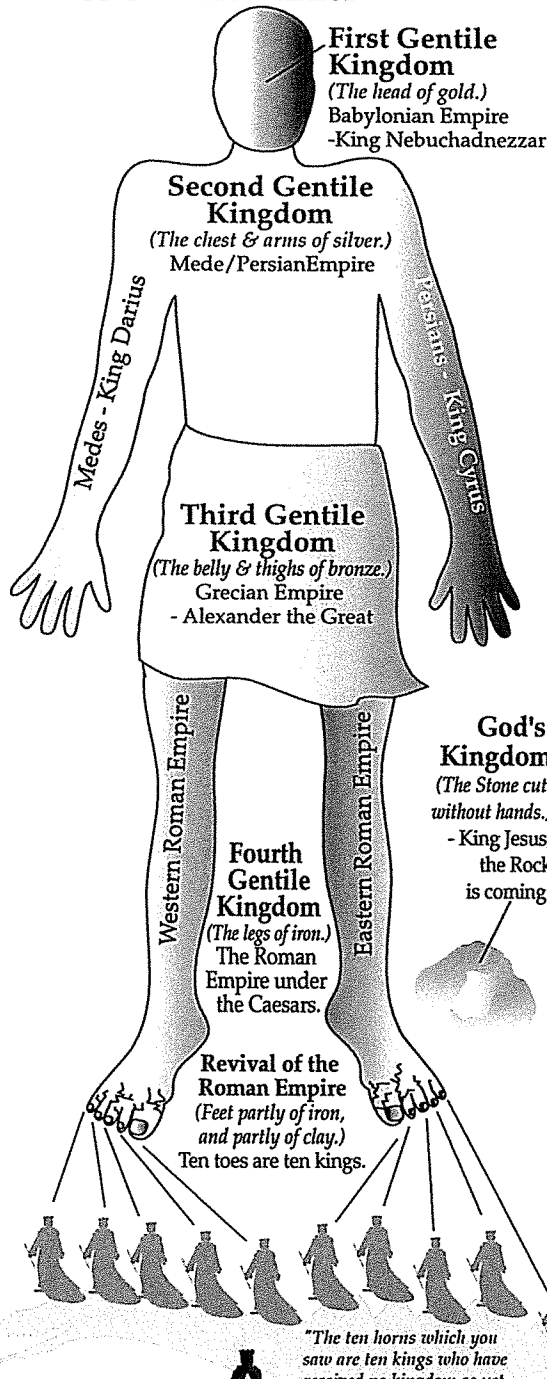
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Do you want your name in the Book of Life? Right now, ask Jesus to save you and forgive you of your sins. He loves you, and He willingly died for *your* sins so you can have everlasting life! He rose from the dead, and He is at the right hand of the Father now. He's coming soon to take us to heaven! If you want your name in the Book of Life, ask Jesus into your heart and sign your name below. He is in charge of the Book, but this will remind you that you have asked Jesus into your heart on this day!

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Four Gentile Kingdoms Shown in Daniel



The revival of the fourth Gentile kingdom (the Roman Empire) will be made of ten kings under the leadership of the Antichrist. The dragon will give him his power, his throne, and great authority. The ten kings are the ten toes shown on the image in king Nebuchadnezzar's dream (shown above!). The Antichrist will subdue three of the ten kings, leaving seven plus himself. In the days of these ten kings, Jesus will come and set up His kingdom on earth!



"The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast (Antichrist). These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast." -Revelation 17:12-13

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

"You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. This image's head was of fine gold (*Babylonian Empire*), its chest and arms of silver (*Mede/Persian Empire*), its belly and thighs of bronze (*Grecian Empire*), its legs of iron (*the divided Roman Empire -Eastern & Western*), its feet partly of iron and partly of clay (*the revived Roman Empire*).

You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. (*The kingdom of God!*) Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together (*See Psalm 2:9!*), and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king." - Daniel 2:31-36 (Comments in italics are ours.)

The Interpretation of that Dream

"You, O king, are a king of kings (*Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon*). For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all--you are this head of gold.

But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours (*the Mede/Persian Empire, under Darius the Mede, and Cyrus the Persian*); then another, a third kingdom of bronze (*the Grecian Empire under Alexander the Great*), which shall rule over all the earth.

And the fourth kingdom (*the Roman Empire*) shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others. Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay (*the revived Roman Empire*).

And in the days of these kings (*the ten toes are ten kings in the revived Roman Empire*) the God of heaven will set up a kingdom (*the kingdom of God under King Jesus*) 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, and it shall stand forever. Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold-- the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure." - Daniel 2:37-45

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# Cast of Characters -Two Beasts - Supplement

## Apply Within For Kids - Revelation Chapter 13

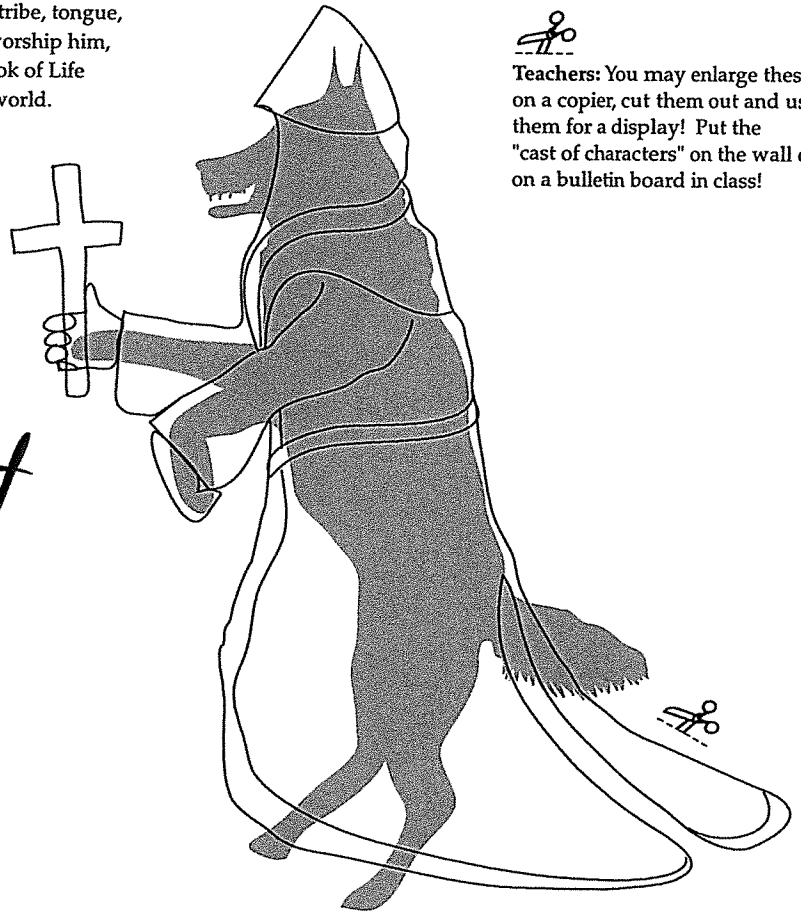
### The Beast From the Sea

1. He will rise up out of the sea.
  2. He will have seven heads and ten horns. His horns will have ten crowns and on his heads a blasphemous name.
  3. He is like a leopard, his feet will be like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion.
  4. The dragon (devil) will give him his power, his throne, and great authority.
  5. One of his heads will be mortally wounded, and then his deadly wound healed.
  6. All the world will marvel and follow him.
  7. The world will worship the dragon (the devil) who will give authority to the beast.
  8. The world will say, 'Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?'
  9. He will be given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies.
  10. He will be given authority to continue for forty-two months.
  11. He will blaspheme God's Name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.
  12. He will be granted to make war with the saints and overcome them.
  13. Authority will be given to him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
- Read Revelation 13:1-8



### The Beast From the Earth

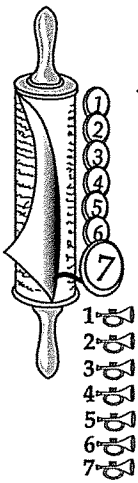
1. He will come out of the earth (Rev.13:11).
2. He will have two horns like a lamb and speak like a dragon.
3. He will exercise all the authority of the first beast in his presence.
4. He will cause the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound will be healed.
5. He will perform great signs by making fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.
6. He will deceive those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he will be granted to do in the sight of the beast.
7. He will tell those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who will be wounded by the sword and live.
8. He will be granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast will both speak and cause as many as will not worship the image of the beast to be killed.
9. He will cause all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. It is the number of a man. His number is 666.
10. He and the Antichrist will make war against the Lord and His army. He will be captured and thrown into the lake of fire (see Revelation 19:19-20).



Teachers: You may enlarge these on a copier, cut them out and use them for a display! Put the "cast of characters" on the wall or on a bulletin board in class!

We don't know what the false prophet, the Antichrist, or his image will really look like, but we know they will be people who are used by the devil. God will allow them to deceive all who are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life.





## The Beast From the Sea

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

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

And I saw one of his heads as if it had  
been mortally wounded, and his deadly  
wound was healed. And all the world  
marveled and followed the beast. So they  
worshiped the dragon who gave authority  
to the beast; and they worshiped the beast,  
saying, 'Who is like the beast?  
Who is able to make war with him?'

And he was given a mouth speaking great  
things and blasphemies, and he was given  
authority to continue for forty-two months.  
The he opened his mouth in blasphemy  
against God, to blaspheme His Name, His  
tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

It was granted to him to make war with the  
saints and to overcome them. And authority  
was given him over every tribe, tongue, and  
nation. All who dwell on the earth will  
worship him, whose names have not been  
written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain  
from the foundation of the world.

If anyone has an ear, let him hear.  
He who leads into captivity shall go into  
captivity; he who kills with the sword  
must be killed with the sword. Here is  
the patience and the faith of the saints."

- Revelation 13:1-10

When the Antichrist confirms a  
seven-year covenant with many (Daniel 9:27),  
he will look like a great man of peace!  
But look who will give him his power!  
The devil!

"...The dragon gave him  
(the beast, or Antichrist)  
his power, his throne,  
and great authority."

- Revelation 13:2

Authority over every  
Tribe, Tongue and Nation

### Who is the Beast from the Sea?

Do you recognize this beast? Look at the description of the dragon in Revelation 12:3! The beast (Antichrist) will be a man who gets his power, his throne and great authority from the devil (dragon). The Antichrist will be a leader over ten kings, three of which he will subdue. They will rule the whole world through a revival of the Roman Empire just before Jesus' Second Coming. When we saw Jesus opening the first seal in heaven (Revelation 6:1-2), we saw a man riding a white horse. He may be posing as the Prince of Peace (Jesus), but he'll be empowered by the devil! It will be a great deception. Then three-and-a-half years into a seven-year covenant made with many, He will sit in the holy place, claiming to be God, which is the ultimate blasphemy! This event is called the "abomination of desolation."

*"Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."* - 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

This beast plays his role as the second person of the unholy trinity. He will be a false messiah. He will kill those two witnesses (Rev. 11:7) that give testimony for 1,260 days. The whole world will celebrate their deaths and give presents to one another! The world will say, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" The world may also see a false resurrection when the beast's mortal wound is healed. He will be a counterfeit Jesus, but he will get his authority from the devil. Upon setting himself up in the temple as God, those in Judea, will need to flee into the mountains, or wilderness. Jesus told those in Judea to not even go back into the house to get their clothes if they see the "abomination of desolation" set up in the temple. The Antichrist will persecute the saints and overcome them for three-and-a-half years. Israel, the offspring of the woman, will flee into the wilderness and God will feed them there for 1,260 days. Remember that the Church is in heaven! There will be "tribulation saints," both Jew and Gentile, during this time. They'll have the testimony of Jesus!

For a great detailed description of the Antichrist, read Daniel 8:23-26! But don't forget to keep your eyes on Jesus! He has authority over everything! He's our King!

The coming revival of the Roman Empire, will have some of the qualities of the first three Gentile kingdoms listed in Daniel 7. It will be like a leopard (*the Grecian Empire*), with feet like a bear (*the Mede/Persian Empire*), and have a mouth like a lion (*the Babylonian Empire*).

In Matthew 26:51-52, when one of those who were with Jesus drew a sword and cut off the ear of the high priest's servant, Jesus said to him, "...Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword." - Matthew 26:52 Jesus showed us that He didn't need to fight the worldly authorities. He had legions of angels that He could call and they would come to His rescue. But He came to die. In that, the Scriptures would be fulfilled. So will it be for those saints who are overcome by the beast.

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 13:1-10

### Vocabulary in Context With Today's Lesson

blaspheme-making yourself equal with God or taking God's place in power; slandering God's name

### Discussion Questions

1. Read Rev. 13:1-2; what did John see?
2. Where else have we seen this beast? (Rev. 12:3)

*Note: The beast is a man who leads a revival of a fourth world empire during the Tribulation. The first three empires are described in Daniel 7:2-14. The leopard represents the Grecian Empire under Alexander the Great, the bear represents the Mede/Persian Empire Under Darius and Cyrus, and the lion represents the Babylonian Empire under Nebuchadnezzar. The fourth empire is the revived Roman Empire which we see during the Tribulation time-period.*

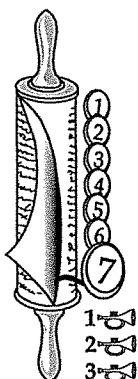
3. Read Rev. 13:2; who gave the beast his power?
4. Who is the dragon? (Rev. 12:9)
5. Read Rev. 13:3; what happened to the beast?
6. Read Rev. 13:4; who did the world worship?
7. Read Rev. 13:5; what was the beast speaking?
8. Notice, the beast could only do these things because he was given authority. Who gave the beast his authority? (Rev. 13:4)
9. How long was the beast allowed to continue? (Rev. 13:5)

*Note: forty-two months; times, time and half a time; 1,260 days all speak of the same time period of 3 ½ years.*

10. Read Rev. 13:6; who did the beast blaspheme?
11. Read Rev. 13:7; was the beast allowed to do whatever he wanted?
12. What was he allowed to do? (Rev. 13:7)
13. Read Rev. 13:8; who will worship the beast?
14. How do we get our names written in the Lamb's Book of Life? (1 John 5:4-5; Rev. 3:5)
15. Read Rev. 13:9-10; what is the patience and faith of the saints? (Rev. 12:17; Rev. 14:12)

### Memory Verse

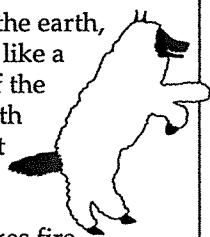
"For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,"  
1 Thessalonians 5:9 (NKJV)



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## The Beast From the Earth

"Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.



He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

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He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666." - Revelation 13:11-18

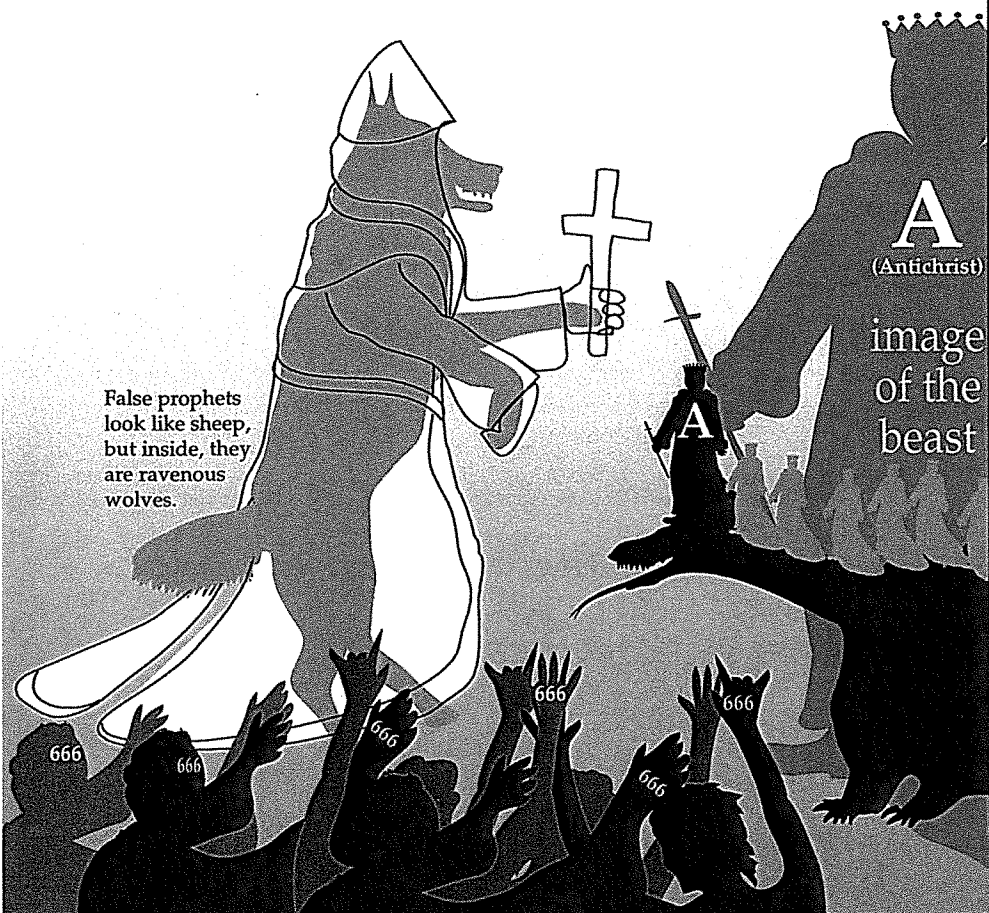
### Who is the Beast from the Earth?

He has two horns like a lamb, but spoke as a dragon. In Matthew 7:15-20, Jesus warned His disciples to beware of false prophets who would come to them in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they would be ravenous wolves. The devil and his workers deceive by appearing as angels of light, or as God's representatives. False prophets use flattery to gain a foothold, and they draw others to themselves rather than to Jesus. Everyone loves them! Jesus said, "Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets." - Luke 6:26 False prophets appear to be godly, loving shepherds, but rather than feeding the sheep, they feed off of the sheep! Beware! Deception requires a lie, and the devil is the father of all lies and there is no truth in him. The deception is how good the lie looks!

This beast plays his role as the third person of the unholy trinity. Just as the Holy Spirit draws people to Jesus, this false prophet will draw all who dwell on the earth into the worship of the first beast (the Antichrist). He tells those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the first beast. A similar event happened in Daniel 3. Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon made an image of gold whose height was sixty cubits and its width six cubits. Every one was required to worship that image. When it was set up, they cried, "...To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up; and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace." - Daniel 3:4-6. In the fiery furnace, God preserved the three who would not bow down!

God will send this world a strong delusion so they believe the lies of Satan. "The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." - 2 Thess. 2:9-12. Jesus said, "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect." - Matthew 24:24.

In Revelation 7:3-8, the children of Israel were sealed on their foreheads. Through this false prophet, the devil will seal his children on their foreheads or their right hands! They will need the mark to buy or sell! Because the devil is the ruler of this "Babylonian" world system, he also controls commerce, business, and governmental activities. Do you ever wonder why this world is so corrupt?! He'll really re-invent government with his mark! The love of money is the root of all evil, and you cannot serve money and the Lord. This world-system is God's enemy.



False prophets look like sheep, but inside, they are ravenous wolves.

**A**  
(Antichrist)  
image of the beast

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 13:11-18

### Discussion Questions

*Remember, the dragon that was thrown out of heaven and makes war with Israel is the devil (Rev. 12:9). The first beast to rise up is the Antichrist (Rev. 13:1-3).*

1. Read Rev. 13:11; the appearance of this beast was like a lamb. But how did he speak?
2. Who is the dragon? (Rev. 12:9)
3. What did Jesus warn us about in Matt. 7:15?
4. Read Rev. 13:12; who did the second beast, or false prophet, cause everyone to worship?

*Note: The first beast, the Antichrist was wounded in his head and was somehow healed. Everyone worshiped him after this.*

5. Read Rev. 13:13-14; what did the false prophet do?
6. Read 2 Cor. 11:13-15; can Satan imitate the things of Jesus?
7. How are we supposed to know if something or someone is of God or not? (1 John 4:1-3)
8. Did Jesus warn the apostles, and us, about false prophets? (Matt. 24:24)
9. The people during the Tribulation will be so deceived by the false prophet and the Antichrist, what will they do? (Rev. 13:14)
10. What does God tell us to do? (1 John 5:21)

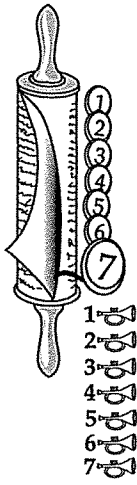
*Note: In Daniel 3:4-6, we read how Nebuchadnezzar made an idol and wanted everyone to worship him. But three boys refused to worship him and were thrown into a fiery furnace. But God is merciful and was in the fire with them and they came out unharmed. They didn't even smell like smoke, the only thing that happened was the ropes that bound their hands were burned off (Daniel 3:1-30).*

11. Read Rev. 13:15; what happened with the image of the beast?
12. Read Rev. 13:16-17; what did the beast command the people to do?
13. What did the mark of the beast allow the people to do? (Rev. 13:17)
14. Read Rev. 13:18; what is the wisdom that God wants us to understand?

### Memory Verse

*"The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders."*

*2 Thessalonians 2:9 (NKJV)*



**A Brief Intermission Between Judgments!**

This is a tiny glimpse of the end of the Tribulation, which is also Jesus' Second Coming. Jesus will return just in time to keep mankind from total destruction. Jesus said, "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened." - Matt. 24:22

**Here is a little summary of future events!**

1. Jesus will return to earth and stand on the Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:4), where His feet last touched the earth 2000 years ago (Acts 1:9-12). It will split in two from the east to the west, making a very large valley. Zechariah 14:5, says: "Then you shall flee through My mountain valley...." and "...Thus the Lord My God will come, and all the saints with You." (The saints include Old Testament saints, the Church, those martyred in the Tribulation— Jew and Gentile.) The 144,000 will see the coming of their King. He will deliver them and they will sing a special song before His throne! His throne will be in Zion and God will dwell with us. See Psalm 9!
2. The kings of the earth and the rulers (the nations) will take counsel together against the Lord and His Anointed (Psalm 2:1-3).
3. The Lord will go forth and fight against those nations (Zech. 14:3). "Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God." -Revelation 19:15 You will see the armies of heaven following Him. They are clothed in white linen robes and riding white horses.
4. After all His enemies are put under His feet, He will make His home on Mount Zion and set up His millennial kingdom. In this chapter, we see the 144,000 standing on Mount Zion with Him after He has waged war against the nations who fought against Him. The Lord will strike those who fight against Jerusalem with the horrible plague described in Zechariah 14:12.

God is able to preserve these 144,000, all the way through the Great Tribulation—just as He is now able to keep you from falling, and to finish the work that He has begun in your life. He knows His sheep and no one is able to pluck them out of His hand! The 144,000 were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, says: "But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man (Jesus) also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death."

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**The 144,000 are not Jehovah's Witnesses!**

The Jehovah's Witnesses claim to have these 144,000 within their cult. But many of them are women (not men!). When they arrive at your door, none of them are able to tell you what tribe of Israel they come from! Do not be deceived. Their Jesus is not the same as our Jesus! Their Jesus is a mighty god, but not Almighty God! Their Jesus has a part-time job as Michael the Archangel! There are many sincere, but deceived people who will knock on your door with a Bible in their hands! Beware! And know the Word of God!

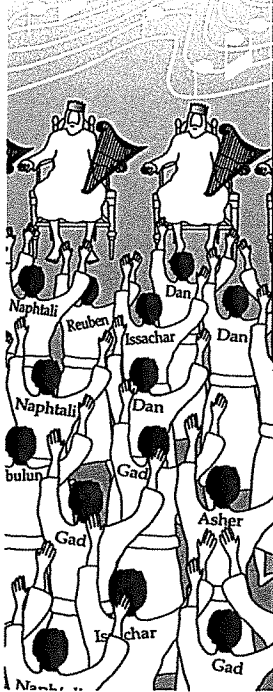
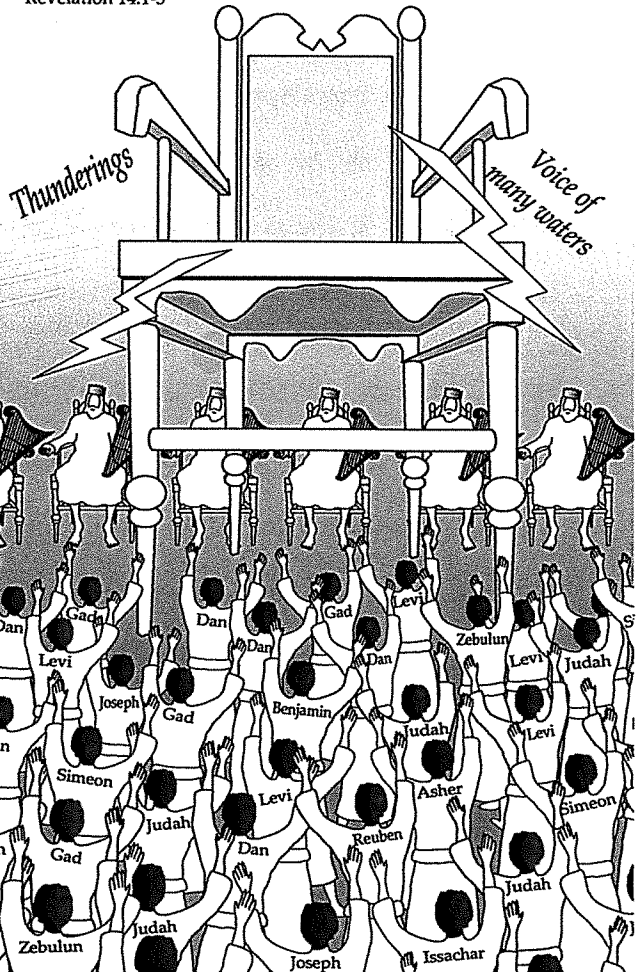
**The 144,000 Sing a New Song Before the Throne**

"Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's Name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of a loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God."

- Revelation 14:1-5



# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 14:1-5

### Discussion Questions

Here in Chapter Seven we have a sort of 'intermission' between judgments. God is giving us a glimpse of the end of the Tribulation.

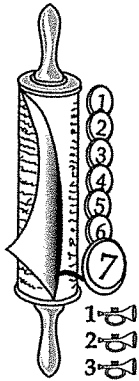
1. Read Rev. 14:1; where is the Lamb standing?
2. Where is God's holy city? (Isaiah 33:20; Rev. 21:2)
3. Read Rev. 14:1; who are the 144,000? (Rev. 7:4-8)
4. How many started out with Jesus in Rev. 7:4, and how many are standing with Him in the end (Rev. 14:1)?

*Note: Notice that all 144,000 were preserved through all of the seven years of the Tribulation. They were sealed with God's Name. As Christians, we're sealed in our hearts (2 Cor. 1:22) and Jesus keeps us from falling (Hebrews 7:25; Jude 24).*

5. Read Rev. 14:2; describe what John heard. Is it the same thing he heard in Rev. 1:15?
6. Will there be harps in heaven? (Rev. 5:8; 14:2)
7. Read Rev. 14:3; what did the 144,000 sing?
8. Only the 144,000 who made it through the seven years of tribulation can sing this new song because they alone persevered. Can you name a song that only Christians today can sing? For example, Amazing Grace.
9. Where were they singing their new song? (Rev. 14:3)
10. Who is the only One worthy of our praises or new songs? (Hebrews 13:15)
11. Read Rev. 14:4; why do you think the 144,000 stayed virgins? (Psalm 18:26; 1John 3:2-3)
12. These men followed Jesus wherever He went Rev. 14:4 tells us. Because Jesus was always on their minds (Rev. 14:1). What are we called to do as Christians today? (Rom. 12:2; 1Tim. 5:22)
13. Rev. 14:4 tells us the 144,000 are firstfruits to God. What does James 1:18 say about us?
14. Read Acts 26:23 and 1 Cor. 15:20; who is Jesus Christ to us?
15. Rev. 14:5 tells us these 144,000 virgins were without fault. Instead of deceit what came from their mouth? (Rev. 14:3)
16. We can keep ourselves right with God if we keep praises in our hearts and mouths. What does Colossians 3:16 instruct us to do?

### Memory Verse

"Sing to the Lord a new song, and His praise from the ends of the earth,..."  
Isaiah 42:10 (NKJV)



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**The First Angel's Message:**

The first angel will preach the Gospel to those who dwell on the earth. God is not willing that any should perish, but His desire is that all would come to repentance. The Gospel in a nutshell can be found in 1 Corinthians 15:1-8.

This first angel's mission is also to remind all who dwell on the earth that God made heaven, earth, the sea and springs of water! Science has taught the lie of evolution for so many generations that many do not glorify God when they see the things around them.

Romans 1:18-23, says:

*"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man-- and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things."*

The world rejects the living God Whose attributes they clearly see every day, but they accept an image made like corruptible man, birds, and things created, instead! All who dwell on the earth and do not have their names written in the Book of Life will bow to the Antichrist and his image. Those who participate in Wicca (witchcraft), native religions, and many New Age cults, worship the creation, rather than the Lord Who made it! The first Commandment says:

*"You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image--any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them...."*

- Exodus 20:3-4

**The Second Angel's Message:**

The second angel announces the coming fall of the "Babylonian" world system. This announcement is like a sneak preview of upcoming events in Revelation 18! It is similar to what we saw in Revelation 11, when we heard the seventh angel announcing the coming kingdom of God as if it were already done, saying, "...The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" - Revelation 11:15

The kingdoms of this world are going to fall!

**The Third Angel's Message:**

The third angel warns the world about worshiping the beast or his image. His mark will bring God's wrath and torment to all who receive it. The Antichrist and false prophet will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20); then the devil will join them later (Rev. 20:10). Death and Hades will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:14), and finally all who do not have their names written in the Book of Life will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:15). Jesus said that the lake of fire was prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41).

During the Tribulation, death will be a blessing to those who belong to Jesus. Nothing done for the King of kings will be lost, unlike those who die apart from Jesus and don't even take their earthly garments with them at death. *All is lost!*

## Three Angels Speak to Those Who Dwell on the Earth!

*"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth--to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people-- saying with a loud voice, 'Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him Who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.'*

And another angel followed, saying, *'Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.'*

Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, *'If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.'*

Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, *'Write: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "That they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."'"* - Revelation 14:6-13

*Do not worship the beast or his image! Do not take his mark!*

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 14:6-13

### Vocabulary in Context With Today's Lesson

fornication-all sexual acts outside of marriage; spiritual adultery; idolatry

### Discussion Questions

1. Read Rev. 14:6-7; what was it the angel preached?
2. What is the Gospel? (1 Cor. 15:1-4)
3. Did the angel only preach the Gospel to selected people? Who did he preach it to? (Rev. 14:6)

Read the front of the lesson about the message of the first angel.

4. Read Rev. 14:8; what is this angel declaring?
5. Compare Jer. 51:6-7 and Rev. 14:8, are these the same thing?

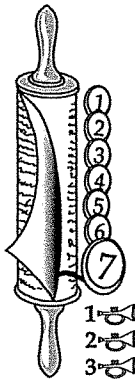
Read the front of the lesson about the message of the second angel.

6. Read Rev. 14:9-10; who are the ones to receive God's wrath?
7. In what way will they be tormented? (Rev. 14:10)
8. How long will they be tormented? (Rev. 14:11)
9. Read Rev. 14:12; what is the patience of the saints?
10. Read Rev. 14:13; why do you think it will be a blessing for the Tribulation saints to die?
11. How does God see the death of His saints? (Psalm 116:15)
12. As Christians all of our works here on the earth will be tried with fire (1 Cor. 3:11-14). Remember the parable of the talents where God gives us gifts and we're to produce good works with them (Matt. 25:14-30). We will receive crowns for the lasting fruit that we produce on earth. This is what Rev. 14:13 means when it says, "...their works followed them." What will we do with our crowns? (Rev. 4:10)

### Memory Verse

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

Revelation 14:12 (NKJV)



## The Harvest of the Earth

"Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him Who sat on the cloud, *'Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.'*

So He Who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, *'Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.'*

So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

- Revelation 14:14-20

### Another Sneak Preview into the End of the Age!

We have seen the opening of the seals, the judgments of the trumpets, and now during our intermission, God will give us a sneak preview of the end of the age! There are more plagues and troubles to come, but in this chapter, God has chosen to give John (and us) a glimpse into the end of the age.

Daniel saw the Lord coming with the clouds of heaven (Daniel 7:13). Revelation 1:7, says: *"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."* Jesus taught His disciples about the end of the age. In the parable of the wheat and the tares, Jesus told His disciples that there would be tares (*weeds sown by the enemy- sons of the wicked one*) growing among the wheat (*good seed- sons of the kingdom of God*) in the field (*the world*). The harvest will come at the end of the age, and angels will be reapers in the harvest. The tares will be gathered and burned in the fire. *"The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"*

- Matthew 13:41-43

The parable of the dragnet is also about the end of the age. *"So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*

- Matthew 13:49-50

God will separate the sheep from the goats. Jesus told His disciples: *"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats."*

- Matthew 25:31-32

(Read all of Matthew 25:31-46, for more information!

The nations will be judged on how they treated Israel.)

Joel 3:1-21, also tells us about the Day of the Lord.

The Lord is going to gather all nations into the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and He will enter into judgment with them there on account of His people—Israel. God is going to repay all nations and peoples for the way that they have treated His people, Israel. The Lord says: *"Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow—for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision."*

- Joel 3:12-14

Israel did not recognize their Messiah, but God has not rejected them! His promises still stand. To Abraham, God made this promise: *"I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

- Genesis 12:3

All the families of the earth are blessed through Abraham! Jesus, our Savior and Messiah, came from the lineage of Abraham. Do you know Jesus? Today is the day to make your decision! Salvation is a gift given to all who ask!

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# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 14:14-20

### Discussion Questions

1. Read Rev. 14:14; who does John see?
2. Where was Jesus sitting?

Can you think of other places in the Bible where clouds are associated with God and His glory? For example, Exodus 19:16, Moses on the mountain; Exodus 40:34, a cloud covered the tabernacle after its completion; Numbers 9:17, a cloud went before Israel to lead them; 1 Kings 8:10, a cloud filled the Holy Place; Ezekiel 10:18, the cloud left the Holy of Holies because of Israel's sin; Matt. 17:5, a cloud appears on the Mt. of Transfiguration; Acts 1:9, Jesus ascended to heaven in a cloud; Rev. 1:7, Jesus will come with the clouds.

3. What does Jesus have on His head and in His hand in Rev. 14:14?

*Note: The crown on His head is the symbol of Jesus' sovereignty and the sickle represents judgment.*

4. Read Rev. 14:15; where is the angel coming from?
5. What is he crying for Jesus to do? (Rev. 14:15)
6. Who is the one who will judge? (Hebrews 10:30; Rev. 14:16)

*Note: This harvest speaks of the harvest in the parable of the wheat and the tares (Matt. 13:41-43).*

7. Read Rev. 14:17-18; what are the angels harvesting?
8. Compare Joel 3:12-14 to Rev. 14:17-18; is this the same event?
9. Read Rev. 14:19-20; where was the wine press trampled?
10. The city referred to is Jerusalem. Where was Jesus crucified? (John 19:17)

*Note: It's interesting to remember that Golgotha was 'outside' the city walls of Jerusalem.*

11. What came out of the winepress? (Rev. 14:20)

The blood flowing here in this harvest is from the judgment of God on those who rejected Him. The greatest blood that was shed was from Jesus on the cross. All who believe in Him will not perish but have everlasting life. Jesus' blood cleanses us from our sins and gives us eternal life.

### Memory Verse

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

Revelation 1:7 (NKJV)