

*A Revelation
of a Mystery*

The Book of Revelation

This book is obviously one God wants us to know and understand hence the name 'revelation'. It also is the only book that promises a blessing to all who read and hears it. It is a written record of what will shortly come to pass. In that, it is written in literal and figurative language. It is important to remember that where the language is figurative the narrative will let you know. Otherwise, we are prompted to take it literally. It is also important to remember this book is not strictly chronological.

1. What is the key to its interpretation?

a. The Book of Revelation contains a verse that many believe to be its key. It is found in 1:19 and has three parts.

b. What are the divisions of the book?

- 1 - 3 deal with the church on earth at the time of its writing
- 4 - 5 pictures the church of the Old Testament saints with God in heaven
- 6 – 19 deals primarily with Israel during the last of the 70- weeks from Daniel
- 20 – 22 speak to the church, the Jews and the Gentiles collectively about Christ's eternal reign.

Chapter One

What is the definition of 'angel'? _____

What is the symbol of the things Christ is dressed in (vss. 13-16)? _____

What are the seven stars representative of? _____

Do the seven churches mentioned still exist today? _____

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Chapter Two

What are the praises of the Church in **Ephesus**? _____

What are the things Christ has against them? _____

What will be the retribution if they don't repent? _____

Who were the Nicolaitans? _____

What will be the blessing of he who hears? _____

What are the praises of the Church in **Smyrna**? _____

What are the things Christ has against them? _____

What will be the retribution if they don't repent? _____

What will be the blessing of he who hears? _____

What are the praises of the Church in **Pergamos**? _____

What are the things Christ has against them? _____

What will be the retribution if they don't repent? _____

What will be the blessing of he who hears? _____

What are the praises of the Church in **Thyatira**? _____

What are the things Christ has against them? _____

What will be the retribution if they don't repent? _____

What will be the blessing of he who hears? _____

Chapter Three

What are the praises of the Church in **Sardis**? _____

What are the things Christ has against them? _____

What will be the retribution if they don't repent? _____

What will be the blessing of he who hears? _____

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What are the praises of the Church in *Philadelphia*? _____

What are the things Christ has against them? _____

What will be the retribution if they don't repent? _____

What will be the blessing of he who hears? _____

What are the praises of the Church in *Laodicea*? _____

What are the things Christ has against them? _____

What will be the retribution if they don't repent? _____

What will be the blessing of he who hears? _____

Chapter Four

Where is John transported to in the beginning of this chapter? _____

What are the jasper and the sardius stone and what do they look like? _____

Do we have a hint of the identity of the 24 elders seated around the throne of God? _____

Some translations leave out the word "the" in verse 5 ("which are [the] seven Spirits of God"). Would this change the meaning? _____

Is there a mention of the living creatures anywhere else in the bible? Where? _____

What is the identity of the One who sits on the throne or what titles does this chapter list for Him? _____

What other part of the Trinity is represented in this vision in heaven? _____

Chapter Five

Is there significance to the scroll being written on the "inside and on the back"? _____

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What groups of people are unable to open the scroll? _____

Where are the references to Jesus Christ from where He is called the "Lion of Judah" and the "Root of David"? _____

Is there significance to the description of Christ? The Lamb? As though it had been slain? Having seven horns? Having seven eyes which are seven spirits of God sent out to all the world?

What was the purpose of incense in the Old Testament and where is it referenced? _____

What other references to the saints of God being 'kings' and 'priests' can you find in the New Testament?

Where shall we reign? _____

Ten thousand times ten thousand can be calculated (equals one hundred million, 100,000,000) but 'thousands and thousands cannot. This is an 'innumerable' number of angels since we know there are four living creatures and twenty four elders.

Note that no "man" was able to open it or "look upon it". What would have disqualified man from this?

What might be the identity of the 24 elders who sit around the throne?

- They are called 'elders', Greek word is '*presybuteros*' which mean older man.
- 24 is a compound of 12. There were 12 tribes of Israel and 12 apostles.
- They are seated on thrones, a sign of power and authority.

Is there significance that the list of creatures in verse 13 (in heaven and on the earth and under the earth **and such as are in the sea**) is different from the list in verse 3 (in heaven and on the earth and under the earth)? _____

What is the list of what the Lamb is to receive gleaned from verses 12 and 13? _____

What does the word 'amen' mean and why is it appropriate here in verse 15? _____

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Chapter Six

(Reference Daniel 12:4)

First Seal

Note that there are four beast at the throne and there are four seals each shown to John as opening by one of the beasts.

Kings usually rode white horses into battle. He is given a crown, or authority. This rider has a two-fold purpose... his is 'conquering' or 'as he goes' and he is going to conquer or has the plan to continue until all is conquered. It cannot be Christ though similarity exists because at that moment Christ is opening the seal in heaven and not present on earth.

Second Seal

This horse is red. The rider seems to be a different one than the first horse's rider. He will take peace from the earth which naturally results in war. This war has a difference though as it seems it will be people against people not necessarily the antichrist fighting them. They seem to turn on each other as the result of the work of the conquering of the first rider.

What can be known about the reference to the 'great sword'? _____

Third Seal

This horse is black. Again it is a separate rider from the other two. Balances were a common tool of the trading market so you would get a fair amount for the money.

What is the identity of the voice in the midst of the four beasts? _____

In the economy of the day of John's writing, what kind of bargain was a measure of wheat for a penny and three measures of barley for a penny? _____

Fourth Seal

Death here is personified. What did you find about the color of the fourth horse? _____

Hell follows death for many. Could there be a spirit over these things since they cannot literally follow each other? _____

What might the reference to people dying by the beasts of the earth mean? _____

Fifth Seal

There is an indication that these 'souls' are those who will through the tribulation period be martyred for Christ. The antichrist is one who kills all who have an allegiance to Jesus. These are called the tribulation saints. This wicked world ruler demands total loyalty to him alone and will seal this later by branding his follower with a seal called "666".

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Do you see any significance to the souls of these being “under the altar” in heaven? _____

Sixth Seal

This seal is different from the previous ones. There is a great geological event, such as has never been seen before. So great it has several effects on the earth and the atmosphere.

- It will block the sun from shining on the earth (black as sackcloth of hair)
What is “sackcloth of hair”? _____
- It will cause the moon to glow red.
- It will correspond with a meteor shower that is unprecedented in the history of the world.
- This earthquake will move “every mountain and island” out of its place.
- It will obscure the view of the sky from earth.
- It will strike absolute fear and dread in the heart of man that God is doing these things.
- It will be an event like none that has ever been.
- This earthquake/geological/celestial event will herald the “great Day of His wrath”.

Chapter Seven

This is the details of an event that takes place between the sixth and seventh seals. It will be the sealing of the 144,000 Jews.

What would be the results of stopping all the winds on all the earth from blowing? _____

Where is a “seal” mentioned in the New Testament other than here? _____

Compare the list of the Tribes of Israel here to the original sons of Israel. Who is missing?

Is there special significance to the group spoken of here called the ‘tribulation saints’ by some? If so, what distinguishes them from other saints of God? _____

From the list of sufferings this group will not have to endure anymore, what can we say they had endured? _____

What is the definition of ‘saint’ and how could that be significant here in understanding these verses?

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Chapter Eight

Seventh Seal

The silence in heaven could be reference to taking a breath prior to something big, or it could have a more specific meaning. The time of the silence is defined, which, given it is in heaven where this takes place, has a special significance. In the Jewish sacrificial practices the priest conducted, there was a prayerful silence when he would enter the Holy of Holies as he made the sacrifice. This generally lasted until the priest emerged from this Holy place. Typically, *according to tradition*, this would take around 30 minutes.

What other significance could this half hour have? _____

The seventh seal marks the introduction of seven angels with seven trumpets being prepared.

What was the significance of incense burning in the temple from the Old Testament? _____

First Trumpet:

A third of the trees and grass on earth is burned up. What other plague is similar to this in the OT? _____

Second Trumpet:

A large item that is burning is thrown into the sea. We know it is thrown “down” from “above” so the fire could easily be the result of it coming through our atmosphere. It was like a “great mountain” so we can say it is probably a large meteorite. We cannot know its make-up but, the fact it turns the sea blood red may indicate it is composed mostly of iron. We have no indication which ‘sea’ it falls into.

Third Trumpet:

This second article falling from the sky is somewhat of a mystery. It doesn’t behave like anything we can relate it to today. Some say it is a comet. But comets do not strike only fresh waters. The purpose of this ‘star’ called wormwood is to make a third of the drinking water unfit to drink.

What might be the significance of the star having a proper name (note the word “Wormwood” is capitalized)? _____

What is wormwood? _____

Fourth Trumpet:

Verse 12 indicates a ‘third’ part of now known light is made ineffective. It is not known if this means the light itself is blocked and reduced by one third, it just becomes darker in a way not known by natural science or if it simply doesn’t shine for a third part of when it used to shine. Other than the resulting darkness, this trumpet seems to be more of a warning of the increasing severity of the three trumpets left. Woe is repeated three times by the angel, one for each trumpet.

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Chapter Nine

Fifth Trumpet

John saw a star fall from heaven to the earth. It identifies this star as a person or angel who had a key to open the bottomless pit. Out of the pit rose smoke and out of the smoke came locust-like creatures.

What are some characteristics of locusts that might help us to see these creatures clearer? _____

What 'power' does a scorpion have over man? _____

Why would these creatures be commanded not to hurt grass, tree or any green thing? _____

Which group of people did God seal with a mark on their foreheads earlier (Chapter 7)? _____

What is the pain of a scorpion like? _____

Is there significance to the 5 month timeframe for the creature's work that you could find? _____

In what ways might death be withheld from mankind during this time? _____

What does a horse prepared for battle look like? _____

From the description of these creatures, is there any living thing on earth today that compares? _

The Hebrew name "Abaddon" and the Greek name "Apollyon" both mean destroyer. This demon is the king over the creatures mentioned. He is king of the Abyss. He commands them what is stated in verses 4, 5 and 10. Abaddon is one of only four angels named in Scripture.

What are the references to the word 'woe' in scripture? _____

Sixth Trumpet

The voice John heard from the four horns of the golden altar is unidentified. Whoever it was had authority to set four angels loose bound in the river Euphrates.

What would be the significance of seeing that these are angels and not demons? _____

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Two hundred thousand thousand is 200,000,000 (200 million). A third part of man at this time could be as many as 2 billion. Their power to kill is obviously supernatural and the description is unlike anything man has seen. It is interesting to note that this vast army (practically the entire population of the USA) is bound in the Middle East at this time.

What were the sins of the people of the day at this time from verse 20 and 21? _____

What could possibly account for the masses disregard of God and their resistance to repent during this time? _____

Chapter Ten

This chapter deals with the actions of a special angel of the Lord and thing He says that triggers the fulfillment of the culmination of God's wrath

Has John changed location again from previously? _____

The description of this angel from heaven gives clues to His identity. What similarities do you see with another figure in scripture? _____

What might be the purpose of sealing the utterances of the seven thunders? _____

Looking ahead to the Seventh Angel's work (chapter 11:15-18), why would this be the completion of the mystery of God? _____

The reference to taking a book and eating it and it becoming "sweet as honey in your mouth and bitter in your belly" is what is called a 'Hebraism'. It indicates the receiving of knowledge from God. Where else was a prophet commanded to do this? _____

This chapter ends with the instruction given to John that God's revelation to him wasn't finished yet.

Chapter Eleven

This chapter gives us more detail concerning the take-over of the antichrist and introduces us to the "two witnesses".

The outer court of the temple area was reserved for those who were not Jewish. With a Jewish year being comprised of 360 days, how many years would 42 months be? _____

From the description of these two witnesses in verse 4, what can we know about their identity?

Who is the beast out of the bottomless pit (10:11)? _____

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From verse 8 and other verses prior, can we say we know these things?...

- People to be able to kill them
- They must be living mortal people
- Prior to their reign on earth, they were standing before God
- Their dead bodies lay in the streets of Jerusalem for three and a half days
- They were prophets
- These two died in Jerusalem

Who else ascended up to heaven in a cloud? _____

Are there other references to 7,000 in scripture that might explain this mysterious mention of the number? (1st Kings 19:18) _____

Verse 13 is one of only a few references to the people of earth giving glory to God during the tribulation period.

Seventh Trumpet

Where is the reference in scripture to the enemies of God being put under the feet of Jesus Christ?

When Jesus is pronounced all powerful ruler over all the earth, heaven opens to enable those on earth to see the Ark of the Covenant (God's throne). This opening of the veil causes lightning and hail.

Chapter Twelve

This chapter is a break in the chronology of the book. It describes in word pictures the dealings between Satan and Jesus as it pertains to Israel. John describes it as a "sign" appearing in heaven.

From the descriptions, who are the figures in this story?

The sun clothed women with a garland of twelve stars: _____

The male child who will rule all nations that she carries: _____

The fiery dragon with seven heads and ten horns: _____

The location of the dragon at the beginning of the story: _____

The location of the dragon and his angels at the end of the story: _____

The woman (Israel) seems to have a time of protection from the devil for around 3½ years (One thousand two hundred and sixty days of verse 6 and time and times and a half of time of verse 14).

Can we know where this wilderness is? _____

Can we know what the reference to the great wings of an eagle could mean? _____

Who are the participants of this new war that breaks out? _____

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Some claim that the eagle reference is to the United States which is practically the only ally Israel has presently. But, there is no evidence that the United States has even survived to this point. While the national bird of this country is the eagle, it was also the national bird of the empire of Greece.

Chapter Thirteen

This chapter describes the workings of the beast that John had seen earlier and states more details about the last 3½ years of the tribulation period.

The body of the beast was like a leopard. The body is where you draw your strength. Which animal in Daniel does this correspond to? _____

His feet were that of a bear. The feet are what give you mobility. Which animal does this correspond to in Daniel? _____

His mouth was like that of a lion. The mouth is used to consume sustenance for life. Is there a reference to a lion in Daniel? _____

The seven heads corresponds to the kingdoms which have or will persecute the woman or Israel. They are...

- Egypt
- Assyria
- Babylon
- Persia
- Greece
- Rome
- (an unnamed kingdom)

One of these which has been destroyed in the past will be “revived” and rule again, It is not clear who provided the deadly blow that takes this kingdom out nor is it revealed which kingdom this is that is brought back to life. Some point to the Roman Empire while others declare it is Greece.

During this 42 month period (exactly 3 ½ years) this beast makes war with the saints of God on earth and “overcomes them”. They are all martyred.

This second beast also comes out of the sea and directs the worship of the beast. He also performs great signs and wonders. The mark is given to those on the earth only after all of God’s saints have been overcome. What are the main points about this mark?

To whom is it given? _____ Where is it given? _____

What does this mark enable them to do? _____

The mark is a “calculation” which means it is not a number in and of itself but more of a formula. It is not six hundred sixty six, but six and six and six, or three sixes.

Why might it be called the ‘number of a man’? _____

What other references to the number six do we find in the bible? _____

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Chapter Fourteen

This chapter gives more detail about the 144,000, introduces us to the destruction of the rebuilt Babylon and One like the Son of man with a sickle to thrust into the earth. These events seem to take place near the end of the seven year tribulation period. There are seven more plagues or 'bowls' of God's wrath to be poured out. These will be detailed later.

What is the reference Mount Sion referring to? Is this in heaven or on earth? (Ref. Hebrews 12:22-23) _____

Does verse three make it clear that the 144,000 had been translated or raptured to heaven at this point? _____

If verse four is to be taken literally, which we have no indication it shouldn't be, what can be said about the 144,000 that we did not know from chapter 12?

- They are all men
- They hadn't been with a woman, they were virgins
- They follow the Lamb, Jesus
- They were redeemed from among men
- They were first fruits to God (What does the term "first Fruits" mean?)
- They stand before God "faultless" (What does this word mean?)

Three special messenger angels follow in this chapter. The first one flies in the "midst" of heaven. Where is a reference to heaven that Paul spoke of that might shed some light on this location? (2nd Corinthians 12:2-4) _____

What is this angel's three fold 'gospel'? _____

The second angel makes mention to Babylon. This will not be the only time we read of Babylon. What facts about this reference can we make from this angel's proclamation? _____

The third angel has a 'loud voice' which indicates the angel wants our attention. What are the three conditions that must occur together to reap God's wrath? _____

From these verses we can conclude that those who are condemned will be within sight or "presence" of where the Lamb is and that at that time there will be "day and night".

What can be said about the trials of this time on earth from the standpoint of those who still follow Christ (verses 12-13)? _____

The next verses look ahead to the day of the Battle of Armageddon.

From the brief description can the identity of the "one like unto the Son of man" be known? _____

Where is another place where Jesus spoke of a harvest ripe and ready to be reaped? _____

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In what ways is the second harvest (verses 17-20) different from the first? _____

What does the area represent that is detailed in verse 20? _____

Chapter Fifteen

Where is the 'sign' located that John now sees? _____

Seven angels have been assigned the last seven plagues of God. They are more severe than the previous plagues for in them is "filled up the wrath of God". These seven have been in the presence of Almighty God in the temple in heaven and are sent out to receive the last seven golden vials to pour them out on mankind. What other references to a "holy" smoke are in Scripture? _____

Chapter Sixteen

Now begins the final plagues of God referred to as 'vials'. This chapter reveals all seven of them in order which might indicate they occur in rapid succession. They are to be more severe and farther reaching than any of the previous plagues. They are the fulfillment of God's wrath.

First Vial

Could the sores which only fall on certain people, here those who have the mark or worship the image, be likened to another plague which segregated certain people in its affects? (See Exodus 9:8-12) _____

The sores on men doesn't seem to carry with it death, but that cannot be know for certain.

Second Vial

The reference to "sea" here most likely refers to the Great (or Mediterranean) Sea, but would no doubt affect the oceans of the world also. What could the statement "blood of a dead man" refer to?

Third Vial

This vial reveals information previously unknown. One, that there is an "angel of the waters". Could this transformation of water into blood be literal? _____

Forth Vial

This vial affects the sun or the ozone layer in our atmosphere that shields us from the burning invisible rays the sun emits. Either way, it is a notable plague. It however doesn't lead man to repentance either.

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Fifth Vial

This vial's plague also only affects the extent of the kingdom of the beast (the antichrist). It is an unnatural darkness in that it brings enormous pain to those on whom it falls.

Sixth Vial

This vial dries up the Euphrates River and "prepares the way of the kings of the east". Look up these references and see if you find a correlation.

- Zechariah 14:1-5 and Joel 3

What is the location these three spirits like frogs come from? _____

The battle of Armageddon spoken of in verses 15 and 16 are spoken prior to the event. What is the location of the Valley of Megiddo? (See 2nd Chronicles 35:22 and Zechariah 12:11) _____

See 1st Thessalonians 5:4 for a reference for verse 15.

Seventh Vial

This last vial is not poured out onto the earth but in the "air" and signals the completion of God's wrath. It brings with it an unprecedented earthquake and geological events that would be unheard of. The entire face of the earth changes and it cause hailstones of around 115 pounds to fall on earth.

Chapter Seventeen

This chapter is what is called 'parenthetical' in that it isn't in line with the timeline of events and cannot be taken as chronological in nature. It speaks of one called the "great harlot" which sits on the beast John had seen in chapter 13. Much controversy has been stirred about the identity of this personage on the beast and many have forwarded the best guess as to who she represents, including the United States and the Catholic Church. So much has changed on the earth by this point it may not be possible or even relevant for us to know her identity. There are some characteristics about her that may be useful to us today.

She is identified as a harlot. What other comparisons does the bible make to harlotry? _____

Chapter 17 seems to deal with the judgment of this harlot. Other details about the beast are also revealed in this passage. This beast is scarlet in color. What might this color reference? _____

Some characteristics of the Babylonian empire of the past were wasteful and unfettered living and depravity. It was known as the City of Gold because gold was so prevalent on every building.

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Some people have forwarded a view that this Babylon is a new empire with characteristics of the old. Not one that conquers with sword or might but with perversion and enticements. Many look for this Babylon to be built on the old ruins of the old city in Iran. Scripture neither confirms nor denies this.

First are details about the beast.

- The seven heads correspond to seven mountains with seven kings. The harlot has sat on all seven at some point. What might these refer to? _____
- Of the seven heads, **five** are fallen (Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Media-Persian, Grecian), **one** is (Roman) and the **other** has not yet (at the point of this writing) come. This seventh head continues a “short time”
- The beast itself is the eighth and of the seven.
- The ten horns represent ten kings who haven't come into power yet and will continue in power for only one hour. They make war with the Lamb (Jesus Christ) in cooperation with the beast.
- Jesus overcomes these ten kings and the beast.

Second, the details about the water.

- The waters represent nations and tongues and peoples from every corner of the world. This beast and the harlot come out of worldly humanity. The devil has tried from the very beginning to use man to subvert and derail God's plan for universal salvation.

At issue here is the division between the ten kings who give their authority to the beast and the harlot who rides it. These are not allies but at odds against each other.

The harlot represents immorality and perversion. The beast and the kings represent power and authority. Sexual immorality has been at the root of the fall of practically every kingdom including Rome, Greece, Assyria and most likely, the USA.

Which kingdom does verse 18 refer to? _____

Chapter Eighteen

A great catastrophe occurs where the Mystery Babylon city is destroyed by fire. Was Babylon of ancient times ever completely destroyed, or does this speak of a future event? _____

The description of the goods of Babylon and the interest the kings have in her is evident to be speaking of commerce. Because they made money off of her they lament now because this great commercial center is gone so suddenly (in one hour). See Ezekiel Chapter 27 for a similar scene.

Can we glean a hint from the location of this city from verse 17? _____

The destruction of Babylon could be related to a great meteorite being cast into the sea near the city, but that is speculation from verse 21.

Chapter Nineteen

The first half of this chapter is a parenthetical section dealing with the scene in heaven just prior to the sending of Christ to begin His thousand year reign (verses 1-10)

In what ways would this “marriage supper” be like one on earth and what might be the purpose of it based on biblical customs? _____

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What do we find out about the one leading John through this vision from verse 10? _____

The Second Coming of Christ and the Battle of Armageddon

The second coming of Jesus coincides with the great Battle of Armageddon in the valley of Megiddo. What new ways does John describe Jesus in verses 11-14? _____

What does verse 20 say about the mortality of the beast and the false prophet? _____

What weapon does Christ use in His vanquishing of this evil army? _____

Chapter Twenty

For references to the key to the bottomless pit see Revelation 1:18. The devil is bound by a “great” chain and cast into this pit so he cannot deceive anyone for the 1000 year period Christ reigns on earth. There is more detail about the scene prior to and after the battle and the mechanics of this reign in Ezekiel chapters 38 through 48. For a deeper understanding of it these parts of scripture must be read with this section of Revelation.

What is the key way the antichrist and the beast empire use to kill the saints during the tribulation period according to verse 4? _____

Who are the “rest of the dead” referred to in Verse 5? _____

For reference to what the “second death” is, see verse 15. Why would you think this is called the second death? _____

With satan’s release, the people of the earth are once again deceived and follow him as the “sands of the sea”. Look up references to Gog and Magog to determine where this is on the world map. Why would these be referenced? (See Ezekiel) _____

The ‘beloved city’ in verse 9 most likely refers to Jerusalem where, evidently, Jesus Christ has been reigning from for the past 1000 years or so. These followers of the deceiver surround the ‘camp’ where the saints have fled. But, in one fell swoop God rains fire from heaven and devours them all.

Many believe the final state of those who do evil deeds to be total annihilation. In other words, some believe the evil people who never follow God will simply disappear and that there is no lasting punishment for them. What does verse 20 tell us about this? _____

The great white throne judgment spoken of here is different from another judging time mentioned in the New Testament. Note the differences here: _____

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Chapter Twenty One

Are there other verses in scripture that state the earth will never pass away? _____

If 'pass away' doesn't mean to disappear, what else could it mean (see 2nd Peter 3:10)? _____

What is the natural effect on bodies of water with a great and extremely hot fire? _____

It is important at this point to note verse 9 of this chapter and then recall it when we study chapter 22 verses 8 and 9. I had mentioned earlier that the last seven 'angel's' who poured out the last of the plagues of God may not be supernatural beings since the word angel simply means messenger.

The properties of light change to a state that is impossible for us to fully understand at this point. It casts no shadow and is not generated by the sun any longer.

What can we picture this New Jerusalem to be as far as its dimensions from verses here? _____

The last few verses allude to those who will inhabit the new city. It appears that only those who have their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life will be able to enter into the city. But, it also points to people living on earth at this time (the 'nations') and that they would visit the city and enjoy the light of the city.

Chapter Twenty Two

Verse 2 is one of only a few mentions of the Tree of Life. What was the function of the Tree of Life mentioned in Genesis? _____

What did the original curse include as listed in Genesis Chapter 3:14-24? _____

What are the ways you and I can "keep the prophecies of this book"? _____

Review the note on the previous chapter about this 'angel'.

What can be said about the prophecies of this book where we wouldn't be adding or taking away anything of it? How can we honor God when this book is being discussed or is brought up in conversation, especially with non-believers or doubters? The Old Testament ends with a curse (Malachi 4:6) and the New Testament ends with a promise (chapter 22). What does that say about the God you serve? _____