

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

WORSHIP, WATCH AND WARN

Answers

to Bible Study Questions

Lesson 1

4. If we don't understand that Revelation reveals Christ, then we will most likely become distracted with all the prophetic details of the book and miss key truths about Christ.
5. We should read and study Revelation as a means to learn about Christ. We should then take what we learn and apply the principles to our lives today.
6. Revealing details about coming judgment helps to communicate to the world their need for a Savior. These details show Christ desires all people to be saved. He graciously makes the consequences of sin very clear.
7. It must be possible to understand Revelation, or God would not have made the promise given in verse 3.
8. Perhaps the words confidence, hope, and trust.
10. He has provided believers with a complete salvation.
11. Well enough to be arrested and exiled for his actions. He is a good testimony to the commitment level Christ expects from believers.
15. No mortal can long stare at the moral glory of the Savior. Our finiteness and our falling short of Christ's glory overwhelm us in His presence.
17. The titles show Christ as victorious over sin and death. Christ reminded John that He was John's hope and that he would have victory over sin and death through Christ.
18. **Worship**—"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end" (v. 8); "His head and his hairs were white like wool . . . and his eyes were as a flame of fire" (v. 14); "his feet like unto fine brass . . . and his voice as the sound of many waters" (v. 15); "his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength" (v. 16). **Watch**—"Blessed is he that . . . keep those things which are written" (v. 3); "hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father" (v. 6); "to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever" (v. 6); "Behold, he cometh with

clouds" (v. 7). **Warn**—"out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword" (v. 16); "I . . . have the keys of hell and of death" (v. 18).

Lesson 2

3. Church members should hold their pastor in high regard, respond positively to his leadership, and pray for him faithfully.
5. They serve grudgingly; they lack joy in service; they complain about their responsibilities.
6. Renewing one's relationship with Christ, focusing on Him instead of self. Loving self more than Christ is the problem.
7. Service for God that is devoid of love profits us nothing.
8. Money, power, comfort, recognition, material goods.
9. Christ's descriptions reminded the believers at Smyrna that He in control of time and eternity and that He suffered greatly on the cross. These truths would assure them that Christ is in control of the persecutions they faced and that He could identify with them in their suffering.
10. There is no room for half-hearted commitment levels in churches that are experiencing persecution. The persecution drives the uncommitted and pretenders away and strengthens those truly devoted to following Christ.
11. The Smyrna believers would not agree with such a notion. Persecution would be part of their future if they continued to trust God. Their reward would come in Heaven.
12. Tolerance for doctrinal error eventually corrupts a church and robs it of its effectiveness.
13. They think it demonstrates God's love and avoids conflict that could sidetrack the ministry of the church.
14. God's words are the authority for the church. Churches that compromise and tolerate sin are ignoring God's words, namely the Word of God, and setting up their own instructions for their church.

15. Christ's eyes like flaming torches reveal His omniscience. His feet of brass reveal His supernatural power.
19. The temptation to give in to the guilds would grow stronger as financial pressure from lack of work mounted.

Lesson 3

3. Christ has the same desire to direct churches today. No matter how insignificant a church might seem, Christ is the Head and the Spirit empowers the church for ministry.
4. A dead church may have plenty of activity that makes it look alive. A dead church may see growth in numbers and finances and think it has life.
5. Recalling their salvation would remind them of their purpose and recalling their past spiritual growth would remind them of the pattern for spiritual growth they once followed.
6. The people like the church just the way it is. The building is paid for and the budget is being met. The church has done great things in the past.
9. Such a belief gives confidence that God is not wrong in allowing persecution because He is holy. Such a belief also gives confidence that He is worth following through persecution because He is the truth.
11. They would have been more likely to continue to persevere knowing that the persecution would not last forever, Christ was returning, and He would reward them for not giving up.
13. The earthquakes in the area would have made the temples to gods unstable. Being a "pillar" in God's temple was Christ's way of reassuring them that their ministry on His behalf was worth it. Their place with God, unlike the pagan temples, was permanent. Nothing could shake them from God.
15. He vomits them out of His mouth.
16. Christ takes lukewarmness very seriously. The metaphor of vomiting lukewarm believers out of His mouth shows His disgust with and intolerance for spiritually lukewarm believers.
17. God's chastening reveals His love for believers. God loves believers too much to let them live in sin.

Lesson 4

6. Israel was set aside by God at this time. Their disobedience had led them to exile. God returned them to the Promised Land but they dispersed from there throughout the Roman Empire.
7. John would have learned about God's faithfulness, particularly to Israel.
8. Without God's grace no one could ever be with Him in Heaven. We are saved by grace and should never forget to worship God for being a gracious God.
9. God is so praiseworthy that the four living creatures felt compelled to praise Him constantly. They never felt as if they had praised Him enough. Quite a truth for us as believers to apply to our own worship of God.
10. God's faithfulness, grace, holiness, sovereignty, and eternal existence.
11. Because no one was found worthy to open the book.
12. To bring forth proper judgment on those deserving of God's wrath, thus demonstrating Christ's right to rule Earth.
13. Apparently the world would remain as it is. Evil would never be eradicated from the earth. Obviously this was not the case, but John must have thought it was a possibility. Christ steps forward to open the scroll and begin the pouring out of judgment on the earth.
14. Christ's worthiness to take the scroll; His crucifixion; His redemption of people; His appointment of believers to be kings and priests; and His worthiness to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing.
15. We are absolutely hopeless without the death of Christ. His death meant He was qualified to open the scroll.
17. Nothing could conceivably be more enjoyable and thrilling than getting to worship Christ Who purchased our redemption and made eternity in Heaven possible.

Lesson 5

3. The thunderous voice commands attention and conveys the serious destruction that was about to be unleashed on the earth.

4. That he will conquer through means of peaceful negotiations.
5. Global communications, a movement toward a global economy, global economic hardships.
9. Many will probably be on the run from those trying to kill them. They will be desperate for food and safety. Yet they belong to God and will spend eternity with Him.
10. People are trapped and killed from falling debris; utilities are cut off; homes and shelters are destroyed; infrastructure is rendered useless; massive flooding may occur from tsunamis.
11. Money and power will be meaningless in the face of widespread devastation.
12. The people of the earth recognize that God is bringing the devastation out of His wrath.
13. Though God is judging the earth, His desire is still for people to be saved. His wrath, in fact, helps to communicate to the lost that He is their judge and that they must turn to Him in faith.
14. The outpouring of God's wrath on the earth contributed to the turning of many people to the Lord. They witnessed and experienced His wrath and placed their faith in Christ for salvation as a result.
15. They will feel compelled to serve God day and night out of utter gratitude for their salvation.
16. He will shepherd them, provide for their needs, and take away their sorrow.
17. Christ has a deep love for people. He became a lamb so He might die on behalf of His sheep. He then shepherds His sheep and demonstrates His love for them.
7. That God is sovereign over the seas, rivers, and bodies of water. The fact that people need water to live shows that they are dependent on God.
8. That God is in control of the heavenly bodies. People need the sun in order to live. They are thus dependent on God for life.
9. They will seek death but not be able to find it.
10. That God is in control of the health and safety of humanity. People need God for health and well-being.
11. They don't abandon their idol worship and sinful ways.
12. They expect their gods to deliver them.
13. Humanity is thoroughly depraved. Despite God's obvious judgments, they refuse to turn to Him in repentance and faith.
14. God's judgments as foreseen by John will most certainly be completed. Nothing will stop them.

Lesson 7

Lesson 6

3. That an ominous, serious judgment was coming from God.
4. God's judgment is righteous, and the wicked deserve it.
5. The scene demonstrates that God hears our prayers and responds to them. This should cause us to approach prayer with an attitude of seriousness and with faith.
6. That God is sovereign over land. He can destroy it along with its food sources at any moment. People need God's land to live. They are dependent on God for life.
3. In the apostasy of the idolatrous northern kingdom of Israel, Elijah and Elisha witnessed for God. In the darkness of legalistic Judaism, there was the light of John the Baptist.
4. Not at all popular. No one wants to hear a message of doom, especially in the midst of extreme turmoil and uncertainty.
5. The light of Christ shines on the lives of the lost exposing their evil deeds.
8. Sin is serious and demands God's wrath.
9. The unsaved rejoice over the death of the witnesses.
10. They probably believe that the witnesses' message of judgment and doom has died along with the witnesses.
11. That He is all-powerful, that He can't be overcome, and that He is the giver of eternal life.
12. They feared greatly.
13. For His eternity, for taking His great power and reigning, for His wrath on and judgment of the nations, for rewarding His servants, for destroying those who destroy the earth.
14. If God didn't keep His covenant with Israel, then the Church could not trust Him to keep any of His promises.
15. Cain slew Abel (Gen. 4:8); Pharaoh tried to kill all of the Jewish male infants (Exod. 1); Athaliah mur-

dered all of the royal seed except for Joash (2 Chron. 22:10–12); and Herod the Great decreed that all male infants in the area of Bethlehem be slain (Matt. 2:16).

16. The future would be hopeless and filled with wickedness and destruction.
18. God's salvation, strength, kingdom, and power have come. Satan was overcome and cast out of Heaven.
19. Satan is thoroughly wicked. He acts according to his nature. He still believes he can overcome God and set up his own kingdom. He knows that his fate is eternal torment if he is not successful. Obviously he won't succeed.

Lesson 8

3. That God was not strong enough to control the beast; that God was a false god and the beast was the true god.
4. God is sovereign and does as he pleases among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain God.
5. That God is sovereign and that all must humble themselves before Him.
6. As the One Who holds Belshazzar's breath in His hand and owns all his ways.
7. He would ascend into heaven, exalt his throne above the stars, sit on the mount of the congregation, ascend above the heights of the clouds, and be like the Most High.
8. He promised Christ the kingdoms of the earth if Christ would bow down to him.
9. God is incomprehensibly mightier than the Antichrist. No one is like Him and no one could make war with Him.
10. His challenge of the Almighty without immediate divine retribution will create a false sense of security for him and his followers.
11. That he can never be stopped.
12. All the unsaved of the earth will worship him.
14. God says He will not slack in His vengeance.
15. Death.
16. Believers belong to God and can never be taken from Him.
17. God always provides a witness of His grace and mercy.
18. God's enemies, no matter how great, will eventually experience His judgment and fall.
19. Those who oppose God will not stand in the day of judgment.
20. God gives rest and rewards to the saved.
21. The wicked will not go unpunished. God will exact vengeance on them.

Lesson 9

3. His works are great and marvelous; His ways are just and true; He is holy.
4. Moses could have been bitter and disappointed, but he sang of God's righteous ways instead.
5. Smoke from the glory of God filled the temple.
6. Illness is not something we can escape. It is very personal.
7. The fishing industry would be wiped out, the air would be filled with stench, the water cycle would be disrupted, and diseases could spread.
8. His sovereign lordship, His righteousness, His eternity, His truth, and His moral right to judge.
9. They deserved the judgment for shedding the blood of saints and prophets.
10. They blasphemed God, did not repent, and did not give God glory.
11. They believe God's wrath is unwarranted and that He is wrong in sending it.
14. They must think God is unjust in His judgments and worthy of destruction at their hands.
15. They must think of themselves as powerful, skilled, and wise.
16. The unsaved continued to blaspheme God.

Lesson 10

3. The authority and inerrancy of Scripture, the deity of Christ, the virgin birth, the reality of Hell, the blood atonement, and bodily resurrection.
4. Approval of deviant sexual behavior, such as homosexuality; propagation of seeking pleasure above all else; promotion of materialism; tolerance of all kinds of sins.
5. Joining with liberal churches communicates to them that their doctrinal beliefs are acceptable. It also opens the door for compromise.
6. Having the approval of the apostate church will give the leaders credibility and will hide the truth

- about their evil ways.
8. The apostate religious system will have no room for believers. Their intolerance for believers will move them to kill the believers.
 9. Each one points to the exceedingly wicked, unrepentant nature of Babylon.
 10. We know the beast will be crushed by our omnipotent God, Whose glory far outshines the abilities and actions of the beast.
 11. "Short space" and "goeth into perdition" (destruction).
 12. King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
 13. All the kings and lords of the earth will be gathered at Armageddon to try to overthrow Christ. He will prove He is King and Lord over them all.
 14. God's sovereign purpose works in and through the evil actions of the wicked federation to accomplish His ultimate will, which is the destruction of the harlot and the temporary exaltation of the Antichrist in the second half of the Tribulation. The nations will voluntarily submit themselves to the authority of the evil beast until the words of God are fulfilled.
 15. De-emphasis on doctrine. Emphasis on caring for humanity's physical needs to the exclusion of sharing the gospel. Preaching another gospel or corrupting the gospel by adding to it.
 16. The godly should rejoice because the fall of Babylon paves the way for the return of Christ.
 17. "No more at all."

Lesson 11

3. Christ's righteousness as well as the righteous acts we do for Him after salvation. Christ will reward our service prior to the marriage at the Judgment Seat of Christ.
4. We can prepare for the marriage by choosing to serve God wholeheartedly and faithfully while on earth.
7. He bowed down in worship, though his worship needed to be directed at Christ instead of his messenger.
8. That Christ is never returning to earth and that the story of His return is a fallacious tradition.
9. They sneered and mocked the prospect of Christ's return.
10. Believers can have confidence that Christ will be faithful and true to the future blessings He has promised to them.
11. The lost should fear Christ for He will be faithful and true to His plans to judge them.
12. The entire fullness of deity is in Jesus Christ.
14. They are deceived by Satan into thinking they can defeat Christ. Satan is using them to try to wrest the kingdom away from Christ.
15. We should be diligent in sharing the gospel. Some of the lost we rub shoulders with today may one day be at that battle scene waiting to wage war, hopeless and doomed.
17. Nothing on earth compares to the amount of suffering and the eternal duration of it.
18. We ought to respond by sharing the gospel.

Lesson 12

4. This title emphasizes his awesome power, both personal and political.
5. He tempts people through deception.
6. Satan became filled with pride and tried to exalt himself above God.
7. Satan would not be around to tempt, deceive, and devour people.
10. They are beheaded.
11. No amount of suffering for the sake of Christ will compare to the blessings of the Millennium.
12. Perfect. Better than we can imagine.
13. No. People born in the Millennium will still have a sin nature. They will still need to put their trust in Christ. Their environment has no power to make them perfect people.
14. Christ's resurrection is the basis for the resurrection of believers.
15. Perhaps Satan convinces them that God cannot be trusted. Satan probably will also promise them freedom from being ruled. Whatever the reasons, we know their sin nature will be intrigued enough with the prospects of getting more to rebel against God.
17. He wants us to know the seriousness of sin and the specific consequences of rejecting Him. He also wants us to be motivated to spread the gospel.

Lesson 13

3. It will completely burn up.

4. We won't remember the stuff of this earth.
5. Immersing ourselves into acquiring goods that we will lose in a fire and not even remember is foolish.
6. They considered this earth their temporary home and invested their lives in serving God.
7. God dwelling with us.
8. There will be no more tears, death, sorrow, crying, or pain.
10. Some possible reasons include: It reminds the believer of what he has been saved from; it reminds the believer to stay focused on his mission to spread the gospel; it provides a warning to those readers who have not yet trusted in Christ as their Savior.
12. Perhaps miniature doll houses.
13. The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple.
14. God satisfies the inhabitants of the city with His presence. The citizens won't need to find ways to entertain themselves in order to keep from becoming bored.
15. We should seek to build a close relationship with Him now. We should want to please Him in all we do.
16. The words about all of God's judgments on sinners and the final destination of sinners is sobering to think about while the words about the eternal home of the believer are encouraging.
17. The reader is expected to respond to the messages of the book. The book of Revelation should be life changing to all who read it.