

ECCLESIASTES 8-12; ESTHER; REVELATION 1-3

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- a. *The Bible reading plan for Week 32, Year 2: Eccl 8-12; Est; Rev 1-2*
- b. *The following questions may be used for personal reflection or cell group discussion. You do not need to attempt all questions at cell meetings.*

1. Read Ecclesiastes Chapter 8. What effect does wisdom have on a person according to v. 1?

Why did Solomon say to obey the king's command in v. 2?

What would happen to the person who obeyed the king's command, according to v. 5?

What did Solomon say there is a proper time and procedure for, according to v. 6?

What does no one know, according to v. 7?

What does no one have power over, according to v. 8?

What happens when a criminal sentence is not quickly executed, according to v. 11?

What did Solomon conclude about people who are God-fearing in verse twelve?

What did Solomon conclude about people who do not fear God, according to v. 13?

What did Solomon conclude was meaningless in v. 14?

What did Solomon commend and why in v. 15?

What way are we limited in vv. 16-17? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

2. Read Ecclesiastes Chapter 9. What did Solomon conclude about the righteous and the wise and all that they do in verse one?

Who shares a common destiny, according to verse two?

What is the evil in everything that takes place in v. 3? How did Solomon describe human nature in this verse?

Who has hope, according to v. 4?

Why do the living, have hope in Eccl 9:5-6?

What did Solomon tell his readers to do in Eccl 9:7-8?

What did Solomon say about marriage in verse nine? What is our lot in life, according to this verse?

How should we work, according to verse ten? Why should we do all we do with all our might?

What did Solomon observe about people in v. 11?

Why should we use our time well, according to v. 12?

What did Solomon see that impressed him in Eccl 9:13-16?

What was ironic about the man who saved the city in vv. 13-18?
What was ironic about the way the city was saved in these verses?

What themes are explored in vv. 13, 20?

What did Solomon compare the quiet words of the wise to in Eccl 9:17?

What is the value of wisdom, according to v. 18? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

3. Read Ecclesiastes Chapter 10. What does a little folly outweigh, according to the first verse?

What evil arising from the error of a ruler did Solomon see in Eccl 10:5-7?

What sort of injuries did Solomon warn against in Eccl 10:8-9?

How did Solomon compare and contrast the words of the wise with the words of the fool, in vv. 12-14?

What consequences of laziness did Solomon describe in v. 18?

What did Solomon say about a feast, wine, and money in v. 19?

Why did Solomon counsel against reviling the king and cursing the rich, even in private in v. 20?

What lessons do you learn in this chapter?

4. Read Ecclesiastes Chapter 11. What central theme did Solomon develop in Eccl 11:1; 12:8? What conclusions did Solomon draw about life?

What did Solomon tell his readers to do, in v. 1?

What sort of person did Solomon criticize in verse four?

What is beyond our understanding, according to v. 5?

Why did Solomon tell his readers to keep busy in v. 6?

What do we need to keep in mind and why, according to v. 8?

What advice did Solomon have for the young, according to v. 9?

What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

5. Read Ecclesiastes Chapter 12. When should we take pains to remember our Creator, according to v. 1?

How did Solomon describe old age in vv. 2-5?

How did Solomon symbolize death in vv. 6-7?

What did Solomon conclude is meaningless in v. 8?

How did Solomon describe the Teacher in v. 9? What did the Teacher do with his knowledge?

What did the Teacher search for in v. 10? How did Solomon describe what the Teacher wrote?

How did Solomon describe the words of the wise in v. 11?

What did Solomon warn his reader about in v. 12? What did Solomon say about books and study in this verse?

What is a person's whole duty, according to v. 13?

Why did Solomon tell his reader to fear God and keep His commandments in v. 14?

What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

6. Read Esther Chapter 1. What is the background of this story in vv. 1-3?

Who attended the king's banquet in vv. 3-5?

What events preceded the banquet that the king gave in v. 4?

How is the setting of the banquet described in these vv. 5-8?

What motivated the king to summon the queen on the seventh day of the banquet, in v. 10?

Why did the king want Queen Vashti to leave her own banquet to come to his in v. 11?

How did Queen Vashti respond to the king's command in verse twelve? How did King Xerxes react to Vashti's disobedience?

Whom did the king consult about what to do about the queen's disobedience in Est 1:13-14?

What advice did the wise men give to King Xerxes in vv. 16-20?

What fear did the wise men have about the ramifications of Queen Vashti's behavior, in vv. 17-18?

What impact did the wise men want the king's decree to have in the kingdom, in vv. 19-20?

What did the king decide to do about Queen Vashti in vv. 21-22?

How did Vashti's actions affect all the women in the kingdom of v. 22? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

7. Read Esther Chapter 2. What did the king's attendants propose, and why in Est 2:1-4?

How did the king plan to find another queen for himself in vv. 3-4?

What background information does the passage give us about Mordecai in vv. 5-7?

What does the passage reveal about Esther and her background in v. 7?

What kind of treatment did Esther receive at the palace, and why in verse nine?

For what reason did Esther not reveal her heritage in verse ten?

How did Mordecai keep in contact with Esther in v. 11?

What events preceded a woman's turn to go to the king in vv. 12-14?

What was the only way a woman would get a second chance to see the king, in v. 14?

What did Esther do when it was her turn to go to the king in v. 15?

What did King Xerxes think of Esther in v. 17?

How did Esther become queen in vv. 17-18?

How did Esther continue to show her respect for Mordecai even after she had become queen, in vv. 20-23?

What did Mordecai discover while he was sitting at the king's gate in vv. 21-22?

How did the king find out about the plot to assassinate him in vv. 21-23? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

8. Read Esther Chapter 3. How did King Xerxes honor Haman in vv. 1-2?

What way did Mordecai disobey the king's order in v. 2?

How did Mordecai respond to the officials' questions about his behavior in vv. 3-4?

For what reason did the officials tell Haman about Mordecai's behavior, in v. 4?

How did Haman react to Mordecai's refusal to bow down to him in v. 5?

Why did Haman want to kill all of the Jews in vv. 5-6?

When did Haman decide to kill all the Jews in the kingdom in v. 7?

How did Haman present his intentions to the king in vv. 8-9? Which parts of Haman's speech to the king were true, and which were false? What important piece of information did Haman neglect to tell the king?

How did King Xerxes respond to Haman's request in vv. 10-11?

How did Haman add authority to his edict in v. 12?

What did Haman do to carry out his plan in vv. 12-15? How did Mordecai's behavior affect the whole kingdom in these verses?

What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

9. Read Esther Chapter 4. How did Mordecai and the Jews react to the king's edict in vv. 1-3?

What did Esther do when she heard that Mordecai was in mourning in verse four?

How did Esther discover the reason behind Mordecai's grief in verse five?

What key details did Mordecai know about Haman's evil plot in v. 7? How do we know that Mordecai had a significant connection to the palace?

What proof did Mordecai send to Esther about the king's edict in verse eight? What specific way did Mordecai want Esther to help the Jews?

Why was Mordecai's advice to Esther dangerous for her to carry out in v. 11? What was the only exception to the king's law about a person entering his inner court uninvited?

How did Mordecai answer Esther's fears in vv. 12-14? What finally convinced Esther to follow Mordecai's advice?

How does Mordecai's answer to Esther reveal his belief in God's sovereignty in v. 14? What warning did Mordecai give Esther if she did not help her people? In what way did Mordecai believe that God had already worked His sovereign will in Esther's life?

How did Esther prepare for her meeting with the king in vv. 15-16?

What risk did Esther take to save her people from annihilation in v. 16? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

10. Read Esther Chapter 5. Why did Esther approach the king uninvited in verse one?

How did the king react to Queen Esther's presence in his court in verse two? Of what significance is the fact that the king held out his golden scepter?

What did the king offer to Esther in v. 3?

What did Queen Esther ask of the king in v. 4?

How does the tension and suspense in the story build in vv. 4-8?

What infuriated Haman after he attended Esther's banquet in v. 9?

Why was Haman most proud in vv. 10-13?

What do we learn about Haman at this point in v. 11?

What kept Haman from enjoying all of his success and wealth in v. 13?

What advice did Haman's wife and friends give him in v. 14? How did Haman feel about his friends' advice? Why did Haman build gallows?

What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

11. Read Esther Chapter 6. What did King Xerxes do to deal with insomnia in verse one?

What did the king discover when the book of the chronicles was read to him in v. 2?

What honor had Mordecai received for exposing the men who plotted to assassinate the king, in v. 3?

Why did Haman enter the outer court of the king in v. 4?

What advice did the king request of Haman in v. 6? What significant detail did the king choose to exclude from his question to Haman? What did Haman assume about the king's question?

How did Haman flatter the king in vv. 7-9? What did Haman think would be the best way to be honored by the king?

What command did King Xerxes give to Haman in v. 10? What humiliating action was Haman forced to take because of his arrogance?

How did Haman feel about honoring Mordecai in vv. 12-13?

How did Haman's wife and friends react to what had happened in v. 13? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

12. Read Esther Chapter 7. What did the king offer Queen Esther at the banquet she prepared for him in vv. 1-2?

How did the queen present her request to King Xerxes in vv. 1-4?

What did Esther ask of the king in vv. 3-4?

How did King Xerxes react to Esther's request in v. 5?

Whom did Esther reveal as the person behind the plot to kill her people, in v. 6?

What did the king do when he discovered the truth about Haman in v. 7? How did Haman react when his wicked plan was exposed?

What final twist in the story guaranteed Haman's demise in v. 8?

What tidbit of information did one of the king's eunuch's mentions at this opportune point in the story, in v. 9? How did the eunuch's revelation to the king further indict Haman?

What ironic circumstances surrounded Haman's death in vv. 9-10?

How was the king's fury, finally abated in v. 10?

What lessons do you learn in this chapter?

13. Read Esther Chapter 8. What did Esther gain from risking her life to stand up for her people in v. 1?

How was Mordecai honored by the king in vv. 2; 15?

Why did Esther have to plead with the king a second time in verse three?

What dilemma did the king face in vv. 3-8?

How did the king respond to Esther's request in v. 4?

How did Esther suggest solving the quandary the Jews were in of v. 5?

Why did Esther want the king to overrule Haman's edict in vv. 5-6?

How did the king ensure that his second edict would not be revoked, according to v. 7?

To whom did the king give the responsibility for drafting the new decree, in v. 8?

How was Mordecai involved in saving the Jewish people in vv. 9-10?

In what way did the king's new edict provide a way out for the Jews in v. 11?

How did Mordecai insure that all Jews would be able to protect themselves, in vv. 12-14?

How did the Jews react to the king's edict in vv. 16-17? In what way did Mordecai's actions affect not only the Jews but also people of other nationalities?

What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

14. Read Esther Chapter 9. What did the Jews' enemies plan to do when they heard about the king's first edict in v. 1? How were the tables turned in this situation?

How were the Jews protected from annihilation in vv. 1-3?

What way was Mordecai affected by these events in v. 4?

What happened on the day the king's edict was to be carried out in vv. 5-10?

What important detail did the author mention about the Jews' behavior, in vv. 10; 15-16?

How did the king demonstrate his generosity to Esther above what he had already done, in v. 12?

What did Esther ask the king to do for her beyond the requests she had already made, in v. 13?

How did the Jews get relief from their enemies in v. 16?

Why did the Jews in Susa celebrate on a different day from the Jews in rural areas, in vv. 18-19?

Why did Mordecai tell the Jews to celebrate in vv. 20-22?

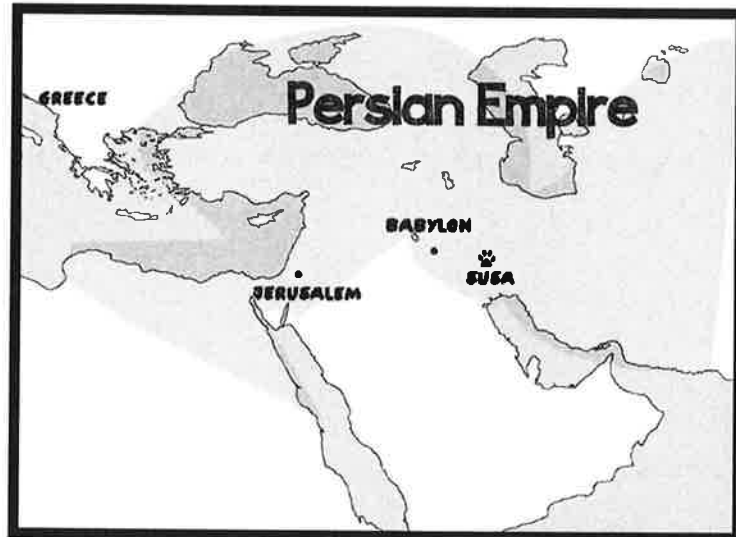
How did the author of this book summarize the events that had taken place, in vv. 24-28?

What did the celebration of Purim represent to the Jews in v. 28?

How did Queen Esther confirm the celebration of Purim in vv. 29-32?

Read Esther Chapter 10. Why was Mordecai held in such high esteem in the kingdom in v. 3? What dignity was Mordecai

raised at the Persian court? What lessons do you learn from these chapters?



15. Read Revelation Chapter 1. Why was the Revelation of Jesus Christ giving to John? Who was a witness to the word of God and of all things that he saw? What does God promise the reader for reading the book of Revelation? See Rev 1:1-3.

What three titles or names are given to Jesus Christ in v. 5?

For what has God made us, according to v. 6?

Who said, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending" in v. 8?

Why was John banished to the Isle of Patmos, in v. 9?

On what day, while John was "in the Spirit," did he hear "a great voice, as a trumpet?" in v. 10?

What did John see in v. 12?

What was the title given to the Lord Jesus Christ in verse thirteen of the book of Revelations? (Revelation 1:13)

Can you describe the One that John saw in vv. 13-16?

What happened to John when he saw Him in v. 17?

What did Jesus say to John in vv. 17-18?

When John saw the mystery in Jesus' right hand, what did the stars represent in v. 20? What does the seven golden lamp stands represent?

What lessons do you learn in this chapter?

16. Read Revelations Chapter 2. What does God say to His children that He keeps an account of in v. 2?

Does God know all about their burdens in the Church of Ephesus, in vv. 2-3?

What did Jesus say that He had against the Church of Ephesus in verse four?

What three things did God tell the people in the Church of Ephesus to do in verse five?

What did God tell the people in the Church of Ephesus that He hated, in v. 6?

What did God promise the over comers that He would give them to eat of, according to v. 7?

What are the three things that God said to the believers in the Church of Smyrna, in v. 9? Who was the real instigator of the persecutors of the Church of Smyrna?

What did God say to the people of Smyrna would be given to them for their suffering and being faithful unto death for Christ's sake? How long did God say that the people of the

Church of Smyrna will have tribulation to last in this verse ten of the book of Revelations? See Rev 2:10.

What was the special promise to the over comer in verse eleven?

How was Jesus Christ introduced to the Church of Pergamum in v. 12?

What two things does Jesus mention particularly in verse thirteen in the book of Revelations? What did the Christians in this church have in their favor? See Rev 2:13.

What did Jesus have against the people in the Church of Pergamum, in v. 14?

What other doctrine was the Church of Pergamum tainted with in v. 15?

What did Jesus tell the people to do and what will He fight against them with, according to v. 16?

What did Jesus promise the over comer in the Church of Pergamum, in v. 17?

How is our Lord Jesus Christ described in v. 18?

What good qualities were credited to the believers in v. 19?

What was the name of the woman that called herself a prophetess in v. 20?

Who searches the minds and hearts of all and will put end to all the false cults, in vv. 23-25?

Who will have part in our Lord Jesus Christ's rule over the nations, in v. 26?

What did Jesus promise to give the overcomer in v. 28? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

17. Read Revelation Chapter 3. What does Jesus say about the Church of Sardis in v. 1?

Were there some features of the works worth saving in the Church of Sardis, in v. 2?

What were the three things that the Church in Sardis told to do at once, in v. 3?

What may be found even in the worldliest churches in v. 4?

What did Jesus promise the overcomer in v. 5?

What are the five things that are said in v. 7?

What does Jesus say to the people in the Church of Philadelphia for their faithful service, in v. 8?

What did Jesus promise first to the overcomer in v. 12? What three things did Jesus say that He will write upon the faithful ones?

How is our Lord Jesus Christ described in v. 14?

What did Jesus say He would do to the people in the Church of Laodicea because they were neither cold nor hot, in v. 16?

What did Jesus say that their real condition was in v. 17?

If a Christian is rebuked and chastened, what should he be thankful for in v. 19?

Where did our Lord Jesus Christ stand in relation to the Church of Laodicean in v. 20?

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What did Jesus promise to give the overcomer in the Church of Laodicean? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

REVELATION 4-20

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- a. The Bible reading plan for Week 33, Year 2: Rev 4-20*
- b. The following questions may be used for personal reflection or cell group discussion. You do not need to attempt all questions at cell meetings.*

1. Read Revelation Chapter 4. According to v. 1, when John looked and the door was opened in Heaven, whose voice did he hear and what was said to him?

What does John see around the throne in Heaven in v. 3?

How many elders did John see and where are they seated in v. 4?

What did the four and twenty elders have on their heads, in v. 4?

How did John describe the four living creatures in vv. 7-9? How do the four living creatures praise our Lord Jesus Christ in Heaven?

What does John say that the four and twenty elders do in vv. 10-11? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

2. Read Revelation Chapter 5. In verse one, what was seen in the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne in Heaven? How many seals were on the book that John saw in Heaven?

When John saw the Angel proclaiming with a loud voice, what did the Angel say, in v. 2?

What did John do when he heard that no man was worthy to open and to read the scroll, nor to look on it, according to v. 4?

What tribe of earth will supply the one and only deliverer, in v. 5? What root does He spring from?

How did John describe the Lamb that stood in the midst of the throne and in the midst of the elders, in v. 6?

Who is the only One that is worthy to open the seven-sealed book, in v. 7?

When the Lamb took the scroll, what did the twenty-four elders do in v. 8?

When the time comes for Jesus to take possession of the world situation, what song will all the redeemed sing, in v. 9?

When John heard the voice of many Angels around the throne, how many Angels were around the throne, in v. 11? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

3. Read Revelation Chapter 6. When the Lamb opened the first seal of judgments, what did John hear in v. 1?

Describe what John saw in v. 2? Who is the rider on the white horse in this verse?

When the second seal was opened, what did the living creature say, in v. 3?

What power was given to the rider on the red horse, in v. 4?

When he opened the third seal, what did the third living creature say? What does the rider on the black horse have in his hand in verse five of the book of Revelations? See Rev 6:5.

What does the voice from the throne of God say in v. 6?

What name was on the rider that sat upon the pale horse in v. 8? What followed with him, and what was given to them over the fourth part of the earth to do?

When the fifth seal was opened, what did John see under the altar, in v. 9?

What were the martyred remnant souls crying out with a loud voice to God for, in v. 10?

What was given to all of them, and what were they instructed to do in v. 11?

What happened when the sixth seal was opened in v. 12?

What happened to the stars of Heaven in v. 13?

When this catastrophe event happened and this present a hopeless picture, what will every class of people do, in vv. 15-17? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

4. Read Revelation Chapter 7. Where are the four Angels standing in v. 1? What were the four Angels holding?

What was another mighty Angel doing for those who are faithful to God? See Rev 7:2-3.

How many people were sealed from the tribes of the children of Israel, in v. 4?

Name all the twelve tribes that had twelve thousand people sealed of Israel, in vv. 5-8?

Describe what John saw in vv. 9-11. What did the Angels and the elders that stood around the throne do?

What will the Lamb of God do for all of the ones that went through the Great Tribulation and had their robes washed

white in the blood of the Lamb, in vv. 14-17? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

5. Read Revelation Chapter 8. What follows the opening of the seventh seal in v. 1?

What was given to the seven Angels that stood before God in v. 2?

What was in the hands of another Angel in v. 3?

What went up with the smoke of the incense, in v. 4?

What did the Angel do next, and what else happened in this verse immediately, in v. 5?

What was cast upon the earth when the first Angel sounded the first trumpet and what was the effect of the sounding of the first trumpet judgment, in v. 7?

What happened when the second Angel sounded the second trumpet judgment, in vv. 8-9?

What happened when the third Angel sounded the second trumpet judgment, in v. 10?

What was the name of the great star that fell from Heaven, in v. 11?

What happened when the fourth Angel sounded the fourth trumpet judgment, in v. 12? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

6. Read Revelation Chapter 9. What happened when the fifth Angel sounded the fifth trumpet of judgment, in v. 1?

When the bottomless pit was opened, and the smoke came out, what happened then, in vv. 2-4?

What did God command the locusts to do in these verses of the book of Revelations, in vv. 4-5?

Describe what the locusts looked like in vv. 7-10?

What was the name of the Angel of the bottomless pit that was their king over the scorpions, in v. 11?

What happened when the sixth Angel sounded the sixth trumpet of judgment, in vv. 13-14?

How many Angels were loosed from the river of Euphrates, in v. 15?

How many were numbered in the army of the horsemen, in v. 16?

Describe what John saw in the vision in vv. 17-21? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

7. Read Revelation Chapter 10. Where did the Mighty Angel come from, in verse one? Describe the Mighty Angel and who do you think this Mighty Angel was?

What did the voice say to John after the seven thunders had uttered their voices in v. 4?

What was John told to do with the open book that the Angel gave him, in vv. 8-10?

8. Read Revelation Chapter 11. What was John told to do concerning the temple, the altar and the worshippers, in v. 1?

What was John told not to measure in v. 2?

How John did described the two witnesses in vv. 3-4?

What power do the two witnesses have in v. 6?

What happened to the two witnesses when the beast comes out of the bottomless pit to make war against them, in vv. 7-10?

What happened to the two witnesses after the Spirit of God entered into them, in vv. 11-12?

When the seventh Angel sounded the seventh trumpet, what did the great voices in Heaven say, in v. 15?

What did the four and twenty elders that sat before God do, in v. 16?

What did John see in "the temple of God" which was opened in Heaven, in v. 19? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

9. Read Revelation Chapter 12. Who was the red dragon in vv. 3-4? Describe him.

Who was the male child that was to rule all nations with a rod of iron, in v. 5?

Who fought the dragon and his angels in Heaven, in v. 7?

What happened to that old dragon and his angels after the war in Heaven, in v. 9?

What did the loud voice say in Heaven that John heard, in vv. 10-11?

When the dragon was cast unto the earth, whom did he persecute, in v. 13?

What particular part of the Jewish people will the dragon make war on and why, according to v. 17? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

10. Read Revelation Chapter 13. In verse one, what does the seven heads and the ten horns of the Beast represent in verse one of the books of Revelations?

What did the dragon give the Beast in v. 2?

How long did the Beast have power in the v. 5?

When the Beast opened his mouth what did he do in v. 6?

Who was the Beast to have power over in v. 7?

Who will worship the Beast and why in v. 8?

Describe the second beast that came out of the earth in v. 11?

What great wonders did the second beast do in v. 13?

When the beast deceived the people on earth, what did he tell them to make in v. 14?

What would happen to the people that would not worship the image of the beast, in v. 15?

Who was not able to buy or sell and why? See Rev. 16-17.

What was the number of the beast or the mark of the beast, in v. 18? What lessons do you learn in this chapter?

11. Read Revelation Chapter 14. Who was the One that stood on Mount Zion, with the one hundred and forty-four thousand martyred saints, in verse one?

Who were the redeemed ones that sang a new song before the throne, in v. 3?

Describe the redeemed ones in vv. 4-5.

What did the Angel that was flying in the midst of Heaven say to everyone that dwelled on earth? See Rev 14:6-7.

What did the second Angel say, in v. 8?

What did the third Angel say with a loud voice, in vv. 9-12?

What promise is given for those who refuse to worship the beast in v. 13?

What did the Angel that came out of the temple say to the One that sat on a cloud in v. 15?

What did the One that sat on the cloud do in this v. 16?

Who was the Reaper that harvested the earth when it was ripe, in vv. 14-16?

What happened when the harvest was cast into the winepress and trodden outside the city, in v. 20? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

12. Read Revelation Chapter 15. What did the Angels have in this glorious Heavenly scene in v. 1?

What song did they sing that had victory over the beast, the image, and over the number of his name? See Rev 15:3-4.

What did the seven Angels have that came out of the temple in v. 6?

What is in the seven bowls, which one of the living creatures gives to the seven Angels, in v. 7?

How long does the cloud of smoke fill the temple in this verse of the book of Revelations, in v. 8?

13. Read Revelation Chapter 16. Where were these bowls to be poured out, according to v. 1?

When the first Angel pours out his bowl, what was it and who was smitten with it, in v. 2?

When the second Angel poured out his bowl, what happened to the sea and every living soul in the sea, in v. 3?

When the third Angel poured out his bowl, what happened to the rivers and fountains of waters, in v. 4?

When the fourth Angel poured out his bowl upon the sun, what was given to him, in v. 8?

What did men do when God's judgments were upon them and did they repent at anytime, in v. 9?

When the fifth Angel poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast, what happened to his kingdom, in vv. 10-11?

When the sixth Angel poured out his bowl upon the great river, Euphrates, what happened to the water, in v. 12?

What did John see coming out of the mouths of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet, in v. 13?

Where will all these forces of hate come together for that last great battle, in v. 16?

When the seventh Angel poured out his bowl into the air, what was the result of the seventh bowl, in vv. 17-21? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

14. Read Revelation Chapter 17. In v. 1, what figure is used here to describe the evil system that is about to come under final judgment, and where is the one sitting?

What has this evil system done for the whole world in v. 2?

When John was carried away in the spirit into the wilderness, what did he see, in v. 3?

Describe how the woman was dressed and what was in the cup in her hand, in v. 4?

What was the name that was written upon her forehead, in v. 5?

What will this woman make herself drunk with in v. 6?

Who did explain to John the mystery of the woman and of the beast in vv. 1-7?

What are the ten horns that John saw in v. 12? How long will the ten kings that have not received a kingdom yet, have power as kings?

What do these kings have and what will they give the beast, in v. 13?

What will these kings make with the Lamb? What are the names of Lamb called in this verse? Who are the ones that are with the Lamb and what are they called? See Rev 17:14.

When they finally turn upon the harlot what will happen in v. 16? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

15. Read Revelation Chapter 18. How does the Angel describe her, after announcing the fall of Babylon the Great, in v. 1?

What three groups are named as guilty of her sins in verse three?

Who will be commanded to come out of Babylon before destruction falls on her? See Rev 18:4-5.

Who does judge her in righteousness? See Rev 18:6-8.

Why will the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her for, in vv. 11-14?

Does Heaven rejoice over the fall of Babylon in v. 20?

What does the Mighty Angel do with the stone that is like a great millstone, in v. 21? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

16. Read Revelation Chapter 19. How many times was the word "Hallelujah" mentioned in vv. 1-6?

What three reasons are given for rejoicing in Heaven in vv. 2; 6-7?

Where does the voice come from that calls for praise, because of the marriage of the Lamb are come, in v. 5?

How are the wedding guest's dresses in v. 8?

What is the real Spirit of Prophecy in v. 10?

What immediately follows the marriage supper of the Lamb in v. 11?

Why is no man fully able to comprehend the Lord Jesus Christ name, in v. 13?

How will the Lamb rule the all nations in v. 15?

What name was written on the Lamb's thigh, in v. 16?

What happened to the beast and the false prophet in v. 20?
What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

17. Read Revelation Chapter 20. Where will the Devil be bound and cast into in v. 3? For how long will Satan be cast into the bottomless pit?

Who besides Jesus Christ will judgment be given to in v. 4?

When will the first resurrection of all the unsaved take place, in v. 5?

How long will the Devil be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, in v. 10?

What will come into view after the destruction of Satan's last forces, in v. 11?

How are those appearing before this throne designated in v. 12? From what will the dead be judged out of in this verse?

If one's name is not found in the book of life, regardless of the degree of his good deeds, what will be the result, in v. 15? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

REVELATION 21-22; JOSHUA 1-8

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- a. The Bible reading for Week 34, Year 2: Rev 21-22; Josh 1-8*
- b. The following questions may be used for personal reflection or cell group discussion. You do not need to attempt all questions at cell meetings.*

1. Read Revelation Chapter 21. What will become of the first Heaven and the first earth, in v. 1? Did John see a new Heaven and earth? What did John see coming down to the renewed earth, in v. 2?

What will God do for His people for all the former things are passed away in v. 4?

What did God say to John and what will He give in v. 6?

What did God promise to the ones that shall overcome in v. 7?

Who will not have a home in Heaven but will be cast into the lake of fire, in v. 8?

When John was carried away in the Spirit to a great mountain, what great city did he see, in v. 10?

Whose names were written on the twelve gates of the wall of that city, in v. 12?

Whose names were written on the twelve foundations of the wall in v. 14?

What is the size and just how big is Heaven in v. 16?

What is the height of the walls that are in Heaven in v. 17?

How many foundations are there in Heaven and name each of these precious and beautiful stone by name, in vv. 19-20?

How many gates are in Heaven and what are these gates made of, in v. 21? What is the street made of in this city and how is the street described?

Why is there no need of a temple in this holy city in v. 22?

If there is no need of sun or moon, what kind of light will there be in Heaven, in v. 23? What lessons do you learn in this chapter?

2. Read Revelation Chapter 22. Does Heaven have a River and where does this River come from in v. 1?

Does Heaven have a tree of life and what is the fruit yielded for every month, in v. 2?

Does Heaven have a throne and who shall be in it, in v. 3?

What kind of light will there be in Heaven? How long will the saints live in Heaven, in v. 5?

What did Jesus say at the beginning of v. 7?

When John heard these things and he fell down to worship at the feet of the Angel, what did the Angel say to him, in vv. 8-9?

If men ignore the prophecies of this book and they choose their evil ways, what will be the result in v. 11?

When Jesus said, behold I come quickly, what will He bring with Him, in v. 12?

What are the eternal words that Jesus said in v. 13?

What name or title is given to our Lord Jesus Christ in v. 16?

What are the last three invitations of the Bible in v. 17?

What are the warnings that God gives to every man who hears the words of the prophecy, in vv. 18-19?

What are the last recorded words of our Lord Jesus Christ in the New Testament? What did John write in the last verse of Bible?

3. Read Joshua Chapter 1. Whom did the Lord appoint to succeed Moses after his death? Who did the Lord tell to go over the Jordan? Where did the Lord tell Joshua and the people to go? Who told Joshua to arise and go over Jordan? To whom did the Lord give the land? What gift did the children of Israel receive from the Lord? See Josh 1:1-2.

What specific qualification was put on the land to be given to Joshua and the people, in v. 3?

What promise did God make to Joshua? How long did God say no man would be able to stand before Joshua? The Lord would be with Joshua as he had been with whom? See Jos 1:5.

What did God swear to give to the Israelites fathers? The land the Israelites received as an inheritance had been promised to whom? See Jos 1:6.

What two character traits did the Lord tell Joshua to have? See Jos 1:6-7; 18.

What two things does the Lord command Joshua to be, in v. 7? In what way was Joshua to not turn from the law? Why was Joshua not to turn from the law? What are the Israelites not to turn from to the left or to the right?

What were the Israelites told to meditate on day and night, in v. 8? Why were the Israelites told to meditate on the book of the law? What would be the result of obedience to those things

written in the book of the law? Who said this and to whom?
From what part of the body was the law not to depart? In what way would Joshua have prosperity and success?

What fourfold commandment did God give Joshua, in v. 9? If Joshua observed these commandments, what promise did God make to him? What two characteristics was Joshua not to have?

4. Read Joshua Chapter 2. How many men did Joshua send to spy secretly? What were the orders of the two spies? What was the harlot's name where they lodged? Who hid the two spies from Israel while they were in Jericho? In what manner were the two men to spy? How were the two men to spy out the land? See Jos 2:1.

What was told to the King of Jericho, that was the spies purpose for being in Jericho? What did the King of Jericho command Rahab to do? What did Rahab do with the two men? What did Rahab tell the king of Jericho concerning her knowledge of whom the two men were? See Jos 2:2-4.

At what time were the two men supposed to have left according to Rahab? After hiding the two spies what did Rahab tell the authorities? Where had Rahab hid the two men? See Jos 2:4-6.

How long was it after the pursuers left that the gates were closed? How far did they chase after the two spies? See Jos 2:7.

What three things does Rahab say she knows about the Israelites? What had Rahab heard about the Israelites? What effect did the knowledge of the Israelites have upon the inhabitants of the land? What happened to the people according to Rahab when they heard about the Israelites? Where was the Israelites' God, according to Rahab? What did this fear of the Israelites cause the people to believe? See Jos 2:8-11.

What did Rahab ask in payment for the kindness who had

shown the spies? Who did Rahab request be saved alive? What agreement did the spies make with Rahab? See Jos 2:12-14.

If Rahab did betray the two men what would happen to their agreement? How did the spies arrange for identification of Rahab's house? What conditions did Rehab agree to meet upon the return of the Israelites? What did the spies report to Joshua? See Jos 2:18-21; 24.

5. Read Joshua Chapter 3. What did the children of Israel do when they came to the Jordan? How long did the Israelites wait before crossing Jordan? What did the people have to wait for before crossing the Jordan? How much space was there to be between the people and the Ark? Who would be bearing the Ark of the Covenant? What were the Israelites to follow across the Jordan? What were the Israelites to do when they saw the Ark of the Covenant move? See Jos 3:1-4.

What were the Israelites to do to themselves before crossing Jordan? Why did the Lord say He would magnify Joshua? What did the Lord say to Joshua in v. 7? Where were the priests to stand as the people passed over? Where were the priests bearing the Ark of the Covenant to stand still? See Jos 3:5-8.

How many groups of people was the Lord to drive cut ahead of the Israelites? Name the seven groups of people God would drive out before Israel. See Josh 3:9-10.

How many men were the people of Israel to select for Joshua's special task? How were the 12 men of Israel to be chosen? What did God promise Joshua would happen when the priests reached the Jordan? As soon as what touched the water would it stop flowing and become dry land? When would the waters of the Jordan stand in a heap? Explain what was to happen to the waters of the Jordan. See Jos 3:12-13.

What time of the year was it when the people crossed Jordan? When did the Jordan overflow its banks? In what time and at what stage of the waters did the Israelites cross the Jordan? When the priests stepped into the waters of the Jordan what happened? Near what city on the north were the waters cut off? Where were the waters cut off? What two things happened to the waters? What town of Canaan was directly opposite the point where they crossed? See Jos 3:15-16.

What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

6. Read Joshua Chapter 4. Why were the twelve stones to be set up? See Jos 4:1-9.

How many armed for war passed over Jordan to the plains of Jericho? On the day the 40,000 went to Jericho what did the Lord do to Joshua? How did the people feel about Joshua? The people feared Joshua because what was done to him by whom? How long did the people fear Joshua? See Jos 4:13-14.

How did the Jordan flow back over his banks? When did the waters of the Jordan return to their place and overflow their banks? What was the name of the place where Israel first camped west of the Jordan? What did Joshua do with the 12 stones carried by the 12 men? See Jos 4:18-20.

Who dried up the waters of Jordan for the Israelites? The Lord dried up the water of the Jordan just like he had to what other body of water? For what purpose was the drying up of the waters was done for what purpose? See Jos 4:23-24.

What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

7. Read Joshua Chapter 5. In verse one, why did the Amorite and Canaanites hearts melt and spirits go, when they heard that the Lord had dried up the Jordan?

Why did the Lord command the Israelites to observe

circumcision and the Passover at Gilgal? When and why did God stop giving manna to the people? After the manna ceased, what did the Israelites eat? See Jos 5:2-12.

In v. 13, Joshua saw a man. What did he have in his hand? What instrument of war did the man who appeared to Joshua have in his hand? What did Joshua ask the man who appeared to him with a drawn sword in his hand? Who did the man who appeared to Joshua with a drawn sword say he was? As Joshua fell on his face to the earth before the captain of the host of the Lord, what did he do and say? After learning who the captain of the Lord's host was what two things does Joshua do? What instruction did the captain of the host of the Lord give to Joshua? What was Joshua standing on in v. 15? Moses say a burning bush, Joshua saw a man with a sword. What was each man told to do and why? Give the words that tell us that Joshua was obedient to the command of the captain of the host of the Lord. Discuss the significance of the incident in Jos 5:13-15.

8. Read Joshua Chapter 6. Why was Jericho securely all shut up? What took place in Jericho because of the children of Israel, according to v. 1? Before the fall of Jericho what three things did God tell Joshua he had given into his hand? How many times were the Israelites to circle Jericho on each of the first six days? How many priests were to go before the Ark as they circled the city of Jericho? On what instruments were the priests to blow? What article of Tabernacle furniture were the priests to carry with them as they circled the city of Jericho? How many times were the Israelites to circle Jericho on the seventh day? When the people heard the trumpet sound, what were they to do? What would happen at the long blast of the ram's horn and the people shouting? Who passed on before the ark of the Lord? See Jos 6:1-6.

In what order did the Israelites march around Jericho? As the Israelites circled Jericho, what instructions were they to follow in regard to noise? When were the people to shout? Identify the 3 ways the Israelites were not to produce sound while

marching. After going around the city of Jericho once on each of the first six days, where did the marchers go? From what starting point to what finishing point did the Israelites go for 6 days? At what time did the Israelites march around Jericho on the first day and 7th day? What day and what time did Joshua tell the people to shout? Why did Joshua tell the people to shout on the 7th time around the city of Jericho? What was to happen to the city of Jericho? Who was the city of Jericho devoted to? What people of Jericho were spared when Jericho was destroyed? Why were Rahab and all that were in her house spared when Jericho was destroyed? See Jos 6:7-17.

What would happen to the people and to the camp of Israel if anyone took the devoted thing? What materials were spared when Jericho was destroyed? What was to be done with the silver, gold, and vessels of brass and iron? See Jos 6:18-19.

After circling Jericho seven times on the seventh day, the people heard the sound of the trumpet and shouted a great shout, what became the position of the walls of Jericho? How did the walls fall? How did each man proceed? Where did the people go upon the fall of the wall of Jericho? What happened to all that were in the city and how? Who and what were destroyed in the city? After bringing Rahab and all that were in her house out to safety where were they left? How was the city of Jericho itself destroyed? What loss would be suffered by anyone who rebuilt the city of Jericho? What curse did Joshua put upon whoever rebuilt Jericho? How widespread was Joshua's fame? See Jos 6:20-27.

What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

9. Read Joshua Chapter 7. Who caused the anger of the Lord to be kindled against the children of Israel? When we steal we commit a crime. When Achan took the accursed thing, who is said to have committed what? What did Joshua do after the defeat at Ai? What did Joshua and the Elders of Israel put upon

their heads as they were before the Ark of the Lord after the defeat of Ai? See Josh 7:1-6.

What three questions did Joshua ask God after the defeat at Ai? What two guesses does Joshua make as to why God had brought them over Jordan? What does Joshua wish they had done after the defeat at Ai? What had embarrassed Joshua until he could not speak even to God? What did Joshua fear the Canaanites and inhabitants of the land would do to them when they heard of the defeat of Ai? What did God say to Joshua when he saw him on the ground before the ark? Name the things God says Israel has done to cause defeat at Ai. Under what condition would God not be with the Israelites anymore? After God explained the reason for the defeat at Ai to Joshua give 3 things God told Joshua to tell the people. What were the people of Israel to sanctify themselves against? What had to be done before the children of Israel could stand before their enemies? Who would choose the tribe to be examined for the accursed thing? What was to be the punishment for the one and all that he had who had taken the accursed thing? Why was the one who had stolen the accursed thing before defeat at Ai to be punished? What 2 things had the man who had taken the accursed thing done to be burned with fire? What did Joshua say Achan had done to Israel that God would do to Achan? After Achan was stoned and burned from what did God turn? See Josh 7:7-26.

10. Read Joshua Chapter 8. Who did God tell Joshua to take with him to Ai for the second conquest? Before the second conquest for Ai, what four things did God say he had given into Joshua's hand? What two things does God tell Joshua not to do? What instructions did the Lord give Joshua and his people of war in taking Ai? What did God tell Joshua to do at Ai? What kind of men were the 30,000 Joshua chose out? After the city of Ai was taken what was to be done with it? Who commanded the city of Ai to be burned? In v. 18, God was going to give the city of Ai into the hands of the Israelites but what did Joshua have to do first? How many people fell on the day of the battle for Ai? In

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v. 26, when did Joshua draw back his hand with the spear stretched out? In v. 29, what did Joshua make the city of Ai, and how did the king of Ai die?

Where did Joshua build an altar? When did Joshua build an altar on Mt. Ebal? What 2 kinds of offerings were offered on the altar Joshua built on Mt. Ebal? What kind of altar was made in Mt. Ebal? In the book of law was given directions for the making of an altar. What kind of stones were to be used? At the altar on Mt. Ebal, what did Joshua write upon the stones? As Joshua wrote the law on the stones at Mt. Ebal, who was present? After writing a copy of the laws of Moses on the stones at Mt. Ebal, what did Joshua do? What two mountains distinguished the two sides of the altar built by Joshua after the defeat of Ai? What did Joshua read before the people at the altar in Mt. Ebal? What strangers were among the Israelites as they heard the reading of the book of the law? See Josh 8:30-35.

What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

JOSHUA 9-15

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- a. *The Bible reading for Week 35, Year 2: Josh 9-15*
- b. *The following questions may be used for personal reflection or cell group discussion. You do not need to attempt all questions at cell meetings.*

1. Read Joshua Chapter 9. Who gathered together to fight against Israel with one accord, in v. 1? What or how did the inhabitants of Gibeon work when they heard about Jericho and Ai, in vv. 3-13? What two things had the men of Gibeon heard about the God of the Israelites, in vv. 9-10? Who did the men of Gibeon say told them to go to Joshua and the men of Israel to become their servants and make a league with them? The men of Gibeon had bread with them when they came to meet with Joshua and the men of Israel. In what condition did they say the bread was when they left home for their journey? And what condition when they arrived? What lies did the men of Gibeon tell Joshua and the princes' of Israel? What mistake did the children of Israel and Joshua make in the decision to accept the men of Gibeon, in v. 14? How long was it before Joshua and the princes of the congregation knew they had made a mistake with the men of Gibeon, in v. 16? How?

Why did the Israelites not attack the Hivites in v. 18? What did they do instead? Who decided the fate of the Hivites and what was that fate, in v. 21?

Did Joshua bless or curse the men of Gibeon who had tricked the men of Israel, in v. 23? What did Joshua tell the Gibeonites they had done to Israel? How many men of Gibeon would be freed from being bondmen, woodcutters and water carriers for the house of the Lord? What had been told the Hivites that made them so afraid for their lives, in v. 24? In whose hand did

the men of Gibeon place themselves? How did the Gibeonites ask Joshua to deal with them in v. 25? Why?

What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

2. Read Joshua Chapter 10. Give four characteristics about the city of Gibeon which contributed to the fear of the King of Jerusalem. How many tribes gathered to smite Gibeon? What did the King of Jerusalem need help from the four kings to do? Why did the King of Jerusalem want to attack Gibeon? Where did the four kings go when Adonizedek sent a message to them? See Josh 10:1-4.

Who did Joshua bring with him to fight for Gibeon? When Joshua and the men of war went to Gibeon, what assurance did God give Joshua? Why were Joshua and the men able to come upon the enemy sooner than they were expected? What did God do to the enemy before Israel at Gibeon? What did the Lord hurl down from heaven as the battle was fought between Bethhoron and Azekah? Which killed more warriors, the hailstones or the sword, in v. 11? What did Joshua ask God to do as the battle raged between the Israelites and the Amorites, in v. 12? Besides the fact that the sun and moon stood still what made this a most unusual day, in v. 14? Who did the Lord fight for? See Josh 10:5-14.

Who did Joshua say had delivered the enemies into the hands of the army of the Israelites, in v. 19? After his battles to what place did Joshua return, in v. 43?

What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

3. Read Joshua Chapter 11. Who commanded Joshua to utterly destroy the cities, in v. 15? What did Joshua leave undone of what the Lord commanded Moses? How did the children of Israel take all the cities, in v. 19? What did the Lord do to the hearts of the enemies of the Israelites, in v. 20? For what purpose did Joshua give the land to the children of Israel, in v.

23? From what did the land rest in v. 23? How did Joshua divide the land for inheritance? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

4. Read Joshua Chapter 14. Who was Caleb's father, and where did the children of Judah find Joshua, in v. 6? How old was Caleb when he was sent to spy out the land, in v. 7? Those who went with Caleb to spy out the land caused what to happen to the people, in v. 8? How did Caleb follow the Lord his God, and what did the report about the land of Canaan made by the spies other than Caleb and Joshua cause the children of Israel to feel, in v. 8? For what reason was Caleb given an inheritance, in v. 9? At the time Caleb spoke to Joshua about his promised inheritance, how old was Caleb, in v. 10? For what did Caleb ask to be given, in v. 12? What did Joshua give Caleb besides the mountains, in v. 13, and why was this additional inheritance given to him?

What lessons do you learn from this chapter?