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In our last lesson we learned how to study REVELATION.

It is an open book.

We reviewed entire book,
stressed important points.

We saw: Jesus – Central figure in Revelation.
– Cornerstone of our faith.

Studying Revelation will:

Increase our faith in Jesus.

Clarify concepts of Jesus' ministry.

Reveal God's plans for tomorrow.

Jesus is the Star of the Drama of Revelation.

The One unveiled – the One revealed!

Christ – the Anointed One.

Jesus of Nazareth is His name.

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QUIZ QUESTIONS

(True or False)

1. Jesus is called by many names and titles in the book of Revelation. True
2. Jesus is described in a glorious way in chapter one. True
3. By accepting Christ as my personal Savior from sin, I become a part of the royal family of God. True
4. After the fall of man, God then decided to send Jesus to help mankind. See q. 6 False
5. One prophetic day equals one literal year. True

OFFERING APPEAL

With or without transparencies, tell class the amount of offerings thus far and invite liberal offerings for this Seminar and to help conduct others. Thank class for their generosity.

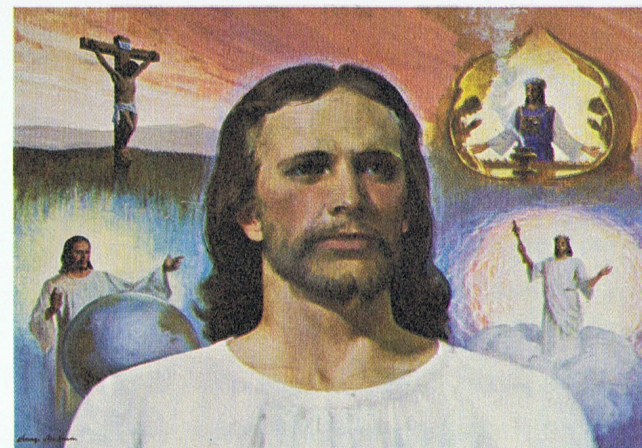
Decision questions

1. If tonight's presentation makes sense to you, put an "X" in the upper right corner of your quiz envelope.
2. If you want me to pray that you become more acquainted with the Star of the Drama of Revelation, and sense His presence in your life right now, place another "X".

Talk up the next lesson.

Closing Prayer

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THE "STAR" OF THE DRAMA OF REVELATION

Many are totally unaware that the "Star" of the drama of Revelation is Jesus. Revelation discloses some very extra-ordinary and exciting things about Him. In fact, the key purpose of the book is to help us see Jesus in a wonderful new light.

The name "Revelation" means "revealing" or "unveiling", and the introductory words of the book make clear what is being revealed. The first five words are "THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST"*. So it is Jesus and His magnificent, loving plans that are being unveiled or revealed in the book of Revelation.

When we keep this fantastic fact in mind and look for Jesus in our study of Revelation, we will find it one of the most heart-warming and stimulating experiences of life. Jesus is anxious and ready to shower upon us His exceptional love as we consider Revelation — His special book.

So, with a prayer in our hearts, let us notice some of the thrilling truths about Jesus as revealed in Revelation.

* Please note that the name of the book is "The Revelation of Jesus Christ" Revelation 1:1 (1800) and not "The Revelation of St. John the Divine" as men have named it. The book was not written to reveal John, but rather, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Refer to Exhibit on "Names & Titles of Jesus".
Key in on a few.**

- 2. NOTE:** This was many years after Jesus ascended into heaven – still retained His human form. Incarnation was permanent. Jesus will be with us forever! Our glorious Savior – friend.

Describe Jesus with joy!

- 3. Give brief personal testimony.**
Encourage a few testimonies from class.

- 4. Ask with enthusiasm** – How does it feel to you to be royalty?

- 20. How much of this privileged time did the Jewish nation have left after 31 A.D., and when did it end?**

Ans: a. How much time was left? 3½ YEARS

Ans: b. When did it end? FALL OF 34 A.D.

NOTE: The first 3½ years of this 7-year period led us to the spring of 31 A.D., when Jesus was crucified. Adding the 3½ years remaining to 31 A.D. brings us to the fall of 34 A.D. At that time this special period given to the Jewish people closed and the gospel was now to be given to the Gentiles also.

- 21. How may both Jews and Gentiles, today, become part of God's chosen people and thus be saved? Galatians 3:29 (1710); Romans 2:28,29 (1850); Romans 9:6-8 (1858)**

Ans: "If ye be CHRIST'S then are ye ABRAHAM'S seed and HEIRS according to the PROMISE".

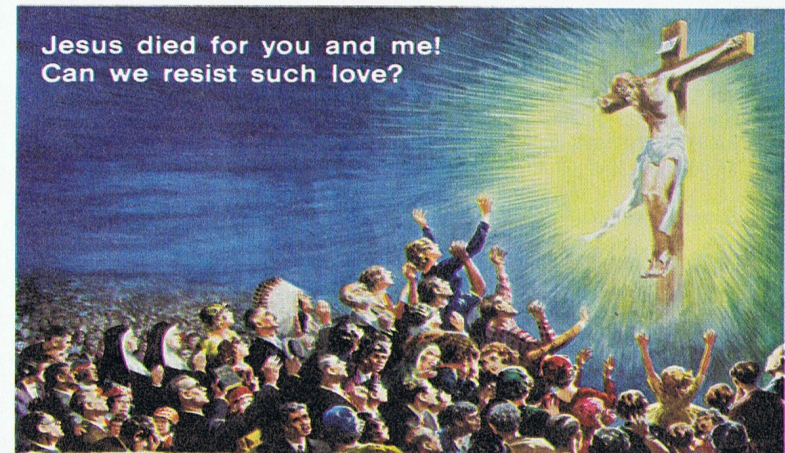
NOTE: Persons of all races may become part of God's chosen people by accepting Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Notice that Daniel 9:26 (1315) says Jesus was cut off, but NOT FOR HIMSELF. Jesus died for YOU and ME, that we might have eternal life. Jesus knocks at the door of each heart. Rev. 3:20 (1804)

- 22. In the light of Jesus' matchless love, are you willing to serve and follow Him?**

Ans: _____

**Jesus died for you and me!
Can we resist such love?**



20. Saul of Tarsus
became apostle to Gentiles.

21. Let's all read together Gal. 3:29.

Ask class How many would like to be
one of God's chosen people?

CLASS APPEAL

22. If you are ready to receive Christ
as "the Star of the Drama" of your life
say "yes" to the Lord
right now, as we pray.

APPEAL PRAYER

1. Jesus is called by at least 37 different names or descriptive titles in the book of Revelation. Amazingly, He is mentioned by one of His names or titles, or by a pronoun representing one of those names, over 137 times in the first three chapters, and over 250 times in the entire book of Revelation. Do you have any doubt that Revelation is a book which has something very important to say to us regarding Jesus?

Ans: _____

(The Revelation Seminar has prepared a special exhibit listing the names and titles of Jesus found in the book of Revelation. If you have not received a copy, ask for one.)

2. How does Revelation describe Jesus? Revelation 1:13-16 (1801)

Ans:

- Rev. 1:13 (1801) (a) His garment down to the FOOT
1:13 (1801) (b) He wore a golden GIRDLE
1:14 (1801) (c) Hair was WHITE like WOOL or SNOW
1:14 (1801) (d) Eyes like FLAME of FIRE
1:15 (1801) (e) Feet like fine BRASS
as BURNED in A FURNACE
1:15 (1801) (f) Voice as the sound of many WATERS
1:16 (1801) (g) Countenance bright as the SUN

NOTE: See Daniel 10:5-9 (1315) for another word picture of Jesus. Both John (Revelation 1:17 (1801)) and Daniel fell to the ground faint and helpless when they saw Him.

OUR WONDERFUL SAVIOUR

3. What has Jesus done for us? Revelation 1:5 (1800)

Ans: " LOVED us and WASHED us from our SINS ".

4. What else has Jesus done for us? Revelation 1:6 (1800)

Ans: "And He hath made us PRIESTS and KINGS ".

NOTE: In Old Testament days men had to approach God through the priest, but Jesus changed that. He made us all priests so we may approach Him directly. Fantastic!

5. Calvary shows more than anything else
the love of God!
God submitted,
humbled to help us,
slain to save us.
He was the Lamb of God.

God is worthy of our thanks and praise.

6. Nothing takes God by surprise!
Before it happened He was ready.

7. The most complete picture in all scripture,
of the throne room of God – Revelation 4-5.

The Lamb is the central figure of redemption.
He offers His blood.
He opens the book before God's throne.

8. Look at the divine connection between:
Creation (Rev. 4:11)
Redemption (Rev. 5:12)
Judgement and intercession
(Rev. 3:5; 13:8; Hebrews 4:14-16)

Jesus created us.
Jesus redeemed us.
Jesus intercedes for us.

Truly, Jesus is
the central figure of Revelation!

NOTE: "Messiah" is the Hebrew word for "Anointed". "Christ" is the Greek word for the same. Though Jesus was born the Son of God, He was not the "Messiah" or the "Anointed" until He was anointed. Acts 10:38 (1610) says he was anointed by the Holy Ghost. Luke 3:21,22 (1494) says that the anointing of the Holy Ghost, which made Him the Messiah, took place at His baptism. And Luke 3:1 (1493) points out that His baptism took place in the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar. History shows that the 15th year of Tiberius was 27 A.D., the very same year Jesus was baptized, as prophecy had predicted.

Jesus' anointing
as the Messiah
marked the beginning
of the 70th week
of Daniel 9



18. When Jesus began preaching, after His baptism and anointing by the Holy Spirit, what did He say which indicated He knew about Daniel's prediction that He would be anointed and become the Messiah in 27 A.D.? Mark 1:14,15 (1452)

Ans: "the TIME is FULFILLED".

NOTE: How utterly fantastic! There is no room for a mistake here. The Messiah appeared right on time, as predicted hundreds of years before by Daniel. He is, indeed, the Messiah, the Son of God. This gives us an unshakable foundation on which to stand.

JESUS' CRUCIFIXION FORETOLD

19. We have now considered 483 of the 490 years privileged time given to the Jewish nation. One final week of the 70 original remains, (one week or 7 prophetic days = 7 literal years). What was to happen in the middle of that last week or seven years? Dan. 9:26,27 (1315)

Ans: Jesus was to be "CUT OFF" or crucified.

NOTE: The Scripture passage says Jesus was to be "cut off" in the middle of that last week. One-half of 7 years is 3 1/2 years. Add 3 1/2 years to the fall of 27 A.D., and you reach the spring of 31 A.D. In direct fulfillment of this prophecy, Jesus was, indeed, "cut off" or crucified in the spring of 31 A.D. Jesus caused "the sacrifice and the oblation to cease" because He, as the lamb of God, replaced the symbolic sacrificial lambs when He became the supreme sacrifice for all people upon the cross. See I Corinthians 5:7 (1674)

18. Read note under #18 with feeling.

19. Jesus, the Lamb of God,
fulfilled the meaning of sacrificial system,
and brought it to an end.

If questions on Israel are raised,
remind class again, we will study
an exciting lesson on Israel
in Bible prophecy in a future lesson.



In love
Jesus
reveals
the future
to us

5. What is it, according to the 24 elders of Revelation 5:8,9,12 (1805), that makes Jesus worthy to redeem us?

Ans: "For thou wast SLAIN and hast REDEEMED us".

NOTE: The title "Lamb", referring to Jesus, is used 26 times in Revelation. Jesus is clearly the Lamb of God. John 1:29 (1547). In Old Testament times, lambs were sacrificed when people sinned. These lambs typified Jesus, who took the people's sins and died as their atonement. Jesus, the Lamb of God, died on Calvary in our place and for our sins. Through Jesus we are set free. No wonder the people of Revelation 5 cried out "worthy is the lamb that was slain". Revelation 5:9 (1805)

6. Was Jesus' sacrifice an afterthought, or was it planned before sin entered? Revelation 13:8 (1814); Ephesians 1:4 (1714); 1 Peter 1:18-20 (1781)

Ans: "Who verily was foreordained before the
FOUNDATION of the WORLD".

7. Read chapters 4 (1804) and 5 (1805) of Revelation. Note particularly the thrilling and awesome episode about the sealed book which no one could open. Who finally opened the book? Revelation 5:6-9 (1805)

Ans: JESUS, THE LAMB

8. What do you think this book is that Jesus has the authority to open?

Ans: _____

NOTE: The book is not named, but it (obviously from the story of Revelation 5), has to do with the people who are saved from the earth. It is of utmost interest that Revelation, in several other places, speaks of a book or books which greatly affect people on this earth. Note the following:

Ask class to identify God's record books.

Thought question:

Why does God keep books?

- A. Concerned with obedience, (James 2:10-12).
- B. To exonerate God's character, (Rev. 5:12,13).
- C. Because He loves us, (Rom. 8:39,38)

9. Jesus has always been.

He will always be.

He is eternal.

He is God.

10. Jesus is the creator of this earth:

He spake and it was done.

He is the creator of all things.

Jesus is the principal person

in the book of REVELATION.

14. When was this 70 week (490 years) time period to begin? Daniel 9:25 (1314) first part

Ans: "From the going forth of the COMMANDMENT to restore and to build JERUSALEM."

NOTE: God's people were in captivity in Persia. The Lord impressed the Persian King, Artaxerxes, to make a decree which permitted all Jews, who so desired, to return to Jerusalem to restore and rebuild the city. The decree is recorded in the Bible in Ezra, chapter 7 (767). Two other Persian kings also made decrees prior to this, but they referred only to the rebuilding of the temple, so they do not qualify.

15. When was this decree issued? Ezra 7:7,12,13 (768)

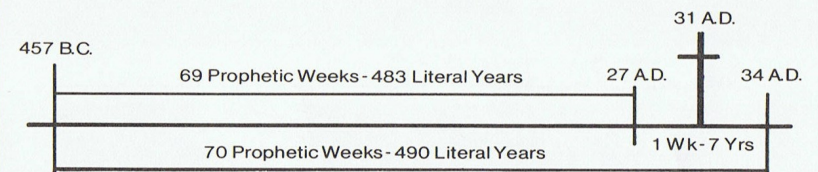
Ans: "In the 7th year of ARTAXERXES the KING" (457 B.C.).

NOTE: Ezra 7:7,12,13 (768) points out that the decree was issued in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes. History shows that the king began to reign in 464 B.C. His 7th year would thus be 457 B.C. The decree was implemented in the fall of the year, sometime after Ezra's arrival in Jerusalem.

16. According to Daniel 9:25 (1314), how long was it to be from the decree of Artaxerxes till the Messiah appeared?

Ans: 69 WEEKS OR 483 YEARS

NOTE: 69 weeks times 7 (the number of days in a week) equals 483 prophetic days, which in Bible prophecy are 483 years. Mathematical calculations show that if we begin in 457 B.C. and move 483 years into the future, we will reach the year 27 A.D.



17. Did the Messiah appear in 27 A.D. exactly 483 years after the decree of Artaxerxes in 457 B.C.? Luke 3:1, 21, 22 (1493) cf Acts 10:38 (1610) and John 1:41 (1547) (see margin).

Ans: YES, HE CAME RIGHT ON TIME.

God used the ancient Persian king Artaxerxes to fulfill this prophecy, exactly on time.

15-17 Follow questions and notes for your commentary. Give special emphasis to the 70th week on the chart on question 16.

Emphasize – 70th week shows exact date

- Jesus' baptism
- Jesus' crucifixion

Please do not discuss rejection of Israel as a nation, at this time.

This may alienate some in your class before they are ready to receive it.

If questions are asked, simply explain this will be covered in full in a later lesson. An exciting lesson.

Ans: a. Revelation 3:5 (1803) & 17:8 (1818) speak of the book of LIFE

Ans: b. Revelation 21:27 (1825) calls it the LAMB'S book of LIFE

Ans: c. Revelation 20:12 (1823) mentions both BOOKS and the BOOK OF LIFE

Notice that these books are all mentioned in connection with the judgment. Revelation 13:8 (1814) makes it clear that the saved will have their names written in the book of life, and according to Revelation 3:5 (1803), those who turn away from Christ will have their names removed from that book.

The sobering message of Revelation chapter 5 (1805) is that only Jesus can tell who is saved and who is lost. He, and He only, reads the heart and knows who are truly His. This is why it is so imperative to place our lives in His hands. He alone, cleanses us from sin. I John 1:9 (1790). He alone, is able to present us "faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy". Jude 24 (1799). Truly, there is "none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved". Acts 4:12 (1596). This is why John, in Revelation 5 (1805), was so tearful and hopeless till Jesus appeared. It also explains why the elders burst forth with, rejoicing when Jesus intervened for the people from this earth, whom He loves.

ORIGIN AND POWER OF JESUS

9. Did Jesus have His beginning when born of Mary, or did He exist prior to His Bethlehem birth? Revelation 22:6,7 (1825)

Ans: HE EXISTED FROM ETERNITY

NOTE: Revelation 22:6,7 (1825) calls Jesus "the Lord God of the holy prophets". I Peter 1:10,11 (1780) also says that Jesus is the one who inspired the prophets of old. Other Bible passages say very clearly that Jesus did indeed exist before coming to earth to be born of Mary. See John 17:5, 24 (1580); John 1:1-3, 14 (1546) and Philippians 2:5-11 (1723).

10. Who especially is mentioned as involved in the creation of the world and the creation of man?

Ans: Rev. 3:14 (1804) JESUS

11. Immanuel means, "God with us", Matt. 1:23.

Just think for a moment –
God bending low to become a man
in order to help us
when we could not help ourselves.

Reflect on this for a moment!

**12. Read Dan. 9:24-27.
Emphasize Jesus' Messiahship.**

God favored the nation of Israel during
this 70 weeks or 490 year prophetic time period.
Climaxed with appearance of Jesus the Messiah.

This Prophecy predicted the exact dates of:

- Christ's anointing as "Messiah" (baptism)
- Crucifixion

This prophecy silences the infidel and amazes the Jew.

Offers faith and assurance to us
that Jesus is the Son of God,
the Messiah, the Savior of mankind.

**13. The prophetic rule of a day equals a year
may be new to you,
but it has been understood by
students of Bible prophecy for centuries
and clearly used by Bible writers.**

Jesus was referring to the time prophecy of Dan. 9
when He said at the beginning of His ministry,
"The time is fulfilled," Mark 1:15

NOTE: The word "beginning" in Rev. 3:14 (1804) is used in the sense of origin. Beck's translation puts it, "the origin of God's creation". The Jerusalem Bible says, "the ultimate source of God's creation". For other Scripture passages which proclaim Jesus the creator, see Ephesians 3:9 (1716); John 1:1-3, 14 (1546); Hebrews 1:1,2 (1757); Colossians 1:13-17 (1728).

11. Is Jesus God? Rev. 19:13-16 (1821) cf John 1:1,14 (1546); Rev. 22:6,7 (1825)

Ans: YES

NOTE: In Revelation Jesus is called the **word of God** and John 1:1,14 (1546) makes it very clear that the "**word**" is Jesus and that He is, indeed, God. For other verses of Scripture which clearly point out the same thing, see I Timothy 3:16 (1743); Titus 3:4 (1753) and Hebrews 1:8 (1757).



**Jesus' death
marked the
middle of
the seventieth
week of
Daniel 9**

AN AMAZING TIME PROPHECY

Over 500 years before Jesus' birth, God foretold the exact year He would come. This astounding prophecy proves Jesus is the Messiah.

12. How much time does Daniel 9:24 (1314) tell us was allotted to the Jewish nation?

Ans: 70 WEEKS

NOTE: This solemn prophecy told the Jewish nation that God was giving them 490 years of privileged time.

13. Using the Bible's prophetic rule of "one prophetic day equals one literal year", Ezekiel 4:6 (1213), how long is this 70 week time period?

Ans: 490 YEARS

NOTE: 70 weeks times 7 (the number of days in a week) equals 490 days. Since one prophetic day equals one literal year, then 490 prophetic days equal 490 literal years.