
Notes, Questions & Prayer Requests

A BIBLE PROPHECY ADVENTURE REVELATION SEMINARS

LESSON SIX REVELATION'S GLORIOUS RAPTURE

Teaching code - in "teacher notes".

1. **Underlining** - designed to get class participation.
2. **Bold items** - messages to instructor.
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Place lesson 7 with Exhibits #1, #2 at student locations.

FRIENDLY GREETING AND PRAYER

RS-006

REVELATION'S GLORIOUS RAPTURE

Place lesson #7 with “exhibits 1 & 2” on table before class arrives.

JESUS' FIRST COMING –

Confusion among people

Reluctant to accept Him as Messiah

Misconceptions came from religious leaders.

False messiahs appeared everywhere.

JESUS' SECOND COMING –

Are we any wiser today? No!

Jesus warned of same difficulty

at His second coming – and more of it!

Jesus gave definite clues

to distinguish Him from imposters –

Will be covered in lesson.

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QUIZ QUESTIONS

1. When Jesus returns, everyone will see Him. YES
2. Jesus' feet will not touch the earth at His Second Coming. YES
3. Those who made no preparation (wicked) for the Lord's return will be destroyed by the brightness of His coming. YES
4. Satan will counterfeit Christ's return by appearing as an angel of light. YES
5. Jesus' main reason for returning the second time is to destroy the wicked. NO

Emphasize that wicked have chosen destruction instead of life.

God has done all He could to save them. Read Isa. 5:4 What more could He have done? Center on Calvary.

OFFERING

Decision Questions

Please answer the following questions by placing 'X's in the upper right corner of the Quiz Envelope:

1. The first question is –
Does the lesson make sense to you? If you agree that this is Biblical truth, place your first 'X'.
2. Place another 'X' if you learned something new from God's word tonight.
3. Place another 'X' if Jesus Christ is your Saviour and you want to BE READY TO MEET HIM in the air and live with Him and all your friends and loved ones eternally.

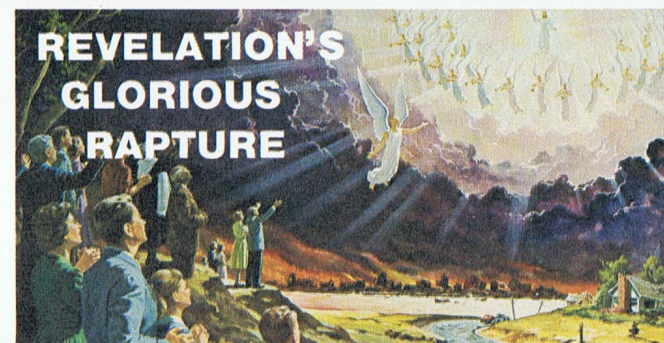
Talk up the next lesson.

Closing Prayer

ONE BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

Here is the big announcement: Next class we will be studying more about the thousand year/millennium. And specifically about Lucifer and what he will be doing during the thousand years. **STUDY AND DON'T YOU DARE MISS THE NEXT CLASS.**

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The return of Jesus to gather His people from this earth is the grand theme of the Bible. One verse out of every eleven in the New Testament speaks of this momentous event. Evangelist Dwight Moody declared that the event is mentioned two thousand five hundred times in Scripture. Some refer to this glorious event as the rapture, although the term does not appear in the Bible.

This earthshaking event is the ultimate goal of all Bible prophecy. This goal is more conspicuous in Revelation than any other book of the Bible. In Revelation, the rapture is "the most outstanding event of the book; the key note of its messages; the hub around which its . . . visions revolve. Each scene in this prophetic drama climaxes with the coming Christ". To study Revelation is to become acutely aware of Jesus' second coming. No wonder the devil keeps announcing that the book is sealed.

It is shocking to recall that at Jesus' first coming, as a babe in Bethlehem, the people were surprised and unprepared. This was true in spite of the fact that hundreds of Old Testament prophecies clearly described His first coming with detailed accuracy. But the people were applying the prophecies of His second coming to His first coming and ignoring those that applied to the first advent. Thus, they were prepared to reject His appearance as the infant son of a poor family.

History has a way of repeating itself. It is shocking to consider, but could it be possible that Christian people today may be misconstruing the 2500 Bible prophecies of Jesus second return? Could they be setting themselves up for one gigantic mind-boggling surprise? Could even some serious Bible students be fatally confused regarding the rapture? Jesus solemnly warned of this sad possibility when He spoke of His rapture in Matthew 24 (1438). He said, "Take heed that no man deceive you", Matthew 24:4 (1439). He further stated that erroneous concepts regarding the rapture would be so powerful and convincing that "if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect", Matthew 24:24 (1439). Then He capped it with, "Behold, I have told you before". We would say, today, "You have been warned!"

1. Leaders said – would come back.
McArthur returned to the Phillipines –
Exiled kings and princes have returned –

Greatest return of all – Jesus
The King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

4. Revelation allows for no secret return of Christ –
Just the opposite – everybody is involved
MOST PUBLIC EVENT IN WORLD HISTORY!

22. Can any person know the exact time of Jesus' return? Matthew 24:36 (1440)

Ans: No! Only the FATHER knows that.

23. What can we know for certain about Jesus' appearing? Matthew 24:32,33 (1440)

Ans: Know that it is NEAR, even at the DOOR.

NOTE: When we see Jesus' last day prophecies fulfilled, then we know the coming of Jesus is very near.

24. How will people be rewarded at Jesus' second coming? Revelation 22:12 (1825)

Ans: "To give EVERY man ACCORDING
as his WORK shall be".

NOTE: The Bible is clear. People will be rewarded according to their works.

25. Will His coming be a surprise to everyone? Matthew 24:44 (1440)

Ans: Yes! "For in such an HOOR as ye think NOT
the Son of man COMETH".

26. Since His coming will be a surprise, what should we do to be certain that we are ready when He does come? Matthew 24:44 (1440)

Ans: Stay ALWAYS READY.

27. If He should come tonight, would you be ready?

Ans: _____



- 22.** Exact time – not important
What's important – be ready!

God has good reason for not revealing –
MANY WOULD PUT IT OFF UNTIL LATER.
But now is the day of salvation –

Each person given only
one day at a time to live.

23. So BE READY!

- 24.** Saved by FAITH. **Read Eph. 2:8-9**
True faith WORKS by love –
False faith reveals no loving deeds.

Read James 2:14-18

- 26.** Stay ready by staying
close to Jesus.

27. Class Appeal

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BY RAISING YOUR HAND.

Do you want to be ready when He comes
and happily greet Him,
and receive your eternal life?

IF THIS IS YOUR DESIRE, PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

**When you see hands raised, say, 'Thank you', 'Thank you',
may God bless you all.**

LET US PRAY.

In light of this solemn warning by Jesus, let us now prayerfully see what the prophecies reveal regarding the blessed rapture.

JESUS WILL RETURN

- 1. Two men in white clothing suddenly joined the disciples as they were watching Jesus disappear in a cloud at His ascension. What did they say about the manner of Jesus' return to the earth? Acts 1:9-11 (1590)**

Ans: That he would return in the SAME manner as he departed.

NOTE: a. **HE WILL BE VISIBLE.** They saw Him depart.
Verses 9, 10

b. **HE WILL RETURN IN A CLOUD.** He left in a cloud. Vs. 9

c. **HE WILL BE FLESH AND BONES.** He was flesh and bones when He left. See Luke 24:36-43, 50, 51, (1544). The angels said, "This same Jesus" Acts 1:11 (1590) will return.

d. **HIS ASCENSION WAS LITERAL, PERSONAL, BODILY AND VISIBLE.** His rapture will be the same.

- 2. How did John tell us Jesus would return? Revelation 1:7 (1800); 14:14 (1816)**

Ans: WITH CLOUDS

NOTE: As the angels promised, Jesus, who went away in the clouds, will return in the same manner. The Bible reports this fact too often for any to question it. The New Testament alone mentions the fact at least nine times.

- 3. What are these clouds? Psalm 104:3 (933); cf Psalm 68:17 (905)**

Ans: Thousands of ANGELS

- 4. Who will see Jesus when He comes? Revelation 1:7 (1800)**

Ans: EVERY EYE

NOTE: This, also, is too plain to misunderstand. Every human being on earth will see Jesus at the rapture. This includes both saved and unsaved. Matthew 24:30 (1440) says that all the tribes of the earth shall mourn at His appearing.

- 5. Who will come with Jesus at the rapture? Matthew 25:31 (1442)**

Ans: ALL THE ANGELS OF HEAVEN

6. Angels assist God in the harvest.

8. Christ's return to this earth is no secret –

It has been announced repeatedly throughout the Bible.
Only the day and the hour of the event
have been withheld by the Father.

IT IS A GLORIOUS WORLDWIDE HAPPENING!

of angels plus that of the Father and the Son. This fantastic brilliance will far outshine the noonday sun, and the unsaved will be slain by its brightness, II Thessalonians 2:8 (1739). Indeed, He is coming "with power and great glory", Luke 21:27 (1536).



19. What will Christ, the rider on the white horse, and His armies do to the nations at the rapture? Revelation 19:11-16 (1821)

Ans: SMITE the nations.

NOTE: The passage clearly points to the destruction of the nations.

OH, GLORIOUS DAY!

20. What is the crowning purpose of Jesus' return? John 14:2,3 (1575)

Ans: To take His CHILDREN home.

NOTE: We long for Heaven and home. Even more important, Jesus and His Father long for all of us to come home. Oh, the joys of that incomparable reunion!

Here are some exciting things to look forward to:

- a. Reunion of loved ones. I Thessalonians 4:16-18 (1736)
- b. The blind will see, the dumb speak and sing, the lame walk again., Isaiah 35:4-6 (1064)
- c. No more sorrow, pain or tears. Revelation 21:4 (1823)

21. What does Paul call the Second Coming in Titus 2:13 (1753) and how does he say we should feel toward it? II Timothy 4:8 (1750)

Ans: a. Titus 2:13 (1753) The Blessed HOPE.

Ans: b. II Timothy 4:8 (1750) LOVE it.

NOTE: Jesus' return is, indeed, the "Blessed Hope" of God's people, and the love that God's people have for this wonderful day is beyond description.

19. A graphic picture of Jesus and His armies destroying the wicked.

Jesus holds in his right hand His mighty sword, (Word of God) and smites the nations.

Jesus destroys the wicked in mercy for they would be miserable in his presence.

He will never force anyone to live under His reign.

NO SECOND CHANCE. (Revelation 22:12 Reward with Him)
At Second Coming all cases decided.

20. A cry through the centuries has been
"How long O Lord . . .?"

READ REV. 6:10; Zech. 1:12

The Father has been waiting,
the Son has been waiting,
the universe has been waiting
for the Bride of Christ (the Church) to prepare
for the wedding supper of the Lamb (Jesus).

Jesus wants to return for His Bride
But He will not until she is ready.

Jesus is waiting for the "honest in heart"
to prepare to meet Him in the air.

The Book of Revelation tells how
to prepare for His coming.

6. How will these angels assist Jesus in the rapture? Matthew 24:31 (1440)

Ans: They will gather the ELECT together
from all over the earth.



INVASION FROM SPACE

7. How long will it be from the time Jesus and the angels leave Heaven for this earth until they are back in Heaven with God's raptured saints? Revelation 8:1 (1808)

Ans: ABOUT 7½ DAYS

NOTE: We will study the seven seals of Revelation later. But briefly, the sixth seal ends as the wicked realize that "The Day of the Lord" is upon them, Rev. 6:12-17 (1807). During the seventh seal there is complete silence in heaven for one half hour prophetic time, Revelation 8:1 (1808). It is silent in heaven during this time period because all the angels are with Jesus for the rapture, Matthew 25:31 (1442), and Heaven will be empty. Since a day in prophecy equals a literal year, Ezekiel 4:6 (1213), some believe a "half hour" would be approximately 7½ days. Thus heaven would be silent for about a week, the length of time that would be spent on the round trip for the rapture.

8. Many beautiful Christians feel that the rapture will be secret. What do the following Scriptures teach regarding this point?

a. Matthew 24:27 (1440) Jesus compares His rapture
to LIGHTNING

NOTE: There is nothing secret about lightning.

b. Psalm 50:3-6 (893) says God will not keep SILENCE
and it shall be TEMPESTUOUS round about Him.

NOTE: The passage definitely says He won't be silent.

Class read I Corinthians 15:52,53

9. Imagine it! Our dead loved ones and old friends,
who were followers of Jesus,
hearing His joyous shout,
seeing His smiling face,
sensing His Divine presence,
as they lift off earth by Divine power,
escorted by angels!

It all takes place at His soon return.

Other references to this event:

Resurrection of life (John 5:28-29)

First resurrection (Revelation 20:6)

10. Strong possibility:

You and I will be alive
as the rapture takes place –
Never to taste death!

All signs point to His soon return!

11. We will receive beautiful new body:

Like Jesus' body. (Phil. 3:21)

Capable of space travel. (I Cor. 15:51)

What a precious gift!

Let's give God a hand!

Lead class in applause!

Satan's strategy will be to make people think that Jesus has already come, so they will be off guard and unprepared for His real rapture. We must not underestimate the devil's power to deceive. If I depend on what I see and upon human reason and logic, Satan will deceive me. If I remember that Jesus will come in the clouds and that every eye will see Him when it happens, and if I obey Jesus and refuse to go see imposters, I will not be deceived.

THE KING IS COMING

15. What will the wicked do at the time of the rapture? Revelation 6:14-16 (1807)

Ans: Cry for the ROCKS and MOUNTAINS to fall on them.

16. What will the Lord do to the wicked at the rapture? II Thessalonians 2:8-12 (1739); Isaiah 11:4 (1037); II Thessalonians 1:7,8 (1738)

Ans: Destroy them with His BRIGHTNESS and with the SPIRIT of His mouth.

17. Why doesn't God give the wicked another opportunity to repent after the rapture? II Thessalonians 2:10-12 (1739)

Ans: They are lost because they BELIEVED not the TRUTH but had PLEASURE in UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

NOTE: Another opportunity would also be spurned by the lost. Jesus will not appear for the rapture of His people until every person on earth has heard the message of salvation, Matthew 24:14 (1439); Mark 16:15 (1486), and has made a decision for or against it, after fully understanding and fully weighing this all-important issue of life and death, Revelation 22:11,12 (1825). Those who are lost have simply decided they prefer a sinner's life-style. They have chosen to disobey God even after they fully understand His loving call to salvation. They would be miserable in Heaven. It would be cruel to include them. If I choose to be lost God will not force me to be saved, though He will be terribly broken-hearted, and deeply hurt over my decision, II Thessalonians 2:10-12 (1739).

18. What threefold glory will be manifested at the coming of Jesus? Luke 9:26 (1509)

Ans: The glory of the FATHER, JESUS and the ANGELS

NOTE: The glory of one lone angel caused the entire Roman guard to fall as dead men when he appeared at Jesus' tomb, Matthew 28:2,4 (1450). Try to comprehend the glory of millions

15. A picture of Terror!

Panic
Chaos

Wicked seek ground shelter
from the bright light of His presence.

Illustration: "Laser beams" deadly weapon

Light causes more than blindness –

"Slain of the Lord" (Jeremiah 25:33)

All destroyed (Luke 17:26-30)

NO WICKED survive the Second Coming.

17. If God could,

He would
save everyone!

(II Peter 3:9 – Doesn't want any to perish)

But many say no to God's love and mercy.

18. Following Christ brings peace and happiness now,
dazzling splendor and unthinkable joy
forever and ever!

Think about it!

**Read Luke 9:23-27 Compare glory of present world with
future glory in Heaven – no comparison!**

c. Jeremiah 25:30-33 (1147) says, "The Lord shall ROAR
from on high . . . He shall mightily ROAR . . . He
shall give a SHOUT. A NOISE shall
come even to the ends of the earth".

NOTE: A mighty roar, a shout and a noise heard to the ends of
the earth accompany the rapture; nothing secret about it.

d. I Thessalonians 4:16 (1736); I Corinthians 15:52 (1688)
indicate that the rapture will be accompanied by a trumpet

BLAST, a VOICE and a SHOUT

NOTE: There is nothing quiet or secret about this event.

9. What will happen to the righteous DEAD at the rapture? I Corinthians
15:52,53 (1688); I Thessalonians 4:16,17 (1736)

Ans: They will be RAISED incorruptible and immortal and
caught up into the CLOUDS to meet the LORD
in the air.

10. What will happen to the righteous LIVING at the rapture? I
Thessalonians 4:16,17 (1736); I Corinthians 15:51-54 (1688).

Ans: They will be CHANGED from corruptible to INCORRUPTIBLE
and from mortal to IMMORTAL and caught up to
meet the LORD in the AIR.

11. What kind of bodies will the saints be given at the rapture?

Ans: a. Philippians 3:20, 21 (1725) Bodies like JESUS

Ans: b. Luke 24:36-43, 50, 51(1544); Acts 1:11 (1590)

(verse 39) FLESH and BONES



In Matthew 24:24, Jesus
predicted that Satan would
try to deceive "even the
very elect"

12. Remember this point well:

When Jesus comes,
saints will be lifted off the earth
to meet Jesus in the air.
Satan cannot duplicate Christ's
return in the clouds of heaven.

JESUS DOES NOT TOUCH EARTH AT HIS SECOND COMING

13. In the Great Controversy between Christ and Satan,
for every one of God's truths
Satan has a counterfeit

Promise class that Revelation Seminar will:

Exalt Christ

Teach truth

Expose Satan and all of his counterfeits -

It's a battle of life and death!

14. God will protect us when we stay in His will.
No protection - when out of it!

FALSE CHRISTS APPEAR

12. Does Jesus come to earth, or remain in the air, at the second coming?
I Thessalonians 4:17 (1736)

Ans: HE REMAINS IN THE AIR.

NOTE: Jesus promised to return to take His people to heaven to be with Him. John 14:1-3 (1575). He did not promise that at His Second Coming, He would immediately reign over the earth in its sinful condition. John sees the redeemed at the heavenly throne. Revelation 7:9-10 (1808)

13. Suppose that a glorious being suddenly appeared in Jerusalem who claimed to be Christ and who fitted the description of Jesus in Revelation 1:13-17 (1801). Suppose that he preached warm, beautiful Bible truths with power, called fire down from Heaven, healed the sick, helped stop wars, read minds, blessed children, etc. What would be your reaction?

Ans: We should know at once that he was an **IMPOSTER**

NOTE: We should know at once that the glorious being was an imposter, because Jesus at His coming makes a SKY APPEARANCE and not an EARTH APPEARANCE. He remains in the AIR while imposters appear on EARTH. Further, we need to remember that the devil:

- a. APPEARS AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT. - II Corinthians 11:14 (1702.)
- b. WORKS MIRACLES - Revelation 16:14 (1817); II Thessalonians 2:9 (1739).
- c. CAN CALL FIRE DOWN FROM HEAVEN - Revelation 13:13 (1814).
- d. WILL USE SCRIPTURE. EVEN QUOTED IT TO JESUS - Matthew 4:6 (1400).
- e. IS FULL OF WISDOM AND PERFECT IN BEAUTY. Ezekiel 28:12, last part (1254).

14. Would it be safe to go see a false Christ, even though you knew he was not Jesus? Matthew 24:23-26 (1439)

Ans: No! Jesus said, "Go not FORTH".

A SOLEMN WARNING

Jesus clearly commanded, regarding such cases, that we are not to believe it is Christ, and further, that we are not to go look. "Go not forth" the Bible says. When I disobey that injunction and place myself in jeopardy, the devil has unusual advantage over me. He deceived one third of heaven's angels, Revelation 12:3,4 (1813). I would be most foolish to think that he cannot deceive a mere human being who takes himself out of Jesus' hands by disobeying Jesus' word, "Go not forth". Those who look will be deceived. The odds are about 100%.