

Notes, Questions & Prayer Requests

RS-013

A BIBLE PROPHECY ADVENTURE REVELATION SEMINARS

LESSON THIRTEEN

REVELATION'S KEYS OF DEATH

Teaching code - in "teacher notes".

1. Underlining - designed to get class participation.
2. Bold items - messages to instructor.
3. All other copy - information designed to go directly to class.

Place Lesson #14, with Exhibit 1, (The Sanctuary and It's Services) at each student location before session begins.

Happy Greeting and Prayer

REVELATION'S KEYS OF DEATH

HAPPY GREETING AND PRAYER

1. If it is possible,
please try to lay aside
all pre-conceived ideas of
the subject of death and
allow God's Word to speak.

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QUIZ QUESTIONS

(Fill in the blank)

1. J _ _ _ _ has the keys of life and death. Jesus
No one else has eternal life in himself.
2. The living know that they shall die, but the dead know not A _ _ _ _ _ . Anything
3. According to Revelation, evil angels pose as spirits of the D _ _ _ _ . Dead
4. When God placed the breath of life into man's nostrils at creation, man B _ _ _ _ _ Became a living soul.
5. When the breath of life leaves a man at death, he is not conscious or alive until he is R _ _ _ _ _ Resurrected by Christ.

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

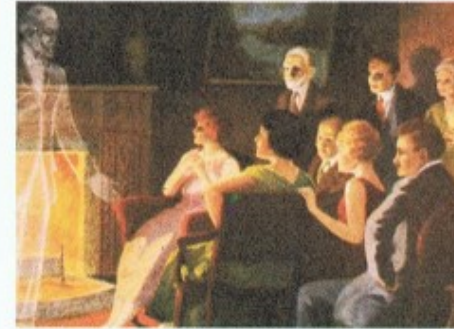
Place an "X" on your quiz envelope in answer to the following statement:

1. I understood the subject tonight.
2. Place the second "X" now – This subject was brand new to me, but it is beginning to make more sense.
3. The third "X" – I am ready to say that I believe that the dead in Christ are asleep in their graves and will be awakened by the shout of Jesus at His Second Coming. Place a third "X" if this is how you feel.

Talk up the next lesson.

Closing Prayer

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REVELATION'S KEYS OF DEATH

What if someone handed you the phone and the voice at the other end was that of your mother who had died and was buried just six weeks ago? Would you believe it was your mother if you were positive that she had, indeed, died?

When a person dies, is he really dead? From the days of our forefathers we have said, "dead men tell no tales", but do they? Millions of people believe they are in touch with the dead. Government officials the world over, seek counsel from those who supposedly communicate with the dead.

Is this some gigantic hoax? Or is it one of the grandest blessings to ever come to man? Lives of people and the future of nations are at stake. Even more sobering, your own life and future could be in jeopardy. There is no defense for guess work when results can be so far reaching and final. We must obtain the facts.

Thank God, Jesus, the Star of the drama of Revelation, has the answers. He was dead, but is now alive forevermore. Every person ever raised from the dead has been raised by Him, and He will gloriously raise millions in the near future. He knows all the answers about death. In fact, He holds in His hand the keys of death.

Prepare for some surprises as we review His Word on this most important topic.

LIFE AND DEATH

1. Revelation 1:18 (1801) refers to Jesus as "He that liveth, and was dead." What does he have in his hand?

Ans: "the KEYS of HELL and DEATH."

NOTE: Thank God! Jesus has the keys, or answers, to the mysterious questions and problems regarding death. And since He, only, has the answers, we must go to His Word for information. No other source is reliable.

2 & 3 It is well for us to get this insight
before we get into the heavy part of our lesson.

4. FRIENDS, GEN. 2:7 IS A KEY TEXT IN
UNDERSTANDING THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT.
IT IS FOUND ON PAGE 3 OF OUR BIBLES.
LET US READ IT TOGETHER.
It would be well to memorize this text.

5. Now here is one of the texts
that many are confused about.
Let us study question #6 to
further clarify this question.

7. Now back to Gen. 2:7 to help again
in our perception of this subject.

To understand death
we must understand life.

Here is God's "formula for life":
DUST OF GROUND – BREATH OF LIFE – LIVING SOUL
(use blackboard if available).

Ans: He will live on the EARTH.

NOTE: Jesus promised that the meek will inherit the earth, Matthew 5:5 (1402). In harmony with this promise, God will set up His Kingdom here on the new earth, and live with His people. This earth will become the center of the universe. Please notice, however, that He does not move His Kingdom here to convert the lost. His Kingdom is established here only after the lost have been cast into the fire.

25. Where must my name be written if I am to escape the fire? Revelation 20:15 (1823).

Ans: In the BOOK of LIFE.

HERE, REVIEW BRIEFLY ALL EVENTS ON THE 1000 YEARS CHART, Exhibit #1. READ CAREFULLY THE NOTE ON THE EXHIBIT ENTITLED, "A SECOND CHANCE".

26. Whom does Jesus invite to become citizens of His great new Kingdom? Revelation 22:17 (1826)

Ans: And "WHOSOEVER" WILL let him
take the water of life freely".

27. Will you tell Jesus now that you are accepting His magnificent, loving invitation?

Ans: _____



28. Paul told us to comfort one another with these words, (1 Thess. 4:18).
Sincere ministers have used these words
thousands of times to comfort the bereaved.

29. What a glorious day the resurrection will be!

CLASS APPEAL

I want to pray for you now –
that God will give to those who desire it –
His resurrection power for victory
in your life today.

How many of you have said yes
to accepting this power?
Let me see your hands.

PRAYER APPEAL

2. What is Jesus called in Revelation 1:5 (1800)?

Ans: "The FIRST begotten of the DEAD".

Note: Jesus was the first begotten from the dead in the same sense that He was "slain from the foundation of the world". He was also "first" from the standpoint of pre-eminence, or importance. His resurrection was "first" in the same sense that the president's wife is "first" lady.

3. Why is Jesus' resurrection so important to me as a person? 1 Corinthians 15:20-22 (1687)

Ans: "Even so in CHRIST shall ALL be made ALIVE".

NOTE: His resurrection is important to you and me because His resurrection has made all other resurrections possible.

4. How did God create man in the beginning? Genesis 2:7 (3)

Ans: He " FORMED man of the DUST
of the GROUND and BREATHED into his
NOSTRILS the BREATH of LIFE".

5. What happens at death, according to the Scripture? Ecclesiastes 12:7 (1016)

Ans: "Then shall the DUST RETURN to the
EARTH as it was: and the SPIRIT shall
RETURN unto GOD who gave it".

NOTE: Two things happen at death: the body returns to dust and the spirit returns to God.

6. What is this "spirit" which returns to God at death? James 2:26 (1776) (see margin).

Ans: THE BREATH

NOTE: See Exhibit #1, Point 1, "Spirit and Breath".

7. What happened when God placed the breath of life in man's nostrils at creation? Genesis 2:7 (3)

Ans: "Man BECAME a LIVING SOUL".

NOTE: God formed man of the dust and made a body. He then combined breath with this body and man BECAME a living soul. So the Bible definition for "soul" is: BODY PLUS BREATH =

8. What is a soul?
(Class discussion)

LET US STOP HERE for an ORAL quiz.
USE BLACKBOARD.

1. Do souls die? (Yes)
2. Are we souls? (Yes)
3. Is it possible for us to die? (Yes)

The reverse of God's formula for life is death.

DUST OF GROUND – BREATH OF LIFE = DEAD SOUL
(Ezekiel 18:4).

9. Now let's move along.

24. Revelation says those who obey God will enter His Kingdom. Who will be among those shut out? Revelation 22:15 (1826)

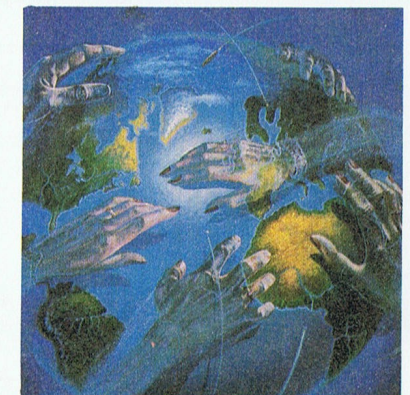
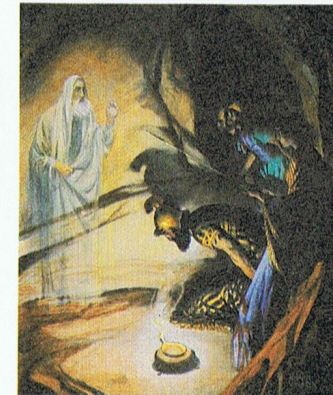
Ans: "For without are dogs, and SORCERERS and whoremongers and murderers and idolators".

NOTE: Those who consult the dead (sorcerers) will be shut out of heaven. In Moses' day, God commanded that such be stoned, Leviticus 20:6 (196); 20:27 (197).

25. Witchcraft, which claims to contact the dead, is called, in the Bible, one of the works of the flesh for which people will be shut out of God's Kingdom. How should I relate to it? Galatians 5:19-21 (1712); Ephesians 5:11 (1719).

Ans: "Have no FELLOWSHIP with the unfruitful WORKS of darkness, but rather REPROVE them".

NOTE: I should stay as far away as possible from anything that in any way resembles witchcraft. Presumed contact with the dead is virtually always contact with Satanic forces.



26. Why are the godly dead called blessed in Revelation 14:13 (1815)?

Ans: "They may REST from their LABORS".

NOTE: Notice the prophet does not say that they simply transferred their labors to heaven. No, their work is done. Ecclesiastes 9:10 (1013) also says clearly that the reason all work ceases at death is because there is no work in the grave where man goes at death. Man simply sleeps in the grave till the resurrection.

27. What finally happens to the terrible curse of death? Revelation 20:14 (1823)

Ans: It is cast into the LAKE of fire.

24. This is crystal clear.

Galatians 5:19-21 gives a longer list
of those not allowed to enter Heaven.

LET'S READ IT TOGETHER.

25. Remember what we said back at the beginning?

God said it.

I believe it.

That settles it.

LET US SAY IT TOGETHER.

26. What are the godly dead doing at this time?

27. I am anxious for this to take place, aren't you?

SOUL A living, breathing being IS A SOUL The Bible, in this text, is saying that we ARE SOULS! The truth is we do not HAVE souls, but we ARE souls.

8. Do souls die? Ezekiel 18:4, 20 (1234)

Ans: "The soul that sinneth it shall DIE".

NOTE: Strangely, the Bible does not agree with the widely used term "undying soul". Rather, the Scripture teaches that the soul has a very short life.

Our hope is the resurrection.



9. At death, the body returns to dust, and the breath (spirit) returns to God. What happens to the soul? Where does it go? Psalm 104:29, 30 (934)

Ans: The soul goes nowhere. It simply CEASES to exist.

NOTE: See Exhibit #1, Point 2, "Soul," and Exhibit #3, "Thief".

10. Jesus and Job both tell us where the bodies of the dead are. Where are they? Job 21:32 (837); John 5:28, 29 (1555)

Ans: IN THEIR GRAVES

NOTE: They are not in heaven or hell, but rather in their graves. On the day of Pentecost, Peter said that David was in his grave and had not gone to heaven, Acts 2:29, 34 (1593). But the Scriptures clearly teach, Hebrews 11:32 (1769), that David will be saved in God's Kingdom. David is not yet in heaven because God's plan is that the dead wait in their graves until Jesus returns and resurrects them. Hebrews 11:39-40 (1770)

11. Can dead people think? Psalm 146:4 (964)

Ans: NO

12. Do dead people know what their loved ones on earth are doing? Job 14:12, 21 (829)

13. AFTER QUESTION #13

Frequently as people have surgery,
they share this experience:

When the anesthetic is administered,
a dizziness is experienced.

The next thing the patient feels is pain,
and wonders why the pain.

He then realizes he is in the recovery room.

As his mind clears, he realizes that
time elapsed between the dizziness and pain.

The pain seemed to come nearly
in conjunction with the dizziness.

Many will not realize they have died.

They will recall dizziness or pain
and then it is the resurrection morning.

Let us study this wonderful subject.

14. AFTER QUESTION #14

Can you see there would be no need for the
resurrection if the righteous
were already in Heaven?

16. WHAT IS IMMORTALITY?

Answer – Not subject to death.

All of us are mortals.

Why? Because of sin.

We are subject to death.

d. The terrible problem of sin will be settled only when all who have ever been involved (both men and angels) understand and openly confess that God has been loving, fair, and honest in everything. The judgment, in its many phases, clarifies this for both men and angels. God already understands fully. The judgment is not for His benefit.

Ans: a. This judgment decides the degree of punishment
for the LOST OR WICKED

Ans: b. It also clarifies for the righteous why some they
love are shut out of HEAVEN

NOTE: AT THIS POINT, PLEASE TURN TO THE 1000 YEARS
CHART (Exhibit #1) AND REVIEW THE EVENTS WHICH TAKE
PLACE DURING THE 1000 YEARS.

EVENTS AT END OF 1000 YEARS

16. What great city comes down to earth at the close of the 1000 years?
Revelation 21:2,10 (1823)

Ans: THE NEW JERUSALEM

17. What will happen when the feet of Jesus stand upon the mount of
Olives? Zechariah 14:1,4,10 (1388)

Ans: MAKES A GREAT PLAIN

NOTE: As the Lord stands on the Mount of Olives, the
mountain will cleave and spread out to make a great plain as a
base for the Holy City. Notice that Jesus' **third coming** at the
close of the 1000 years is **WITH** His saints, Zechariah 14:5
(1388), last part. At the **second coming**, when the 1000 years
begin, Jesus comes **FOR** His saints, Matthew 24:31 (1440).

18. What happens to Satan after the thousand years? Revelation 20:7
(1823)

Ans: He is "LOOSED" out of His prison.

NOTE: Remember that the resurrection of the wicked takes
place at the close of the 1000 years, Revelation 20:5 (1822).
This resurrection looses Satan because he once again has
people to deceive.

19. What does Satan do that shows he has not had a change of heart
during the 1000 years? Revelation 20:8 (1823)

Ans: He goes out to DECEIVE the nations.

22. Have any of you heard of government leaders consulting mediums and other spiritualists?
It is happening frequently.

23. LET US READ THESE TWO VERSES TOGETHER.
ISAIAH 8:19,20.

the second coming of Jesus. Jesus is the man on the white horse (verse 11). He smites the nations at His coming (verse 15) and dead bodies are left lying everywhere as the 1000 years begin, (verses 17,18,21).

WORLD-WIDE DEVASTATION

10. What happens to the earth at Jesus' appearing? Revelation 16:18,20, 21 (1818)

Ans: "And there was a great EARTHQUAKE . . . and there fell upon men a great HAIL out of heaven".

11. What will conditions be like on the earth during the 1000 years? Isaiah 24:1,3,19,20 (1050); Jeremiah 4:23-26,28 (1112)

Five shocking conditions stand out:

Ans: a. "Heavens. . . had no LIGHT . . . Heavens above will be BLACK" Jeremiah 4:23,28 (1112).

Ans: b. "And, lo, there was no MAN" Jeremiah 4:25 (1112).

Ans: c. "The earth. . . was without FORM and void" Jeremiah 4:23 (1112).

Ans: d. "The land shall be utterly emptied, and UTTERLY SPOILED" Isaiah 24:3 (1050).

Ans: e. "The earth is utterly broken DOWN" Is. 24:19 (1051).

12. What is this "bottomless pit" that the devil is bound in for the 1000 years as outlined in Revelation 20:1-3 (1822)?

NOTE: BEFORE ANSWERING THIS QUESTION, PLEASE READ AND DIGEST THE MATERIAL ON EXHIBIT #2, ENTITLED "BOTTOMLESS PIT — A".

Ans: "Bottomless pit" means this earth "without form" with "the Heavens above" being BLACK and with "no MAN" alive on the earth.

18. Do you see there is a difference between IMMORTALITY and ETERNAL LIFE?

IMMORTALITY means – not subject to death.
Though not immortal
we may have eternal life now
through Jesus Christ.

19. Satan originated this lie in Eden
and still convinces people today.

20. This exposes one of the greatest
frauds of all ages.
Many are being duped by Satan.

21. This is frightening, isn't it?

immortal soul of man, so often spoken of at funerals today, is contrary to the Bible. Scripture cannot be found to support it, because the Bible teaches just the opposite. **It is Satan's plan to nullify Jesus' wonderful promise to give immortality at the resurrection by claiming that men already have it.**

18. God's people do not have immortality now, but, do they have eternal life? I John 5:12 (1795); John 6:54 (1559)

Ans: YES

NOTE: See Exhibit #2, Point 2.



Jesus promises
to raise our
sleeping loved
ones.

SATANS' HOAX ABOUT DEATH

19. What lie about death did Satan tell Eve in the Garden of Eden? Genesis 3:4 (4)

Ans: " YE shall NOT surely DIE ".

NOTE: Contrary to God's word, Satan said that death is not a fact. "You won't really die, if you disobey" is what he was saying to Eve.

20. Why does Satan want people to believe that the dead are alive and can be contacted? Revelation 16:14 (1817); II Thessalonians 2:9 (1739); Revelation 13:13,14 (1814)

Ans: So his angels can pose as spirits of the DEAD
and DECEIVE people.

NOTE: Satan wants people to believe that the dead can be contacted so he can send his angels to pose as the spirits of the dead, and thus deceive them. His masterful delusions will deceive all but the very elect, Matthew 24:24 (1439). Notice that these evil angels also deceive the "kings of the earth", Revelation 16:13, 14 (1817).

21. Fallen Christendom is referred to as Babylon in Revelation. What does God say is largely responsible for its fall? Revelation 18:2, 4, 5 (1819).