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**The Book of Revelation**

(Observe, Interpret, Apply & Go)

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**MASTER THE CONTENT**

**OF SCRIPTURE**

In our studies of the Bible, we will be using an inductive approach. This approach is a fun and exciting way to study the Bible! It’s like being a detective. Instead of starting with a conclusion, you look at the details and clues in the text to discover the meaning for yourself.

**Here’s how you can do it:**

1. **Observation:** First, you look closely at the Bible passage. You pay attention to:

**a.** Who is in the story

b. What is happening

c. Where it is taking place

d. When it is happening

e. Why things are happening

f. How they are happening.

You write down or make a mental note of all the details you notice.

1. **Interpretation:** Next, you try to understand what those details mean.

**a.** You think about why the characters did what they did

b. You think about what the important words and phrases mean.

c. You may need to look up some words or ask questions to understand better.

1. **Application:** Finally, you think about how the story applies to our lives. What truth does it communicate?

a. **What does it teach us about God?**

b. What does it teach us about ourselves?

c. What action (s) does it call us to take?

**CHAPTER ONE**

**Summary of Chapter**

Chapter 1 of the Book of Revelation introduces John, who receives a vision from Jesus Christ. The chapter begins with John on the island of Patmos, where he hears a voice and turns to see seven golden lampstands and a figure like a son of man in a robe with a golden sash. The figure, Jesus Christ, instructs John to write letters to the seven churches of Asia. This chapter emphasizes Christ's divine authority and the significance of His message to the churches, setting the stage for the revelations that follow.

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**Opening Question**

What do you think is the importance of a divine message being delivered through a vision? How might this impact the way we understand and respond to the message?

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**Outline**

1. **John's Vision**
   * John on the island of Patmos (Revelation 1:9)
   * The voice and turning to see Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:10-13)
   * The description of Jesus (Revelation 1:14-16)
   * *Application Question:* How can the vision of Jesus in this chapter influence our view of His authority?
2. **Instructions to Write**
   * Command to write to the seven churches (Revelation 1:11)
   * Significance of the seven golden lampstands and stars (Revelation 1:12-13, 20)
   * *Application Question:* What can we learn about the importance of communicating divine messages to others?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 1:8: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Divide students into groups and assign each group one of the seven churches. Have them role-play how they would receive and respond to a message from Jesus.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss the implications of Christ’s vision of Himself as described in Revelation 1. How does this vision shape our understanding of His role in the church?

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**Quiz**

1. Where was John when he received the vision in Revelation 1?
   * A. Jerusalem
   * B. Patmos
   * C. Ephesus
   * D. Rome
2. What did John hear that caused him to turn around?
   * A. A trumpet
   * B. A voice like a trumpet
   * C. A lion’s roar
   * D. A thunderclap
3. How is Jesus described in Revelation 1?
   * A. As a shepherd
   * B. As a king with a crown
   * C. As a son of man with a golden sash
   * D. As a warrior with a sword
4. What are the seven golden lampstands in Revelation 1?
   * A. Seven churches
   * B. Seven angels
   * C. Seven seals
   * D. Seven stars
5. What does Jesus hold in His right hand?
   * A. A scroll
   * B. Seven stars
   * C. A scepter
   * D. A book
6. To whom is John instructed to write letters?
   * A. Seven kings
   * B. Seven disciples
   * C. Seven churches
   * D. Seven prophets
7. What does Jesus claim to be in Revelation 1:8?
   * A. The Shepherd
   * B. The Beginning and the End
   * C. The Light of the World
   * D. The Good Shepherd
8. How is the figure of Jesus described in terms of His appearance?
   * A. Radiant and powerful
   * B. Humble and meek
   * C. Old and wise
   * D. Young and energetic
9. What element symbolizes the seven churches?
   * A. Seven angels
   * B. Seven trumpets
   * C. Seven lampstands
   * D. Seven crowns
10. What is the purpose of the vision given to John?
    * A. To entertain
    * B. To foretell future events
    * C. To describe the heavenly realm
    * D. To instruct and warn the churches

**Answers:** 1. B, 2. B, 3. C, 4. A, 5. B, 6. C, 7. B, 8. A, 9. C, 10. D

**Fill in the Blank**

1. John was on the island of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when he received the vision.
2. The vision included a figure like a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of man.
3. Jesus told John to write to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ churches.
4. The seven golden \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ symbolize the churches.
5. Jesus described Himself as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the Omega.

**Answers:** 1. Patmos, 2. Son, 3. Seven, 4. Lampstands, 5. Alpha

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Revelation** - The act of revealing or disclosing something, especially a divine truth.
   * Greek: ἀποκάλυψις (apokalypsis) - meaning "a disclosure" or "an unveiling."
2. **Patmos** - The island where John received his vision.
   * Greek: Πατμος (Patmos) - the name of the island, meaning "a place of exile."
3. **Lampstand** - A stand for holding lamps, symbolizing the churches.
   * Greek: λυχνία (lychnia) - meaning "a lampstand" or "a light holder."
4. **Alpha and Omega** - The beginning and the end.
   * Greek: Ἀλφα καὶ Ὦ (Alpha kai Omega) - the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, symbolizing completeness.

**CHAPTER TWO**

**Summary of Chapter**

Chapter 2 of the Book of Revelation contains letters from Jesus to the seven churches in Asia. The chapter specifically addresses the churches in Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, and Thyatira. Each letter praises the church for its strengths, points out areas needing improvement, and provides a promise to those who overcome. The letter to Ephesus commends the church for its hard work but criticizes it for losing its first love. Smyrna is encouraged to remain faithful despite suffering. Pergamum is rebuked for holding to false teachings, and Thyatira is warned about tolerating false prophets. Each letter concludes with a call to heed Jesus' words.

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**Opening Question**

What might be the impact of receiving a letter from a leader or authority figure addressing both your strengths and weaknesses? How would you respond to such a message?

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**Outline**

1. **Letter to Ephesus**
   * Commended for hard work and perseverance (Revelation 2:2-3)
   * Criticized for losing its first love (Revelation 2:4-5)
   * Promise to those who overcome: to eat from the tree of life (Revelation 2:7)
   * *Application Question:* How can we maintain our initial passion and love for our faith in the midst of our work?
2. **Letter to Smyrna**
   * Encouraged despite suffering and poverty (Revelation 2:9)
   * Warned about upcoming persecution (Revelation 2:10)
   * Promise to those who overcome: not to be hurt by the second death (Revelation 2:11)
   * *Application Question:* How can we support and encourage others who are experiencing suffering for their faith?
3. **Letter to Pergamum**
   * Praised for holding fast to faith despite challenges (Revelation 2:13)
   * Rebuked for tolerating false teachings (Revelation 2:14-15)
   * Promise to those who overcome: hidden manna and a white stone with a new name (Revelation 2:17)
   * *Application Question:* What steps can we take to ensure we do not tolerate false teachings in our community?
4. **Letter to Thyatira**
   * Commended for deeds, love, faith, and service (Revelation 2:19)
   * Criticized for tolerating Jezebel, a false prophet (Revelation 2:20-23)
   * Promise to those who overcome: authority over nations and the morning star (Revelation 2:26-28)
   * *Application Question:* How can we address and correct false teachings or influences within our own lives or community?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 2:10: "Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown."
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Assign students different churches from Chapter 2 and have them role-play a scenario where they receive and respond to Jesus' letter. Discuss their reactions and what they would change based on the letter.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss how the messages to the different churches in Revelation 2 apply to modern-day Christian life. How can the strengths and weaknesses addressed in these letters be relevant to us today?

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**Quiz**

1. What is the primary criticism of the church in Ephesus?
   * A. Tolerating false teachings
   * B. Losing its first love
   * C. Being too wealthy
   * D. Not being faithful
2. What promise is given to those who overcome in Smyrna?
   * A. To eat from the tree of life
   * B. To not be hurt by the second death
   * C. Hidden manna
   * D. A white stone with a new name
3. How is the church in Pergamum described?
   * A. Faithful but suffering
   * B. Holding fast to faith but tolerating false teachings
   * C. Active but losing its love
   * D. Rich and prosperous
4. What does Jesus say about the church in Thyatira?
   * A. They have lost their first love
   * B. They are enduring suffering
   * C. They are commended for their deeds but tolerate a false prophet
   * D. They are persecuted but remain faithful
5. What does Jesus promise to the one who overcomes in Thyatira?
   * A. Hidden manna
   * B. Authority over nations and the morning star
   * C. Not to be hurt by the second death
   * D. A new name on a white stone
6. What is the warning to the church in Smyrna?
   * A. Upcoming persecution
   * B. Tolerating false prophets
   * C. Losing their first love
   * D. Being too wealthy
7. Which church is praised for its perseverance but criticized for its tolerance of false teachings?
   * A. Ephesus
   * B. Smyrna
   * C. Pergamum
   * D. Thyatira
8. What does Jesus criticize about the church in Ephesus?
   * A. Their wealth
   * B. Their loss of love
   * C. Their suffering
   * D. Their tolerance of Jezebel
9. What does Jesus promise to those who overcome in Pergamum?
   * A. Authority over nations
   * B. Hidden manna
   * C. Not to be hurt by the second death
   * D. A crown of life
10. Which church is commended for their love and faith but rebuked for tolerating a false prophet?
    * A. Ephesus
    * B. Smyrna
    * C. Pergamum
    * D. Thyatira

**Answers:** 1. B, 2. B, 3. B, 4. C, 5. B, 6. A, 7. C, 8. B, 9. B, 10. D

**Fill in the Blank**

1. The church in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is criticized for losing its first love.
2. The church in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is warned about upcoming persecution.
3. The church in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is rebuked for tolerating false teachings.
4. The church in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is commended for its deeds but criticized for tolerating a false prophet.
5. Jesus promises those who overcome in Smyrna will not be hurt by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ death.

**Answers:** 1. Ephesus, 2. Smyrna, 3. Pergamum, 4. Thyatira, 5. Second

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Persecution** - Hostility and ill-treatment, especially because of religious beliefs.
   * Greek: διωγμός (diogmos) - meaning "pursuit" or "harassment."
2. **Jezebel** - A false prophetess in Thyatira who led people astray.
   * Greek: Ιεζάβελ (Iezabel) - meaning "unlawful" or "impure."
3. **Manna** - Food provided by God to the Israelites in the desert; symbol of divine provision.
   * Greek: μάννα (manna) - meaning "what is it?" in Hebrew, signifying "divine sustenance."
4. **White Stone** - A symbol of victory and acceptance.
   * Greek: λευκός λίθος (leukos lithos) - meaning "a white stone," used in ancient times for voting or as a token of victory.

**CHAPTER THREE**

**Summary of Chapter**

Chapter 3 of Revelation presents letters from Jesus to the remaining three churches in Asia: Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. The church in Sardis is criticized for being spiritually dead despite having a reputation for being alive. The church in Philadelphia is praised for its faithfulness and promised protection from coming trials. The church in Laodicea is rebuked for being lukewarm and self-sufficient, with a call to repentance and renewed zeal. Each letter includes promises for those who overcome and emphasizes the need for genuine faith and vigilance.

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**Opening Question**

How do you think a church or individual can become spiritually “dead” despite appearing active and successful on the outside? What steps can be taken to prevent this from happening?

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**Outline**

1. **Letter to Sardis**
   * Criticized for being spiritually dead despite an active appearance (Revelation 3:1-2)
   * Advised to wake up and strengthen what remains (Revelation 3:2-3)
   * Promise to those who overcome: will be clothed in white garments and have their names acknowledged before God (Revelation 3:5)
   * *Application Question:* How can we ensure our faith remains vibrant and genuine, not just a facade?
2. **Letter to Philadelphia**
   * Praised for faithfulness and perseverance (Revelation 3:8)
   * Promise to keep them from the hour of trial and give them a place in God’s temple (Revelation 3:10-12)
   * Encouraged to hold fast to what they have (Revelation 3:11)
   * *Application Question:* How can we stay faithful and steadfast in our beliefs during difficult times?
3. **Letter to Laodicea**
   * Rebuked for being lukewarm and self-sufficient (Revelation 3:15-17)
   * Advised to buy from Jesus gold refined in the fire and white garments (Revelation 3:18)
   * Promise to those who overcome: will sit with Jesus on His throne (Revelation 3:21)
   * *Application Question:* What does it mean to be “lukewarm” in our faith, and how can we cultivate a fervent relationship with God?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 3:20: “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Have students role-play a scenario where they represent one of the three churches. They should discuss and act out how they would respond to Jesus' feedback and what changes they would make based on His message.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss the concept of spiritual “lukewarmness” and how it can manifest in a believer’s life. Brainstorm practical steps to prevent becoming lukewarm and maintain a passionate faith.

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**Quiz**

1. What is the main criticism of the church in Sardis?
   * A. Being lukewarm
   * B. Being spiritually dead
   * C. Tolerating false teachings
   * D. Not being faithful
2. What promise is given to those who overcome in Sardis?
   * A. A place in God’s temple
   * B. To sit with Jesus on His throne
   * C. Clothed in white garments and their names acknowledged before God
   * D. Protection from coming trials
3. How is the church in Philadelphia described?
   * A. Spiritually dead
   * B. Faithful and persevering
   * C. Lukewarm and self-sufficient
   * D. Tolerant of false teachings
4. What is the main issue with the church in Laodicea?
   * A. Being too poor
   * B. Being lukewarm and self-sufficient
   * C. Not being faithful
   * D. Holding fast to false teachings
5. What does Jesus advise the church in Laodicea to buy?
   * A. Gold refined in the fire
   * B. White garments
   * C. Manna
   * D. A white stone with a new name
6. What promise is given to those who overcome in Philadelphia?
   * A. To eat from the tree of life
   * B. Not to be hurt by the second death
   * C. A place in God’s temple and protection from trial
   * D. Hidden manna
7. What does Jesus promise to those who overcome in Laodicea?
   * A. Hidden manna
   * B. A white stone with a new name
   * C. To sit with Jesus on His throne
   * D. A crown of life
8. Which church is praised for holding fast to what they have?
   * A. Sardis
   * B. Philadelphia
   * C. Laodicea
   * D. Pergamum
9. What advice does Jesus give to the church in Sardis?
   * A. Buy gold refined in the fire
   * B. Strengthen what remains
   * C. Hold fast to what you have
   * D. Not to be lukewarm
10. Which church is warned about being lukewarm?
    * A. Sardis
    * B. Philadelphia
    * C. Laodicea
    * D. Thyatira

**Answers:** 1. B, 2. C, 3. B, 4. B, 5. A, 6. C, 7. C, 8. B, 9. B, 10. C

**Fill in the Blank**

1. The church in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is criticized for being spiritually dead despite appearing alive.
2. The church in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is praised for its faithfulness and promised protection from coming trials.
3. The church in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is rebuked for being lukewarm and self-sufficient.
4. Jesus advises the church in Laodicea to buy from Him gold refined in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. The promise to those who overcome in Sardis is to be clothed in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ garments.

**Answers:** 1. Sardis, 2. Philadelphia, 3. Laodicea, 4. Fire, 5. White

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Lukewarm** - Neither hot nor cold; apathetic.
   * Greek: χλιαρός (chliaros) - meaning "tepid" or "lukewarm."
2. **Perseverance** - Steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay.
   * Greek: ὑπομονή (hypomone) - meaning "steadfastness" or "endurance."
3. **Refined** - Purified or cleansed by removing impurities.
   * Greek: κεκαθαρμένος (kekatharmenós) - meaning "purified" or "cleansed."
4. **Garments** - Clothing or attire.
   * Greek: ἱμάτια (himatia) - meaning "clothing" or "robes."

**CHAPTER FOUR**

**Summary of Chapter**

Chapter 4 of Revelation describes a vision of the heavenly throne room. John is invited to witness the throne of God, surrounded by twenty-four elders and four living creatures. The throne is radiant, with flashes of lightning and thunder. The elders wear white robes and golden crowns, and they worship God, casting their crowns before Him. The living creatures, full of eyes and resembling a lion, calf, man, and eagle, continuously praise God. The chapter emphasizes God's majesty, the reverence of heavenly beings, and the eternal worship of the Creator.

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**Opening Question**

How does imagining the grandeur of God's throne room impact your understanding of His majesty and the way we should worship Him?

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**Outline**

1. **Vision of the Heavenly Throne Room**
   * John is invited to see the throne in heaven (Revelation 4:1)
   * Description of the throne: radiant with jasper and carnelian (Revelation 4:3)
   * *Application Question:* How can we incorporate a sense of awe and reverence for God in our worship practices?
2. **The Twenty-Four Elders**
   * Seated around the throne, wearing white robes and golden crowns (Revelation 4:4)
   * The elders fall down and worship God, casting their crowns before Him (Revelation 4:10-11)
   * *Application Question:* What does the act of casting crowns before God teach us about humility and recognition of His sovereignty?
3. **The Four Living Creatures**
   * Described as having the appearance of a lion, calf, man, and eagle (Revelation 4:6-8)
   * Full of eyes and continually praising God (Revelation 4:8)
   * *Application Question:* How does the continuous worship of the living creatures inspire our own dedication to praising God?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 4:11: “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Have students role-play a scene where they are one of the twenty-four elders or living creatures in the heavenly throne room. They should demonstrate how they would worship God and describe their surroundings.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss the symbolism of the four living creatures and what each represents. Explore how these symbols can deepen our understanding of God’s attributes and the nature of worship.

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**Quiz**

1. What does John see in his vision of the heavenly throne room?
   * A. A dragon
   * B. A radiant throne with God seated upon it
   * C. A vast army
   * D. An empty throne
2. What are the twenty-four elders wearing?
   * A. Purple robes and silver crowns
   * B. White robes and golden crowns
   * C. Red robes and iron crowns
   * D. Black robes and bronze crowns
3. How do the elders worship God?
   * A. Singing loudly
   * B. Dancing
   * C. Casting their crowns before Him
   * D. Offering incense
4. What are the four living creatures described as?
   * A. Lion, bear, serpent, and eagle
   * B. Lion, calf, man, and eagle
   * C. Wolf, sheep, dove, and serpent
   * D. Calf, eagle, horse, and man
5. What do the four living creatures continuously do?
   * A. Rest and sleep
   * B. Praise and worship God
   * C. Guard the throne
   * D. Deliver messages
6. What is the appearance of the throne in heaven?
   * A. Made of gold and silver
   * B. Radiant with jasper and carnelian
   * C. Covered in jewels
   * D. Empty and dark
7. What do the twenty-four elders do with their crowns?
   * A. Wear them at all times
   * B. Display them in a temple
   * C. Cast them before God
   * D. Exchange them with one another
8. What is the significance of the four living creatures being full of eyes?
   * A. They can see everything
   * B. They guard the throne
   * C. They represent different nations
   * D. They are ancient beings
9. Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of the living creatures?
   * A. Lion
   * B. Calf
   * C. Man
   * D. Serpent
10. What is the main focus of worship in Revelation 4?
    * A. The power of the angels
    * B. The grandeur of the throne room
    * C. The worthiness of God as Creator
    * D. The beauty of the new Jerusalem

**Answers:** 1. B, 2. B, 3. C, 4. B, 5. B, 6. B, 7. C, 8. A, 9. D, 10. C

**Fill in the Blank**

1. John sees a vision of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ throne in heaven.
2. The twenty-four elders are dressed in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ robes and wear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ crowns.
3. The four living creatures have the appearance of a lion, a calf, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. The elders worship God by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their crowns before Him.
5. The four living creatures are described as being full of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Answers:** 1. Radiant, 2. White, Golden, 3. Man, Eagle, 4. Casting, 5. Eyes

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Elders** - Senior or respected leaders in a community or church.
   * Greek: πρεσβύτεροι (presbyteroi) - meaning "older" or "senior."
2. **Radiant** - Emitting light or heat; shining brightly.
   * Greek: ἀκτινοβόλος (aktinobolos) - meaning "shining" or "radiant."
3. **Majesty** - Greatness or grandeur; the impressive beauty or dignity.
   * Greek: μεγαλοπρέπεια (megaloprepeia) - meaning "greatness" or "dignity."
4. **Worship** - The act of showing reverence and adoration for a deity.
   * Greek: προσκύνησις (proskynesis) - meaning "adoration" or "reverence."

**CHAPTER FIVE**

**Summary of Chapter**

In Revelation Chapter 5, John describes a vision of God holding a scroll with seven seals in His right hand. No one in heaven or on earth is found worthy to open the scroll except the "Lion of the tribe of Judah," who is also the "Lamb that was slain." The Lamb, representing Jesus Christ, takes the scroll, and all of heaven breaks into worship. The chapter highlights the worthiness of Jesus to enact God's plan for the world and the universal acknowledgment of His sacrifice and authority.

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**Opening Question**

What does the imagery of the Lamb taking the scroll teach us about Jesus' role in God's plan for humanity?

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**Outline**

1. **The Scroll and the Seals**
   * John sees God holding a scroll with seven seals (Revelation 5:1)
   * No one is found worthy to open the scroll (Revelation 5:2-3)
   * *Application Question:* How does the concept of the sealed scroll emphasize the need for Jesus' sacrifice?
2. **The Lion of Judah**
   * The angel announces the "Lion of the tribe of Judah" is worthy to open the scroll (Revelation 5:5)
   * Jesus is described as a powerful figure with authority (Revelation 5:5)
   * *Application Question:* What significance does the title "Lion of Judah" have for understanding Jesus' role in redemption?
3. **The Lamb That Was Slain**
   * Jesus appears as a Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes, symbolizing His perfect sacrifice and omniscience (Revelation 5:6)
   * The Lamb takes the scroll, signifying His authority and worthiness (Revelation 5:7)
   * *Application Question:* How does the depiction of the Lamb in this chapter enhance our understanding of Christ’s sacrifice?
4. **Heavenly Worship**
   * The heavenly beings and elders worship the Lamb, singing a new song of praise (Revelation 5:8-14)
   * The worship acknowledges the Lamb’s redemption of humanity and creation (Revelation 5:9-10)
   * *Application Question:* How should the worship described in this chapter influence our own practice of worship?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 5:9: “And they sang a new song, saying: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.’”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Have students role-play the scene where the Lamb takes the scroll. One student can act as John, describing the vision, while others can portray the heavenly beings and elders reacting to the Lamb's actions.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss the significance of the scroll and the seals. Explore why it was important for Jesus to be the only one worthy to open the scroll and how this event shapes our understanding of His authority.

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**Quiz**

1. What does John see in God's right hand?
   * A. A golden crown
   * B. A scroll with seven seals
   * C. A book of prophecies
   * D. A scepter
2. Who is initially found worthy to open the scroll?
   * A. Michael the Archangel
   * B. The Lion of the tribe of Judah
   * C. Peter
   * D. John the Baptist
3. How is Jesus described when He takes the scroll?
   * A. As a roaring lion
   * B. As a Lamb that was slain
   * C. As a radiant sun
   * D. As a mighty king
4. What are the characteristics of the Lamb described in Revelation 5:6?
   * A. Seven heads and ten horns
   * B. Seven horns and seven eyes
   * C. Twelve wings and six eyes
   * D. Five crowns and four eyes
5. What does the new song sung in heaven acknowledge?
   * A. The power of the archangels
   * B. The worthiness of the Lamb to open the scroll
   * C. The creation of the world
   * D. The destruction of evil
6. Who joins in the worship of the Lamb?
   * A. Only the elders
   * B. The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders
   * C. Only the angels
   * D. The prophets
7. What does the Lamb’s taking of the scroll signify?
   * A. The end of the world
   * B. His authority to enact God’s plan
   * C. The beginning of a new age
   * D. The restoration of Jerusalem
8. What is the response of heaven when the Lamb takes the scroll?
   * A. Silence
   * B. Immediate destruction
   * C. Worship and singing
   * D. A great earthquake
9. What does the heavenly song in Revelation 5:9 include about the Lamb’s actions?
   * A. Creating the heavens
   * B. Slaying the dragon
   * C. Purchasing people for God with His blood
   * D. Healing the sick
10. How is the worthiness of the Lamb depicted in the chapter?
    * A. Through His teachings
    * B. Through His sacrifice and authority
    * C. Through His miracles
    * D. Through His resurrection

**Answers:** 1. B, 2. B, 3. B, 4. B, 5. B, 6. B, 7. B, 8. C, 9. C, 10. B

**Fill in the Blank**

1. John sees a scroll with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seals in God’s right hand.
2. No one in heaven or earth is found \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to open the scroll.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the tribe of Judah is announced as worthy to open the scroll.
4. Jesus is depicted as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with seven horns and seven eyes.
5. The heavenly beings sing a new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of praise to the Lamb.

**Answers:** 1. Seven, 2. Worthy, 3. Lion, 4. Lamb, 5. Song

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Scroll** - A roll of parchment or paper used for writing, often in ancient times.
   * Greek: βιβλίον (biblion) - meaning "book" or "scroll."
2. **Seal** - A mark or sign used to authenticate or secure something.
   * Greek: σφραγίς (sphragis) - meaning "seal" or "mark."
3. **Worthy** - Having the qualities or merits to deserve something.
   * Greek: ἄξιος (axios) - meaning "worthy" or "deserving."
4. **Lamb** - Symbolic representation of Jesus Christ as the sacrificial offering.
   * Greek: ἀμνός (amnos) - meaning "lamb" or "sacrificial lamb."
5. **Redemption** - The act of being saved from sin, error, or evil.
   * Greek: λύτρωσις (lytrōsis) - meaning "redemption" or "deliverance."

**CHAPTER SIX**

**Summary of Chapter**

In Revelation Chapter 6, John describes the opening of the first six seals of the scroll by the Lamb. Each seal reveals a significant event: the appearance of four horsemen representing conquest, war, famine, and death. The fifth seal shows the souls of martyrs under the altar, crying out for justice. The sixth seal unleashes cosmic disturbances, including a great earthquake, darkened sun, and falling stars. These events highlight the unfolding of divine judgment and the beginning of a series of catastrophic occurrences as part of the end times.

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**Opening Question**

What do you think the opening of the seals in Revelation 6 reveals about the nature of God's judgment and the end times?

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**Outline**

1. **The Opening of the First Four Seals**
   * **First Seal:** The White Horse - Conquest or false peace (Revelation 6:1-2)
   * **Second Seal:** The Red Horse - War and bloodshed (Revelation 6:3-4)
   * **Third Seal:** The Black Horse - Famine and economic hardship (Revelation 6:5-6)
   * **Fourth Seal:** The Pale Horse - Death and Hades (Revelation 6:7-8)
   * *Application Question:* How do these four horsemen symbolize different aspects of human suffering and conflict?
2. **The Opening of the Fifth Seal**
   * **Martyrs Under the Altar:** Souls of those who have been slain for their faith cry out for justice (Revelation 6:9-11)
   * *Application Question:* What does the cry of the martyrs reveal about the importance of faithfulness and justice?
3. **The Opening of the Sixth Seal**
   * **Cosmic Disturbances:** A great earthquake, darkened sun, and falling stars occur (Revelation 6:12-14)
   * **Fear of the Great Day:** People hide in fear from the wrath of the Lamb and the power of God (Revelation 6:15-17)
   * *Application Question:* What might these cosmic signs indicate about the power and sovereignty of God during the end times?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 6:16-17: “They called to the mountains and the rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?’”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Have students role-play a scene where they interpret and discuss the symbolism of the four horsemen. One student can be the narrator describing the events, while others represent the various responses to these symbols.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss the significance of each seal’s opening. How do these events reflect God’s judgment and the fulfillment of prophecies? Encourage students to explore how these descriptions might be relevant to modern times.

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**Quiz**

1. What does the first seal reveal?
   * A. A red horse
   * B. A white horse
   * C. A black horse
   * D. A pale horse
2. What is symbolized by the second horseman?
   * A. Famine
   * B. War
   * C. Death
   * D. Conquest
3. What does the third seal reveal?
   * A. A pale horse
   * B. A black horse
   * C. A red horse
   * D. A white horse
4. What is the color of the horse associated with famine?
   * A. Black
   * B. Red
   * C. Pale
   * D. White
5. What does the fourth seal reveal?
   * A. Famine
   * B. War
   * C. Death and Hades
   * D. Conquest
6. What do the martyrs under the altar ask for in the fifth seal?
   * A. Peace
   * B. Justice
   * C. Comfort
   * D. Retribution
7. What kind of cosmic disturbances occur with the sixth seal?
   * A. A tornado and floods
   * B. A great earthquake and falling stars
   * C. A thunderstorm and lightning
   * D. A hurricane and drought
8. How do people react to the cosmic disturbances in the sixth seal?
   * A. With celebration
   * B. With fear and hiding
   * C. With anger
   * D. With confusion
9. What is the color of the horse associated with death?
   * A. Black
   * B. Red
   * C. White
   * D. Pale
10. What does the sixth seal signify about the end times?
    * A. The beginning of peace
    * B. The continuation of normal life
    * C. The wrath and power of God
    * D. The establishment of a new kingdom

**Answers:** 1. B, 2. B, 3. B, 4. A, 5. C, 6. B, 7. B, 8. B, 9. D, 10. C

**Fill in the Blank**

1. The first seal reveals a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ horse, symbolizing conquest or false peace.
2. The second seal reveals a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ horse, representing war and bloodshed.
3. The third seal reveals a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ horse, indicating famine and economic hardship.
4. The fourth seal reveals a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ horse, symbolizing death and Hades.
5. The fifth seal shows the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ under the altar crying out for justice.

**Answers:** 1. White, 2. Red, 3. Black, 4. Pale, 5. Martyrs

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Seal** - A mark or sign used to authenticate or secure something.
   * Greek: σφραγίς (sphragis) - meaning "seal" or "mark."
2. **Horseman** - A rider on horseback, often symbolizing various aspects of life or judgment.
   * Greek: ἱππέας (hippeas) - meaning "horseman" or "cavalryman."
3. **Famine** - Severe shortage of food leading to widespread hunger.
   * Greek: λιμός (limos) - meaning "famine" or "hunger."
4. **Martyr** - A person who suffers or dies for their faith.
   * Greek: μάρτυς (martys) - meaning "witness" or "martyr."
5. **Cosmic Disturbances** - Events affecting the natural order of the universe.
   * Greek: κοσμικάρατα (kosmika) - meaning "cosmic" or "pertaining to the universe."

**CHAPTER SEVEN**

**Summary of Chapter**

In Revelation Chapter 7, John describes a vision of the sealing of 144,000 servants of God from the twelve tribes of Israel. Four angels are holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent harm until these servants are sealed. Following this, John sees a great multitude from every nation, tribe, and language standing before the throne and the Lamb, worshiping God. The chapter concludes with the assurance of God’s protection and blessings, and the promise that this multitude will experience eternal peace and joy in God’s presence.

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**Opening Question**

How does the vision of the 144,000 and the great multitude reflect the idea of God's protection and inclusiveness in His plan for salvation?

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**Outline**

1. **The Sealing of the 144,000**
   * **Sealing of the Servants:** Four angels are instructed to seal 144,000 from the twelve tribes of Israel (Revelation 7:1-8)
   * **Application Question:** What might the sealing of these 144,000 represent in terms of God's protection and purpose?
2. **The Great Multitude in White Robes**
   * **Vision of the Multitude:** John sees a great multitude from every nation, tribe, and language standing before the throne and the Lamb (Revelation 7:9-10)
   * **Application Question:** How does this vision of a diverse multitude reflect the universality of God’s salvation?
3. **The Promise of Eternal Blessings**
   * **Comfort and Assurance:** The multitude is promised eternal blessings, including protection from hunger and thirst, and God will wipe away every tear (Revelation 7:11-17)
   * **Application Question:** How does the promise of eternal comfort and joy influence our understanding of God’s care and provision for His people?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 7:16-17: “Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Students can role-play different scenarios where they are part of the 144,000 or the great multitude. They can discuss how it feels to be sealed and protected, and how they might share their experiences with others.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss the significance of the great multitude from every nation and tribe. How does this inclusiveness impact our view of God’s global plan for salvation? Encourage students to explore how this vision relates to their own lives and communities.

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**Quiz**

1. What is the number of those sealed from the twelve tribes of Israel?
   * A. 144,000
   * B. 12,000
   * C. 1,000,000
   * D. 144
2. What are the four angels instructed to hold back?
   * A. The seas
   * B. The skies
   * C. The four winds
   * D. The sun
3. What does John see in his vision in addition to the 144,000?
   * A. A large city
   * B. A great multitude from every nation
   * C. A new temple
   * D. A multitude of stars
4. What is the great multitude wearing in John’s vision?
   * A. Black robes
   * B. Red robes
   * C. White robes
   * D. Blue robes
5. What does the Lamb provide to the multitude?
   * A. Food and water
   * B. Eternal peace and joy
   * C. A new home
   * D. Healing
6. What will happen to the tears of the multitude?
   * A. They will be replaced with joy
   * B. They will be wiped away by God
   * C. They will be turned into gems
   * D. They will be forgotten
7. How does the chapter describe the final state of the multitude?
   * A. They will suffer in tribulation
   * B. They will experience eternal comfort
   * C. They will continue to battle evil
   * D. They will be judged
8. What do the angels hold back to prevent harm?
   * A. The heavens
   * B. The earth’s resources
   * C. The four winds
   * D. The rain
9. From how many tribes of Israel are the 144,000 sealed?
   * A. 10
   * B. 12
   * C. 14
   * D. 7
10. What will the Lamb at the center of the throne be to the multitude?
    * A. Their judge
    * B. Their king
    * C. Their shepherd
    * D. Their protector

**Answers:** 1. A, 2. C, 3. B, 4. C, 5. B, 6. B, 7. B, 8. C, 9. B, 10. C

**Fill in the Blank**

1. The chapter describes the sealing of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ servants from the twelve tribes of Israel.
2. John sees a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ multitude from every nation, tribe, and language.
3. The great multitude is promised that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will never again hunger or thirst.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.
5. God will wipe away every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from their eyes.

**Answers:** 1. 144,000, 2. Great, 3. They, 4. Lamb, 5. Tear

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Seal** - A mark or sign of protection and authenticity.
   * Greek: σφραγίς (sphragis) - meaning "seal" or "mark."
2. **Multitude** - A large group of people.
   * Greek: πλήθος (plēthos) - meaning "multitude" or "large number."
3. **Robes** - Garments worn by individuals, often symbolizing purity or righteousness.
   * Greek: ἱμάτιον (himation) - meaning "robe" or "garment."
4. **Eternal** - Lasting forever, without end.
   * Greek: αἰώνιος (aiōnios) - meaning "eternal" or "everlasting."
5. **Blessings** - Divine favor or benefits.
   * Greek: εὐλογία (eulogia) - meaning "blessing" or "praise."

**CHAPTER EIGHT**

**Summary of Chapter**

In Revelation Chapter 8, the seventh seal is opened, leading to a period of silence in heaven for about half an hour. Seven angels are given seven trumpets. As the first four angels blow their trumpets, various calamities strike the earth: hail and fire mixed with blood, a burning mountain thrown into the sea, a star falling from heaven, and a darkening of a third of the sun, moon, and stars. These events signal the start of severe judgment upon the earth, setting the stage for the subsequent woes described in later chapters.

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**Opening Question**

What might be the significance of the silence in heaven after the opening of the seventh seal, and how does it set the tone for the events that follow?

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**Outline**

1. **The Opening of the Seventh Seal**
   * **Silence in Heaven:** There is silence in heaven for about half an hour (Revelation 8:1)
   * **Application Question:** What could the silence symbolize in the context of divine judgment and preparation for the events that follow?
2. **The Seven Trumpets**
   * **Introduction of Trumpets:** Seven angels are given seven trumpets (Revelation 8:2)
   * **Application Question:** How does the giving of the trumpets signify the transition to a new phase of judgment?
3. **The First Four Trumpets**
   * **First Trumpet:** Hail and fire mixed with blood thrown to the earth, burning a third of the trees and grass (Revelation 8:7)
   * **Second Trumpet:** A great mountain burning with fire thrown into the sea, turning a third of it to blood (Revelation 8:8-9)
   * **Third Trumpet:** A great star, Wormwood, falls from heaven, turning a third of the waters bitter (Revelation 8:10-11)
   * **Fourth Trumpet:** A third of the sun, moon, and stars are darkened (Revelation 8:12)
   * **Application Question:** What might the symbolic meaning of these trumpet judgments reveal about the nature of the divine judgment?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 8:7: “The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Students can role-play the reactions of different people or groups experiencing the trumpet judgments. They can explore how individuals might respond to these catastrophic events and how they might seek redemption or understanding.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss the impact of the trumpet judgments on the natural world and humanity. How do these events emphasize the seriousness of divine judgment? Encourage students to relate these events to broader themes of accountability and justice.

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**Quiz**

1. What happens when the seventh seal is opened?
   * A. There is a great earthquake
   * B. Silence in heaven for about half an hour
   * C. A new vision is revealed
   * D. Angels descend to earth
2. How many trumpets are given to the angels?
   * A. Five
   * B. Seven
   * C. Ten
   * D. Twelve
3. What does the first trumpet bring upon the earth?
   * A. A great flood
   * B. Hail and fire mixed with blood
   * C. Darkness
   * D. Earthquake
4. What is thrown into the sea during the second trumpet?
   * A. A great star
   * B. A burning mountain
   * C. A giant wave
   * D. A flood of blood
5. What is the name of the star that falls during the third trumpet?
   * A. Death
   * B. Wormwood
   * C. Sirius
   * D. Andromeda
6. What happens to a third of the waters as a result of the third trumpet?
   * A. They become undrinkable
   * B. They are turned to blood
   * C. They dry up
   * D. They turn to poison
7. What is affected by the fourth trumpet?
   * A. The earth’s crust
   * B. The sun, moon, and stars
   * C. The oceans
   * D. The mountains
8. What is the duration of the silence in heaven?
   * A. One hour
   * B. One day
   * C. Half an hour
   * D. One week
9. How many trees and grass are burned up by the first trumpet?
   * A. One half
   * B. One third
   * C. One quarter
   * D. All
10. What do the trumpet judgments signify?
    * A. The end of the world
    * B. A period of peace
    * C. Divine judgment and transition
    * D. The beginning of a new era

**Answers:** 1. B, 2. B, 3. B, 4. B, 5. B, 6. A, 7. B, 8. C, 9. B, 10. C

**Fill in the Blank**

1. The seventh seal results in silence in heaven for about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Seven \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are given seven trumpets.
3. The first trumpet brings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and fire mixed with blood.
4. The second trumpet causes a great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ burning with fire to be thrown into the sea.
5. The third trumpet introduces a star named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that makes the waters bitter.

**Answers:** 1. Half an hour, 2. Angels, 3. Hail, 4. Mountain, 5. Wormwood

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Seal** - A divine sign marking the transition to judgment.
   * Greek: σφραγίς (sphragis) - meaning "seal" or "mark."
2. **Trumpet** - A signaling device used to announce forthcoming events or judgments.
   * Greek: σάλπιγξ (salpigx) - meaning "trumpet" or "blast."
3. **Wormwood** - A bitter star falling from heaven, symbolizing bitterness and calamity.
   * Greek: ἀψίνθιον (apsinthion) - meaning "wormwood" or "bitter."
4. **Calamity** - A great disaster or misfortune.
   * Greek: κακόν (kakon) - meaning "evil" or "calamity."
5. **Judgment** - The act of judging or the resulting sentence from divine authority.
   * Greek: κρίσις (krisis) - meaning "judgment" or "decision."

**CHAPTER NINE**

**Summary of Chapter**

In Revelation Chapter 9, the fifth trumpet is sounded, releasing a star fallen from heaven, which opens the Abyss. Smoke from the Abyss darkens the sky, and locust-like creatures emerge, tormenting people for five months. These creatures have the power to harm only those who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. The sixth trumpet unleashes four angels bound at the Euphrates River, leading to the release of an army of 200 million mounted troops that kill a third of humanity. Despite these plagues, people do not repent of their sins.

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**Opening Question**

How do the events described in Revelation 9 reflect the themes of divine judgment and human response?

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**Outline**

1. **The Fifth Trumpet: The Locusts from the Abyss**
   * **Release of the Locusts:** A star fallen from heaven opens the Abyss, releasing locust-like creatures (Revelation 9:1-3)
   * **Torment of the Locusts:** The locusts torment people for five months but cannot harm those with God’s seal (Revelation 9:4-6)
   * **Application Question:** How does the specific targeting of those without the seal of God reflect on the nature of divine protection and judgment?
2. **The Sixth Trumpet: The Release of the Four Angels**
   * **Unleashing of the Angels:** Four angels bound at the Euphrates River are released to kill a third of mankind (Revelation 9:13-15)
   * **Army of 200 Million:** An immense army kills a third of humanity (Revelation 9:16-19)
   * **Application Question:** What might the enormous number of the army and the scale of destruction signify about the severity of judgment?
3. **Human Response**
   * **Lack of Repentance:** Despite the plagues, people do not repent of their sins (Revelation 9:20-21)
   * **Application Question:** How does the lack of repentance highlight the human tendency to resist change or acknowledge wrongdoing?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 9:4: “They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Students can role-play as different characters affected by the trumpet judgments, such as people with and without the seal of God, exploring their reactions and perspectives.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss why the plagues do not lead to repentance. Explore the nature of human resistance to change and divine intervention, and how this can be applied to contemporary situations of moral and ethical challenges.

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**Quiz**

1. What is released when the fifth trumpet sounds?
   * A. A great beast
   * B. A fallen star
   * C. An angel
   * D. A mountain
2. How long do the locust-like creatures torment people?
   * A. One year
   * B. Three months
   * C. Five months
   * D. One week
3. Who can the locusts not harm?
   * A. Those who have the seal of God on their foreheads
   * B. Those who are wealthy
   * C. Those who live in cities
   * D. Those who pray regularly
4. What does the sixth trumpet release?
   * A. An earthquake
   * B. Four angels bound at the Euphrates River
   * C. A plague of frogs
   * D. A great flood
5. How many mounted troops are in the army released by the sixth trumpet?
   * A. 100 million
   * B. 200 million
   * C. 300 million
   * D. 400 million
6. What fraction of humanity is killed by the army of 200 million?
   * A. One-fourth
   * B. One-third
   * C. One-half
   * D. Two-thirds
7. What is the reaction of people to the plagues?
   * A. They repent of their sins
   * B. They acknowledge their wrongdoings
   * C. They curse God
   * D. They continue in their sinful ways
8. What is the source of smoke that darkens the sky in the fifth trumpet?
   * A. A great fire
   * B. The Abyss
   * C. A volcanic eruption
   * D. A large storm
9. What is the purpose of the locusts’ torment?
   * A. To punish the righteous
   * B. To bring about repentance
   * C. To torment those without the seal of God
   * D. To destroy crops
10. How are the four angels bound?
    * A. In chains
    * B. At the Euphrates River
    * C. In a pit
    * D. On a mountain

**Answers:** 1. B, 2. C, 3. A, 4. B, 5. B, 6. B, 7. D, 8. B, 9. C, 10. B

**Fill in the Blank**

1. The fifth trumpet releases a star fallen from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The locusts torment people for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ months.
3. The locusts cannot harm those who have the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God on their foreheads.
4. The sixth trumpet unleashes four angels bound at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ River.
5. An army of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ million troops kills a third of humanity.

**Answers:** 1. Heaven, 2. Five, 3. Seal, 4. Euphrates, 5. 200

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Abyss** - The deep, bottomless pit or underworld.
   * Greek: ἄβυσσος (abyssos) - meaning "abyss" or "deep."
2. **Locust** - A large, destructive insect that swarms and causes devastation.
   * Greek: ἀκρίς (akris) - meaning "locust."
3. **Seal** - A divine mark of protection or ownership.
   * Greek: σφραγίς (sphragis) - meaning "seal" or "mark."
4. **Euphrates** - A major river in the ancient Near East, mentioned in the context of the sixth trumpet.
   * Greek: Εὐφράτης (Euphrates) - meaning "Euphrates."
5. **Plague** - A disaster or calamity, often sent as divine judgment.
   * Greek: πληγή (plēgē) - meaning "plague" or "blow."

**CHAPTER TEN**

**Summary of Chapter**

In Revelation Chapter 10, a mighty angel descends from heaven, wrapped in a cloud with a rainbow on his head. He plants one foot on the sea and one on the land, proclaiming a message with a loud voice like a roaring lion. The angel holds a little scroll that he gives to John, instructing him to eat it. It is sweet in his mouth but bitter in his stomach. John is told he must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages, and kings. This chapter symbolizes the prophetic message that will be given to John and the bitterness of witnessing the ensuing judgments.

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**Opening Question**

How does the act of eating the scroll in Revelation 10 symbolize the reception and impact of divine messages?

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**Outline**

1. **The Mighty Angel**
   * **Appearance and Actions:** A mighty angel comes down from heaven, with a cloud, rainbow, and feet on sea and land (Revelation 10:1-2)
   * **Proclamation:** The angel’s voice is like a roaring lion, indicating the importance of the message (Revelation 10:3)
   * **Application Question:** What might the angel's powerful appearance and proclamation suggest about the authority and gravity of divine messages?
2. **The Little Scroll**
   * **The Scroll Given to John:** The angel holds a scroll and instructs John to eat it (Revelation 10:8-9)
   * **Sweet and Bitter:** The scroll tastes sweet in John’s mouth but becomes bitter in his stomach (Revelation 10:10)
   * **Application Question:** How does the sweetness and bitterness of the scroll represent the dual nature of prophetic messages?
3. **The Prophetic Task**
   * **John’s Mission:** John is instructed to prophesy again concerning many peoples, nations, languages, and kings (Revelation 10:11)
   * **Application Question:** How does John’s renewed mission reflect the ongoing nature of prophetic work in addressing different groups and nations?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 10:10: “I took the little scroll from the angel’s hand and ate it. It was as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour.”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Students can role-play as John receiving and reacting to the scroll, discussing the sweetness and bitterness of prophetic messages and their implications.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss the significance of the scroll being both sweet and bitter. Explore how this dual experience can be related to personal experiences of receiving difficult truths and the impact they have on one’s life.

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**Quiz**

1. What is the appearance of the angel in Revelation 10?
   * A. Wrapped in a cloud with a rainbow
   * B. Wearing a crown of gold
   * C. Holding a sword
   * D. Surrounded by fire
2. What does the mighty angel do in Revelation 10?
   * A. Delivers a sermon
   * B. Sings a hymn
   * C. Plants one foot on the sea and one on the land
   * D. Creates a storm
3. What is the reaction of John after eating the scroll?
   * A. It is sweet in his mouth and sweet in his stomach
   * B. It is bitter in his mouth and sweet in his stomach
   * C. It is sweet in his mouth and bitter in his stomach
   * D. It is bitter in both his mouth and stomach
4. What is John instructed to do after eating the scroll?
   * A. Write a letter to the churches
   * B. Prophesy again about many peoples
   * C. Retreat to the mountains
   * D. Seek out the angel
5. What does the scroll symbolize in Revelation 10?
   * A. A message of peace
   * B. The end of time
   * C. The prophetic message and its impact
   * D. A financial reward
6. What is the sound of the angel’s voice compared to?
   * A. A thunderstorm
   * B. The roar of a lion
   * C. A trumpet blast
   * D. A gentle breeze
7. How is the scroll described in Revelation 10?
   * A. Large and wrapped in gold
   * B. Small and covered with jewels
   * C. Little and sweet
   * D. Large and bitter
8. What is the overall mood of the chapter?
   * A. Joyful and celebratory
   * B. Ominous and foreboding
   * C. Peaceful and tranquil
   * D. Confusing and unclear
9. What must John do according to Revelation 10:11?
   * A. Teach the twelve apostles
   * B. Prophesy again about many peoples
   * C. Travel to a distant land
   * D. Write a new gospel
10. How does the chapter depict the nature of divine messages?
    * A. Always pleasant
    * B. Always easy to understand
    * C. Both sweet and bitter
    * D. Always negative

**Answers:** 1. A, 2. C, 3. C, 4. B, 5. C, 6. B, 7. C, 8. B, 9. B, 10. C

**Fill in the Blank**

1. The mighty angel in Revelation 10 descends from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The angel’s voice is compared to the roar of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. John is instructed to eat the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. The scroll tastes sweet in John’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but bitter in his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. John’s mission is to prophesy about many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Answers:** 1. Heaven, 2. Lion, 3. Scroll, 4. Mouth, Stomach, 5. Peoples, Nations, Languages, Kings

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Abyss** - The deep, bottomless pit or underworld.
   * Greek: ἄβυσσος (abyssos) - meaning "abyss" or "deep."
2. **Scroll** - A written document, often used for recording messages.
   * Greek: βιβλίον (biblion) - meaning "scroll" or "book."
3. **Prophecy** - A message or declaration of future events given by divine inspiration.
   * Greek: προφητεία (propheteia) - meaning "prophecy."
4. **Mighty** - Having great strength or power.
   * Greek: ἰσχυρός (ischuros) - meaning "strong" or "mighty."
5. **Seal** - A mark or sign of protection or authenticity.
   * Greek: σφραγίς (sphragis) - meaning "seal" or "mark."

**CHAPTER ELEVEN**

**Summary of Chapter**

Revelation Chapter 11 describes the measuring of the temple of God and the two witnesses who prophesy for 1,260 days. The two witnesses, clothed in sackcloth, have the power to perform miracles and strike the earth with plagues. After their testimony, they are killed by the beast from the abyss, but after three and a half days, they are resurrected and ascend to heaven. The chapter concludes with a great earthquake and the seventh trumpet sounding, which heralds the coming of God's kingdom and judgment on the earth. This chapter emphasizes the struggle between divine witnesses and the forces of evil.

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**Opening Question**

How do the events involving the two witnesses in Revelation 11 reflect the broader struggle between good and evil?

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**Outline**

1. **The Measuring of the Temple**
   * **Temple and Altar:** John is instructed to measure the temple, the altar, and those who worship there (Revelation 11:1)
   * **Outer Court Excluded:** The outer court is not measured as it is given to the Gentiles (Revelation 11:2)
   * **Application Question:** What might the measuring of the temple symbolize about the protection and purity of God's sacred space?
2. **The Two Witnesses**
   * **Prophesying Period:** The two witnesses prophesy for 1,260 days, dressed in sackcloth (Revelation 11:3)
   * **Powers and Miracles:** They have the power to shut the sky and bring plagues (Revelation 11:5-6)
   * **Application Question:** How do the powers of the two witnesses illustrate the authority of God's messengers?
3. **Death and Resurrection of the Witnesses**
   * **Killing and Resurrection:** The witnesses are killed by the beast, but after three and a half days, they are resurrected and ascend to heaven (Revelation 11:7-12)
   * **Great Earthquake:** A massive earthquake occurs following their resurrection, causing widespread devastation (Revelation 11:13)
   * **Application Question:** How does the resurrection of the witnesses and the earthquake serve as a testament to God's power and judgment?
4. **The Seventh Trumpet**
   * **Trumpet Sound:** The seventh trumpet sounds, marking the announcement of God's kingdom and the judgment of the earth (Revelation 11:15)
   * **Application Question:** What does the sounding of the seventh trumpet signify about the transition from human history to divine intervention?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 11:12: “Then they heard a loud voice from heaven say to them, ‘Come up here.’ And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Students can role-play as the two witnesses, discussing their experiences and reactions to their prophecies, their deaths, and their resurrection.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss the significance of the two witnesses’ power and the subsequent earthquake. Explore how these events might be symbolic of divine justice and the ultimate triumph of good over evil.

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**Quiz**

1. How long do the two witnesses prophesy?
   * A. 1,260 days
   * B. 1,000 days
   * C. 3,000 days
   * D. 40 days
2. What are the two witnesses clothed in?
   * A. White robes
   * B. Sackcloth
   * C. Purple garments
   * D. Fine linen
3. What power do the two witnesses have?
   * A. To heal all diseases
   * B. To shut the sky and bring plagues
   * C. To turn water into wine
   * D. To control the wind
4. How are the two witnesses killed?
   * A. By a great earthquake
   * B. By the beast from the abyss
   * C. By a flood
   * D. By fire from heaven
5. How many days are the witnesses dead before their resurrection?
   * A. Three days
   * B. Three and a half days
   * C. Seven days
   * D. Ten days
6. What happens after the resurrection of the witnesses?
   * A. A great flood occurs
   * B. A great earthquake happens
   * C. The sky turns dark
   * D. A new temple is built
7. What does the seventh trumpet herald?
   * A. The end of time
   * B. The beginning of the millennium
   * C. The coming of God's kingdom and judgment
   * D. The return of the witnesses
8. What is excluded from the temple measurement?
   * A. The inner court
   * B. The outer court
   * C. The altar
   * D. The Holy of Holies
9. How does the chapter describe the reaction of the people to the witnesses' resurrection?
   * A. They rejoice
   * B. They are amazed
   * C. They look on in fear
   * D. They ignore it
10. What does the chapter emphasize about the struggle between the witnesses and the beast?
    * A. It is a minor conflict
    * B. It represents the ultimate struggle between good and evil
    * C. It leads to peace
    * D. It is a historical event

**Answers:** 1. A, 2. B, 3. B, 4. B, 5. B, 6. B, 7. C, 8. B, 9. C, 10. B

**Fill in the Blank**

1. John is instructed to measure the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the altar, and those who worship there.
2. The two witnesses prophesy for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ days.
3. The witnesses are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the beast from the abyss.
4. After three and a half days, the witnesses are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and ascend to heaven.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ earthquake follows their resurrection.

**Answers:** 1. Temple, 2. 1,260, 3. Killed, 4. Resurrected, 5. Great

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Abyss** - A deep or bottomless pit, often associated with the underworld.
   * Greek: ἄβυσσος (abyssos) - meaning "abyss" or "depth."
2. **Witness** - Someone who testifies to the truth or provides evidence.
   * Greek: μάρτυς (martys) - meaning "witness" or "martyr."
3. **Sackcloth** - A coarse fabric used as a symbol of mourning or repentance.
   * Greek: σακκοῦς (sakkos) - meaning "sackcloth."
4. **Trumpet** - A musical instrument used here as a symbol of announcement or divine intervention.
   * Greek: σάλπιγξ (salpinx) - meaning "trumpet."
5. **Resurrection** - The act of rising from the dead or returning to life.
   * Greek: ἀνάστασις (anastasis) - meaning "resurrection" or "standing up."

**CHAPTER TWELVE**

**Summary of Chapter**

Revelation Chapter 12 portrays a dramatic cosmic struggle. It begins with a vision of a woman clothed with the sun, who gives birth to a male child destined to rule all nations. A great red dragon, representing Satan, attempts to devour the child but fails. The child is caught up to God, and the woman flees into the wilderness for protection. Michael and his angels fight against the dragon, who is cast down to earth. The chapter concludes with the dragon pursuing the woman and her offspring, symbolizing ongoing spiritual warfare against God’s people.

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**Opening Question**

How does the imagery of the woman, the dragon, and the child in Revelation 12 illustrate the ongoing battle between good and evil?

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**Outline**

1. **The Vision of the Woman**
   * **Appearance and Birth:** The woman is described as clothed with the sun and giving birth to a male child (Revelation 12:1-2)
   * **Application Question:** What might the woman’s attire and the birth of the child symbolize in the context of God’s promises?
2. **The Dragon and Its Attempt**
   * **The Dragon’s Role:** The great red dragon, representing Satan, attempts to devour the child but is thwarted (Revelation 12:3-4)
   * **Application Question:** How does the dragon’s failure in devouring the child reflect the limitations of evil against God’s plan?
3. **The Child’s Ascension and the Woman’s Flight**
   * **Ascension to God:** The child is caught up to God and His throne (Revelation 12:5)
   * **Woman’s Flight:** The woman flees into the wilderness to a place prepared by God (Revelation 12:6)
   * **Application Question:** What does the protection of the woman in the wilderness signify about God’s care for His people?
4. **The Heavenly Battle**
   * **Michael’s Victory:** Michael and his angels fight against the dragon and cast him out of heaven (Revelation 12:7-9)
   * **Application Question:** How does Michael’s victory over the dragon illustrate the ultimate triumph of good over evil?
5. **The Dragon’s Anger and Pursuit**
   * **Pursuit of the Woman:** The dragon pursues the woman and her offspring, symbolizing ongoing spiritual conflict (Revelation 12:13-17)
   * **Application Question:** What does the dragon’s continued pursuit reveal about the nature of spiritual warfare and perseverance?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 12:11: “They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Students can role-play the heavenly battle scene, acting as Michael and the dragon, to explore the dynamics of spiritual warfare and victory.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss the symbolism of the woman, the dragon, and the child. Explore how these symbols might relate to contemporary issues of faith and resistance against evil.

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**Quiz**

1. Who is represented by the great red dragon in Revelation 12?
   * A. Jesus
   * B. Michael
   * C. Satan
   * D. The Beast
2. What does the woman in Revelation 12 symbolize?
   * A. The Church
   * B. The Earth
   * C. The New Jerusalem
   * D. Israel
3. What is the male child destined to do?
   * A. Rule all nations
   * B. Be a prophet
   * C. Lead an army
   * D. Heal the sick
4. What happens to the male child?
   * A. He is killed by the dragon
   * B. He is caught up to God and His throne
   * C. He flees to the wilderness
   * D. He remains on earth
5. Where does the woman flee to?
   * A. Egypt
   * B. A mountain
   * C. The wilderness
   * D. A city
6. Who fights against the dragon in heaven?
   * A. Gabriel
   * B. Michael and his angels
   * C. The four horsemen
   * D. The elders
7. What happens to the dragon after the heavenly battle?
   * A. He is imprisoned
   * B. He is cast down to earth
   * C. He is destroyed
   * D. He is redeemed
8. What is the dragon’s response to being cast down?
   * A. He repents
   * B. He rejoices
   * C. He pursues the woman and her offspring
   * D. He flees
9. How do the woman and her offspring overcome the dragon?
   * A. Through physical strength
   * B. By their testimony and the blood of the Lamb
   * C. By alliances with other nations
   * D. By magical powers
10. What does the chapter emphasize about the nature of spiritual warfare?
    * A. It is brief and inconsequential
    * B. It is ongoing and intense
    * C. It is irrelevant to modern believers
    * D. It is resolved by diplomacy

**Answers:** 1. C, 2. D, 3. A, 4. B, 5. C, 6. B, 7. B, 8. C, 9. B, 10. B

**Fill in the Blank**

1. The woman in Revelation 12 is clothed with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and gives birth to a male child.
2. The great red dragon attempts to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the child but is unsuccessful.
3. The male child is caught up to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and His throne.
4. The woman flees into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a place prepared by God.
5. Michael and his angels fight and cast out the dragon, who is then cast down to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Answers:** 1. Sun, 2. Devour, 3. God, 4. Wilderness, 5. Earth

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Abyss** - A deep or bottomless pit, often associated with the underworld.
   * Greek: ἄβυσσος (abyssos) - meaning "abyss" or "depth."
2. **Dragon** - A fierce, mythical creature representing Satan or evil forces.
   * Greek: δράκων (drakōn) - meaning "dragon" or "serpent."
3. **Triumph** - A great victory or achievement.
   * Greek: νῖκος (nikos) - meaning "victory" or "conquest."
4. **Testimony** - A witness's statement or evidence.
   * Greek: μαρτυρία (martyria) - meaning "testimony" or "witness."
5. **Perseverance** - Steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty.
   * Greek: ὑπομονή (hypomonē) - meaning "endurance" or "perseverance."

**CHAPTER THIRTEEN**

**Summary of Chapter**

Revelation Chapter 13 introduces two beasts that arise, symbolizing powerful forces opposed to God. The first beast, coming from the sea, has ten horns and seven heads, and is given authority by the dragon. This beast represents a powerful, blasphemous empire or leader. The second beast, emerging from the earth, performs miracles to deceive people into worshiping the first beast and enforcing its mark. This second beast is often associated with false prophets. The chapter emphasizes the persecution of believers and the necessity of remaining faithful despite the pressures of a corrupt and oppressive system.

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**Opening Question**

What might the two beasts in Revelation 13 symbolize, and how do their actions reflect challenges faced by believers?

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**Outline**

1. **The First Beast from the Sea**
   * **Appearance and Power:** The beast has ten horns and seven heads, and receives authority from the dragon (Revelation 13:1-2)
   * **Application Question:** How does the description of the beast’s power and blasphemy reflect the nature of political or ideological oppression against faith?
2. **The Beast’s Authority and Persecution**
   * **Blasphemy and Persecution:** The beast blasphemes God and makes war against the saints (Revelation 13:5-7)
   * **Application Question:** What does this persecution reveal about the challenges of maintaining faith in a hostile environment?
3. **The Second Beast from the Earth**
   * **Role and Deception:** The second beast performs miracles to deceive people into worshiping the first beast (Revelation 13:11-15)
   * **Application Question:** How can believers discern and resist deception that seeks to undermine their faith?
4. **The Mark of the Beast**
   * **Requirement and Consequence:** The second beast forces people to receive a mark on their hand or forehead, associated with buying and selling (Revelation 13:16-18)
   * **Application Question:** What does the mark of the beast signify about economic and social pressures to conform, and how should believers respond?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 13:10: “This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Have students role-play scenarios where they face pressure to conform to worldly values, discussing how to maintain faithfulness and resist temptation.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss the symbolism of the two beasts and their relevance to modern issues of authority and deception. Explore how believers can recognize and resist false teachings.

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**Quiz**

1. From where does the first beast in Revelation 13 arise?
   * A. The earth
   * B. The sea
   * C. The sky
   * D. The wilderness
2. How many heads and horns does the first beast have?
   * A. Seven heads and ten horns
   * B. Ten heads and seven horns
   * C. Twelve heads and twelve horns
   * D. Seven heads and seven horns
3. What does the first beast do against the saints?
   * A. Protects them
   * B. Blesses them
   * C. Makes war against them
   * D. Ignored them
4. What does the second beast do to deceive people?
   * A. Performs miracles
   * B. Preaches the gospel
   * C. Provides food and shelter
   * D. Offers freedom
5. What is required to buy or sell according to Revelation 13?
   * A. A special passport
   * B. A mark on the hand or forehead
   * C. A seal of approval
   * D. A government ID
6. What is the mark of the beast associated with?
   * A. Economic and social control
   * B. Religious conversion
   * C. Political office
   * D. Health care
7. What is the purpose of the second beast’s miracles?
   * A. To glorify God
   * B. To heal the sick
   * C. To deceive people into worshiping the first beast
   * D. To provide entertainment
8. What does the chapter emphasize about the nature of the beasts?
   * A. They are symbols of peace
   * B. They represent divine authority
   * C. They symbolize oppressive and deceptive forces
   * D. They are irrelevant to believers
9. How should believers respond to the challenges described in Revelation 13?
   * A. By conforming to worldly pressures
   * B. By seeking political power
   * C. By showing patient endurance and faithfulness
   * D. By avoiding all conflicts
10. What is the main theme of Revelation Chapter 13?
    * A. The beauty of creation
    * B. The power of the gospel
    * C. The oppression of the faithful and the rise of deceptive forces
    * D. The celebration of victory

**Answers:** 1. B, 2. A, 3. C, 4. A, 5. B, 6. A, 7. C, 8. C, 9. C, 10. C

**Fill in the Blank**

1. The first beast in Revelation 13 comes out of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The beast has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ heads and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ horns.
3. The second beast performs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to deceive people.
4. People are required to receive a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on their hand or forehead to buy or sell.
5. The chapter highlights the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believers face from deceptive and oppressive forces.

**Answers:** 1. Sea, 2. Seven, Ten, 3. Miracles, 4. Mark, 5. Persecution, Deception

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Beast** - A powerful and oppressive figure or system opposed to God.
   * Greek: θηρίον (thērion) - meaning "wild beast" or "beast."
2. **Blasphemy** - Speaking against God in a disrespectful way.
   * Greek: βλασφημία (blasphemia) - meaning "slander" or "impiety."
3. **Deception** - The act of misleading or tricking someone.
   * Greek: πλάνη (planē) - meaning "error" or "delusion."
4. **Mark** - A sign or symbol indicating allegiance or control.
   * Greek: χάραγμα (charagma) - meaning "mark" or "engraving."
5. **Persecution** - Hostility or ill-treatment, especially because of religious beliefs.
   * Greek: διωγμός (diōgmos) - meaning "persecution" or "pursuit."

**CHAPTER FOURTEEN**

**Summary of Chapter**

Revelation Chapter 14 depicts a vision of hope and judgment. It begins with the Lamb and 144,000 redeemed individuals on Mount Zion, singing a new song. An angel announces the fall of Babylon, symbolizing the collapse of corrupt systems. Another angel proclaims the message of the gospel to all nations. A third angel warns against worshiping the beast and receiving its mark, highlighting the consequences of such actions. The chapter concludes with the harvest of the earth, representing the final judgment and the gathering of the righteous and the wicked for divine retribution.

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**Opening Question**

How does the vision in Revelation 14 provide hope and a warning for believers facing challenges and corruption?

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**Outline**

1. **The Lamb and the 144,000**
   * **Scene on Mount Zion:** The Lamb stands with 144,000 redeemed individuals who sing a new song (Revelation 14:1-5)
   * **Application Question:** What does the image of the Lamb and the redeemed on Mount Zion symbolize for believers today?
2. **The Fall of Babylon**
   * **Announcement of Judgment:** An angel declares the fall of Babylon, representing the collapse of corrupt systems (Revelation 14:8)
   * **Application Question:** How can understanding the fall of Babylon influence our view of justice and righteousness in the world?
3. **The Proclamation of the Gospel**
   * **Message to All Nations:** An angel announces the eternal gospel to every nation, tribe, language, and people (Revelation 14:6-7)
   * **Application Question:** What role should believers play in sharing the message of the gospel in a diverse world?
4. **The Warning Against the Beast**
   * **Consequences of Worshiping the Beast:** A third angel warns of the dire consequences for those who worship the beast and receive its mark (Revelation 14:9-11)
   * **Application Question:** How can believers stay vigilant and avoid the pitfalls of idolatry and false worship?
5. **The Harvest of the Earth**
   * **Final Judgment:** The chapter concludes with the harvest of the earth, symbolizing the separation of the righteous and the wicked (Revelation 14:14-20)
   * **Application Question:** How does the imagery of the harvest affect our understanding of the final judgment and our responsibility to live righteously?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 14:7: “He said in a loud voice, ‘Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.’”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Have students role-play scenarios where they face pressure to conform to corrupt systems or false teachings, discussing how they would respond while staying true to their faith.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss the symbolism of Babylon’s fall and the final judgment. Explore how these themes are relevant to contemporary issues of corruption and justice.

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**Quiz**

1. Where does the Lamb stand in Revelation 14?
   * A. On Mount Zion
   * B. In Babylon
   * C. In the wilderness
   * D. On a sea of glass
2. Who sings the new song with the Lamb?
   * A. The angels
   * B. The redeemed 144,000
   * C. The prophets
   * D. The beast
3. What does the angel announce about Babylon?
   * A. Its rise to power
   * B. Its fall and destruction
   * C. Its peace and prosperity
   * D. Its conversion to Christianity
4. What message does the second angel proclaim?
   * A. The gospel to all nations
   * B. A warning about the beast
   * C. A prophecy of peace
   * D. A call for repentance
5. What does the third angel warn against?
   * A. Worshiping the Lamb
   * B. Receiving the mark of the beast
   * C. Following false prophets
   * D. Ignoring the gospel
6. What is the consequence for those who worship the beast?
   * A. They will be blessed
   * B. They will face divine wrath
   * C. They will be forgiven
   * D. They will receive eternal life
7. What does the imagery of the harvest symbolize?
   * A. The spreading of the gospel
   * B. The final judgment
   * C. The growth of the church
   * D. The end of time
8. How is the message of the gospel spread according to Revelation 14?
   * A. Through miracles
   * B. By the preaching of the apostles
   * C. By an angel to every nation
   * D. Through personal testimonies
9. What is emphasized about the nature of Babylon in this chapter?
   * A. Its strength
   * B. Its corruption and downfall
   * C. Its wealth
   * D. Its influence on other nations
10. How should believers respond to the warnings in Revelation 14?
    * A. By conforming to societal norms
    * B. By spreading the gospel and avoiding idolatry
    * C. By seeking personal gain
    * D. By withdrawing from society

**Answers:** 1. A, 2. B, 3. B, 4. A, 5. B, 6. B, 7. B, 8. C, 9. B, 10. B

**Fill in the Blank**

1. The Lamb stands with 144,000 redeemed individuals on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. An angel announces the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Babylon.
3. The second angel proclaims the eternal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to every nation.
4. The third angel warns against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the beast and receiving its mark.
5. The chapter concludes with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the earth, symbolizing the final judgment.

**Answers:** 1. Mount Zion, 2. Fall, 3. Gospel, 4. Worshiping, 5. Harvest

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Babylon** - Symbolizes a powerful, corrupt system opposed to God.
   * Greek: Βαβυλών (Babylon) - meaning "confusion" or "mixing."
2. **Redeemed** - Those who have been saved from sin through Christ.
   * Greek: ἀγοράζω (agorazō) - meaning "to buy back" or "redeem."
3. **Idolatry** - The worship of false gods or images.
   * Greek: εἰδωλολατρία (eidōlolatria) - meaning "idol worship."
4. **Wrath** - Divine anger or judgment against sin.
   * Greek: ὀργή (orgē) - meaning "anger" or "fury."
5. **Gospel** - The message of Christ’s salvation and teachings.
   * Greek: εὐαγγέλιον (euangelion) - meaning "good news" or "gospel."

**CHAPTER FIFTEEN**

**Summary of Chapter**

Revelation Chapter 15 introduces the final series of divine judgments. It begins with a vision of seven angels holding seven bowls filled with the wrath of God. The chapter depicts a scene in heaven where those who have overcome the beast sing the song of Moses and the Lamb, praising God's justice and power. The chapter also describes the heavenly temple being filled with smoke, signifying the imminent outpouring of God's wrath. This chapter serves as a prelude to the intense judgments described in the following chapters, setting the stage for the final acts of divine retribution.

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**Opening Question**

How does the vision of the seven bowls in Revelation 15 highlight the severity of God's judgment and the importance of faithfulness?

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**Outline**

1. **Vision of the Seven Angels**
   * **Introduction of the Bowls:** Seven angels with seven bowls containing God's final judgments (Revelation 15:1)
   * **Application Question:** What does the depiction of the seven bowls suggest about the nature of God's final judgments?
2. **Song of Moses and the Lamb**
   * **Praise and Worship:** The victorious sing a song celebrating God's deeds and justice (Revelation 15:2-4)
   * **Application Question:** How does the song of Moses and the Lamb reflect the relationship between justice and redemption?
3. **Heavenly Temple Filled with Smoke**
   * **Significance of the Smoke:** The temple is filled with smoke from God's glory, indicating the seriousness of the forthcoming judgments (Revelation 15:5-8)
   * **Application Question:** What does the image of the temple filled with smoke convey about the nature of God's presence and the coming judgments?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 15:3-4: “Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations. Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Students can role-play a scene where they are in heaven and witness the singing of the song of Moses and the Lamb. Discuss the emotions and thoughts they might experience in this vision.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss the significance of the seven bowls and the smoke in the temple. Explore how these symbols emphasize the seriousness of God's judgment and the need for reverence and faithfulness.

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**Quiz**

1. What do the seven angels hold in Revelation 15?
   * A. Crowns
   * B. Bowls
   * C. Trumpets
   * D. Swords
2. What is contained in the seven bowls?
   * A. Blessings
   * B. Prayers
   * C. God's wrath
   * D. Healing
3. What song do the victorious sing?
   * A. The song of David
   * B. The song of the angels
   * C. The song of Moses and the Lamb
   * D. The song of creation
4. What does the smoke in the temple signify?
   * A. Joy and celebration
   * B. The coming of God’s wrath
   * C. The end of time
   * D. A new covenant
5. Who will come and worship before God?
   * A. The angels
   * B. The saints
   * C. All nations
   * D. The elders
6. What is revealed through God's righteous acts?
   * A. His mercy
   * B. His power
   * C. His holiness
   * D. His judgment
7. What does the vision in Revelation 15 prepare for?
   * A. The coming of Christ
   * B. The final judgments
   * C. The establishment of peace
   * D. The renewal of the earth
8. How is the temple described in Revelation 15?
   * A. Empty and silent
   * B. Filled with light
   * C. Filled with smoke
   * D. Under renovation
9. What does the song of Moses and the Lamb celebrate?
   * A. The creation of the world
   * B. The defeat of enemies
   * C. God’s deeds and justice
   * D. The end of suffering
10. What role do the seven bowls play in the chapter?
    * A. They represent blessings
    * B. They contain the final plagues
    * C. They symbolize peace
    * D. They hold prayers

**Answers:** 1. B, 2. C, 3. C, 4. B, 5. C, 6. C, 7. B, 8. C, 9. C, 10. B

**Fill in the Blank**

1. The seven angels in Revelation 15 hold seven \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The bowls contain the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
3. The song of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the Lamb is sung by the victorious.
4. The temple is filled with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the glory of God.
5. The chapter prepares for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ judgments to come.

**Answers:** 1. Bowls, 2. Wrath, 3. Moses, 4. Smoke, 5. Final

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Bowls** - Containers for pouring out the final judgments of God.
   * Greek: φιάλη (phialē) - meaning "bowl" or "vial."
2. **Wrath** - Extreme anger or judgment, particularly divine anger.
   * Greek: ὀργή (orgē) - meaning "anger" or "fury."
3. **Victorious** - Those who have overcome trials or challenges.
   * Greek: νικῶν (nikōn) - meaning "conquering" or "victorious."
4. **Temple** - The sacred space where God's presence dwells.
   * Greek: ναὸς (naos) - meaning "temple" or "sanctuary."
5. **Song of Moses** - A song of praise and victory attributed to Moses.
   * Greek: ᾄσμα Μωϋσέως (aismā Mōuséōs) - meaning "song of Moses."

**CHAPTER SIXTEEN**

**Summary of Chapter**

Revelation Chapter 16 describes the outpouring of the seven bowls of God's wrath upon the earth. Each bowl unleashes a specific plague: painful sores, seas turning to blood, rivers becoming blood, scorching heat, darkness, and the drying up of the Euphrates River to prepare for the final battle. The chapter highlights the increasing severity of divine judgments and the response of humanity, who blaspheme God despite their suffering. The chapter culminates with a declaration of the imminent arrival of Armageddon, setting the stage for the final confrontation between good and evil.

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**Opening Question**

What do the seven bowls of wrath reveal about the nature of divine judgment and humanity's response to suffering?

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**Outline**

1. **First Bowl: Painful Sores**
   * **Description:** Sores break out on those with the mark of the beast (Revelation 16:2)
   * **Application Question:** How might the experience of these sores impact individuals' views on divine justice and mercy?
2. **Second Bowl: Sea Turns to Blood**
   * **Description:** The sea becomes like the blood of a corpse, killing all sea life (Revelation 16:3)
   * **Application Question:** What could the transformation of the sea signify about the impact of divine judgment on creation?
3. **Third Bowl: Rivers and Springs Turn to Blood**
   * **Description:** Freshwater sources become blood, affecting all drinking water (Revelation 16:4-7)
   * **Application Question:** How does the turning of freshwater to blood reflect the escalation of divine judgment?
4. **Fourth Bowl: Scorching Heat**
   * **Description:** The sun scorches people with intense heat (Revelation 16:8-9)
   * **Application Question:** What is the significance of the scorching heat in relation to the suffering experienced by humanity?
5. **Fifth Bowl: Darkness and Pain**
   * **Description:** Darkness falls on the beast's kingdom, causing pain and suffering (Revelation 16:10-11)
   * **Application Question:** How does the darkness symbolize the spiritual and moral decay of the kingdom of the beast?
6. **Sixth Bowl: Euphrates River Dried Up**
   * **Description:** The Euphrates River is dried up to prepare the way for the kings of the east (Revelation 16:12)
   * **Application Question:** What does the drying up of the Euphrates River symbolize about the preparation for final conflict?
7. **Seventh Bowl: Final Plague and Armageddon**
   * **Description:** A great earthquake and hailstones follow, signaling the end and the final battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:17-21)
   * **Application Question:** How does the final plague set the stage for the climactic confrontation described in Revelation?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 16:15: “Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed.”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Students can role-play the experience of each plague and discuss how it might affect their beliefs and behaviors. They can also explore how individuals might respond differently to suffering and judgment.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss the significance of each plague and what it reveals about the nature of divine judgment and its impact on humanity. Reflect on the concept of Armageddon and its implications for the final resolution of evil.

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**Quiz**

1. What is the first plague described in Revelation 16?
   * A. Darkness
   * B. Scorching heat
   * C. Painful sores
   * D. Rivers turning to blood
2. What happens to the sea during the second bowl?
   * A. It becomes calm
   * B. It turns to blood
   * C. It dries up
   * D. It is filled with frogs
3. What is affected by the third bowl?
   * A. Freshwater sources
   * B. The moon
   * C. The land
   * D. The sky
4. How does the fourth bowl impact people?
   * A. It causes famine
   * B. It scorches them with heat
   * C. It makes them blind
   * D. It floods their homes
5. What occurs during the fifth bowl plague?
   * A. The sea turns to blood
   * B. The Euphrates River floods
   * C. Darkness falls over the beast's kingdom
   * D. All crops wither
6. What is prepared by the drying up of the Euphrates River?
   * A. The coming of Christ
   * B. The final judgment
   * C. The final battle of Armageddon
   * D. The restoration of the earth
7. What does the seventh bowl release?
   * A. A great earthquake and hailstones
   * B. A flood of water
   * C. An army of locusts
   * D. A new sun
8. How do people respond to the plagues?
   * A. They repent and turn to God
   * B. They blaspheme God
   * C. They seek peace
   * D. They ignore the plagues
9. What is the significance of the final plague?
   * A. It initiates a time of peace
   * B. It signals the end of time and the final battle
   * C. It brings about the resurrection
   * D. It marks the beginning of a new covenant
10. What does Revelation 16:15 emphasize?
    * A. The need for repentance
    * B. The blessing for those who stay awake
    * C. The end of the beast
    * D. The coming of the new heaven

**Answers:** 1. C, 2. B, 3. A, 4. B, 5. C, 6. C, 7. A, 8. B, 9. B, 10. B

**Fill in the Blank**

1. The first bowl causes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to break out on those with the mark of the beast.
2. The sea becomes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during the second bowl.
3. The third bowl turns \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into blood.
4. The fourth bowl results in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that scorches people.
5. The fifth bowl brings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over the beast's kingdom.

**Answers:** 1. Sores, 2. Blood, 3. Freshwater sources, 4. Heat, 5. Darkness

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Plague** - A disastrous or deadly event, often a disease or catastrophe.
   * Greek: πληγή (plēgē) - meaning "a blow" or "a stroke."
2. **Euphrates** - The name of a significant river in the region, whose drying up is symbolic.
   * Greek: Εὐφράτης (Euphratēs) - meaning "good to cross."
3. **Scorching** - To burn or cause severe heat.
   * Greek: καυματίζω (kaumatizō) - meaning "to burn" or "to heat intensely."
4. **Blaspheme** - To speak irreverently about God.
   * Greek: βλασφημέω (blasphemeō) - meaning "to speak evil of" or "to defame."
5. **Armageddon** - The site of the final battle between good and evil.
   * Greek: Ἁρμαγεδών (Harmagedōn) - meaning "Mount Megiddo," a symbolic place of final conflict.

**CHAPTER SEVENTEEN**

**Summary of Chapter**

Revelation Chapter 17 describes the vision of a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, representing Babylon the Great, a symbol of corrupt and idolatrous power. The chapter reveals the woman’s drunkenness from the blood of saints and martyrs, indicating her role in persecuting believers. The beast she rides symbolizes political and religious corruption, with seven heads representing seven mountains and kings. The chapter concludes with the revelation that the ten horns on the beast represent ten kings who will align with the beast against the Lamb, leading to the ultimate downfall of Babylon.

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**Opening Question**

How does the imagery of Babylon the Great in Revelation 17 reflect the struggle between good and evil in the world?

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**Outline**

1. **The Vision of the Woman and the Beast**
   * **Description:** A woman in purple and scarlet, sitting on a beast with seven heads and ten horns (Revelation 17:1-2)
   * **Application Question:** What might the colors and description of the woman symbolize about her role and influence?
2. **The Identity of Babylon the Great**
   * **Description:** Babylon is depicted as the mother of prostitutes and abominations, drunk with the blood of saints (Revelation 17:3-6)
   * **Application Question:** How does this imagery convey the moral and spiritual corruption associated with Babylon?
3. **The Beast and the Seven Heads**
   * **Description:** The beast represents political power, with its seven heads symbolizing seven mountains and kings (Revelation 17:7-10)
   * **Application Question:** What is the significance of the beast's heads and their relationship to the power structure described?
4. **The Ten Horns and Their Role**
   * **Description:** The ten horns represent ten kings who will ally with the beast and ultimately face destruction (Revelation 17:12-14)
   * **Application Question:** How do the ten kings' alliance with the beast reflect the theme of opposition to divine authority?
5. **The Fall of Babylon**
   * **Description:** The chapter concludes with the destruction of Babylon by the ten kings, who will turn against her (Revelation 17:15-18)
   * **Application Question:** What does the fall of Babylon reveal about the ultimate triumph of divine justice over human corruption?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 17:14: “They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Students can role-play different characters from the chapter (e.g., the woman, the beast, the kings) and discuss their motivations and actions. This will help them understand the symbolic elements of the vision.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss the symbolism of Babylon the Great and the beast in relation to contemporary issues of corruption and power. How can the lessons from this chapter apply to modern contexts?

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**Quiz**

1. What does the woman in Revelation 17 represent?
   * A. A faithful church
   * B. Babylon the Great
   * C. The New Jerusalem
   * D. The Bride of Christ
2. What is the beast in Revelation 17 described as having?
   * A. Seven heads and ten horns
   * B. Ten heads and seven horns
   * C. Four heads and twelve horns
   * D. Five heads and eight horns
3. What is Babylon the Great drunk with?
   * A. Wine
   * B. The blood of saints
   * C. Water
   * D. The tears of the righteous
4. What do the seven heads of the beast symbolize?
   * A. Seven kingdoms
   * B. Seven churches
   * C. Seven mountains and kings
   * D. Seven plagues
5. How many kings are represented by the ten horns on the beast?
   * A. Seven
   * B. Ten
   * C. Twelve
   * D. Four
6. What will the ten kings do in relation to Babylon?
   * A. Support her
   * B. Turn against her
   * C. Ignore her
   * D. Honor her
7. What will happen to Babylon according to Revelation 17?
   * A. She will be exalted
   * B. She will be destroyed
   * C. She will be redeemed
   * D. She will be hidden
8. What role does the Lamb play in Revelation 17?
   * A. He will be defeated
   * B. He will triumph over the beast
   * C. He will ally with the beast
   * D. He will remain passive
9. How is the woman described in Revelation 17?
   * A. In white and gold
   * B. In purple and scarlet
   * C. In black and red
   * D. In blue and silver
10. What does Revelation 17 reveal about the ultimate fate of corruption?
    * A. It will prosper forever
    * B. It will be judged and destroyed
    * C. It will be redeemed
    * D. It will be ignored

**Answers:** 1. B, 2. A, 3. B, 4. C, 5. B, 6. B, 7. B, 8. B, 9. B, 10. B

**Fill in the Blank**

1. The woman in Revelation 17 is drunk with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of saints.
2. The beast has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ heads and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ horns.
3. Babylon the Great is described as the mother of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and abominations.
4. The seven heads of the beast symbolize \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mountains and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. The ten kings will turn against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, leading to her destruction.

**Answers:** 1. Blood, 2. Seven, Ten, 3. Prostitutes, 4. Seven, Kings, 5. Babylon

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Abominations** - Detestable acts or things.
   * Greek: βδέλυγμα (bdelugma) - meaning "a thing to be shunned" or "detestable."
2. **Scarlet** - A deep red color.
   * Greek: πορφύρα (porphyra) - meaning "purple dye," often associated with wealth and royalty.
3. **Prostitute** - A person who engages in sexual activity for money.
   * Greek: πόρνη (pornē) - meaning "harlot" or "prostitute."
4. **Drunken** - Being intoxicated or overwhelmed.
   * Greek: μεθύω (methyō) - meaning "to be drunk" or "to be intoxicated."
5. **Triumph** - Victory or achievement.
   * Greek: νικάω (nikaō) - meaning "to conquer" or "to overcome."

**CHAPTER EIGHTEEN**

**Summary of Chapter**

Revelation Chapter 18 describes the fall of Babylon the Great, symbolizing the ultimate collapse of a corrupt, idolatrous system. The chapter details the mourning of kings, merchants, and sailors who lament the loss of their prosperity and power due to Babylon’s destruction. The chapter emphasizes the finality of God’s judgment and the complete and utter ruin of this symbolic city. An angel announces the fall with a dramatic proclamation, and the chapter concludes with a call for rejoicing in heaven over Babylon’s demise, highlighting the divine justice against evil.

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**Opening Question**

Why is the fall of Babylon such a significant event in Revelation, and what does it symbolize for the broader themes of justice and righteousness?

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**Outline**

1. **The Announcement of Babylon’s Fall**
   * **Description:** An angel proclaims the fall of Babylon, describing it as a place of demonic activity and corruption (Revelation 18:1-3).
   * **Application Question:** How does the description of Babylon's fall reflect the consequences of living a life opposed to God’s teachings?
2. **The Mourning of Kings and Merchants**
   * **Description:** Kings and merchants lament the loss of Babylon, mourning the loss of wealth and influence (Revelation 18:9-19).
   * **Application Question:** What does the reaction of these groups reveal about their priorities and values?
3. **The Finality of Babylon’s Judgment**
   * **Description:** Babylon is described as being destroyed completely, with its ruins serving as a symbol of divine judgment (Revelation 18:20-24).
   * **Application Question:** What does the complete destruction of Babylon teach us about the nature of God’s justice?
4. **The Call for Rejoicing in Heaven**
   * **Description:** Heaven rejoices over the fall of Babylon, signifying the triumph of divine righteousness over evil (Revelation 18:20).
   * **Application Question:** How does the rejoicing in heaven provide comfort and assurance about the ultimate triumph of good over evil?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 18:21: “Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said, ‘With such violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, never to be found again.’”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Students can act out different reactions to Babylon’s fall, such as the merchants lamenting their lost wealth or the angel announcing Babylon’s destruction. This will help them understand the emotional and symbolic significance of the chapter.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss the implications of Babylon’s destruction for contemporary issues. How can we apply the lessons from this chapter to modern situations of corruption and injustice?

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**Quiz**

1. What does the angel announce in Revelation 18?
   * A. The birth of a new kingdom
   * B. The fall of Babylon
   * C. The rise of a new empire
   * D. The arrival of peace
2. How do the kings and merchants react to Babylon’s fall?
   * A. They celebrate
   * B. They mourn
   * C. They ignore it
   * D. They fight
3. What does the destruction of Babylon symbolize?
   * A. The end of time
   * B. Divine judgment and righteousness
   * C. The beginning of a new era
   * D. The victory of the beast
4. What is the size of the boulder mentioned in Revelation 18:21?
   * A. A small stone
   * B. A medium-sized rock
   * C. A boulder the size of a large millstone
   * D. A grain of sand
5. Who rejoices in heaven according to Revelation 18?
   * A. The kings of the earth
   * B. The merchants
   * C. The saints
   * D. The angels
6. What is the ultimate fate of Babylon according to Revelation 18?
   * A. It is rebuilt
   * B. It is destroyed completely
   * C. It becomes a new city
   * D. It is forgotten
7. What does the chapter say about the wealth of Babylon?
   * A. It is preserved
   * B. It is shared with others
   * C. It is lost forever
   * D. It is used to build new structures
8. How is the destruction of Babylon described?
   * A. Gradual
   * B. Dramatic and complete
   * C. Peaceful
   * D. Unnoticed
9. What does Revelation 18 emphasize about the nature of divine justice?
   * A. It is lenient
   * B. It is delayed
   * C. It is final and complete
   * D. It is uncertain
10. What does the chapter indicate about the future of Babylon’s ruins?
    * A. They will be restored
    * B. They will serve as a memorial
    * C. They will be forgotten
    * D. They will be rebuilt

**Answers:** 1. B, 2. B, 3. B, 4. C, 5. D, 6. B, 7. C, 8. B, 9. C, 10. C

**Fill in the Blank**

1. Revelation 18 describes the fall of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Great.
2. Kings and merchants \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the destruction of Babylon.
3. Babylon’s destruction is depicted as being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and complete.
4. The boulder thrown into the sea symbolizes the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Babylon.
5. The chapter concludes with a call for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in heaven.

**Answers:** 1. Babylon, 2. Mourn, 3. Dramatic, 4. Final, 5. Rejoicing

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Lament** - To express sorrow or regret.
   * Greek: ὀδύρομαι (odyromai) - meaning "to mourn" or "to grieve."
2. **Millstone** - A large, heavy stone used for grinding grain.
   * Greek: μυλικός (mylikos) - meaning "pertaining to a millstone."
3. **Rejoice** - To feel or show great joy or delight.
   * Greek: χαίρω (chairo) - meaning "to be glad" or "to rejoice."
4. **Corruption** - The process of decay or deterioration.
   * Greek: διαφθορά (diaphthora) - meaning "ruin" or "destruction."
5. **Triumph** - A great victory or achievement.
   * Greek: θρίαμβος (thriamvos) - meaning "a triumph" or "victory."

**CHAPTER NINETEEN**

**Summary of Chapter**

Revelation Chapter 19 describes the heavenly celebration over the fall of Babylon and the triumph of God's justice. The chapter begins with a great multitude in heaven praising God for His righteous judgments and the end of Babylon. It then describes the triumphant return of Christ, depicted as a rider on a white horse, leading the heavenly armies to defeat the forces of evil. The chapter concludes with the beast and the false prophet being cast into the lake of fire, symbolizing the ultimate victory of good over evil and the establishment of divine rule.

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**Opening Question**

How does the imagery of Christ’s return in Revelation 19 reinforce the themes of justice and victory over evil in the book of Revelation?

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**Outline**

1. **Heavenly Praise for God’s Justice**
   * **Description:** A multitude in heaven praises God for His righteous judgments and the destruction of Babylon (Revelation 19:1-5).
   * **Application Question:** How can we apply the concept of heavenly praise to our daily lives and struggles?
2. **The Marriage Supper of the Lamb**
   * **Description:** The chapter describes the marriage supper of the Lamb, symbolizing the union of Christ with His church (Revelation 19:6-10).
   * **Application Question:** What does the imagery of the marriage supper teach us about our relationship with Christ?
3. **The Return of Christ**
   * **Description:** Christ is depicted as a victorious rider on a white horse, leading the heavenly armies (Revelation 19:11-16).
   * **Application Question:** How does the image of Christ as a conquering king influence our understanding of His role in our lives?
4. **The Defeat of the Beast and False Prophet**
   * **Description:** The beast and the false prophet are cast into the lake of fire, representing the ultimate defeat of evil (Revelation 19:17-21).
   * **Application Question:** How does the final judgment of evil influence our perspective on justice and righteousness?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 19:16: “On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: king of kings and lord of lords.”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Students can act out the scenes from the chapter, such as the heavenly praise or Christ’s triumphant return, to better understand the vivid imagery and its significance.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss how the imagery of Christ’s return and the defeat of evil impacts our view of current global issues and personal challenges. How does it provide hope and assurance?

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**Quiz**

1. What does the multitude in heaven praise God for in Revelation 19?
   * A. The birth of Christ
   * B. The destruction of Babylon
   * C. The creation of the world
   * D. The coming of the Holy Spirit
2. What is symbolized by the marriage supper of the Lamb?
   * A. The union of Christ with His church
   * B. The end of the world
   * C. The beginning of a new kingdom
   * D. The resurrection of the dead
3. What does Christ ride in Revelation 19?
   * A. A donkey
   * B. A white horse
   * C. A chariot
   * D. A camel
4. What title is written on Christ’s robe and thigh?
   * A. Messiah
   * B. Savior
   * C. King of kings and Lord of lords
   * D. Son of God
5. What is the fate of the beast and the false prophet?
   * A. They are forgiven
   * B. They are cast into the lake of fire
   * C. They are redeemed
   * D. They are exiled
6. What does Christ’s return signify in the chapter?
   * A. The beginning of peace
   * B. The victory over evil
   * C. The end of creation
   * D. The establishment of a new covenant
7. How is the heavenly multitude described in Revelation 19?
   * A. As silent
   * B. As mourning
   * C. As praising God
   * D. As fighting
8. What is Christ’s role in the final battle depicted in the chapter?
   * A. A judge
   * B. A warrior
   * C. A teacher
   * D. A healer
9. How does Revelation 19 describe the final defeat of evil?
   * A. As partial
   * B. As ultimate and complete
   * C. As temporary
   * D. As ineffective
10. What does the chapter reveal about the nature of divine justice?
    * A. It is flexible
    * B. It is delayed
    * C. It is final and triumphant
    * D. It is uncertain

**Answers:** 1. B, 2. A, 3. B, 4. C, 5. B, 6. B, 7. C, 8. B, 9. B, 10. C

**Fill in the Blank**

1. The chapter begins with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in heaven praising God for His justice.
2. The marriage supper of the Lamb symbolizes the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between Christ and His church.
3. Christ returns as a rider on a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ horse.
4. The title written on Christ’s robe and thigh is “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
5. The beast and the false prophet are cast into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of fire.

**Answers:** 1. Multitude, 2. Union, 3. White, 4. King of kings and Lord of lords, 5. Lake

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Triumphant** - Celebrating a victory or achievement.
   * Greek: νικηφόρος (nikēphoros) - meaning "bringing victory" or "triumphant."
2. **Marriage Supper** - A festive meal celebrating a marriage.
   * Greek: γάμος (gamos) - meaning "marriage" or "wedding feast."
3. **Righteousness** - The quality of being morally right or justifiable.
   * Greek: δικαιοσύνη (dikaiosynē) - meaning "justice" or "righteousness."
4. **Beast** - A symbol of evil or oppressive power.
   * Greek: θηρίον (thērion) - meaning "wild beast" or "creature."
5. **False Prophet** - A deceiver who claims to speak on behalf of God but leads others astray.
   * Greek: ψευδοπροφήτης (pseudophrētēs) - meaning "false prophet."

**CHAPTER TWENTY**

**Summary of Chapter**

Revelation Chapter 20 describes the final events before the establishment of the new heavens and the new earth. An angel binds Satan in the Abyss for a thousand years, during which Christ reigns with His faithful followers. After this millennium, Satan is released briefly to deceive the nations, leading to a final battle at Gog and Magog. God then judges the dead, with those not found in the Book of Life being cast into the lake of fire. The chapter concludes with the promise of a new heaven and a new earth, where God will dwell with His people.

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**Opening Question**

How does the concept of a thousand-year reign in Revelation 20 influence our understanding of the ultimate victory over evil?

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**Outline**

1. **The Binding of Satan**
   * **Description:** An angel binds Satan and throws him into the Abyss for a thousand years (Revelation 20:1-3).
   * **Application Question:** How can the concept of divine intervention in restraining evil provide comfort and assurance in our own struggles?
2. **The Millennium Reign of Christ**
   * **Description:** Christ reigns with His saints during the thousand-year period (Revelation 20:4-6).
   * **Application Question:** What does the millennium reign teach us about the nature of Christ’s kingdom and our role in it?
3. **The Release of Satan and Final Battle**
   * **Description:** Satan is released, deceives the nations, and leads them into battle against God’s people. This results in the final battle where fire consumes the enemies (Revelation 20:7-10).
   * **Application Question:** How does the final battle underscore the certainty of God’s ultimate triumph over evil?
4. **The Great White Throne Judgment**
   * **Description:** The dead are judged according to their deeds, and those not found in the Book of Life are cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15).
   * **Application Question:** How does the judgment scene impact our understanding of personal responsibility and accountability?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 20:6: “Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them.”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Students can act out scenes from the chapter, such as the binding of Satan or the final judgment, to better understand the dramatic elements and their significance.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss how the imagery of the millennium and final judgment can influence our daily choices and understanding of justice and mercy in our lives.

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**Quiz**

1. What happens to Satan at the beginning of Revelation 20?
   * A. He is released from the Abyss
   * B. He is bound and thrown into the Abyss
   * C. He is defeated in battle
   * D. He is judged by Christ
2. How long is Satan bound in the Abyss?
   * A. For a day
   * B. For a hundred years
   * C. For a thousand years
   * D. Forever
3. What is the nature of Christ’s reign during the millennium?
   * A. Temporary and earthly
   * B. Eternal and spiritual
   * C. Limited and local
   * D. Hidden and uncertain
4. What happens after the thousand years are over?
   * A. Satan remains bound forever
   * B. Satan is released and leads a final rebellion
   * C. Christ returns to Earth
   * D. The universe is destroyed
5. What is the fate of those whose names are not found in the Book of Life?
   * A. They are given another chance
   * B. They are cast into the lake of fire
   * C. They are reincarnated
   * D. They are forgiven
6. How is the final battle described in Revelation 20?
   * A. As a diplomatic negotiation
   * B. As a physical conflict with fire consuming the enemies
   * C. As a spiritual contest of wills
   * D. As a peaceful resolution
7. What does the Great White Throne Judgment reveal?
   * A. The rewards for the righteous
   * B. The final defeat of Satan
   * C. The judgment of the dead according to their deeds
   * D. The renewal of the Earth
8. What role does the Book of Life play in the final judgment?
   * A. It lists the rewards for the righteous
   * B. It determines the fate of individuals
   * C. It records the deeds of the dead
   * D. It holds the names of the living
9. What is the ultimate promise at the end of Revelation 20?
   * A. A new heaven and a new earth
   * B. The restoration of the old world
   * C. The end of time
   * D. The return of Christ to judge the world
10. How does the chapter describe the new heaven and new earth?
    * A. As a return to the original paradise
    * B. As a temporary renewal
    * C. As a permanent and divine dwelling place for God and His people
    * D. As a distant hope

**Answers:** 1. B, 2. C, 3. B, 4. B, 5. B, 6. B, 7. C, 8. B, 9. A, 10. C

**Fill in the Blank**

1. An angel binds Satan and throws him into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a thousand years.
2. Christ reigns with His saints during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ year period.
3. After the millennium, Satan is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and leads a final rebellion.
4. The final judgment takes place at the Great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Throne.
5. Those not found in the Book of Life are cast into the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of fire.

**Answers:** 1. Abyss, 2. Thousand, 3. Released, 4. White, 5. Lake

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Abyss** - A deep or bottomless pit.
   * Greek: ἀβύσσος (abyssos) - meaning "depth" or "void."
2. **Millennium** - A period of a thousand years.
   * Greek: χιλιετία (chiliētia) - meaning "thousand years."
3. **Reign** - To hold royal office; rule.
   * Greek: βασιλεία (basileia) - meaning "kingdom" or "sovereignty."
4. **Judgment** - The act of making a decision about someone’s actions.
   * Greek: κρίσις (krisis) - meaning "decision" or "sentence."
5. **Resurrection** - The act of rising from the dead.
   * Greek: ἀνάστασις (anastasis) - meaning "rising" or "resurrection."

**CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE**

**Summary of Chapter**

Revelation Chapter 21 describes the creation of a new heaven and a new earth, following the final judgment. The old heaven and earth have passed away. The New Jerusalem, coming down from heaven, is portrayed as a beautifully adorned city where God will dwell with His people. There will be no more death, mourning, crying, or pain. God promises to make everything new and provides reassurance that He will be the God of His people and they will be His children. The chapter concludes with a description of the city's glory and the exclusion of those who are unrighteous.

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**Opening Question**

How does the vision of the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21 influence our understanding of God's promise for the future?

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**Outline**

1. **The New Heaven and New Earth**
   * **Description:** The first heaven and earth have passed away, and a new, renewed creation emerges (Revelation 21:1).
   * **Application Question:** How does the concept of a new creation offer hope and motivation for living according to God's will?
2. **The New Jerusalem**
   * **Description:** The New Jerusalem descends from heaven, prepared as a bride for her husband (Revelation 21:2).
   * **Application Question:** What does the imagery of the New Jerusalem as a bride signify about the relationship between God and His people?
3. **God Dwelling with His People**
   * **Description:** God will dwell with His people, and there will be no more death, mourning, crying, or pain (Revelation 21:3-4).
   * **Application Question:** How does the promise of God’s eternal presence impact our view of current suffering and challenges?
4. **The Promise of Renewal**
   * **Description:** God promises to make everything new and assures that He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end (Revelation 21:5-6).
   * **Application Question:** How can we live in light of God’s promise of renewal and the certainty of His ultimate plan?
5. **The Glory of the New Jerusalem**
   * **Description:** The chapter describes the New Jerusalem's splendor and the exclusion of those who practice evil (Revelation 21:9-27).
   * **Application Question:** What does the description of the city’s glory teach us about the standards of holiness and righteousness expected in God’s kingdom?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 21:4: “’He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Students can create a skit illustrating the contrast between the old world and the new creation described in Revelation 21, emphasizing the themes of renewal and divine presence.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss how the vision of the New Jerusalem impacts our understanding of justice and grace, and how it can influence our actions and attitudes in the present world.

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**Quiz**

1. What happens to the first heaven and earth in Revelation 21?
   * A. They are renewed
   * B. They pass away
   * C. They are destroyed
   * D. They are transformed into the New Jerusalem
2. What is described as descending from heaven in Revelation 21?
   * A. A new temple
   * B. A new king
   * C. The New Jerusalem
   * D. A new covenant
3. How will God interact with His people in the New Jerusalem?
   * A. He will visit occasionally
   * B. He will dwell with them
   * C. He will be hidden from view
   * D. He will only communicate through messengers
4. What will no longer exist in the new creation?
   * A. Sin
   * B. Suffering
   * C. Work
   * D. Learning
5. What does God promise to do in Revelation 21:5?
   * A. Create a new religion
   * B. Make everything new
   * C. Establish new laws
   * D. Return to heaven
6. How is the New Jerusalem described in Revelation 21?
   * A. As a fortress
   * B. As a bride adorned for her husband
   * C. As a marketplace
   * D. As a place of mourning
7. What role does God play in the new creation according to Revelation 21?
   * A. He is the creator and sustainer
   * B. He is a distant observer
   * C. He is a judge and executor
   * D. He is a teacher
8. Who is excluded from the New Jerusalem?
   * A. Those who are righteous
   * B. Those who are unrighteous
   * C. Those who are neutral
   * D. Those who are ignorant
9. How does the chapter describe the New Jerusalem’s glory?
   * A. It is described as bright and beautiful
   * B. It is described as dark and mysterious
   * C. It is described as plain and ordinary
   * D. It is described as chaotic and tumultuous
10. What is God’s final promise to His people in Revelation 21?
    * A. To provide wealth and prosperity
    * B. To dwell with them and be their God
    * C. To establish peace with their enemies
    * D. To give them more knowledge

**Answers:** 1. B, 2. C, 3. B, 4. B, 5. B, 6. B, 7. A, 8. B, 9. A, 10. B

**Fill in the Blank**

1. The old heaven and earth have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ away.
2. The New Jerusalem descends from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. In the New Jerusalem, there will be no more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, mourning, crying, or pain.
4. God promises to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ everything new.
5. The chapter describes the New Jerusalem’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the exclusion of those who practice evil.

**Answers:** 1. Passed, 2. Heaven, 3. Death, 4. Make, 5. Glory

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Jerusalem** - The holy city of God, symbolizing His dwelling place.
   * Greek: Ἰερουσαλήμ (Ierousalēm) - meaning "foundation of peace."
2. **Renewal** - The act of making new or restoring.
   * Greek: ἀνακαίνωσις (anakainōsis) - meaning "renewal" or "restoration."
3. **Splendor** - Magnificent or impressive appearance.
   * Greek: δόξα (doxa) - meaning "glory" or "splendor."
4. **Alpha and Omega** - The beginning and the end; a title for Christ signifying His eternal nature.
   * Greek: Ἄλφα καὶ Ὦ (Alpha kai Ō) - meaning "first and last letters of the Greek alphabet."
5. **Exclusion** - The act of not including or being excluded.
   * Greek: ἀποκλεισμός (apokleismos) - meaning "exclusion" or "rejection."

**CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO**

**Summary of Chapter**

Revelation Chapter 22 describes the final vision of the New Jerusalem. It features the river of the water of life flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb, with the tree of life bearing twelve kinds of fruit and leaves for healing. The chapter emphasizes the eternal presence of God and the Lamb, where there is no more night or curse. The faithful are promised entry into the holy city and fellowship with God. The chapter concludes with a call for the coming of Jesus and an exhortation to keep the words of the prophecy.

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**Opening Question**

How does the vision of the New Jerusalem in Revelation 22 reflect God's promise of eternal life and restoration?

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**Outline**

1. **The River of Life and the Tree of Life**
   * **Description:** A pure river of the water of life flows from the throne of God and the Lamb. The tree of life bears twelve kinds of fruit and its leaves heal the nations (Revelation 22:1-2).
   * **Application Question:** How does the imagery of the river and tree of life symbolize God's provision and healing in our lives?
2. **God’s Presence and the Absence of Curse**
   * **Description:** God and the Lamb will reign forever. There will be no more night or curse, and the faithful will serve and see God’s face (Revelation 22:3-5).
   * **Application Question:** How does the promise of God’s unending presence impact our understanding of worship and service?
3. **The Call to Faithfulness**
   * **Description:** The chapter emphasizes the importance of keeping the words of the prophecy and warns against altering them. It concludes with a prayer for Jesus' return (Revelation 22:6-21).
   * **Application Question:** What does it mean to keep the words of the prophecy in our daily lives, and how does this influence our preparation for Christ’s return?

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**Possible Activities**

1. **Memory Verse Challenge**
   * Memorize Revelation 22:13: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”
2. **Role Playing Activity**
   * Students can act out scenes of life in the New Jerusalem, focusing on the absence of curse and the presence of God, and how they would respond to such a scenario.
3. **Discussion Activity**
   * Discuss the significance of the river of life and the tree of life. How do these elements represent spiritual nourishment and healing in our relationship with God?

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**Quiz**

1. What flows from the throne of God and the Lamb in Revelation 22?
   * A. A stream of gold
   * B. A river of the water of life
   * C. A cloud of smoke
   * D. A stream of fire
2. What does the tree of life provide in the New Jerusalem?
   * A. Food and shelter
   * B. Twelve kinds of fruit and healing leaves
   * C. Wealth and power
   * D. Wisdom and knowledge
3. What will no longer exist in the New Jerusalem according to Revelation 22?
   * A. Sunlight
   * B. Night or curse
   * C. Animals
   * D. Music
4. How will the faithful interact with God in the New Jerusalem?
   * A. They will see God’s face
   * B. They will hear God’s voice
   * C. They will live in separate quarters
   * D. They will be guided by angels
5. What does Revelation 22 emphasize about the words of the prophecy?
   * A. They should be altered to fit modern times
   * B. They should be kept and not altered
   * C. They are optional for study
   * D. They are only for priests to interpret
6. How does the chapter conclude?
   * A. With a vision of judgment
   * B. With a call for Christ’s return
   * C. With a description of the antichrist
   * D. With a list of genealogies
7. What is the promise made to those who keep the words of the prophecy?
   * A. They will gain wealth
   * B. They will enter the holy city
   * C. They will be freed from responsibilities
   * D. They will receive a special blessing
8. How is the eternal presence of God described in Revelation 22?
   * A. As fleeting
   * B. As continuous and everlasting
   * C. As distant and remote
   * D. As temporary
9. What role do the leaves of the tree of life play in the New Jerusalem?
   * A. They are for decoration
   * B. They heal the nations
   * C. They provide fruit
   * D. They create shade
10. What does Jesus say about Himself in Revelation 22:13?
    * A. He is the beginning and the end
    * B. He is the light of the world
    * C. He is the great teacher
    * D. He is the good shepherd

**Answers:** 1. B, 2. B, 3. B, 4. A, 5. B, 6. B, 7. B, 8. B, 9. B, 10. A

**Fill in the Blank**

1. A pure river of the water of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ flows from the throne of God and the Lamb.
2. The tree of life bears twelve kinds of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and its leaves heal the nations.
3. In the New Jerusalem, there will be no more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or curse.
4. The faithful will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s face and serve Him forever.
5. The chapter concludes with a prayer for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_' return.

**Answers:** 1. Life, 2. Fruit, 3. Night, 4. See, 5. Jesus

**Vocabulary Words**

1. **Jerusalem** - The holy city of God, symbolizing His dwelling place.
   * Greek: Ἰερουσαλήμ (Ierousalēm) - meaning "foundation of peace."
2. **Eternal** - Lasting forever; without end.
   * Greek: αἰώνιος (aiōnios) - meaning "everlasting" or "eternal."
3. **Prophecy** - A message or revelation from God about future events.
   * Greek: προφητεία (prophēteia) - meaning "prophecy" or "revelation."
4. **Healing** - The process of becoming sound or healthy again.
   * Greek: ἴασις (iasis) - meaning "healing" or "cure."
5. **Revelation** - The act of making something known or revealed.
   * Greek: ἀποκάλυψις (apokalypsis) - meaning "unveiling" or "revelation."

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