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LESSON ONE

Revelation Five through Eleven

THIS LESSON INCORPORATES The following located in the Appendix:
Observation Worksheets of Revelation 5–11
“The Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls” chart

The disciples were eager to know not only when the temple would be destroyed but also what the sign of the Lord’s coming and of the end of the age would be (Matthew 24:3).

Jesus didn’t leave His bond-servants groping in the dark. Before He went to Calvary, He laid out the event sequence preceding His coming.

But these “Olivet discourses” were not all He said regarding His coming. He gave the Apostle John (exiled on the island of Patmos) an unparalleled revelation of “things which must shortly take place.” This Revelation was for the bond-servants of the Lord Jesus Christ—words that are faithful and true (Revelation 22:6).

In this course we’ll begin a careful study of our Lord’s teaching regarding His coming and the end of the age—part of it given before His crucifixion and part after His ascension. When we integrate the teachings of the Gospels, we have a more thorough understanding of the signs of His coming and of the end of the age.

Study well, beloved child of God. The words of this prophecy are not sealed up, for the time is near.

DAY ONE

Your first three weeks of study will cover Revelation 5–22. This review will help you integrate the contents of Revelation with the teaching of the Gospels.

This week you’ll cover Revelation 5–11.

1. Read Revelation 5 using your Observation Worksheet located in the Appendix. Mark references to the book (scroll) and the seals. Then in the margin of the Observation Worksheet, list what you learn about the book and its seals.

2. Read Revelation 6 using your Observation Worksheet. Once again mark the word *seal*. In the Appendix of this workbook you'll find the chart, "**The Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls.**" Fill in information you glean from Revelation 6 on the first six seals. Note what happens when each seal is broken.
3. Mark anything that refers to the wrath of God and note what you learn.

DAY
TWO

1. Read Revelation 7 using your Observation Worksheet. In the margin list main events that occur in this chapter. As you examine each event in the light of the 5 Ws and H, list insights in the margin of the Observation Worksheet.
2. Read Revelation 8. Mark references to the seals and trumpets differently. Note what you observe on the chart "**The Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls.**"
3. Mark the word *woe*. What did you learn about the "woes" and their relationships to the trumpets? Also note the verse(s) where you found your answer(s).

DAY
THREE


1. Read Revelation 9 using your Observation Worksheet. Mark trumpets and woes as you did yesterday. Give careful attention to the "woes" and their timing.
2. Fill in the chart "**The Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls.**" Make sure you note who and how many are involved in these trumpets and how long the trumpet judgment lasts. Ask the 5 Ws and H.
3. Note on the chart when a woe is completed and which woe it is.

How are you doing, friend? If you have done the second course in our Revelation series, Unveiling the Book of Revelation, we're sure it's like renewing acquaintances with a friend. Are you surprised at how much you recall after thirteen weeks of studying these chapters? All that hard work is going to pay off, dear student of the Word.

However, if you just joined the study of Revelation at this juncture, don't be overwhelmed or discouraged. You may want to slow down a little to absorb more, but just know that although it's not possible at this point, what you're doing will be of great benefit. Although it may take a little longer and you're not as at home with the text as you'd like to be, what you're observing now will help you when we get into the Gospels. When you have time, you can go back and do Unveiling the Book of Revelation. This course is invaluable if you want to have a true plumb line on the book of Revelation.

Press on; the prize goes to those willing to study to show themselves approved to God because they handle the Word of God accurately.

DAY
FOUR

1. Read Revelation 10 and 11 using your Observation Worksheets.
 - a. Mark *trumpets*, when they sound, and which one is sounded.
 - b. Mark references to time. You may want to use a symbol like this: 
 - c. Mark the “woes” and note their timing.
 - d. Mark references to the *wrath of God* and note what you learn.
2. Mark *city* and list in the margin what you observe.
3. Finally, in distinctive ways mark *the temple*, references to the two witnesses, and all pronouns that refer to these.

DAY
FIVE

1. Read Revelation 11:1–14 again. In the margin of your Observation Worksheet or in the space below (or both), list the progression of events. Note references to time, who and what are connected to them, and the length of time involved.

2. Fill out the chart “The Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls.”
3. List below what you learn from Revelation 11 about
 - a. the temple

 - b. the two witnesses

As you bring this week’s study to a close, remember the special promise the Lord gives in Revelation 1:3 and know that it is yours for doing and keeping your part.

“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near” (Revelation 1:3).

REVELATION 5

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?”

3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it.

4 Then I *began* to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it;

5 and one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.”

6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

7 And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

8 When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

9 And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

10 “You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”

- 11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,
- 12 saying with a loud voice,
“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”
- 13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying,
“To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, *be* blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”
- 14 And the four living creatures kept saying, “Amen.” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

REVELATION 6

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

THEN I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, “Come.”

2 I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

3 When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come.”

4 And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that *men* would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.

5 When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, “Come.” I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

6 And I heard *something* like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.”

7 When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come.”

8 I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

9 When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;

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- 10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”
- 11 And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.
- 12 I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth *made of hair*, and the whole moon became like blood;
- 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.
- 14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.
- 15 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains;
- 16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;
- 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

REVELATION 7

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

AFTER this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree.

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

3 saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads.”

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

5 From the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand *were* sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,

6 from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,

7 from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,

8 from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand *were* sealed.

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands;

10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

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- 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and *around* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
- 12 saying,
- “Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *be* to our God forever and ever. Amen.”
- 13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?”
- 14 I said to him, “My lord, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- 15 “For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them.
- 16 “They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat;
- 17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

REVELATION 8

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

WHEN the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

- 2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.
- 3 Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne.
- 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.
- 5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.
- 6 And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.
- 7 The first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.
- 8 The second angel sounded, and *something* like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood, and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.
- 10 The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters.

- 11 The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.
- 12 The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.
- 13 Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, “Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!”

REVELATION 9

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

THEN the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him.

- 2 He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.
- 3 Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.
- 4 They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.
- 5 And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man.
- 6 And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them.
- 7 The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.
- 8 They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like *the teeth* of lions.
- 9 They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle.
- 10 They have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months.

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- 11 They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.
- 12 The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.
- 13 Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,
- 14 one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."
- 15 And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind.
- 16 The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.
- 17 And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: *the riders* had breastplates *the color* of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone.
- 18 A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths.
- 19 For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm.
- 20 The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk;
- 21 and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.

REVELATION 10

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud;
and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and
his feet like pillars of fire;
- 2 and he had in his hand a little book which was open. He placed his right
foot on the sea and his left on the land;
- 3 and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he
had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices.
- 4 When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and
I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up the things which the seven
peals of thunder have spoken and do not write them."
- 5 Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted
up his right hand to heaven,
- 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, WHO CREATED HEAVEN
AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND
THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT, that there will be delay no longer,
- 7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to
sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His
servants the prophets.
- 8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven, *I heard* again speaking with
me, and saying, "Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the
angel who stands on the sea and on the land."
- 9 So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he
said to me, "Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in
your mouth it will be sweet as honey."

- 10 I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.
- 11 And they said to me, "You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings."

REVELATION 11

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

THEN there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said,
“Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it.

- 2 “Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.
- 3 “And I will grant *authority* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”
- 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.
- 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.
- 6 These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.
- 7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.
- 8 And their dead bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.
- 9 Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations *will* look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.

- 10 And those who dwell on the earth *will* rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.
- 11 But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.
- 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them.
- 13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.
- 14 The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.
- 15 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,
“The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.”
- 16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,
- 17 saying,
“We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.
- 18 “And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”
- 19 And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

THE SEALS, TRUMPETS, AND BOWLS

Seals	Trumpets	Bowls