



The basic structure of the book of Revelation is woven around a series of threes and sevens- clear evidence of the fingerprints of the Holy Spirit. The book contains grand themes including, the sovereignty of God, the Lordship of Jesus, Jesus' 2nd coming, the assured perseverance of believers, the coming judgment day, and hope for believers.

Outline

- **Big Picture**..... *What patterns emerge?*
- **Interpretation** *What are the four views?*
- **Symbols** *What do the symbols mean?*
- **Themes** *What are the major themes?*
 - ❖ God is Sovereign
 - ❖ Jesus is Lord
 - ❖ Jesus is Coming Back
 - ❖ God's People will Persevere
 - ❖ Judgment Day is Coming
 - ❖ We have Hope

Truths & Principles

- ✓ God rules over all with absolute authority.
- ✓ Jesus is the one we will worship forever in heaven.
- ✓ We don't need to wonder if Jesus is ever going to return. Jesus will come back to earth at just the right moment-any moment.
- ✓ As a believer, you will persevere to the end.
- ✓ God's judgment is certain.
- ✓ There is hope for the old and the weary; there is hope for the newly begun.

Preview

This lesson focuses on the big picture of prophetic events, the four major schools of interpretation, a brief description of some of the symbols, and the major themes contained in the book of Revelation. This lesson is basically a look at the forest (overall survey of the book) before we start our study of the trees (individual chapter studies). For our studies we will adhere to a *Futurist, Premillennial-Pre-Tribulation* position.

Applications

- ✓ We can trust God's sovereignty for the future and take comfort in it now.
- ✓ Jesus is the one we can worship now.
- ✓ We need to live our lives with expectancy of Jesus' imminent return.
- ✓ We must be faithful to God - always.
- ✓ We can trust God that He will deal with sin and evil – in His time, and in His way.
- ✓ We look forward, in hope, for the day we will live in absolute peace with God.



Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

1. What are the four major schools of interpretation? _____
2. What is Eschatology the study of? _____
3. What event do Premillennial and Postmillennial refer to? _____
4. What event does Pre-Tribulation refer to? _____
5. What does the symbolic “hour” refer to? _____
6. What is the color “white” a symbol of? _____
7. How many “Beatitudes” are in Revelation? _____
8. What is the number “4” generally related to? _____

Study Questions

1. Of all the “Major Themes” presented, which one do you cherish the most and why?
2. Read 2 Peter 3:8-14. What does this tell you about the date of Christ’s return? What is the value of living a pure and blameless life before God?
3. Does the sovereignty of God comfort you or make you uneasy? Why?
 - If God is sovereign, why do world events often seem out of control?
 - How would you answer someone who questions the power and goodness of God in light of current conditions?
4. Jesus came to earth ~2000 years ago, and He is returning to earth in the future. What is Jesus doing in the meantime? Use Scripture to support your answer.
5. What right does God have to judge sin and sinners? Do you think God is fair in letting people who have rejected Christ face eternal punishment?
6. On what do people pin their hopes on today?
7. What are some of the ways God fills you with hope? Where do you feel the need for hope in your life right now?