

VICTORY IN JESUS

REVELATION REVIEW, CH. I-II

Review Questions

1.) *True or False: There is one interpretation of Revelation upon which all conservative Bible scholars agree.* _____

2.) *True or False: Revelation is mostly filled with brand new imagery, not found anywhere else in the Bible.* _____

3.) *True or False: From chapter 4 to the end, Revelation presents future events in chronological order.* _____

- Revelation repeatedly shows the whole pattern of human history leading up to final judgment at the return of Christ.
- **Revelation summons us to action.**
- A proper understanding of it has a profound effect on how we are to live in the present days.

4.) *What is the key number used in Revelation?* _____

- In the OT, seven is the number of completion.
- **Revelation is organized in seven sets of seven.**
 - Revelation 1:1-8 is a prologue to this letter.
 - 1.) Seven Letters to Seven Churches (1:9-3:22)
 - 2.) Seven Seals (4:1-8:5)
 - 3.) Seven Trumpets (8:6-11:19)
 - 4.) Seven Visions (12:1-15:4)
 - 5.) Seven Bowls of Judgment (15:5-16:21)
 - 6.) Seven Judgments on Babylon (17:1-19:10)
 - 7.) Seven Last Things (19:11-21:8)
 - Section #8 (21:9-22:21) – The New Heavens and the New Earth

Pattern of the Seven Sets of Seven				
	Parts 1-4	Part 5	Part 6	Part 7
Pattern	Partial judgments taking place now	Transition from present to future	The beginning of the very end.	The end has arrived.

-- Revelation summons us to confidence.

- The pattern of Revelation validates God's absolute sovereignty over what might appear to us as chaos.
- No matter how difficult life is here on earth, justice will come against God's enemies, and victory will come to every follower of Christ.

5.) What is the one word theme of the whole book? _____

- Victory is the singular theme of the Book of Revelation (Rev. 17:14)
- Even though there are powerful enemies of Christ who rage against Him and His people, there victory is coming for all those who are in Christ.
- Revelation teaches us how to overcome instead of succumb.
- Each of the seven letters (ch. 2-3) to the churches ends with a promise of victory to him who overcomes.
- God is most glorified in us when we treasure Him supremely and persevere in obedient faith even when doing so is extremely hard.

-- Ch 4 & 5 - How do we overcome the world in Christ?

- The first key to conquering the trials, temptations, and turmoil of this life is to get a breathtaking glimpse of God and of the Lamb (ch. 4-5).
- Ch. 4 – Get a glimpse of God in His infinitely superior glory, power, and presence.
- Ch. 5 – Recognize the absolute centrality of Christ to everything concerning judgment and salvation.

-- Ch. 6-11 – The pattern of this present life and the promise of the next urge us to press on toward the goal in Christ (John 16:33).

- Though Satan may appear to be winning, his defeat is guaranteed.

-- In Revelation, Jesus is revealing to us the overarching plan of God that gives purpose to the trials, temptations, and turmoil of this life.

-- Revelation summons us to strive.

-- Through the Book of Revelation, God is calling His people to persevere in His will for His glory, especially when it is hard.

-- *Are you in Christ? On which side of the battle lines are you fighting? And are you putting up a rigorous fight?*