

Lesson 60 Revelation of St. John 12 – 22

STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. Note the linking of ideas thru symbols 11:19-12:19. God's Temple, ark of the covenant, portent of woman, moon, sun, crown of twelve stars, birth of son, dragon/serpent, flood, earth, wilderness, the woman's children. How many of these appeared in Genesis? What meaning do these symbols carry?
2. What numbers are used symbolically? Do your notes give meaning to the numbers? What purpose is there for the plagues, the trials and tribulations?
3. Note chapter 18 and its similarity to Daniel 7. What Roman emperors may fit this symbolism as Daniel's symbolism fit the rulers of Babylon, Persia, Media and Greece? To what city is the reference "Babylon the Great?" Why is it an appropriate title?
4. Why is Revelation a fitting close to the Bible and to our study?

Isaiah 60:19-22 and prayer.

The early Christians held fast to faith. In the Church's Prayer of the Hours is a contemporary account of the examination of Justin Martyr by a Roman prefect at the mid-Second Century, a period upon which the Church was embarking at the time the Book of Revelation was written. As Justin held fast to his faith, he knew what lay ahead of him - torture and death. This period saw the death of thousands of Christians when the blood of the martyrs became "the seed of the Church." Endurance was encouraged by writings like Revelation which circulated to strengthen faithfulness when torment was falling upon Christians.

The consummation is seen in heaven. At the end of chapter eleven the ark of the covenant is revealed in heaven midst tremendous natural fanfare. Chapter twelve is of great significance to furthering the truth of the meaning of woman in scripture. Just as Jesus' act of giving Mary to John in John's gospel is seen to be the consummation of Jesus' acts on earth in order that "all Scripture be fulfilled," so here in these final

chapters, woman and her seed (Gn 3) is the essence of the consummation of the revelation of God. The ark seen in heaven is, of course, Blessed Mary - she who bore within herself the Son of God, the incarnate Word of God. The woman is revealed adorned with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and crowned with twelve stars. She emerges as a layered sign standing primarily for the woman, Mary; secondarily as the Church and Israel, and lastly, but importantly, she emblems all godly women, who in the words of Paul, bear the Divine Child.

The layered meaning of Scripture is always to be considered, and especially in this highly symbolic book. The persistent enemy of the woman (on all levels: Mary, the Church and Everywoman) is Satan, for she is the Sign in her being of the heart of the gospel - submission, obedience, acceptance, and self-giving dependence on the will of God. She (Mary, the Church and woman) manifests the fruitfulness that is the result of these inner attitudes. Even as he attacked Eve and subverted her to his diabolical, disordered doctrine in order to pervert creation, so he attacks the woman whose child is snatched to heaven - consider how Mary is shunned by those who fear the authority of St. Peter, and of how she has fared overall - she of whom it was prophesied, "a sword shall pierce through your own soul." All women who (Tim 2:15) "continue in faith, love and holiness, with modesty and bear the Divine Child" face the same anger of Satan. They will not survive his attacks without the protection and care of God in the wilderness. Eve was necessarily the one whose obedience was subverted in order to break perfection; she was the key which Satan had to turn in order to open the door that would overturn God's original order. Disorder necessarily began with her, and woman's rebelliousness perpetuates it yet. The woman is under constant temptation to deny and turn from her inherent receptive nature of fruitfulness. She is always tempted to envy the other pole, the pole of what she perceives is power of authority. Actually the flow in the redeemed people of faith is away from the pole of power and towards the pole of a chosen dependence and submission. So the woman of Revelation 12 is the key to salvation - from her comes the Divine Child, who will wield all power and claim all authority in heaven and on earth. Satan, the usurper of authority, is set against her. Referring to Genesis, St. Louis de Montfort writes; "God has

established only one enmity - but it is an irreconcilable one - which will last and even go on increasing to the end of time. That enmity is between Mary, His worthy Mother, and the devil, between the children and the servants of the Blessed Virgin and the children and followers of Lucifer." He goes on to explain why Satan so fears and hates her. ". . . Satan being so proud, suffers infinitely more in being vanquished and punished by a lowly and humble servant of God, for her humility humiliates him more than the power of God."

She flees to the wilderness where God protects and nourishes her.

And her children - Mary's children in a very real sense - "are those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus," 12:17. (also in I John) In this battle Michael, the archangel, plays an important role. Satan with his army of demons is now cast upon the earth where the battle continues against all Marian souls, men and women.

Final things continue - the beast and the false prophet. In traditional apocalyptic language the prophet foretells the end of the great system, Rome the Empire, that has plagued the Church, and therefore, of all such evil systems set against Truth. The beast is corrupted government which raises itself to be worshipped, and is supported in this by the false prophet who organizes and leads worship of the power of the state. The danger inherent in state power is not something that ends with the Roman Empire's downfall, nor did it begin with Rome, but has been and always will be opposed to the freedom of Christians to worship and witness in the world. The beast and the false prophet prowl and prey wherever people look to the state's power and wealth for salvation and security.

The cult of the emperor is culminated in Nero, who killed himself, and was popularly believed to come back again to life in the future. He is described as having a mortal wound which is healed. He is, at the writing of this book, 'the beast' who demanded worship. The idea of his returning to life, a myth believed by people of the time, is not, of course, believed by Christians, but is used in this prophecy to explain the spirit of the emperor Domitian. He is, so to speak, the reincarnation

of Nero - the same evil dragon, Satan, is the power behind both. Chapter 17. There are seven kings," five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he comes he must remain only a little while." Looking at Roman history, these are seen to be the emperors: Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero, Vespasian, Titus (wasted by sickness), and Domitian (another Nero) The ten horns are Parthian satraps who according to popular belief were to invade and claim Rome under the reincarnated Nero. The number of the beast is 666. When numbers are supplied for the Hebrew letters of the words Neron Caesar, the result is 666. As we have seen six, one less than seven, denotes the aping of perfection, which is a near appearance that actually is false - the same idea as anti-Christ. Opposed to this demonic power is the Lamb and those who have His name and His Father's name written on their foreheads (note that whenever the Lamb is mentioned, or Jesus, the Father is also mentioned - uniquely Johannine.) These sing a new song of praise while angels utter condemnations on those who allow the beast's mark to be placed upon them.

Then comes the final judgment. As the grapes are gathered and thrown into the wine press of Gods' wrath, the earth is reaped by the conqueror Christ and the judging angel. Seven angels again pour seven bowls of plagues upon the earth. The conquerors, those who have persevered sing a song of praise to God. Before the seventh bowl there is assemblage for battle - evil spirits flow from the dragon, the beast and the false prophet. Then the seventh bowl is poured out and one of the angels takes John to see the judgment of the great harlot - the anti-woman image - which is the city of Rome which sits astride the beast of the Roman Empire. Chapter 17. Babylon the Great, mother of harlots, is the city which has had dominion. Rome has collaborated with Satan in ruling the world, she is the abominable perpetrator of death of thousands of martyrs.

After her (Imperial Rome's) downfall, multitudes again praise and worship God. The heavens again are opened and those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb are called blessed. Revealed is the Word of God upon a white horse who is ready for the last battle. The beast and false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire and sulphur; the rest are slain by the sword of Jesus' mouth. Chapter 20 is the chronicle

of Satan's activity; he is bound for a thousand years, then loosed again for a time during which he again confounds the nations. His final destruction is with the beast and the false prophet who are to be tormented day and night forever. Death gives up its dead, and all are judged by what they have done. Any whose names are not recorded in the Book of Life are thrown into the lake of fire. Chapter 21 sees the creation of new heavens and a new earth follow for all. We are looking now for the Second Coming. "Surely I when all creation is renewed and freed from its imperfections. All is transformed by the Glory Of God. am coming soon." Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

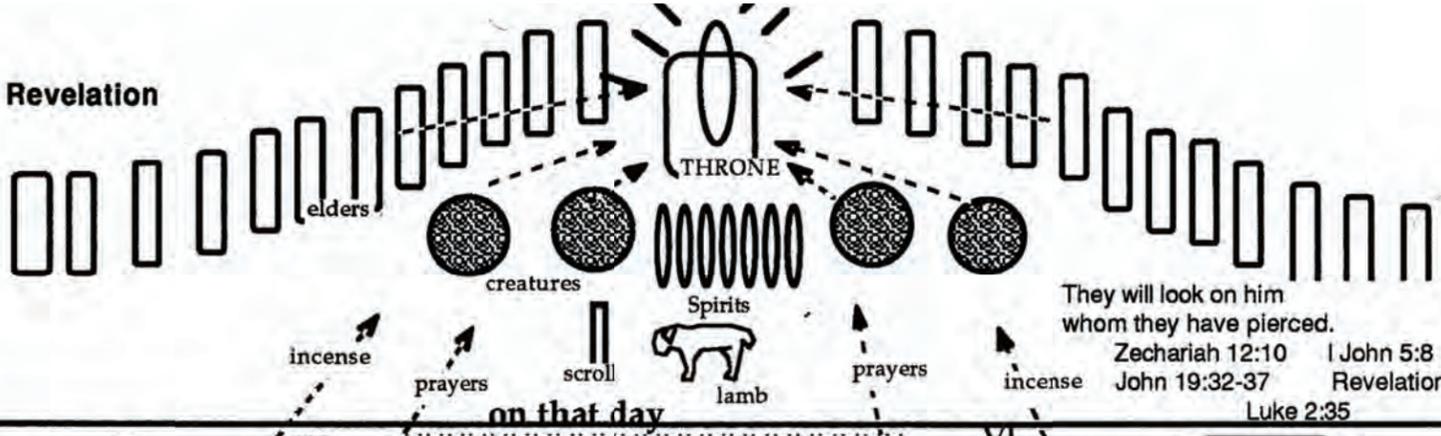
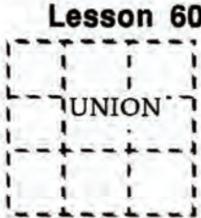
transformed by the glory of God. And the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, which is the Church and Bride, is revealed as a very great city, 1500 miles square - dimensions that transcend earthly possibility, a perfect geometric cube. The splendor of the city of God is extolled. Here is no death, no mourning, crying or pain. "Behold I make all things new."

We have come full circle. The circle begun in the book of Genesis is complete - the Bride, the people of God, are reunited with the Bridegroom, who is God in the Second Person, the Lamb. Our diagram recalls the whole story, and the cube diagram depicts the perfection of God's union with His people. We recall the subversion of that union by Satan's attack on the woman in the Garden of Eden, the promise of the seed of woman to restore the lost perfection, the covenant of Moses, the Ten Commandments, the judgment, the King, the Kingdom, the prophets. The culmination of all this preparation appears in the One Mary bears, in His Life, Death and Resurrection. The opening scene of the Bible reappears here - the heavens and earth, the bride and bridegroom (Adam and Eve; Christ and the Church), the sun and moon, the Perfect garden with its two occupants, which is now the Holy City filled with myriad of faithful, the beginning of sin and the end of sin, Satan's entrance into the human scene and his final end, the beginning of deception and the end of all deception, the beginning of sorrow and pain and the end of all sorrow and pain, God dwelling with His people in the beginning before the Fall, and the restoration of God's forgiven people to His continuing presence. What a wondrous story is our heritage!

Revelation of St. John on its multiple levels is unfading, eternal truth for all Christians. Earthly authority is used by Satanic powers, Christians will always be oppressed by this authority. Is it possible that oppression of Christians is growing with the growth of the state in our own country? First obedience to Christ, the Word of God, and then perseverance is the only way to assure salvation; Satan and his hirelings must always be resisted. God will ultimately win every battle for a Christian and for the Church. The more a Christian suffers as a martyr for Jesus the more he will be glorified in that vindication. The Day of the Lord will reveal all this; yes, judgment will follow for all. We await now the Second Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. **"Surely, I am coming soon! Amen. Come Lord Jesus!"**

FIRST VISION - THE HEAVENLY COURT

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They will look on him whom they have pierced.
Zechariah 12:10 | I John 5:8
John 19:32-37 | Revelation 1:7
Luke 2:35

SECOND VISION - THE SEVEN SEALS



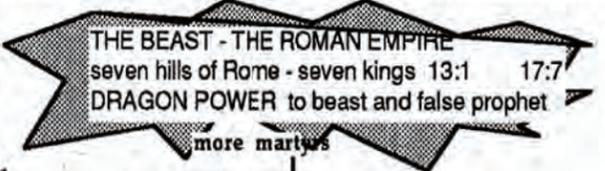
Matt. 24:6, 24:29

THIRD VISION - THE HEAVENLY TEMPLE



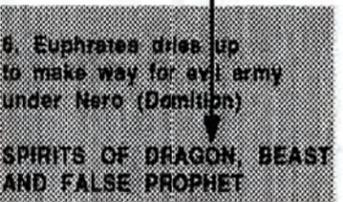
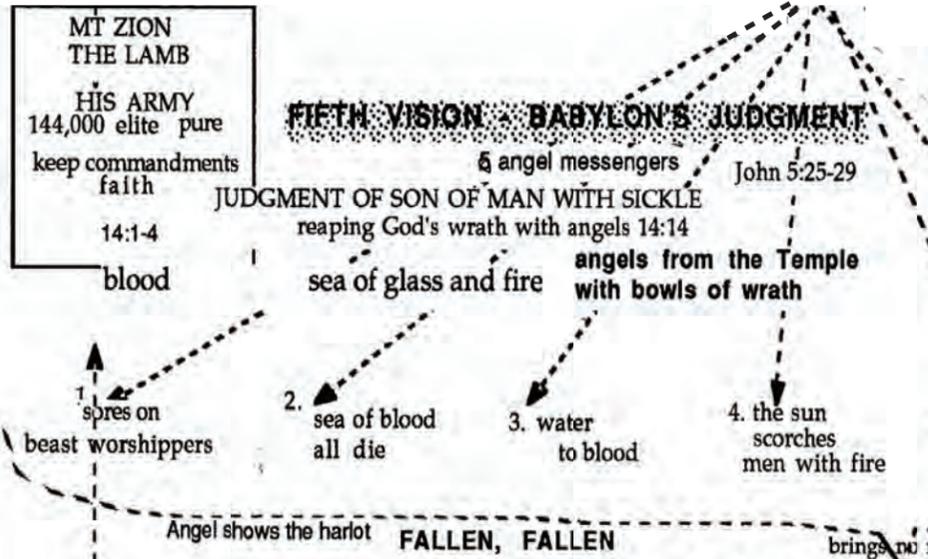
TWO WITNESSES KILLED
HOLY CITY TRAMPLED

FOURTH VISION - THE BEAST RISE FROM THE SEA



allusions to
ISAIAH
JEREMIAH
EZEKIEL
JOEL
ZECHARIAH
DANIEL

FIFTH VISION - BABYLON'S JUDGMENT

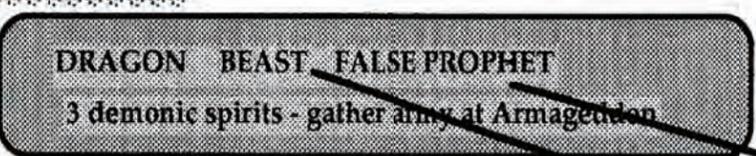


7. IT IS DONE!
EARTHQUAKE
Plague
Cataclysm

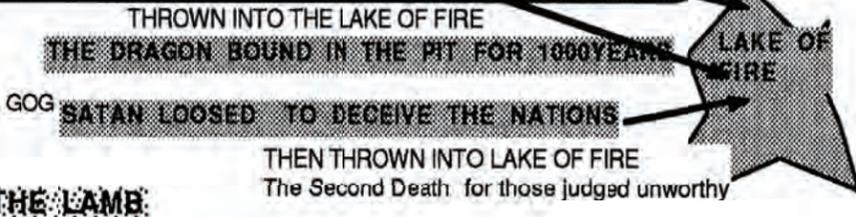
FALLEN, FALLEN
JUDGMENT ON THE HARLOT, CITY OF ROME
(19:9 INVITATIONS SENT TO THE MARRIAGE SUPPER)

SIXTH VISION - THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

CONQUEROR
WHITE HORSE
WORD OF GOD
JUDGE
KING OF KINGS
19:11



First Resurrection
20:4 martyrs rule as priests 1000 years



FINAL BATTLE WITH SATANIC POWERS
2nd resurrection 20:11 - Judgment - Book of Life

SEVENTH VISION - WEDDING FEAST OF THE LAMB

AT THE END OF TIME
Angel shows the Bride

NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH
THE BEAUTIFUL CITY, THE NEW JERUSALEM - THE BRIDE OF CHRIST
DESCENDS - AMEN, HALLELUJAH
21:15

The Temple is the Lamb
River of Life flows from the Lamb



THE TIME IS NEAR! COME, LORD JESUS! AMEN

**Lesson 60 Revelation 12 - 22
Synopsis**

12. a great portent in heaven
a woman clothed with the sun
with the moon under her feet
crowned with twelve stars
she cried with anguish for delivery
the dragon's tail swept down stars
threatens to devour the new child
the woman fled, child snatched up
war arose in heaven
Michael and his angels
the dragon cast down to earth
the accuser thrown down who
accuses the brethren day, night
conquered by blood of the Lamb
rejoice heavens, woe to earth
the devil knows his time is short
pursued the woman
she is given two wings
to fly into the wilderness
to be nourished for 3 1/2 years
a flood issues from the dragon
attempting to swallow her up
the earth swallowed the river
the dragon went to wage war
on the rest of her offspring
those who keep
the commandments of God
and bear testimony to Jesus

13. a beast rising from the sea
has a blasphemous name
on seven heads
with ten diadems on their horns
the dragon gave the beast
its power and authority
one of heads has a mortal wound
mortal wound was healed

all earth followed the beast
men worshipped the beast
and blasphemed God
for 3 1/2 years he is allowed
to make war on the saints
and to conquer them
another beast rose from the earth
it had two horns like a lamb
but spoke like the dragon
exercises the authority
of the first beast
makes people worship first beast
works great deceptive signs
deceives dwellers on earth
all to be marked with the name
of the beast, its number 666

14. on Mt. Zion stands the Lamb
with 144,000 of the saints
His name and His Father's
written on His forehead
His voice is like water
harpers sing a new song
144,000 of the chaste can sing it
an angel with the eternal gospel
and another angel says
"fallen, fallen is Babylon"
a third angel speaks
whoever worships the beast
shall drink the wine of God's wrath
smoke of torment goes up for ever
no rest for them
a call for endurance of saints
blessed those who die in the Lord
a white cloud and a son of man
with a sickle for reaping
another angel with a sickle
they gather clusters of grapes
to be thrown into the wine press
of the wrath of God

15. a portent of seven angels appears
carrying with them seven plagues
around the sea of glass
mingled with fire
are they who conquered the beast
and its image
they sing the song of Moses
the Temple of the tent of witness
in heaven is opened
no one enters until the plagues
of the seven angels are ended

16. go to pour out the wrath of God
the first angel poured foul sores
the second angel, a sea of blood
a third angel, water became blood
true are your judgments, Holy
One the fourth angel scorches
men with fire; no repentance
occurs a fifth angel plunges the
beast's kingdom into darkness
men cursed, gnawed their
tongues but did not repent
a sixth angel dries the Euphrates
so that kings, with dragon, beast
and false prophet could assemble
evil spirits issue from their mouths
the assembly is at Armageddon
seventh angel poured his bowl a
loud voice from heaven
"It is done!"
lightning, thunder, earthquake,
the city split in three, nations fell
God made Babylon (Rome) drink
the fury of His wrath

17. one of seven angels cries
"come, see the judgment of the
great harlot" with whom kings
committed fornication
dwellers on earth fornicating

with her, have become drunk an
angel carried me to wilderness I
saw a woman sitting
on a scarlet beast whose
forehead read Babylon the Great
mother of harlots
and earth's abominations
I marveled at the mystery
of the woman and the beast
who carries her
the beast is the incarnation of
the empire in one man who was
and is not and is to come the
seven heads are seven hills the
seven kings, five have fallen one
is, the other not yet come when
he comes he will not remain the
ten kings will make war on the
Lamb who will conquer them the
woman is the city
which has dominion over the kings
another angel with great authority
calls out "fallen fallen is Babylon "
another voice "come out of her,
my people."
she will be burned with
fire kings will weep
when they see her burning
merchants shall mourn for her
for they became rich by her
seafaring men will see
their trade gone
alas, alas for the great city so
shall Babylon be thrown down no
sounds of joy shall be heard in
you forevermore

19. I heard the mighty voice of a
multitude, crying hallelujah
hallelujah for salvation of God

- hallelujah for the destruction of Babylon whose smoke goes up from the throne came a voice crying, Praise God! then a thunderous Hallelujah the bride has made herself ready for the marriage of the Lamb an angel said write this "blessed are those invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb" I fell to worship the angel he said, no - I am a servant of God worship God only', the heaven opened, a white horse with Faithful and True who sat on it His name is Word of God in His mouth a sharp sword He will rule with a rod of iron His name was on robe and thigh King of Kings and Lord of Lords an angel in the sun cried in a loud voice and called to birds to eat the flesh of kings and the mighty men the beast and kings to make war on Him who sits upon the horse the beast and the false prophet are captured and thrown alive into the lake of fire
20. an angel comes down from heaven with a key to the bottomless pit he seized the dragon who was bound for a thousand years threw him in the pit and shut it till the thousand years are ended he must be loosed for a little while then I saw thrones upon which were seated those to whom
- judgment is committed I saw the souls of faithful who had not worshipped the beast or received the mark and had been beheaded they returned to life again to be God's priests to reign with Christ for a thousand years this is the first resurrection over these the second death has no power after a thousand years Satan will be loosed from prison to deceive the nations and gather them for battle they marched over the earth surrounding the camp of saints fire came down, consumed them the devil thrown into lake of fire tormented day and night forever I saw a great white throne and He who sat on it earth and sky flee at His presence the dead stand before the throne books opened and another book the book of life sea gave up the dead all were judged by what they had done Death and Hades thrown into the lake of fire the second death awaits anyone whose name is not written in the Lamb's book of life will be thrown into the lake of fire
21. I saw a new heaven and new earth the first heaven and earth and the sea are no more I saw the holy city
- the new Jerusalem coming down from heaven from God like a bride adorned for a husband the dwelling of God is with men He shall wipe every tear away death shall be no more former things have passed away He on the throne said "Behold I make all things new." my word is trustworthy and true I am Alpha and Omega the thirsty shall be given water from the fountain of life the cowardly, faithless murderers, fornicators shall burn in the lake of fire *one* of the seven angels of last plagues said "Come I will show you the Bride wife of the Lamb," in spirit he showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming from heaven a rare jewel with twelve gates each with names of 12 tribes 12 foundations, 12 apostles an angel with a measuring rod measure out the city, gates and walls, a perfect square 12,000 stadia each side adorned with precious stones with gates of pearls and streets of pure gold no temple in the city for its Temple is God and the Lamb no need of sun, lamp is the Lamb no night, nothing unclean enters only those written in the Lamb's book
22. then he showed me the river of the water of life flowing from the throne of God through the middle of the city tree of life - twelve kinds of fruit with leaves for healing of nations nothing accursed shall enter the throne of God 'and of the Lamb shall be in it all shall worship and see His face His name on their foreheads the Lord God will be their light they shall reign forever and ever he said, these words are trustworthy and true the Lord has sent His angel to show what must take place I am coming soon blessed the keeper of prophecy I, John fell down to worship the angel, who said, don't do that no worship of angels, only God do not seal up these words I come soon to bring recompense I am Alpha and Omega blessed those in washed robes they have right to the tree of life they may enter by the gates outside are all the wrongdoers I Jesus have sent my angel Spirit and the Bride say "Come" let him who is thirsty come if anyone adds to this prophecy the plagues in this book are on him or if anyone takes away from the prophecy of this book he loses his share of tree of life surely I am coming soon Amen. Come Lord Jesus!"

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VI. The Seven Visions continuation from Outline 59

C. THE THIRD VISION THE CONSUMMATION The Woman, her Son, and Satan 12 (a parallel consummation to John's gospel. See Lesson 47, p,456, The act that fulfills all scripture is done from the cross.)

1. the ark of the covenant is Mary, the bearer of the incarnate Word of God
 - a. clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, crowned with 12 stars
 - b. with child, she is about deliver
 2. the woman is also an image of the Church (inseparable from Mary Mother)
 3. the woman is also Everywoman (Genesis 3:15)
 4. the great red dragon is her enemy (the snake of Genesis 3)
 - a. seven heads and ten horns, seven diadems on his heads
"seven"- he has the complete power of rule over the world
 - b. tail swept 1/3 of the stars of heaven unto earth
 - c. ready to devour her child when it is brought forth (Mary's child, Jesus; the Church's fruit, Jesus; Everywoman's bearing of Christ [Tim 2:11
 - 1) the child is snatched up to God
 - 2) the woman fled to the wilderness to be cared for by God
 5. war in heaven, Michael fights the dragon (Dan 10:13,21,12:1 Jude 9)
 - a. rebellious angels are defeated - (before time?)
 - b. thrown down to earth - Satan and his angels (Eph 6)
 - 1) he is the deceiver of the whole world
 - 2) conquered by blood of the Lamb, and word of martyrs' testimony
 - a) loved not their own lives even unto death
 - b) salvation, power, kingdom of God, authority of Christ comes
 - c) rejoice heavens, but woe to earth, Satan's wrath is great
 6. Satan pursues the woman
 - a. she was given two wings of an eagle
 - b. to fly into the wilderness to be nourished for a time
 - c. serpent spews water to sweep her away
 - d. earth comes to help of woman by swallowing the river
 - e. Satan goes off to make war on the rest of her offspring (see Rev.1:2- John defines himself as one of her offspring.)
 - 1) those who keep the commandments of God
 - 2) and bear testimony to Jesus
- D. THE FOURTH VISION The Beast rising out of the sea (Rome)
1. ten horns, seven heads, ten diadems on its horns
 - a. seven hills of Rome, and seven kings

- b. one of the heads has a mortal wound that is healed
 2. blasphemous name on its head
 - a. divine titles of emperors were blasphemous to the one God
 - b. the *men* worshipped the dragon and the beast 13:4
 - c. all who dwell on earth worship it 13:8
 - 1) Domitian was serious about emperor worship
 - 2) demanded homage "Dominus et deus roster,"
 3. like a leopard, feet like a bear, mouth like a lion (Dan 7,10-11)
 - a. out of its mouth, blasphemous words
 - b. blasphemed God, His name, His dwelling and those who dwell there
 4. the dragon gave to it his power, throne and authority (Jer 15:2; Matt 24:24; 2 Thes 2:9)
 - a. exercised authority for 3 112 years - an unclosed, or unfinished time
 - b. allowed to make war on the saints and conquer them 13:7
 - c. authority over ever tribe, people, tongue and nation
 5. "If anyone has ears let him hear" (which means, "You understand this code")
 - a. it concerns events the readers know about
 - b. it is meant to bolster their endurance and faith 13:10, 14:12
 - c. and bring sinners to repentance
 6. the false lamb, or anti-Christ which is the false prophet
 - a. a beast that rises from the earth
 - 1) two horns like a lamb (apes God), but spoke like dragon
 - 2) exercises authority of first beast
 - 3) makes the earth worship first beast whose mortal wound is healed
 - 4) works great signs, deceives those who dwell on earth
 - 5) forces them to make an image of the first beast - idol of king
 - 7) gives breath to the image of the beast to speak - false oracles
 - 8) those who will not worship, to be slain - a persecution of Christians
 - 9) causes all to be marked, no one can buy and sell without the mark
 - b. the beast's number is 666 sum of numbers in a man's name
 - 1) the Latin form - Neron Caesar converted to Hebrew letter/numbers
- E. THE FIFTH VISION Babylon's judgment
1. the Lamb stands on Mt. Zion with 144,000 14:1
 - a. harpers play on their harps
 - b. a new song is sung before the throne, the creatures and the elders
 - c. the 144,00 with Him are pure and chaste
 - d. an angel seen flying in mid-heaven - eternal gospel to proclaim
 - 1) another angel cries, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon"
 - 2) third angel - to those who worship the beast

- a) any receiving the mark on his forehead to be tormented by fire
- b) in the presence of the angels and the Lamb
- 3) smoke of torment goes up forever - wine of Gods wrath (Jer 25 1 516, 51:7)
- e, comfort to those who are faithful
 - 1) blessed are the dead who die in the Lord
 - 2) rest from their labors and their deeds follow them
- 2. seated on a white cloud, the Son of Man is seen (Js.63:1-6)
 - a. wearing a gold crown, with a sharp sickle
 - b. the angel says, put in your sickle, the hour to reap has come
 - 1) the earth was reaped
 - 2) an angel with a sharp sickle
 - c. another angel calls, reap the grapes
 - 1) grapes thrown into wine vat - blood flowed (Jl 3:13)
- 3. seven angels with seven plagues, the last of the wrath of God
 - a. Interlude of assurance
 - 1) sea of glass mingled with fire
 - 2) those who conquered the beast and the image stand
 - 3) beside the sea of glass with harps, singing
 - b. first angel's plague 16:2
 - 1) foul and evil sores
 - 2) upon those with the mark of the beast
 - c. second angel's plague
 - 1) sea became dead blood
 - 2) every living thing dies in the sea
 - d. third angel's plague
 - 1) waters became blood
 - 2) song of judgment
 - e. fourth angel's plague
 - 1) sun scorches with fire
 - 2) men curse God and don't repent
 - f. fifth angel's plague
 - 1) pours his bowl on the throne of the beast
 - 2) men gnawed their tongues in anguish but did not repent
 - g. sixth angel's plague
 - 1) Euphrates dried up
 - 2) to make way for kings of east
 - 3) evil spirits from the mouths of the dragon and beast and false prophet (Ps 83:9, 2 Kgs.23:29, Judges 5:19)

- a) perform signs
- b) assemble kings for battle
- 4) kings assembled at Armageddon
- h. seventh angel's plague
 - 1) voice from the Temple from the throne, "It is done!"
 - 2) thunder, lightning and earthquake
 - 3) great city split in three - Babylon drinks wrath
 - 4) cities fell
 - 5) every island fled, no mountains
 - 6) hailstones fell on men a hundred weight
- 4. one of the angels took me to see judgment of harlot
 - a. she is seated on waters
 - b. committed fornication with the kings of earth
 - c. from wine of her fornication dwellers on earth are drunk
 - d, I was carried away into the wilderness to see the woman
 - 1) woman seated on scarlet beast full of blasphemous names, seven heads and ten horns
 - 2) arrayed in purple and scarlet, jewels and pearls
 - 3) holding a golden cup full of abominations
 - 4) on her forehead a name of mystery, Babylon the great, mother of harlots and earth's abominations
 - 5) she is drunk with blood of saints and blood of martyrs of Jesus
 - e. the mystery of the woman and the beast that carries her
 - 1) the beast
 - a) is to ascend from bottomless pit
 - b) to go to perdition
 - c) dwellers will marvel to behold the beast
 - d) because it was, is not, and is to come
 - e) seven heads are seven hills and seven kings (artificially antedated like Daniel)
 - (2) five have fallen, Augustus, Tiberius, Gaius (Caligula), Claudius, Nero
 - (3) one is - (6)-Vespasian
 - (4) the other has not yet come (7)-Titus - when he comes remains a little while 79-81 wasted by sickness - destroyed the Temple
 - (5) the beast is eighth, goes to perdition belongs to the seven, was and is not,- Damitian, thought to be Nero reincarnated, by Roman populace

- f) the ten horns 17:12
 - (1) ten kings who have not yet reigned
 - (2) will receive authority for short time with the beast
 - (3) Parthian satraps 16:12, popular belief they would invade Rome under reincarnated Nero
 - 4) make war on the Lamb, He will conquer them with His faithful
- 2) the harlot is the great city with dominion over kings of earth
- 5, another angel with great authority (Is. 21:9, 23, 24, 47; Jer 50-51, especially Jer 50:39 ; Ezek 26-27)
 - a. the earth bright with splendor
 - b. called out condemnation - "fallen, fallen is Babylon" 18:2
 - 1) haunt of foul spirits and hateful birds
 - 2) nations have drunk wine of her impure passion
 - 3) kings fornicated with her
 - 4) merchants rich from wealth of wantonness
 - c. another voice says
 - 1) come out of her, my people
 - 2) her sins heaped high as heaven
 - 3) God remembers her iniquities
 - 4) repay her in the same kind, torment and mourning
 - 5) she shall be judged and burned with fire
 - a) kings of earth will weep and wail over the smoke
 - b) they will stand far off in fear
 - c) merchants will mourn - no one to buy their cargo, all kinds of rich merchandise and slaves (human souls)
 - d) saints, apostles and prophets will rejoice
- 6. another angel throws great millstone into the sea
 - a. so shall Babylon be thrown down with violence
 - 1) no more music heard or sounds of crafts
 - 2) no lamps to shine
 - 3) no voice of bridegroom and bride
 - b. in her was found the blood of prophets and saints
- 7. a great multitude sing in heaven. Hallelujah, the smoke of her goes up for ever and ever
- 8. a forecast of the Marriage Feast of the Lamb, Judgment, Blessedness (Ps 2:9; Rev 1:15,17:14; Dt. 10:17; Ezek 39:4,17-20)
 - a. the Bride, the Church, has made herself ready
 - 1) clothed in fine linen, the righteous deeds of saints (Eph 5: 26)

- b. angels said, write this down:
 - 1) blessed are those invited to marriage supper of the Lamb
 - 2) (I worshipped him - he said get, up I am only a fellow servant)
- F. THE SIXTH VISION The Battle of Armageddon - heaven opened
 - 1. a white horse with Faithful and True upon it
 - a. He judges and makes war
 - b. his eyes like flames of fire
 - c. his head with many diadems
 - d. a name inscribed which no one knows
 - e. clad in white robe dipped in blood - inscribed with King of Kings
 - f. He is called Word of God
 - 1) armies of heaven follow Him on white horses
 - 2) from His mouth a sharp sword
 - 3) smites and rules the nations with a rod of iron
 - g. treads the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God
 - h. thigh and robe inscribed with King of Kings
 - 2. angel in the sun with loud voice 19:17 come gather for the supper of God; the flesh of kings, captains
 - 3. I saw the beast and kings gathered to make war
 - a. the beast was captured and the false prophet
 - b. these two thrown into lake of fire
 - c. the rest were slain by the word of Him on the horse
 - d. the birds were gorged with flesh
 - 4. an angel coming from heaven 20:1
 - a. holding key of the bottomless pit and a chain
 - b. seized the dragon, The Devil, Satan
 - c. bound him for a thousand years
 - d. threw him into the pit, shut and sealed it
 - e. will be loosed later for a little while
 - 5. when the 1000 years are ended 20:7 Satan is loosed
 - a. he comes out to deceive the nations (Gog - Magog Ezek 38)
 - 1) number like sand surrounded the camp of saints and beloved city
 - 2) fire came from heaven and consumed them
 - b. the devil thrown into lake of fire with beast and false prophet to be tormented for ever and ever
 - 6. thrones and those seated to judge 20:4
 - a. souls of those beheaded for their testimony
 - 1) had not worshipped the beast or its image
 - 2) had not received the mark on their foreheads or hands

- 3) came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years
 - a) the rest of the dead not to come to life till time is ended
 - b) the first resurrection
 - c) priests of God and of Christ and they shall reign
- G. SEVENTH VISION Wedding Feast of the Lamb in new heavens and new earth 21:1 (II Pet 3:8-11, Is 65:17, 66:22, Ro 8:19-21; Rev. 19:7-9, Gal 4:26, Eph 5:22)
 - 1. first heaven and earth passed away
 - 2. the Holy City, new Jerusalem comes down from heaven from God
 - a. prepared as a bride for her husband
 - b. voice: "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men...
 - 1) God himself will be with them; they shall be His people
 - 2) He will wipe away every tear (Is 25:8,35:10)
 - 3) death shall be no more, crying and pain not anymore
 - 4) former things have passed away
 - 3. He who sat upon the throne said: 21:5 (Dan 7:10; Rev. 3:5, Rom 2:6, Matt 16:27)
 - a. I Am Alpha and Omega 21:6, 22:13
 - b. to the thirsty I will give water without price 21:6,22:17, (Is 55:1, Jn 4:13,7:37)
 - c. he who conquers - I will be his God, he will be my son
 - d. the cowardly, faithless, murderers, etc, will burn in lake the second death (Rev. 2:11, Matt 15:41)
 - 4. one of seven angels of plagues said" Come, I will show you the Bride, wife of the Lamb Ez 40:2
 - a. in Spirit he carried me to high mountain
 - b. he showed me holy city Jerusalem coming down from heaven
 - 1) radiance like rare jewel, jasper, crystal 21:11, 21:18
 - 2) great, high wall of jasper 21:18
 - 3) twelve gates 21:12, twelve angels and gates of pearl names of the twelve tribes of sons of Israel
 - 4) twelve foundations, 21:14 names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb, adorned with every jewel 21:19 (Eph 2:20)
 - 5) no temple in the city. the Temple is the Lamb and the Lord 21:22 (Is 24:23,60:1)
 - 6) no need for sun or moon, its light is the Lamb (Jn 8:12)
 - a) by its light the nations will walk (Is 60:11)
 - 7) gates never shut and no night 21:25, 22:5
 - a) nothing unclean shall enter, not anyone who practices

- abomination - 21:27,22:3, 22:15
- b) only those written in the Lamb's book enter 21:27
 - (1) they shall see His face (Mt 5:8, I Jn 3:2, 1 Cor 13:12)
 - (2) His name on their foreheads 22:4
- 8) the angel had a measuring rod 21:15 (Ezek 28:17-21)
 - a) city lies four square 21:16
 - b) 144 cubits, angels length
- c. he showed me the river of the water of life (Gn 2:10, Ps 46:4)
 - 1) bright as crystal
 - 2) flowing from the throne and the Lamb (Ez 47:12 , John 10:30)
 - 3) through the middle of the street of the city
 - 4) on each side, tree of life
 - a) with 12 fruits, one for each month
 - b) its leaves for the healing of nations

VII. John Closes His Book 22:8

- A. 1, John worshipped the angel - you must not do that 22:8
 - 1. do not seal up the words, the time is near
 - 2. I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you 22:16
- B. Behold I come soon 22:7, 22:12 with recompense (Is 40:10, Jer 1 7:1 0)
 - 1. blessed is he who keeps the words of prophecy 22:7,22:18
 - 2. who wash their robes 22:12
 - 3. they have the right to tree of life
 - 4. they may enter the city
 - 5. cursed to any one who adds to the prophecy or takes away
- C. The Spirit and the Bride say come
 - 1. he who hears says, "come!"
 - 2. let him who is thirsty, come
 - 3. John says "Come! Lord Jesus!"
- D. Jesus says, "I Am coming soon." 22:20