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# I Know You

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## OPENING QUESTION

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Who knows you better: Family or Friends? What makes you think so?

### READ Revelation 2:1–29.

#### 1. What were the primary strengths you see in the church in Ephesus?

- A. They don't put up with wicked people.
- B. They have good deeds, hard work, and perseverance.
- C. This is where John had been the pastor before his exile.
- D. Their Christianity affected the whole city (*Acts 19:23-41*).
- E. They followed the latest church growth strategies.
- F. Paul wrote his letter to the Ephesians for these people.
- G. They were re-baptized in order to receive the Holy Spirit (*Acts 19*).
- H. They checked things out and exposed what was false.
- I. Other.

#### 2. How can a church (or person) re-ignite love that has grown cold?

- A. Have bonfires.
- B. Take stock of where you are; compare it with where you want to be.
- C. Repent.
- D. Create a committee to do something about it.
- E. Redecorate.
- F. Go back and start doing what you did when you first fell in love.
- G. Get some counseling.
- H. Change something; anything!
- I. Other.

#### 3. How can church members in Smyrna be poverty-stricken and also rich?

- A. This makes no sense.
- B. They chose to live a simple lifestyle even though they were loaded.
- C. They had been rich, but then they lost it all.
- D. They had been poor, but then they gained it all.
- E. Their cash flow and liquidity were terrible, but they had great assets.
- F. It all depends on what a person truly values.
- G. They were copying Jesus (*2 Corinthians 8:9*).
- H. Instead of a balanced portfolio, they invested everything in heaven.
- I. Other.

**4. What sounds troubling about Christ’s message to the church in Smyrna?**

- A. Nothing.
- B. Everything.
- C. Christ had died, and he suggested the same might be true for them.
- D. This message lacks hope.
- E. He knew about their poverty, but didn’t indicate he would change it.
- F. Christ identified the slander directed at them, but he didn’t stop it.
- G. This sounds horrible—who wants this?
- H. You have to die in order to win.
- I. Other.

**5. What’s the big deal about food sacrificed to idols and sexual immorality?**

- A. One is definitely worse than the other, and that one is \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. There are much bigger issues than those two.
- C. These were issues in John’s day, but not in our day.
- D. Following Christ often goes against current culture and practices.
- E. These were the minimums for early Christians (*Acts 15:28-29*).
- F. That’s what the church members in some of the churches were doing.
- G. It’s really not a big deal.
- H. Other.

**6. Why is the message to Thyatira longer than any of the others?**

- A. This church was a real mess.
- B. They were doing very well, and John commended them.
- C. It was a split church.
- D. The church had a lot happening, so Jesus gave John a lot to say.
- E. Mentioning “Jezebel” sounded an alarm (*1 Kings 16:29-33*).
- F. God is a passionate lover who gets jealous.
- G. John just got carried away.
- H. Other.

**7. Each church first got addressed by a few aspects of Jesus drawn from *Revelation 1:12-20*. What do the specific attributes have to do with that church or the message given to it?**

**8. What does John mean when he wrote repeatedly, “Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches”?**

# Mixed Bag

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## OPENING QUESTION

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Name one thing you like and one thing you don't like about your church.

### READ Revelation 3:1–22.

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**1. Why is the church in Sardis supposedly alive, but they are dead?**

- A. It was the largest of the 7 churches; large churches tend to be dead.
- B. They were more concerned with their church's image than its reality.
- C. They were very busy, but that didn't provide what they really needed.
- D. Things change.
- E. Reminiscing about the "good ol' days" rarely helps things today.
- F. It had a bunch of old people, but hardly any young people.
- G. The church reflected the city, which was living in the past.
- H. Persecution had reduced the membership and attendance.
- I. Other.

**2. What is the BEST thing for those in the Philadelphia Church?**

- A. It's the city of "brotherly love."
- B. They get the key of David—access to the king's treasury.
- C. A wide open door that can't be shut.
- D. Their weakness ("little strength").
- E. Their perseverance through difficult times.
- F. They already have a crown.
- G. People got along so well with each other.
- H. The promise of so many names.
- I. Other.

**3. What is the "open door" (vs. 8) for the Church in Philadelphia?**

- A. They had a deacon who always opened the church early.
- B. The city was the gateway for culture between West and East.
- C. It was time for some people to leave.
- D. Opportunities to evangelize their community.
- E. Opportunities to evangelize the world.
- F. Those who preceded them paved the way to make it easy.
- G. People seem to just come and go.
- H. It provided a quick getaway because of the many earthquakes there.
- I. Other.

**4. How could those in Laodicea not feel the need for anything?**

- A. They already had everything.
- B. Their lukewarm drinking water messed them up.
- C. They were satisfied with what they had.
- D. There wasn't any persecution like in other churches.
- E. They had mastered the art of "being cool" and that's all that mattered.
- F. They weren't aware of what they were missing.
- G. Jesus wasn't in their church.
- H. Other.

**5. What does *verse 19* look like in action?**

- A. Easy street.
- B. Get ready for some growth through tough times.
- C. God's love accepts us where we are but doesn't leave us there.
- D. Christ's followers sometimes do the wrong thing(s).
- E. Expect correction.
- F. No hurt feelings.
- G. Jump at the opportunity to repent.
- H. Other.

**6. What does "Behold I stand at the door and knock" bring to mind?**

- A. That painting of Jesus knocking on the door.
- B. A song I heard with those lyrics.
- C. My personal commitment to Jesus.
- D. Jesus pursues me.
- E. Jesus as a lover, similar to *Song of Solomon 5:2*.
- F. What's Jesus doing on the outside instead of the inside?
- G. This is about an entire church (Laodicea), not just an individual.
- H. Other.

**7. Of the 7 churches, which one is:**

- The best? \_\_\_\_\_
- The worst? \_\_\_\_\_
- Most like you? \_\_\_\_\_
- Most like your church? \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Each church receives promises to the victorious/overcomers. What does it take to be "victorious" or an "overcomer"? Which promise appeals to you the most?**

# Blow Me Away!

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## OPENING QUESTION

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When have you been amazed beyond words—blown away?

### READ Revelation 4:1–11.

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**1. When is the “after this” that gets mentioned twice in verse one?**

- A. After the death of Christ.
- B. After the creation of the world.
- C. After the Second Coming of Christ.
- D. Nobody knows.
- E. Following the messages to the seven churches (*chapters 2-3*).
- F. After John died he must have somehow been taken to heaven.
- G. When John finally gets off the Island of Patmos.
- H. Once the victorious sit with Jesus on God’s throne (*Rev 3:21*).
- I. Other.

**2. What seems to be the “key word” in this chapter (mentioned 11 times)?**

- A. After.
- B. Holy.
- C. Crowns.
- D. Eyes.
- E. Throne.
- F. The numbers 4, 7, and 24.
- G. Elders.
- H. The.
- I. Other.

**3. What does John see in this vision?**

- A. A view of what heaven is like.
- B. Thrones.
- C. God.
- D. The crown jewels of the universe.
- E. Monsters and dead people.
- F. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- G. Lots of action.
- H. The typical happenings in heaven—day and night.
- I. Other.

**4. Who is the one sitting on the throne in heaven?**

- A. Jesus.
- B. God the Father.
- C. The Holy Spirit.
- D. Satan.
- E. The four living creatures.
- F. The 24 elders.
- G. The Lord God Almighty (see *Rev 1:4-5*).
- H. Other.

**5. What might these four living creatures symbolize?**

- A. I think John was on hallucinogenic drugs.
- B. What Ezekiel saw in his first vision (*Ezekiel 1:4-28*).
- C. Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
- D. Four standards of God's people around the sanctuary (*Num. 2:2-25*).
- E. Peter, James, John, and Judas.
- F. The number four symbolizes the entire earth.
- G. God in heaven sees everything happening on earth.
- H. Other.

**6. Who are the "seven spirits of God"?**

- A. The same thing seen in *Revelation 1:4*.
- B. Seven Holy Spirits.
- C. The perfect (symbolized by the number 7) Holy Spirit.
- D. A reference to *Isaiah 11:2*.
- E. Closely connected to God the Father (before the throne).
- F. The name of a new music group.
- G. The same thing seen in *Genesis 1:1-2*.
- H. Other.

**7. Who is conspicuously missing from this throne room scene in heaven? When, in the history of the universe, was he not in heaven?**

**8. People shouted, "Our Lord and God," to the Roman emperor Domitian in triumphal procession. In *Revelation 4*, this shout goes to the one on heaven's throne who is worthy to receive glory, honor, and praise. How do you respond to him?**

# Heaven Goes Bonkers

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## OPENING QUESTION

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When have you screamed and shouted so much that you lost your voice?

### READ Revelation 5:1–14.

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- 1. John heard “Lion of the tribe of Judah” but he saw a “Lamb slaughtered.” How could these two symbols represent the same being?**
  - A. They can't.
  - B. They seem like opposites.
  - C. They're symbols; they can represent anything.
  - D. Jesus is both a lion and a lamb.
  - E. We need a codebook to decipher the various symbols in Revelation.
  - F. There's a lot more to Jesus than just one symbol.
  - G. Oh stop; you're just confusing me!
  - H. Other.
- 2. What makes Jesus different from everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth?**
  - A. He's Jesus.
  - B. He's God.
  - C. Jesus is more powerful than everyone everywhere.
  - D. Jesus died.
  - E. Jesus came back to life.
  - F. Jesus is God and also human.
  - G. Jesus purchased all people to serve God and to reign on the earth.
  - H. Other.
- 3. Why is Jesus worthy to open the seals?**
  - A. He was God and he became human.
  - B. Jesus is now the king of Earth.
  - C. Jesus paid the penalty of the sinful human race by dying for all.
  - D. He replaced Israel's line of kings as the perfect “Son of David.”
  - E. Jesus defeated Satan.
  - F. He is both Lion and Lamb.
  - G. Jesus received more votes than anyone else.
  - H. He succeeded in his mission to Earth.
  - I. Other.

**4. What would the throne room scene in *Rev 5* bring to John's mind?**

- A. Jealousy.
- B. Amazement.
- C. The Island of Patmos.
- D. When Israelite kings were enthroned (*2 Kings 11:12*).
- E. The Coliseum in Rome.
- F. God's instruction to Moses for future kings (*Deut. 17:18-20*).
- G. Christ's before the high priest Caiaphas's kangaroo court (*Matthew 26:59-68*).
- H. Other.

**5. What happened when Jesus was enthroned in heaven?**

- A. We have absolutely no idea—we're on earth.
- B. Heaven went bonkers with praise.
- C. The seals could be broken and the scroll could be opened.
- D. This meant Christ's mission to earth had been successful.
- E. Satan was cast out of heaven.
- F. The Holy Spirit was sent into all the earth.
- G. Some who had died earlier went with Jesus to heaven (*Eph. 4:8*).
- H. Other.

**6. What's the significance of Jesus being on the throne with God the Father in heaven?**

- A. Someone is in charge of the universe.
- B. Jesus and God the Father are equal.
- C. Part of the promise to the victorious in *Rev 3:21* has come true.
- D. All heaven rejoices.
- E. Jesus, our "brother," reigns in heaven and represents Earth there.
- F. The throne is a bench so they don't have to take turns.
- G. The Holy Spirit is now released to be all over the earth.
- H. Other.

**7. Why are the "seven spirits" sent out into all the earth now instead of remaining before the throne of God in heaven (*Rev 5:6* cf. *Rev 1:4; 4:5*)?**

**8. Answer the questions: Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How? when it comes to YOU PRAISING GOD.**

# Coming Undone

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## OPENING QUESTION

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When did you plan something and it didn't go the way you had planned?

### READ Revelation 6:1–17.

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#### 1. The first seal (white horse, vs. 1-2) reveals:

- A. Roman generals aren't the only victorious ones (see *Rev. 19:11-16*).
- B. Christ's enthronement in heaven (*Rev. 5*) isn't the end of things.
- C. Heaven must have a horse stable.
- D. There is territory on earth that heaven still needs to conquer.
- E. The same message Jesus gave in *Matthew 24:14*.
- F. Heaven is the source for opening the seals.
- G. There's nothing but good ahead.
- H. The rider on the white horse wears a "victory" crown.
- I. Other.

#### 2. The second seal (red horse, vs. 3-4) reveals:

- A. Bloodshed and possibly war.
- B. The same message Jesus gave in *Matthew 24:6-7*.
- C. Battling against God doesn't work.
- D. What occurred in *Judges 7:22* and *1 Samuel 14:20* will happen again.
- E. It's going to be a colorful parade.
- F. The rise of Communist "Red" China was predicted in Revelation.
- G. Jesus died for our sins.
- H. There's more than one color of horses, like *Zechariah 6:1-7*.
- I. Other.

#### 3. The third seal (black horse, vs. 5-6) reveals:

- A. Jesus likes black stallions.
- B. The curses that come from breaking God's covenant (*Lev. 26:18-26*).
- C. Cowboys with black hats are the bad guys.
- D. Famine conditions, even handing out bread by weight.
- E. Black symbolizes darkness, which is the opposite of Jesus—the light.
- F. Hope in times of grain famine—the oil and wine crops aren't hurt.
- G. The same message Jesus gave in *Matthew 24:7*.
- H. An absence of Jesus and the Gospel results in darkness.
- I. Other.

**4. The fourth seal (pale horse, vs. 7-8) reveals:**

- A. Things seem to get worse and worse.
- B. This horse needs to see a veterinarian.
- C. Breaking God's covenant results in punishment to prompt change.
- D. The same message God gave in *Jer. 29:17-19* and *Ezekiel 6:11-14*.
- E. You can't stop death.
- F. This wake-up call affects 1/4 of the earth, not the whole earth.
- G. Death and Hades scare some, but are no threat to Jesus (*Rev. 1:18*).
- H. Other.

**5. The fifth seal (vs. 9-11) reveals:**

- A. God's timing isn't the same as our timing (see *Psalms 13:1-2*).
- B. You're better off following Satan than following God.
- C. God's people can be persecuted and even killed.
- D. There are no more horses coming from heaven.
- E. The same message Jesus gave in *Matthew 24:9-11*.
- F. God's people are covered in white while justice is delayed.
- G. A "prosperity gospel" (follow God and prosper) isn't the whole story.
- H. Other.

**6. The sixth seal (vs. 12-17) reveals:**

- A. A mess!
- B. The wrath of the Lamb.
- C. The same message Jesus gave in *Matthew 24:29-30*.
- D. God's Day of Judgment will come.
- E. The undoing of the earth, returning to what it was before creation.
- F. Position and power don't free anyone from facing God.
- G. A re-run of *Joel 2:10* and 31.
- H. Other.

**7. When have you cried out, "How long, O Lord"?**

**8. What do these first six seals "reveal" about Jesus? What questions do they raise for you? Is this "good news" or "bad news"?**

# Count 'em Up

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## OPENING QUESTION

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When were you part of a huge crowd? What made you part of that group?

### READ Revelation 7:1–17.

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**1. What's the deal with all of the 4s in *verse 1*?**

- A. The number 4 is God's favorite number.
- B. The number 4 often gets associated with angels.
- C. The earth is really flat and shaped like a square with 4 corners.
- D. It symbolizes the whole earth.
- E. Corners, winds, land, sea, and trees are all related to each other.
- F. If the number was 7 instead of 4, it would make more sense to me.
- G. It's just a coincidence that John saw so many 4s in one place.
- H. It matches the 4 in *verse 9*: nation, tribe, people, language.
- I. Other.

**2. What does it mean to have the “seal of God in your forehead”?**

- A. God is in your mind.
- B. It's okay to have a tattoo.
- C. You go to church on Sabbath—the 7th day of the week.
- D. You have the Holy Spirit (*2 Cor. 1:21-22; Eph. 1:13-14*).
- E. You often think about seals and maybe dolphins and Sea World.
- F. God's law is in your heart.
- G. You came from the tribe of Levi.
- H. You're protected from the “winds of strife.”
- I. Other.

**3. What is the significance of having 12,000 from each tribe of Israel?**

- A. Equality.
- B. The number 12 is the kingdom number (*Rev. 21:9-21*).
- C. There are a lot of people, but not too many.
- D. The tribes of Dan and Ephraim are mysteriously missing.
- E. 1,000 symbolizes a military battalion; this is God's kingdom army.
- F. Still favored, Joseph gets 12,000 and so does his son Manasseh.
- G. The 10 Northern tribes of Israel that disappeared suddenly return.
- H. The Jews continue to be God's favored people (*Dan. 9:24*).
- I. Other.

**4. Put “144” next to the characteristics that relate to the 144,000.**

**Put “+++” next to the characteristics that relate to the great multitude that no one can number.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Israelites
- \_\_\_\_\_ From every nation, tribe, people, language
- \_\_\_\_\_ Stand before God’s throne
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hold palm branches
- \_\_\_\_\_ Serve God in his temple
- \_\_\_\_\_ Stand before the Lamb
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have the seal of God in their foreheads
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wear white robes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Experienced great tribulation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are also described in *Rev. 14:1-5*
- \_\_\_\_\_ John hears about them
- \_\_\_\_\_ John sees them
- \_\_\_\_\_ God shelters them with his presence

**5. How do you explain the difference between the 144,000 and the great multitude that no one can number?**

- A.** I don’t.
- B.** The 144,000 are those who are alive when Christ returns.
- C.** The great multitude are those who followed God, but have died.
- D.** They are the same group.
- E.** 144,000 is the symbolic number of all who are saved.
- F.** The 144,000 are God’s elite saved—like Navy SEALs; closer to God.
- G.** I have a chance with the great multitude, but not with the 144,000.
- H.** The 144,000 are Jews and the great multitude are Gentiles.
- I.** Other.

**6. What symbolism do you see in this chapter? What does it mean?**

**7. What does it take to be part of the 144,000? What does it take to be part of the great multitude too large to count?**

# Lift Up the Trumpet, and Loud Let It Ring

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## OPENING QUESTION

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What have you found is a good way to get people's attention?

## READ Revelation 8:1–13.

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### 1. What is the seventh seal all about (vs. 1)?

- A. I forgot completely about it after *Revelation 7*.
- B. Silence.
- C. A very short amount of time.
- D. Heaven must be empty at this time.
- E. I have absolutely no idea.
- F. Christ's second coming to earth.
- G. A symbolic week—the amount of time for earth to be re-created.
- H. Opposites: 7 seals intro: Heaven is loud. 7 seals end: Heaven is silent.
- I. Other.

### 2. What does the intro sanctuary scene to the 7 trumpets tell us (vs. 2-5)?

- A. This is going to be complicated.
- B. It comes from heaven—God's throne and angels.
- C. Lots of incense = lots of prayers.
- D. Earth is going to get hurt.
- E. God and heaven are very angry.
- F. Each day the earthly temple had similar actions followed by trumpets.
- G. The prayers from earth result in God taking action on the earth.
- H. Other.

### 3. The first trumpet (vs. 7) reveals:

- A. Lots of destruction.
- B. Some similarities with the plagues on Egypt (*Ex. 7:14-24; 9:13-35*).
- C. An allusion to God's fiery judgment in *2 Kings 1:5-15*.
- D. The fraction 1/3 is more than the 1/4 in the seven seals.
- E. Judgment starts with God's people (*Ps. 1:1-3; 1 Pet. 4:17*).
- F. A flaming meteor that hits land, probably in the next month or so.
- G. It reminds me of God's fiery chariot for Elijah (*2 Kings 2:11-15*).
- H. A noisy brass ensemble that I don't want around me.
- I. Other.

**4. The second trumpet (vs. 8) reveals:**

- A. Even more destruction.
- B. The second trumpet matches the second plague in *Rev. 16:3*.
- C. The destruction of the Spanish Armada in 1588.
- D. Nations destroyed, symbolized by mountains (*Is. 2:2-3; Jer. 51:25*).
- E. A giant meteor will land in the ocean within the next year.
- F. God wants those who oppose him to turn to him in repentance.
- G. The sea is no safer than the land when it comes to the trumpets.
- H. A foretaste of what happens to Babylon in *Rev. 18:17-24*.
- I. Other.

**5. The third trumpet reveals:**

- A. This is the meteor we've been anticipating.
- B. A star usually represents Jesus (*Num. 24:17; Matt. 2:2; Rev. 2:28*).
- C. "Wormwood" is an herb from the Near East that creates a bitter taste.
- D. Water, a source of life (*Jer. 2:13*), is bitter if tainted (*Dt. 29:18-22*).
- E. The most infamous star in Scripture (*Is. 14:12-15*).
- F. A precursor to the star in the fifth trumpet (*Rev. 9:1*).
- G. False prophets (*Jer. 23:15*).
- H. Other.

**6. The fourth trumpet reveals:**

- A. Less light.
- B. The prediction of the "Dark Day" of May 19, 1780, in New England.
- C. A repeat of the 9th plague on Egypt (*Ex. 10:21-23*).
- D. The impact of the trumpets continues to be 1/3 of the earth.
- E. It will affect the earth 24/7.
- F. The prediction Jesus made will come true (*Matt. 24:29*).
- G. Atheism and secularism are dark in contrast to the light of Christ.
- H. Other.

**7. Do you expect things on this earth to get better or worse (vs. 13)?**

**8. What is your response to the first four trumpets that were introduced with a sanctuary scene that included much incense = much prayer?**

# Woe, Woe

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## OPENING QUESTION

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When have you seen something go from bad to worse?

### READ Revelation 9:1–21.

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#### 1. What is the star in the sixth seal doing?

- A. Shining brightly.
- B. It's the first of three woes (*Rev. 8:13*).
- C. It's the same star as the star in the third trumpet (*Rev. 8:10-11*).
- D. It opens Hell/Abyss when given the key (see also *Rev. 9:11 & 11:7*).
- E. Nothing.
- F. Blocks out the light of the sun.
- G. Leads wise men from the East to find baby Jesus.
- H. Other.

#### 2. When the Bible mentions locusts, what comes to mind?

- A. The 5th trumpet (*Rev. 9:3-10*).
- B. Jumping and flying pests in the garden.
- C. The 8th plague on Egypt (*Ex. 10:4-15*).
- D. A description of the destruction of Babylon (*Jer. 51:14*).
- E. God's judgments for continuing to break his covenant (*Joel 1:1-4, 15*).
- F. John the Baptist's meals (*Matt. 3:4*).
- G. Those with the seal of God aren't hurt by the locusts (*Rev. 9:4*).
- H. On the list of clean foods (*Lev. 11:20-23*).
- I. A lifespan of five months; also the period of the flood (*Gen. 7:24; 8:3*).
- J. Other.

#### 3. What are examples of what you find in *verse 6*?

- A. World War II and the Holocaust.
- B. My adolescence.
- C. People living life apart from God.
- D. Daniel's pronouncement at Belshazzar's feast (*Dan. 5:22-23*).
- E. Being stuck in a bad marriage.
- F. Perpetual depression.
- G. A series of one bad thing after another.
- H. Being around hyper-happy people.
- I. Other.

**4. The unique descriptions of the locusts in verses 7-12 tell us:**

- A. John must have been on drugs.
- B. God seems powerless to stop some horrible destruction.
- C. God has been protecting this earth from greater harm.
- D. God is destroying the earth he originally created.
- E. This has to be symbolic.
- F. The prophecy in *Joel 2:1-11* is going to happen again.
- G. Tails with stingers have Old Testament roots in *Isaiah 9:13-15*.
- H. There's a time frame for when "all hell" breaks loose.
- I. Other.

**5. What's the deal with the four angels (vs. 14) found in the sixth trumpet?**

- A. They sound like a gang that is bent on destruction.
- B. They remind me of *Rev. 7:1-4*.
- C. The Euphrates separates God's people from their foes (*Josh. 1:4*).
- D. These angels no longer restrain the armies of the locusts/horses.
- E. The number four symbolizes the whole world.
- F. They get their instructions from the altar of incense in heaven.
- G. I'm not sure if they are "good angels" or "evil angels."
- H. Other.

**6. Why does God send these trumpet messages of woe to earth?**

- A. God doesn't do this; Satan does.
- B. God does this as a "wake-up" call before the final Day of Judgment.
- C. It's a cosmic battle; we just happen to be in the middle of it.
- D. To let us know things get worse before they get better.
- E. My God would never do something like this.
- F. To reveal that when Satan is given a longer leash, he destroys more.
- G. God has had enough.
- H. Other.

**7. When things go badly for you, are you more likely to resist, retreat, or repent? Explain.**

**8. What is your personal response to these trumpet blasts?**

# Bitter Sweet

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## OPENING QUESTION

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What do you like that tastes sweet? What do you like that tastes bitter?

### READ Revelation 10:1–11.

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**1. Who is this “mighty angel” described in this chapter?**

- A. Jesus.
- B. An angel (it’s the Greek word *angelos* which means “messenger”).
- C. The term “strong angel” reminds me of *Rev. 5:2*.
- D. I think it’s related to Jesus as described in *Rev. 1:14-16*.
- E. Satan.
- F. Gabriel.
- G. One of the four angels that holds back the four winds of *Rev. 7:1*.
- H. Someone from Star Wars.
- I. Other.

**2. The angel with one foot on the sea and one foot on the land means:**

- A. The angle clearly is right-footed.
- B. The angel isn’t moving (the angel is “standing”).
- C. The angel has everything on earth covered.
- D. This angel dominates—putting everything under one’s feet.
- E. The angel would have to be Jesus in order to stand on water.
- F. An intro to *Rev. 13*’s two beasts—one from the sea; one from land.
- G. Angels can dance.
- H. Heaven maintains connection with earth.
- I. Other.

**3. What did the seven thunders reveal (vs. 4)?**

- A. Don’t even go there!
- B. The exact date of Christ’s return.
- C. The contents of the little scroll.
- D. Who will go to heaven (and who won’t).
- E. Any message from God (like *Exodus 19:16-19*).
- F. The mystery of God (vs. 7).
- G. When John would be released from Patmos.
- H. Refer to *Deuteronomy 29:29*.
- I. Other.

**4. What is the “mystery of God” (vs. 7)?**

- A. It’s God’s mystery—not something humans can decipher.
- B. Only God’s people can figure it out.
- C. You need special, theological training, and a high IQ, to get it.
- D. Only children can figure it out (*Matthew 18:3*).
- E. The good news about Jesus (*Colossians 1:26-27; 2:2-3*).
- F. Whatever the Holy Spirit reveals beyond human understanding.
- G. Available to all who will receive it (*Ephesians 3:8-10*).
- H. Other.

**5. This “little scroll” makes me think about:**

- A. The scroll in *Rev. 5*.
- B. A little part of the scroll in *Rev. 5*.
- C. How the scroll must now be open because the 7 seals were opened.
- D. Manna—sweet-tasting.
- E. What God wants to reveal—his plan for Planet Earth.
- F. Ezekiel’s similar vision and experience (*Ezekiel 3:1-17*).
- G. What the prophet Jeremiah faced (*Jeremiah 15:15-21*).
- H. Other.

**6. What makes it hard to “prophesy again” to the whole world after a bitter experience?**

- A. It’s personally demoralizing.
- B. You become psychologically disturbed if you keep facing rejection.
- C. You begin to wonder if the message you’re spreading is from God.
- D. The whole world seems like it’s too large of a target.
- E. Feeling alone; maybe even deserted by God.
- F. Why waste your breath if nobody cares about the message?
- G. It takes you away from everything and everyone else.
- H. Other.

**7. What is something you’ve experienced that started good, but turned out to be bad?**

**8. Why share the good news if it might end in a bitter experience?**

# Can I Get a Witness?

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## OPENING QUESTION

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Who is a person you can count on to tell the truth?

### READ Revelation 11:1–19.

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**1. Why measure God’s temple and altar, but not the outer court?**

- A. There’s only so much time to do the measuring.
- B. “Measuring” means judging.
- C. Stanley brand tools are probably the best tools to use.
- D. God begins his judgment with those inside his temple.
- E. The temple being measured is the temple in heaven, not on earth.
- F. There’s no need to measure a temple.
- G. This parallels the sealing of God’s people after the sixth seal (*Rev. 7*).
- H. This matches the Day of Atonement for God’s people.
- I. Other.

**2. What caught your attention with the description of these two witnesses?**

- A. It all sounds so wild and crazy!
- B. The many symbols sort of confuse me.
- C. They get killed.
- D. The witnesses prophesy for 1260 days—a long time.
- E. I thought witnesses weren’t supposed to get killed.
- F. The word for witness is *martus* from which we get the word “martyr.”
- G. The two witnesses have Old Testament roots in *Deut. 17:6; 19:15*.
- H. The two witnesses seem to have miraculous powers.
- I. Other.

**3. It seems to me that the two witnesses are:**

- A. Moses and Elijah.
- B. The law and the prophets.
- C. The Old Testament (OT) and the New Testament (NT).
- D. God’s people in the OT and God’s people in the NT.
- E. James and John.
- F. Smyrna and Philadelphia, the best “lampstands” (*cf. 1:20; 11:4*).
- G. Christians and Muslims.
- H. God’s end-time people.
- I. Other.

**4. What do you associate with the word “beast” (vs. 7)—used for the first time in Rev?**

- A. Mean and nasty.
- B. Satan.
- C. A pawn in the hands of Satan.
- D. It comes from the Abyss—bottomless pit; the home of demons.
- E. The beast attacks and kills God’s two witnesses.
- F. Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast.”
- G. It seems to be on the same side as the “inhabitants of the earth.”
- H. Other.

**5. What’s the severe earthquake all about in *verse 13*?**

- A. This symbolizes God’s intervention in a world gone wrong.
- B. The tectonic plates and fault lines of earth have had enough.
- C. The beast from the Abyss makes this happen.
- D. It parallels the earthquake in the sixth seal (*Rev. 6:12*).
- E. The fraction 1/10 anticipates the city’s future (*Rev. 18:10, 16, 19*).
- F. The 7,000 killed are in contrast to the 7,000 faithful (*Rom. 11:2-5*).
- G. The end of the second woe.
- H. Other.

**6. The seventh trumpet (also the 3rd woe), sounds a lot like:**

- A. The fifth and sixth trumpets (the 1st and 2nd woes).
- B. The Second Coming of Christ.
- C. Woe for the “inhabitants of the earth,” but joy for God’s people.
- D. Heaven’s perspective, which is so different from earth’s perspective.
- E. Gratitude in heaven.
- F. The destruction of those who destroy the earth.
- G. The fall of Jericho.
- H. Other.

**7. You plus one other person makes “two witnesses.” Who would that other person be, and what would be your witness?**

**8. *Verse 19* introduces the heart of the book. What might this be about?**

# This Means WAR!

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## OPENING QUESTION

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Who do you fight against most often?

### READ Revelation 12:1–17.

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**1. What is the “great sign in heaven” starting in *verse 1*?**

- A. A meteor shower.
- B. Mary—the mother of Jesus.
- C. All women who give birth.
- D. The Christian Church.
- E. The 12 tribes of Israel.
- F. God’s people throughout time.
- G. The followers of Jesus whom Satan pursues.
- H. Those who suffer persecution.
- I. Other.

**2. What is “another sign” that appeared in heaven, starting in *verse 3*?**

- A. An enormous red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns.
- B. This might be King Herod killing the babies in Bethlehem.
- C. A composite of the four beasts in *Daniel 7*.
- D. This is symbolic, so we’ll probably never know for sure.
- E. The one who swept a third of the stars to earth (see *Rev 1:20*).
- F. A serpent with wings is a dragon.
- G. Serpent, devil, dragon, Satan, accuser, war-monger, deceiver.
- H. It’s obviously Satan.
- I. Other.

**3. Who is the war between?**

- A. It’s happening only in heaven.
- B. It’s happening only on earth.
- C. It’s happening in heaven and on earth.
- D. Christ and Satan.
- E. Michael (“Who is like God”) + his angels vs. the dragon + his angels.
- F. You and Satan.
- G. “Us” (\_\_\_\_) against “Them” (\_\_\_\_).
- H. Me against my sinful nature.
- I. Other.

**4. When was the dragon and his angels cast out of heaven to earth?**

- A. Before the creation of earth.
- B. After earth was created, but before Adam and Eve sinned.
- C. After “The Fall” of Adam and Eve.
- D. At Christ’s birth.
- E. At Christ’s death.
- F. At Christ’s ascension.
- G. Satan still has access to heaven.
- H. Other.

**5. How do you beat the devil?**

- A. You don’t.
- B. Christ already beat him for you.
- C. By depending on Christ’s death rather than Satan’s accusations.
- D. Lots of guns and ammo.
- E. Identify with Jesus.
- F. Rely on the testimony Jesus provides.
- G. Study the devil’s tactics.
- H. Place your life completely in Christ’s hands no matter what happens.
- I. Other.

**6. What is the dragon doing now?**

- A. He’s on vacation.
- B. Being a rage-a-holic because he’s running out of time.
- C. Wreaking havoc because his workspace got reduced—no more access to heaven; only earth and the abyss now.
- D. Trying to make earth like hell.
- E. Accusing.
- F. Going after God’s kids.
- G. Focusing his energies on the internet and social media.
- H. Other.

**7. Why does Satan (the dragon) lose?**

**8. Where do you find Jesus in this chapter? The actual name “Jesus” appears only once, but you might see him in other places, too.**

# Bad News Beasts

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## OPENING QUESTION

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What bully do you remember from your childhood?

## READ Revelation 13:1–18.

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### 1. Where does the first beast of *Revelation 13* come from?

- A. The sea.
- B. The dragon.
- C. The United States.
- D. Russia or China.
- E. Heaven.
- F. Hell.
- G. The animals of *Daniel 7*.
- H. Hollywood.
- I. Other.

### 2. What catches your attention the most about this first beast?

- A. So fiercely animal-like.
- B. All the “inhabitants of the earth” worship it.
- C. Seems overpowering.
- D. Diverts worship away from God and to itself.
- E. It seems to die and then come back to life.
- F. Has earthly authority for a limited time.
- G. Copies many things about the dragon.
- H. Copies many things about Jesus.
- I. Other.

### 3. What do God’s people need when it comes to the first beast?

- A. Lots of prayer.
- B. Military power.
- C. Patience.
- D. More allies.
- E. A stockpile of food.
- F. A community of faith.
- G. Endurance.
- H. Trust in God.
- I. Other.

**4. What Old Testament roots come to mind with the second beast?**

- A. I can't think of any.
- B. *Daniel 3*—Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
- C. *Exodus 17*—Amalekites defeated when Aaron and Hur assist Moses.
- D. *Ezekiel 9*—A mark on the forehead of those who lament idolatry.
- E. *Joshua 3*—crossing the Jordan River.
- F. *1 Kings 18*—Elijah on Mount Carmel.
- G. *Deuteronomy 6*—put God's laws on your forehead and hand.
- H. Other.

**5. What is 666?**

- A. A number.
- B. Code for the beast from the earth.
- C. The pope.
- D. A U.S. president.
- E. Only one of the characteristics of the earth beast.
- F. Man trying to be God: the number 6 (symbolically man), three times (symbolically God), is  $6-6-6 = 666$ .
- G. It might have been clear in John's day, but it's not clear today.
- H. Other.

**6. What is your gut reaction to these two beasts?**

- A. Fear.
- B. Excitement.
- C. Dread.
- D. Anger.
- E. Hopelessness.
- F. Optimism.
- G. This is why I don't like the Book of Revelation.
- H. Other.

**7. Where do you see the activity and actions of either beast today?**

**8. What hope is there for God's people with such a powerful trinity (dragon, sea beast, earth beast) out to get them?**

# Talk About a Difference!

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## OPENING QUESTION

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What have you found is one of the main benefits of following Jesus?

### READ Revelation 14:1–20.

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**1. How is the very first verse of Revelation 14 different from chapter 13?**

- A. No more beasts.
- B. Describes heaven rather than earth.
- C. First time we've seen the Lamb since *chapter 7*.
- D. Describes something in the forehead.
- E. First time we've seen the 144,000 since *chapter 7*.
- F. These people follow the Lamb wherever He goes.
- G. Not as powerful as the beasts.
- H. A Lamb doesn't make most people think of beasts.
- I. Other.

**2. Which characteristic of the 144,000 is your favorite?**

- A. Know a new song that nobody else knows.
- B. Pictured as already being in heaven.
- C. With the Lamb.
- D. Firstfruits to God and the Lamb.
- E. Blameless.
- F. Virgins.
- G. Follow the Lamb wherever He goes.
- H. Don't lie.
- I. Other.

**3. What does it mean to be the "firstfruits" to God and the Lamb (*vs. 4*)?**

- A. They go to heaven first.
- B. They are God's favorites—his first choice.
- C. They are fruity.
- D. They belong to the priest/God (*Numbers 18:8-13*).
- E. Give to God first, trusting he will provide for your own food and seed.
- F. It can refer only to Christ (*1 Corinthians 15:20-26*).
- G. "First" has to do with the sequence—what happens first.
- H. "First" has to do with the importance—what is ranked first.
- I. Other.

**4. What is the “eternal gospel” (vs. 6)?**

- A. The good news about Jesus.
- B. A special message for the last days.
- C. Fear God; give him glory; final judgment; worship the Creator.
- D. God loves you.
- E. Jesus died for your sins.
- F. You can obey God’s commands.
- G. Jesus is coming again.
- H. Other.

**5. How is the 3rd Angel’s Message “good news”?**

- A. It’s not.
- B. Justice is finally served.
- C. Blessed to be able to die “in the Lord.”
- D. All who oppress God will be completely destroyed; never to return.
- E. Jesus is a lamb; but also a lion.
- F. The watching universe (angels) get to see the whole story play out.
- G. It’s not that might = right; it’s that right = might.
- H. Faithfulness to Jesus is what truly matters.
- I. Other.

**6. What is the significance of the two harvests (vs. 14-20)?**

- A. They match the Palestine harvests of Spring wheat and Fall grapes.
- B. It happens with three more angels.
- C. The first is God’s harvest; the second is God’s wrath.
- D. The harvest doesn’t occur until the crop is fully ripe.
- E. This is a preview of two separate events found in *Revelation 20*.
- F. God likes wheat, but he doesn’t like wine.
- G. The winepress of God’s wrath is outside the city.
- H. Other.

**7. Which one of the 3 Angels’ Messages is your favorite, and why?**

**8. According to *verse 12*, God’s people need patient endurance, they obey God’s commands, and they stay faithful to Jesus. How do you relate to each of these three characteristics?**

# Song and Dance

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## OPENING QUESTION

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When playing a game, when do you know for sure you have won?

### READ **Revelation 15:1–8.**

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**1. If the 7 last plagues complete God’s wrath, what started God’s wrath?**

- A. Satan and his rebellion.
- B. God’s response to Satan.
- C. Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.
- D. The Flood.
- E. Christ’s death on the cross.
- F. Failure to worship God.
- G. Sodom and Gomorrah.
- H. Other.

**2. What is the “Song of Moses and the Lamb”?**

- A. Only the oldest manuscripts contain both the lyrics and the music.
- B. Freedom from bondage.
- C. Victory over tyrannical, ego-maniac dictators.
- D. Just read it in verses 3-4 of *Revelation 15*.
- E. An expression of worship and praise.
- F. Components of *Psalms 86, 98, and 111, Deut. 32, and Jeremiah 10*.
- G. Follow the Lamb wherever He goes.
- H. A blend of Old Testament and New Testament versions of victory.
- I. Other.

**3. Why are the words “fear,” “glory,” “righteous/justice,” and “worship” in *Rev 15:4* and *14:7*?**

- A. It’s the same author.
- B. It’s the same message.
- C. It’s just a coincidence.
- D. It’s not a match.
- E. You can’t make the same words in two verses mean the same thing.
- F. The repetition gives added emphasis to it.
- G. One leads to the other.
- H. Those who respond to the 1st angel’s message end up singing.
- I. Other.

**4. What hint might come from seeing the “tabernacle of testimony” (vs. 5)?**

- A. It shows what’s happening in heaven, in the sanctuary.
- B. It’s a repeat of the previous sanctuary scene (*Rev. 11:19*).
- C. It’s different from *Rev. 11:19*; “testimony” differs from “covenant.”
- D. The NIV renders a mistranslation here.
- E. I didn’t even notice it was another sanctuary scene.
- F. The root for this comes from the testimony of *Rev. 6:10*.
- G. God answers prayers in his time and his way, not necessarily ours.
- H. Other.

**5. Why would Jesus send plagues on the earth?**

- A. He’s mad.
- B. Jesus doesn’t send them; Satan does.
- C. It’s not Jesus; it’s the 7 angels.
- D. One of the 4 living creatures gives the bowls/plagues to the angels.
- E. It’s time to wrap things up on earth; no more mercy.
- F. God’s people have been crying for justice (*Rev. 6:10*); now it comes.
- G. For the same reason he sent plagues on Egypt.
- H. Other.

**6. What is the significance of no one being able to enter the temple in heaven until the 7 plagues are completed?**

- A. The plagues are pretty serious.
- B. No one can enter the temple in heaven at any time (we’re on earth).
- C. The temple is simply a “no fly zone.”
- D. It has Old Testament roots in *Exodus 40:33-35* and *1 Kings 8:10-11*.
- E. I don’t see any significance at all.
- F. You must be sinless since Jesus can’t forgive your sins at that time.
- G. Jesus is God so he can go into the temple whenever he chooses.
- H. All heaven is busy pouring out the 7 last plagues on earth.
- I. Other.

**7. What is your favorite line in the Song of Moses and the Lamb (vs. 3-4)?**

**8. Why are the victorious pictured in heaven before the 7 last plagues/bowls get poured onto the earth?**

# When Prayers Finally Get Answered

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## OPENING QUESTION

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Describe a time you saw a bully get what the bully deserved.

## READ Revelation 16:1–21.

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### 1. Where's the safest place to be when the plagues get poured on earth?

- A. The sea.
- B. The land.
- C. A bunker with supplies prepared in advance.
- D. Heaven.
- E. Away from “the beast.”
- F. A spaceship.
- G. Wherever God wants you to be.
- H. There is no safe place at that time.
- I. Other.

### 2. What right does God have to send plagues?

- A. He is God.
- B. God doesn't do this; Satan does.
- C. This is simply justice, long delayed, and now cumulative.
- D. The prayers of God's people have cried out for justice for centuries.
- E. Two witnesses claim God is just in these judgments (*vs. 5-7*).
- F. He's done it before; he will do it again (if necessary).
- G. It's time; God has provided ample warning this would happen.
- H. Repeated and perpetual breaking of the covenant.
- I. Other.

### 3. These seven last plagues are reminiscent of what?

- A. The plagues that God sent on Egypt to free his people.
- B. The seven last plagues that fell on Egypt didn't touch God's people.
- C. The destruction of the Jewish temple in AD 70.
- D. Some of the very things the beast followers did now return on them.
- E. A horror or scary science fiction movie.
- F. The Flood in Noah's day.
- G. The sudden overthrow of Babylon in Old Testament times.
- H. Natural disasters on a large scale.
- I. Other.

**4. What is the typical response to the plagues?**

- A. Repentance.
- B. Resistance.
- C. A cry for mercy.
- D. A demand for justice.
- E. Joy.
- F. Prayers.
- G. Cursing God.
- H. Other.

**5. Frogs come out of the mouths of the false trinity—what’s that about?**

- A. Another befuddling portion of Revelation.
- B. Frogs can be cute, but they’re unclean animals.
- C. Frogs were the last trick Pharaoh’s magicians were able to match.
- D. The false trinity speaks a foreign language.
- E. Frogs begin in the water but come onto the land.
- F. The false trinity continues to be united—it spews out the same thing.
- G. Frogs, Pharaoh, and the false trinity all go together.
- H. Other.

**6. What seems to happen at the Battle of Armageddon (the only place in the Bible this term gets mentioned)?**

- A. It’s the mother of all battles.
- B. Armageddon literally means “Mountain of Megiddo.”
- C. Jesus shows up and it’s over—just like that.
- D. This battle has continued for centuries.
- E. After this, Satan will cease to exist.
- F. We won’t know who wins until this final battle concludes.
- G. The great showdown between good and evil faces off.
- H. Other.

**7. What seems to be the purpose of the 7 bowls/plagues?**

**8. Describe the emotions you feel when you think about the 7 bowls/plagues? What is your prayer now?**

# What a Woman!

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## OPENING QUESTION

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Share your reaction when somebody shocked or surprised you in the past?

### READ Revelation 17:1–18.

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**1. What are your first impressions of the great prostitute (vs. 1)?**

- A. Why is it the angel with the 7 plagues who introduces her?
- B. I'd like to invite her to join our family for Christmas.
- C. Prostitute isn't a term that stirs joy and admiration in me.
- D. I wonder why she is in the Bible.
- E. She's quite popular with kings and "the inhabitants of the earth."
- F. It sounds sort of kinky.
- G. Oh no!
- H. I don't think she would be welcomed in my church.
- I. Other.

**2. What about this woman reminds you of earlier parts in Revelation?**

- A. There was a woman in *Revelation 12* who represented God's people.
- B. I want to cry out, "How long, O Lord?"
- C. A red beast with 7 heads and 10 horns.
- D. Nothing.
- E. Babylon.
- F. Adultery.
- G. The wilderness.
- H. Attacks those who bear testimony to Jesus.
- I. Other.

**3. What part does the beast play in *Revelation 17*?**

- A. Provides transportation for the prostitute.
- B. Copies Jesus in several ways.
- C. The beast is scary.
- D. Heads and horns illustrate political and military influence and power.
- E. Seeks worship.
- F. Supports the prostitute.
- G. Turns on the prostitute in the end.
- H. Wages war against the Lamb, but loses.
- I. Other.

**4. What do the seven hills represent (vs. 9)?**

- A. Rome.
- B. Seven is the perfect number, and hills are gentle places to sit.
- C. Athens, Istanbul, and Mumbai are situated on seven hills.
- D. Madrid, San Francisco, and Moscow are situated on seven hills.
- E. The word for “hills” is better translated as “mountains.”
- F. Mountains in the Old Testament represent kingdoms (*Jer. 51:25*).
- G. Seven successive kings/kingdoms, like the ones found in *Daniel 7*.
- H. Other.

**5. How would you explain the riddle found in verses 8-11?**

- A. That which is, is not; that which is not, is; but not really.
- B. Forget it—these things drive me crazy.
- C. Three sets (*vs. 8, 10, 11*) with four phases in each set.
- D. It rules, loses its rule, gets it back, and finally loses everything.
- E. Is reminiscent of the sea beast in *Revelation 13*.
- F. Is reminiscent of the combined beasts of *Dan. 7*—7 heads, 10 horns.
- G. The United States or Russia or China.
- H. Other.

**6. Ultimately, who is the woman of Revelation 17?**

- A. God’s people, pictured as a woman, who have apostatized.
- B. The inhabitants of the earth.
- C. The kings of the earth who seek power, honor, and praise.
- D. Babylon.
- E. Satan’s people trying to imitate God’s people.
- F. This sounds very much like *Jeremiah 51*.
- G. All who fight against the Lamb.
- H. Other.

**7. What are the similarities and differences between the woman in Revelation 17 compared to the woman in Revelation 12?**

**8. Verses 13-14 sound like the Battle of Armageddon again (*Rev 16:16*). Where do you see this type of thing now?**

# Turnaround

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## OPENING QUESTION

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Who (or what) was a big winner that became a total loser?

### READ Revelation 18:1–24.

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#### 1. What made Babylon a winner?

- A. Might and power.
- B. Wealth and productivity.
- C. So many followed her.
- D. High ethical standards.
- E. Terrific marketing.
- F. Perpetual success.
- G. The dragon empowered her.
- H. Random acts of kindness.
- I. Other.

#### 2. What made Babylon a loser?

- A. Babylon is not a loser.
- B. You can't stay #1 forever.
- C. Excessiveness.
- D. Internal decay that leads to self-destruction.
- E. God's judgment.
- F. Adultery.
- G. Drunkenness of those who followed her.
- H. A new kingdom that proved to be more powerful.
- I. Other.

#### 3. Why are God's people called out of Babylon (vs. 4)?

- A. Some of God's people are still in Babylon.
- B. God's mercy seeks to save people before it's too late.
- C. A look into the crystal ball shows the string of wins is over.
- D. The 7 last plagues haven't fallen when this message is given.
- E. It's like Lot and his family before Sodom was destroyed.
- F. There's a potluck about to happen in Jerusalem.
- G. The term "Babylon has fallen" is still in the future.
- H. It's time for God's people to take a stand and leave.
- I. Other.

**4. Why does the angel say to pay back double to Babylon (vs. 6-7)?**

- A. God is very, very upset with Babylon.
- B. The angel of *Revelation 18* is very, very upset with Babylon.
- C. In economic terms, it's the punishment for stealing (*Ex. 22:4, 7, 9*).
- D. Babylon is simply getting a taste of its own medicine.
- E. It's fair.
- F. It's an idiom that means complete punishment (*Is. 40:2; Jer. 16:18*).
- G. Babylon can handle it.
- H. Other.

**5. What makes Babylon's outlook so bleak?**

- A. There has been such an unexpected turnaround from *chapters 13-17*.
- B. Michael has come to earth.
- C. Those Babylon seduced have now turned on her.
- D. *Revelation 18* has 3 of the 7 "Woe's" in Revelation (*vs. 10, 16, 19*).
- E. Death, mourning, famine, fire, judgment, torment, doom.
- F. It looks like the stock market is going to crash again.
- G. Other.

**6. Who rejoices over the fall of Babylon?**

- A. Medo-Persia.
- B. God's people.
- C. God.
- D. Heaven.
- E. Nebuchadnezzar.
- F. Daniel, Jeremiah, Ezekiel (who all prophesied about OT Babylon).
- G. Peter, James, John, and Paul.
- H. Justice.
- I. Other.

**7. Right now in your world, does it seem Babylon is a winner or a loser?**

**8. How do you "come out of Babylon" and still live on this earth?**

# One Wedding, Two Suppers

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## OPENING QUESTION

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What is one memory you have from one of your favorite weddings?

### READ Revelation 19:1–21.

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#### 1. Why does the great multitude in heaven shout, “Hallelujah”?

- A. It’s the Mormon Tabernacle Choir singing Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus.”
- B. Salvation, glory, and power belong to God.
- C. God’s judgments are just and true.
- D. It’s unusual since this OT word occurs only 4 times in the entire NT.
- E. Babylon is now gone for good—never to return.
- F. They are supposed to be saying, “Holy, holy, holy” (*Rev. 4:8*).
- G. God has avenged the blood of his servants.
- H. God already reigns in heaven, and he’s about to reign again on earth.
- I. Other.

#### 2. How do we know God is just in his judgments?

- A. We’ll always wonder about that.
- B. He’s God.
- C. He condemned the great prostitute; isn’t that a “no-brainer”?
- D. The great multitude in heaven verified it.
- E. Two previous witnesses verified it (*Rev. 16:5-7*).
- F. It could go either way.
- G. God is “faithful and true” (*vs. 11*).
- H. This has been Satan’s perpetual accusation.
- I. Other.

#### 3. What is the “spirit of prophecy” (*vs. 10*)?

- A. The testimony of Jesus.
- B. The testimony from Jesus.
- C. The testimony about Jesus.
- D. The writings of Ellen White.
- E. Current messages God sends through current messengers.
- F. Any message God has given at any time.
- G. The same as *Rev. 1:2, 9* and *John 5:36-40*.
- H. My testimony about Jesus.
- I. Other.

**4. Why was the angel adamant about John NOT worshipping him (vs. 10)?**

- A. This particular angel was hyper-sensitive about these things.
- B. Clearly not the same as the heavenly being in *Rev. 1:12-18*.
- C. The angel in *Rev. 22:8-9* gave a similar warning.
- D. Worship is one of the main themes in Revelation.
- E. Worship is what Satan seeks to redirect from God.
- F. It wasn't Sabbath and worship takes place only on Sabbath.
- G. Although supernatural, the angel is no comparison to God.
- H. Other.

**5. What indicators do you have that verses 11-16 describe Jesus?**

- A. White horse of victory; white robe of righteousness dipped in blood.
- B. The armies of heaven follow, also dressed in white robes.
- C. It's puzzling not to see a Roman cross for crucifixion.
- D. 2x (robe and thigh) he's named "King of kings and Lord of lords."
- E. He wears many crowns (*diadema* = royal crowns).
- F. His sharp sword strikes down the nations.
- G. He is called "Faithful and True."
- H. It's just a wild guess.
- I. Other.

**6. What is the supper for the birds of the air?**

- A. Bird seed.
- B. One of the suppers of God; but not the one you want to attend.
- C. The opposite of the wedding supper of the Lamb.
- D. What's left after the beast and false prophet are in the lake of fire.
- E. Imagery of Old Testament battles where birds scavenged the dead.
- F. Leftovers.
- G. Once they are consumed, the enemies of God are finished.
- H. Other.

**7. What are you doing to make yourself ready as the bride of the Lamb?**

**8. How do things end up for the enemies and bullies of God's people?**

# The End of Satan, Sin, and Death

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## OPENING QUESTION

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When have you wished there'd be no more Satan—no more sin or death?

### READ Revelation 20:1–15.

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**1. Put a **O** by the things in *verses 1-3* that are similar to previous things in Revelation, and an **X** by the things that are different.**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ An angel comes from heaven.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ The dragon gets labeled as Satan, serpent, and devil.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ Satan is in control—ruling.
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ The Abyss—bottomless pit.
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ The followers of God experience persecution and death.
- F. \_\_\_\_\_ A time period called the 1,000 years (In Latin: *millennium*).
- G. \_\_\_\_\_ Satan continues to deceive the nations of the earth.
- H. \_\_\_\_\_ Satan is given the key to the bottomless pit.
- I. \_\_\_\_\_ Other.

**2. When does Satan deceive the nations?**

- A. All the time.
- B. Half of the time.
- C. Only until Christ's 2nd Coming.
- D. During the Millennium—the 1,000 years.
- E. After the Millennium—the 1,000 years.
- F. Only when the nations aren't Christian nations.
- G. He doesn't.
- H. It's only a part-time job, with an extended vacation in his future.
- I. Other.

**3. Who sits on thrones in heaven as judges during the millennium?**

- A. Those taken to heaven at Christ's 2nd Coming.
- B. Those taken to heaven at Christ's 3rd Coming.
- C. The martyrs who cried out for justice.
- D. The 144,000.
- E. The great multitude (*Rev. 7:9-17*).
- F. The victorious, as described in *Rev. 3:21*.
- G. Satan and his angels.
- H. Other.

**4. Plot the letters on the timeline above when these things take place:**

- A. Christ takes his followers to heaven.
- B. Christ brings his followers from heaven to earth.
- C. God's people reign in heaven and judge what happened on earth.
- D. The "1st resurrection" takes place. Who's involved in this?
- E. The "2nd resurrection" takes place. Who's involved in this?
- F. Satan deceives the nations; they mount another attack against God.
- G. Those loyal to the dragon and the beasts face their judgment.
- H. Those opposed to God experience the 2nd death—never to return.
- I. Other.

**5. What happens at the judgment after the 1,000 years/millennium?**

- A. God's people discover God's judgments for the first time.
- B. Those opposed to God receive God's judgments.
- C. God's people already had all of their questions about earth answered.
- D. Those who followed Satan get to have all their questions answered.
- E. Satan repents.
- F. Those who follow Satan repent.
- G. The angels get to choose which side they want to be on.
- H. Other.

**6. Why does God finally destroy Satan?**

- A. He just can't take it anymore.
- B. God likes to flex his muscles.
- C. The whole universe is convinced that Satan must cease.
- D. The prayers of God's people must eventually be answered.
- E. After thousands of years of mercy, justice takes place.
- F. Satan self-destructs: Apart from God, nothing can continue to exist.
- G. Until Satan is destroyed, sin and death will continue.
- H. Other.

**7. Some people are deceived by Satan, but others aren't? What makes the difference?****8. What does the millennium (the 1,000 years) tell you about Jesus?**

# Wow!

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## OPENING QUESTION

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When have you gasped aloud or been “blown away”—like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband?

### READ Revelation 21:1–27.

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**1. When you think of the New Jerusalem, what are you looking forward to the most? Prioritize (1-9) the following.**

- A. \_\_\_\_ Tears wiped away.
- B. \_\_\_\_ Beauty.
- C. \_\_\_\_ No more sea/Hades/Hell.
- D. \_\_\_\_ No crying.
- E. \_\_\_\_ No pain.
- F. \_\_\_\_ The old is gone; everything is new.
- G. \_\_\_\_ Seeing God face-to-face.
- H. \_\_\_\_ No more death.
- I. \_\_\_\_ Other.

**2. Why is John reminded of those not in the New Jerusalem (vs. 8, 27)?**

- A. They're stuck outside the city.
- B. We'll never forget these people.
- C. To keep those in the city acting right so they don't get thrown out.
- D. Don't even mention this in the context of the New Jerusalem.
- E. We're living before this time, so consider it now.
- F. The short-term payoff differs from the long-term payoff.
- G. It relates to everything else in the Book of Revelation.
- H. Other.

**3. What grabs your attention with the description of the New Jerusalem?**

- A. The size of the city.
- B. It moves from heaven to earth.
- C. The 12 gates of pearl.
- D. The 12 foundation stones.
- E. The names on the gates and foundation.
- F. How it shines with the glory of God.
- G. It doesn't seem real to me.
- H. Other.

**4. Why is one of the angels who had the plagues also the one to describe the New Jerusalem to John (vs. 9)?**

- A. They were friends already.
- B. God was running low on angels, so they had to multi-task.
- C. There's a hierarchy in heaven.
- D. The plagues and the New Jerusalem are related.
- E. This was one of the few angels able to communicate in human terms.
- F. It should be a different angel.
- G. The plagues and the New Jerusalem are both indescribably beautiful.
- H. The angel with the key to the Abyss was still busy with the dragon.
- I. Other.

**5. Why is there no temple/sanctuary in the New Jerusalem?**

- A. Everyone goes to church, so the city itself is the sanctuary.
- B. The architect forgot that important element.
- C. The temple/sanctuary no longer has any purpose.
- D. There isn't enough room—too many people.
- E. The symbol of “God dwelling with us” is replaced with the reality.
- F. Not enough artists will be in heaven to create masterpieces.
- G. God the Father and Jesus are there—that's all you need.
- H. Other.

**6. Why have gates when they will never be closed (vs. 25)?**

- A. Walls with gates communicated safety for a city in John's day.
- B. The pearly gates contrast nicely with the walls.
- C. Just in case you need to close up the city, it's good to have gates.
- D. This symbolizes there will no longer be enemies on earth.
- E. It gives the angels on duty something to do.
- F. If the light of the city goes out, you'll need to close the gates.
- G. You need some way to get in and out of the city or else you're stuck.
- H. Other.

**7. What makes the New Jerusalem appealing to you?**

**8. When it comes to the New Jerusalem, will you be “in” or “out”? What makes you think so?**

# Amen—So Be It!

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## OPENING QUESTION

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Describe a time you were extremely thirsty for water.

### READ Revelation 22:1–21.

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**1. What stands out in your mind regarding the “Water of Life” (vs. 1, 17)?**

- A. It’s clear as crystal.
- B. When you’ve lived through a drought, you’ll understand better.
- C. It flows like a river from the throne of God and the Lamb.
- D. God provides it freely, plus an invitation to come drink it.
- E. It waters the Tree of Life on either side of the River of Life.
- F. Clean water can give life; contaminated water can cause death.
- G. God’s people in the wilderness had to depend on God for water.
- H. John wrote about this in the story of the woman at the well (*John 4*).
- I. Other.

**2. What does “soon” mean in Revelation 22 (vs. 6, 7, 12, 20)?**

- A. Not much.
- B. Right away.
- C. Some unknown time in the future.
- D. It’s a lot like crying “Wolf! Wolf!”
- E. It’s more of a promise than a countdown.
- F. Sooner than some people want.
- G. From God’s perspective, it’s a short period of time.
- H. Humans should think in terms of “today” or “now” rather than “soon.”
- I. Other.

**3. Why does the Tree of Life have 12 different fruits (monthly crop)?**

- A. This is the NEW Jerusalem—unlike any other earthly city.
- B. God loves variety.
- C. The number 12 is the symbolic number for God’s kingdom.
- D. God prefers fruits over vegetables.
- E. This makes no sense—no sun or moon, so how are there months?
- F. Don’t forget about the leaves that heal nations (race, ethnicity).
- G. The Water of Life does amazing things to the Tree of Life.
- H. Not everyone likes mangos.
- I. Other.

**4. Who is Jesus in this last chapter of Revelation?**

- A. Warrior.
- B. Prince of Peace.
- C. Lamb of God.
- D. Son of God.
- E. Judge.
- F. Lover.
- G. Object of worship.
- H. Suffering Messiah.
- I. Other.

**5. Why is John so particular about no changes to the words in the scroll (vs. 18-19)?:**

- A. Now that everything is right, he doesn't want it messed up again.
- B. There's a human tendency to add your own things to God's message.
- C. We often leave out the parts of God's message we don't like.
- D. The plagues can happen again at any time.
- E. Jesus unsealed the scroll in *chapters 5-8*.
- F. Artists are very picky.
- G. The scroll is to remain open to be shared, not edited (vs. 10).
- H. Other.

**6. What is the significance of the word "Come" at the end of Revelation?**

- A. It's an invitation from Jesus to us (3x).
- B. It's an invitation from us to Jesus (4x).
- C. It's the final "7" (3 + 4) in the book.
- D. The word is in the present tense—Jesus is coming now.
- E. It's in the first person "I" in contrast to the third person in *chapter 1*.
- F. There is a sexual connotation for the bride and the groom.
- G. This stands in contrast to the Gospel Commission: Go!
- H. Other.

**7. What is God's part and what is your part in the time period between right now and Revelation 22?**

**8. Contemplate each word in *verse 21*; then paraphrase the verse here.**

