

## REVELATION 7

1. The woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, and a crown of twelve stars is a picture of whom?

-Israel.

2. The red dragon with seven heads, ten horns, and seven crowns is a picture of whom?

-Satan.

3. What are the seven heads with the seven crowns a picture of?

-Seven world kingdoms ruled by Satan.

4. What are the ten horns a picture of?

-Ten kings who will rule with Satan in the final world kingdom before Christ returns.

5. What is the picture of a third of the stars flung to earth?

-These are angels who followed Satan and became demons many years ago when Satan rebelled against God.

6. What is the picture of the dragon standing in front of the woman who was waiting to give birth?

-This is a picture of Satan who tried to kill Christ when He was born in the land of Israel.

7. In chapter 12, we learned that the dragon is Satan. In chapter 13, who is the beast coming out of the sea?

-This will be the final Antichrist who is pictured coming out of a sea of evil or the Abyss, the bottomless hole.

8. Who will give power and authority and his throne to the beast, the final Antichrist?

-The dragon who is Satan.

-The final Antichrist will be one with Satan.

9. Who is it that will give the beast or final Antichrist power to wage war against God's people on earth?

-God alone.

10. What is the second beast which speaks like a dragon a picture of?

-The final false prophet.

11. What is the work that Satan will give to the false prophet?

-The final false prophet will deceive the world so that they will worship the final Antichrist.

12. What will the final false prophet also do?

-He will force all people to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads.

-If someone does not have the mark, they will not be able to buy or sell food or anything else.

-In Revelation chapter 15, John saw another sign in heaven.

Let's read Revelation 15:1

1-I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—last, because with them God's wrath is completed.

-What is the sign that John saw in Revelation chapter 15?

-Seven angels with the seven last plagues.

-Why are these plagues called the seven last plagues?

-Because these plagues will be God's last judgments.

-Because with these plagues, God's anger with sin and evil will be finished.

-Then, John saw a sea of glass in heaven.

Let's read Revelation 15:2

2-And I saw what looked like a sea of glass glowing with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and its image and over the number of its name. They held harps given them by God.

-What is the sea of glass mixed with fire a picture of?

-The sea of glass is a picture of the greatness of God, and the fire is a picture of God's judgment of evil and sin.

-In the Word of God, fire is often a picture of God's judgment of evil and sin.

-As it says in Hebrews 12:29: "Our God is a consuming fire."

-Whom did John see standing beside the sea and holding harps given to them by God?

-Those who had been victorious over the beast and its image and over the number of its name.

-Who are these who will be victorious over the beast?

-Those in the tribulation who will believe in the one true God and be killed.

-Why will these people be killed?

-Because they will refuse to worship the beast, the final Antichrist.

-Because they will refuse to bow before the image or statue of the beast, the final Antichrist.

-Because they will refuse to allow the mark of 666 to be placed on them.

-Even though Satan may think that he is victorious by killing these who will believe in Christ, this is not true.

-These believers will be holding harps to sing praises to God.

-Why will these believers who will be killed during the tribulation sing praises to God?

-Because God has saved them from eternal death.

-Even though Satan can kill the body or flesh of those who believe in Christ, he cannot kill the soul.

-Jesus said this in Matthew 10:28:

-“Do not be afraid of those who kill the+ body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

-Those who remain faithful to Christ will be victorious over the beast, the final Antichrist because they will have eternal life in heaven.

-When any Christian dies, their spirits immediately enter heaven, and their bodies will be raised at the return of the Lord Jesus to earth.

-In Acts 7:54-60, the Jews stoned Stephen to death for his faith in Christ.

-Yet, Stephen was immediately welcomed by the Lord Jesus into heaven.

-Why also will these believers who will be killed during the tribulation sing praises to God?

-Because God will avenge their physical death on earth.

-God will send judgment on those who reject God and hurt and kill His children.

-We read this in Psalm 94:23:

-“[God] will repay them for their sins and destroy them for their wickedness; the Lord our God will destroy them.”

-In Romans 12:19, the Word of God says this: “I will repay,” says the Lord.”

-Now, we learn about the songs that these believers will sing:

Let's read Revelation 15:3-4

3-[They] sang the song of God's servant Moses and of the Lamb: “Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.

4-Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

-What is the song of Moses?

-This is the song that the Israelites sang when God saved them from Pharaoh through the Red Sea.

Let's read Exodus 15:1-3 & 9-13

1-Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: "I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.

2-"The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

3-The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.

9-The enemy boasted, 'I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.'

10-But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

11-Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

12-"You stretch out your right hand, and the earth swallows your enemies.

13-In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.

-What is the song of the Lamb?

-This is the song that was sung in Revelation 5:

Let's read Revelation 5:9-10, 12-13

9-And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

10-You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

12-Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

13-To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

-The song of Moses was sung at the Red Sea.

-The song of the Lamb will be sung at the crystal sea.

-In the song of Moses, God brings His people out of the death of Egypt.

-In the song of the Lamb, God will bring His people out of the death of the tribulation.

-The song of Moses is a song of triumph over Egypt.

-The song of the Lamb is a song of triumph over Satan.

-The song of Moses celebrates God saving Israel.

-The song of the Lamb celebrates God saving all believers.

-The song of Moses praises God for His victory over sin and death.

-The song of the Lamb praises God for His victory over sin and death.

Let's read Revelation 16:1

1-Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth."

-The opening of the seventh trumpet will be the final seven bowls of God's anger on the earth.

Let's read Revelation 16:2

2-The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

-For the first bowl of God's final anger, everyone in the world who rejects Christ will suffer tremendously with sores on their bodies which cannot be healed.

Let's read Revelation 16:3

3-The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died.

-For the second bowl of God's final anger, all of the world's oceans will turn to blood, all of the fish in the waters will die, and those who eat from the oceans will be poisoned.

Let's read Revelation 16:4

4-The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

-For the third bowl of God's final anger, all of the world's rivers and lakes will turn to blood, and there will be no water on earth to drink.

Let's read Revelation 16:8

8-The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire.

9-They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

-For the fourth bowl of God's final anger, the sun will become as hot as fire, burning the people on earth.

-The people will understand that it is God who has control of these plagues.

-Yet, instead of repenting and asking God to save them, they will refuse to repent, and will curse the name of God.

Let's read Revelation 16:10-11

10-The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony

11-and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

-For the fifth bowl of God's final anger, the entire earth will become completely dark as night with no moon or stars.

-Yet, instead of repenting and asking God to save them, they will refuse to repent, and will curse the God of heaven.

Let's read Revelation 16:12 & 16

12-The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East.

16-Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

-For the sixth bowl of God's final anger, God will dry up the great river Euphrates so that all of the kings and their

armies will gather in Israel at a place called Armageddon.

-It will be at Armageddon where the last battle on earth will take place, and God will destroy all who refuse to believe in Christ.

Let's read Revelation 16:17-21

17-The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

18-Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake.

19-The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath.

20-Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.

21-From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds, fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

-For the seventh and last bowl of God's final anger, the entire earth will be changed.

-From lightning and thunder, there will be a cleansing of the sky.

-From a mighty earthquake that will shake the entire earth, there will no longer be islands nor mountains.

-All of the cities of the world, including Babylon, will be destroyed, and only Jerusalem, which will be split into three parts, will remain.

-From the sky, huge stones of hail will fall and kill many, many people.

-It will be the voice of God which will say, "It is done," meaning that the final judgment of sin and evil has arrived.

-During the tribulation, all of the world's false religions will be united into one great world religion.

-This one great world religion will be the worship of the final Antichrist.

-In chapter 17, God will destroy this final worldwide religion of the final Antichrist.

-During the tribulation, all of the world's governments will be united into one great world government.

-This one great world government will be led by the final Antichrist.

-In chapter 18, God will destroy this final worldwide government of the final Antichrist.

-The end of Chapter 18 will be the end of the seven-year tribulation.

-Chapter 19 will be the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

-Knowing that the Lord Jesus will soon return to earth, a great number of angels will begin to praise God.

Let's read Revelation 19:1

1-After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God."

-Knowing that the Lord Jesus will soon return to earth, the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures will also begin to praise God.

Let's read Revelation 19:4-5

4-The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!"

5-Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!"

-In the second lesson and Revelation 4:4, we learned that the 24 elders are a picture of all Christians in heaven.

-All Christians in heaven with the four living creatures who are special angels will also begin to praise God.

-The voice from an angel from the throne will also encourage all people and all angels to praise God.

Let's read Revelation 19:6-7

6-Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

7-Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready."

-Knowing that the Lord Jesus will soon return to earth, all who are in heaven will shout like the roar of rushing waters and loud thunder.

-It will be the time for the wedding of the Lamb.

-Who is the Lamb?

-The Lord Jesus Christ.

-What is the wedding of the Lamb?

-The wedding of the Lamb is when the Lord Jesus will fulfill His promise to His bride.

-Who is the bride of Christ?

-His Church—you and me who believe in Christ.

-In the Jewish culture, there are three parts to a wedding.

-1) The promise of the groom to marry the bride.

-2) The groom brings his bride to his home.

-3) The wedding celebration with a wedding supper.

-From eternity past, God promised that Christ would marry His bride, the Church.

-Before the tribulation, Christ will appear in the clouds and bring His bride, the Church, to His home in heaven.

-Then, after the tribulation, the final part of the wedding will happen.

-There will be a wedding celebration with a wedding supper of the Lamb.

Let's read Revelation 19:9

9-Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

-We will study the second coming or return of Christ in the next lesson.