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REVELATION 1-7

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UNVEILING A MYSTERY— A BIBLE STUDY YOU CAN DO!

Hey! Are you ready to unveil a great mystery—one that a lot of grown-ups are afraid to try to uncover? Great! Then climb up in the tree house with Molly, Sam (the great detective beagle), and me. My name is Max. WHAT is this great mystery adventure? We are going to help The Discovery Bible Museum create and try out exciting, interactive, hands-on exhibits for the new Revelation wing in the museum so that kids everywhere will be able to understand the Book of Revelation.

Revelation is a very exciting book in the Bible that a lot of people think is too hard and scary to understand. But we know from 2 Timothy 3:16-17 that “*all* Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” That includes the Book of Revelation.

God put the Book of Revelation in the Bible because it tells us the rest of His story. Did you know that Revelation is the only book in the Bible that promises a blessing? Pretty cool, huh? You’ll also discover WHAT happens

in the future and HOW it happens. Revelation reveals WHO is in control. There’s even a mysterious, sealed up book! Revelation is an *awesome* book packed with fascinating creatures and exciting events!

You can uncover the mystery of what’s going to happen by studying God’s Word, the Bible, the source of all truth, and by asking God’s Spirit to lead and guide you. You also have this book, which is an inductive



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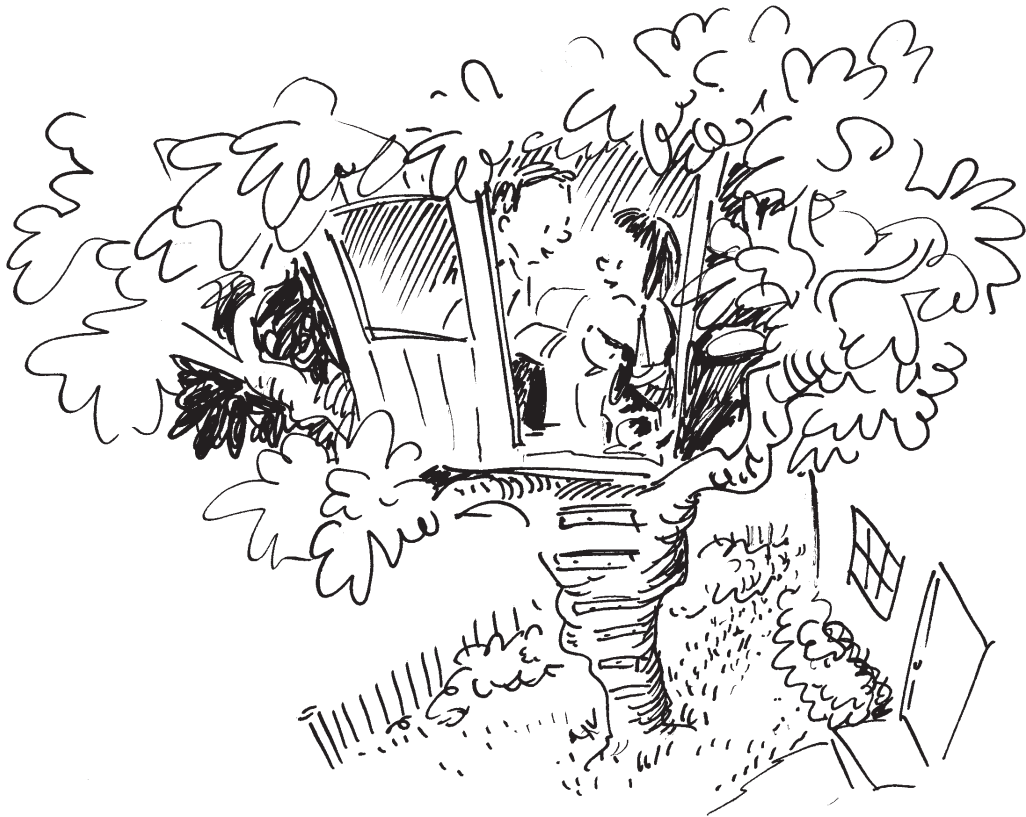
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THIS WORKBOOK

INDEX CARDS

Bible study. That word *inductive* means you go straight to the Bible *yourself* to investigate what the Book of Revelation shows us about Jesus Christ and the things that must soon take place. In inductive Bible study, you discover for yourself what the Bible says and means.

Doesn't that sound like fun? Grab those art supplies and stir up your imagination as we create and experiment with some very cool exhibits to help kids uncover the Bible's biggest mystery!



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UNVEILING A MYSTERY



REVELATION 1

It's great to have you back at the tree house! Molly and I are soooo excited about this new mystery adventure! Our Uncle Jake, the archaeologist that we helped dig up truth in the Book of Genesis, works with The Discovery Bible Museum on some of his different adventures. When the museum told him about their new wing, Uncle Jake asked if we could help them create and try out the awesome exhibits.

But before we can help out, we need to do research on the Book of Revelation. Have you ever read the Book of Revelation? Being inductive Bible detectives, we know there is only one way to do our research, and that's to go straight to the main source: the Bible, God's Word. So before we head to the museum to meet Uncle Jake and Miss Kim, the museum teacher, we need to get started by searching God's Word.



UNCOVERING THE FIRST MYSTERY

Are you ready to begin your research? WHAT is the first thing you need to do? Do you remember? Pray! Way to go!



Bible study should always begin with prayer. We need to ask God to help us understand this great mystery of what is going to happen in the future and to lead and direct us by His Holy Spirit. Then we can understand what God says and make sure we handle His Word accurately.

The Book of Revelation reveals how God and Jesus triumph over Satan and evil. Because Satan doesn't want us to know the truth, he will try to discourage us and keep us from studying God's Word. So not only do we need to pray, we also need to make sure we have our armor on so we can stand firm against our enemy now and be prepared for the war against the Lamb (Revelation 17:14). We need to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Read Ephesians 6:10-17 to help you remember what your armor is.

All right, mighty warriors! Let's pray and put our armor on. Now we are ready to get started. Turn to Revelation 1 on page 141. These are our Observation Worksheets. Observation Worksheets are pages that have the Bible text printed out for you to use as you do your study on the Book of Revelation. Let's read Revelation 1:1-3.

Let's find out WHO gave the Book of Revelation, to WHOM it was given, and WHAT the revelation is. Read the first part of Revelation 1:1 again. Then fill in the blanks of the diagram on the next page and answer the questions to solve this first mystery.

The R _____ of J _____ C _____

↑↓
 which God gave Him
 ↑↓

to show His bond-servants

↑↓
 the things which must soon take place.

WHO gave the revelation? _ _ _

WHAT does the word *revelation* mean? Do you know? The New Testament, where the Book of Revelation is found, was originally written in Koine Greek. The Greek word for revelation is *apokalupsis*, which is pronounced like this: ap-ok-al'-oop-sis. It means "an unveiling."

Do you remember how Toto in the movie *The Wizard of Oz* pulled back the curtain and unveiled the wizard as a small man standing on a stool instead of the giant, powerful wizard Dorothy and her friends were expecting? Just like the real wizard in the movie was unveiled and they saw him as he really was, God is going to unveil what this Book of Revelation is about.

Looking back at the diagram, to WHOM did God give the revelation (the unveiling)? J _ _ _ s

WHO is going to get the revelation? To WHOM is God going to show something?

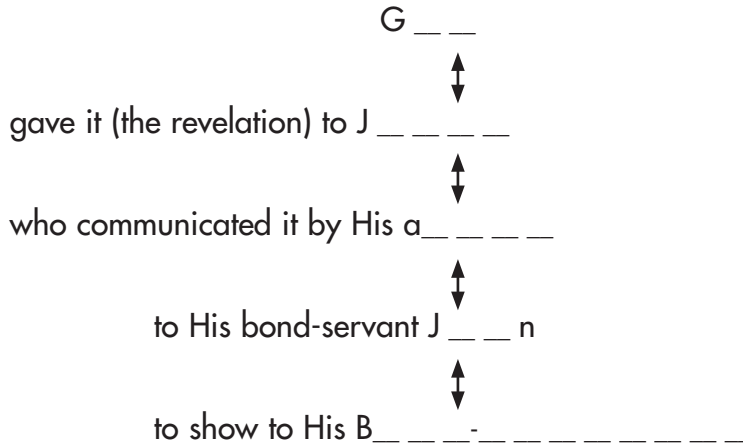
H _ _ b _ _ _ - _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

WHAT is God revealing? WHAT is God going to show the bond-servants? Go back to the diagram and underline in red WHAT God is going to show His bond-servants.

Wow! God is going to show His bond-servants what is going to happen in the future. Isn't that awesome?

Now look back at Revelation 1:1 on page 141 and get

the complete picture by filling in the details in the diagram below that shows HOW God gave the revelation to His bond-servants.



WHAT is going to be shown?

The _ _ _ _ _ which must _ _ _ _ _
_ _ _ _ _ .

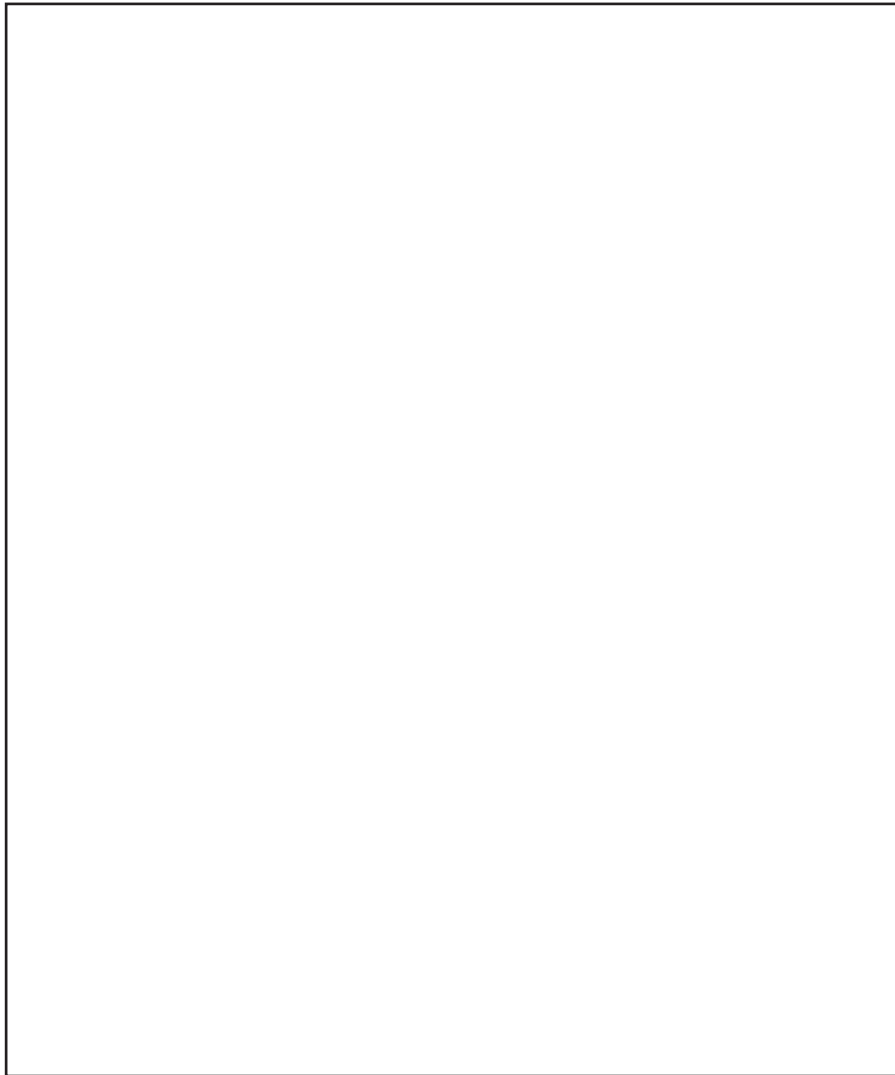
Way to go! You have uncovered your first mystery. You have discovered WHO gives the revelation, to WHOM He gives it, and HOW He gives it. And you know WHAT the revelation is: You are going to study the things that will take place in the future. You know the revelation is true because WHO is giving it? That's right. It's coming from God.

Let's sketch what we just discovered to show Miss Kim, our museum teacher. Because museums are places of learning, there are classes, workshops, and tours to teach people about what is in the museum and why it's there. The museum teacher is in charge of all the educational programs at the museum, so Miss Kim will be the one who helps us create and experiment with the exhibits at The Discovery Bible Museum.

Draw a picture in the box on the next page to show how we got the Book of Revelation. Make sure your drawing shows

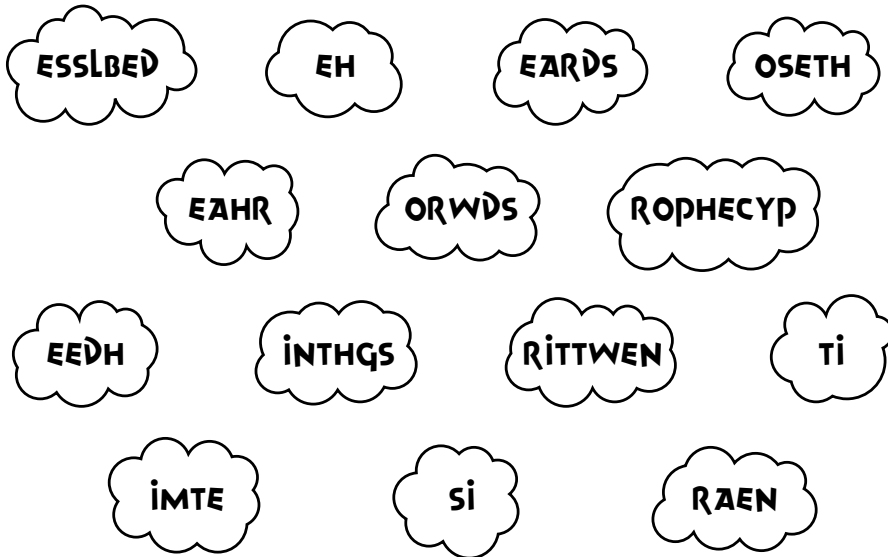
what you discovered in your diagram. Show God giving the revelation to Jesus, Jesus communicating the revelation to His angel, to give to His bond-servant John, to show His bond-servants the things that must soon take place.

You can use symbols if you would like. Draw a triangle to represent God, a cross for Jesus, an angel or wings for the angel, a stick man for John, and several stick people for the bond-servants.



Great artwork! Did you know that God has a special blessing for you when you study the Book of Revelation? Let's unveil this week's memory verse to see what God has to say about this blessing. Look at the clouds below. Inside each cloud is a word from this week's verse that has been mixed up. Unscramble each word in the clouds and place it on the correct blank below the clouds.

After you have unscrambled your verse, look at Revelation 1 and find the reference for this verse. Then hide this verse in your heart by saying it aloud three times in a row three times every day.



_____ is _____ who _____ and _____
 who _____ the _____ of the _____,
 and _____ the _____ which are _____
 in _____; for the _____ _____ _____.

Revelation 1: _____

You did it! Tomorrow we will head to the museum to meet Miss Kim and show her our sketches.



THE MYSTERY—HOW DO YOU RECEIVE THE BLESSING?

“Hey, guys! Over here!” Uncle Jake called as we walked into the museum. “This is the entrance to the Revelation wing, where we will discover God’s plan for the future. Isn’t it awesome?”

“Wow!” exclaimed Molly. “This is amazing! Look, Max, there’s the mural that shows how John received the Book of Revelation.”

“I can’t believe how huge it is,” Max replied. “I wish I could paint like that!”

“Me, too, buddy,” answered Uncle Jake. “Come on over and meet Miss Kim.”

“Hi, guys. It’s so nice to finally meet you. Your Uncle Jake has told me all about your Bible adventures and all about the amazing Sam,” laughed Miss Kim.

Sam, recognizing his name, barked and jumped up to give Miss Kim’s face a good licking.



“Whoa, boy! Better get down before Miss Kim bans you from this adventure,” Max said as he pulled on Sam’s leash. Everyone laughed as the kids handed Miss Kim the sketches they did at the tree house to show how God gave John the Book of Revelation.

“Great job! I love your artwork! We’ll put these on our kids’ art wall. Do you see the area right over there with the tables and chairs? Kids who visit the museum will be able to sit there and use the art supplies to create their own sketches. Then we’ll hang them on this special wall over here. What do you think about that?”

“That is soooo cool!” Max replied.

“Are you excited about what you have learned so far?” Miss Kim asked as she led the kids down the hall.

“Yes, it’s awesome!” cried Molly. “We know why Revelation was written, and we can’t wait to find out what’s going to happen in the future.”

Miss Kim smiled at Molly as she led Max, Molly, Uncle Jake, and Sam inside one of the resource rooms. “This is one of the rooms kids will work in as they learn about Revelation. Today you will work in here as you continue your research on Revelation 1.”

“All right! Let’s get started,” Max said. “What’s the first thing we need to do?”

“Pray,” responded Molly.

She’s right! Okay, Bible detectives. Don’t forget to pray.

Yesterday as you unveiled your memory verse, you saw that someone is going to be blessed. Do you know WHO? Let’s find out. Turn to page 141, and read Revelation 1:1-3 again.

Revelation is the only book in the Bible that promises a special blessing. WHO receives this blessing, and HOW do they receive it? Look at Revelation 1:3. WHO is blessed?

He who _____ and those who _____
 _____, and _____

Do you know what a prophecy is? A prophecy is when God reveals to us what is going to happen in the future. Do you see why it is so important to study this book of the Bible? But we're not just studying it. WHAT do we have to do?

We read it. We hear it. And we h _ _ _ it.

WHAT does it mean to heed? The word *heed* means we pay close attention to the words and keep watch. It means we don't just read and hear the words. We also pay close attention to what God is saying, and then we do it. "To heed" means to do. Are you doing what God says? _____

Think about the things you do every day. HOW do they line up with what God says? For an example, do you pay close attention to what you look at on the Internet? Does what you look at measure up to what God says is okay, or do you look at things the world says is okay but would not please God?

Write out what kind of things you look at on the Internet on the lines below and tell if they would please God.

Do you have time to get on the Internet and talk to your friends, but you don't have time to read the Bible and talk to God?

WHAT do you think God thinks about that?

WHAT do you need to do? Is there anything you need to change? Write out any changes you need to make on the lines below.

Great! Now that you have discovered how to receive God's blessing, let's turn back to Revelation 1 on page 141 and see what else we can discover today.

Read Revelation 1:4-8.

Revelation 1:4 To WHOM is John writing?

The _____

The letters to the seven churches are not only to the seven churches in Asia but also to the bond-servants.

Read Revelation 1:4-5 again and underline in blue the first three times the word *from* appears in these verses to find out from whom John is receiving this message.

Now, fill in the blanks.

John to the seven churches...Grace to you and peace,

from (verse 4) Him who _____ and who _____ and who is to _____

WHOM are these words describing? Here's a hint:

— — —

from (verse 4) The _____ before His throne. (This is the Holy Spirit.)

from (verse 5a) _____

Now that we have discovered WHOM this is from, let's see WHAT we can learn about God. Read Revelation 1:4 and Revelation 1:8 and list in the box on the next page HOW God is described in these two verses.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT GOD

Isn't God amazing? Do you know what the words *alpha* and *omega* mean? The word *alpha*, *A*, is the first letter in the Greek alphabet and *omega*, *Ω*, is the last letter in the Greek alphabet. By calling Himself the Alpha and the Omega, God is showing us that He is the first and the last. Wow!

Now let's see what we can discover about Jesus. Read Revelation 1:5 and Revelation 1:7. WHAT are the big things you see about Jesus? List HOW Jesus is described in these two verses in the box below.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT JESUS

That's a pretty awesome description, isn't it? Did you know that Jesus is coming with the clouds? Just wait. We'll discover more about His coming as we continue our study. It's going to be quite an adventure!



All right! You have uncovered quite a few mysteries today. You have gotten a glimpse of how awesome God and Jesus are, you know Jesus is coming with the clouds and everyone will see Him, and you know how to receive a blessing. As you head out, don't forget to practice saying your memory verse (Revelation 1:3) to remind you of this special blessing.



THE MYSTERY: WHERE IS JOHN?

Hey, guys! It's great to have you back at the museum. You did a fantastic job yesterday as you discovered some awesome things about God and Jesus. Today let's find out WHAT we can discover about John. WHERE is he, WHY is he there, and WHAT is he told to do? There's only one way to find out, and that's to head back to Revelation 1. Don't forget to pray!

Now turn to page 142 and read Revelation 1:9-11. Uncover the mystery of WHERE John is and WHAT he is doing by asking the 5 W's and an H questions. What are the 5 W's and an H? They are the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY, and HOW questions.

1. Asking WHO helps you find out:
 WHO wrote this?
 WHOM are we reading about?
 To WHOM was it written?
 WHO said this or did that?
2. WHAT helps you understand:
 WHAT is the author talking about?
 WHAT are the main things that happen?
3. WHERE helps you learn:
 WHERE did something happen?
 WHERE did they go?
 WHERE was this said? When we discover a WHERE, we double underline the WHERE in green.
4. WHEN tells us about time. We mark it with a green clock  or a green circle like this: .

WHEN tells us:

WHEN did this event happen or WHEN will it happen?
WHEN did the main characters do something? It helps us to follow the order of events.

5. WHY asks questions like:

WHY did he say that?
WHY did this happen?
WHY did they go there?

6. HOW lets you figure out things like:

HOW is something to be done?
HOW do people know something happened?

Now ask the 5 W's and an H of Revelation 1:9-11.

Revelation 1:9 WHERE was John?

Did you know that John was banished to this island? That means he was sent to the island. He was not there of his own free will. Do you know WHY he was banished here? Read Revelation 1:9.

WHY was John on the island of Patmos?

Because of the _____ of _____ and the _____ of _____



WHAT does that mean? John was sent to or exiled to the barren island of Patmos because of what he testified. A

testimony is a witness—someone who tells the truth about a person’s character, about who he is. John was a witness. He told the truth about Jesus. Because he would not compromise what he believed about Jesus, he was sent away. John was exiled because of his faith in Jesus.

Do you believe the truth about Jesus? If someone told you he or she believed that Jesus died to save us but that He really wasn’t God, WHAT would you do? Would you be a witness for Jesus and tell the truth that Jesus was and is God, even if it meant you would be made fun of and left out of your group of friends? Or would you compromise your beliefs by not saying anything or by changing the way you think?

Write out WHAT you would do.

Look at Revelation 1:9. WHAT was John a fellow partaker in?

WHAT does this mean? John is suffering for what he believes. He is going through tribulations (great distress) and persevering (enduring) in Jesus for his faith. Did you know that according to tradition John was dropped in a pot of hot oil? Even though John was persecuted by being put in a pot of hot oil, he remained steadfast (firm) in Jesus’ love.



Do you have faith like John?
Are you willing to suffer for knowing Jesus? _____

Read Revelation 1:10. WHAT did John hear, and WHAT did it sound like? _____

Revelation 1:11 WHAT did the loud voice tell John to do?

Name these seven churches.

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

5) _____ 6) _____

7) _____



Go back and look at Revelation 1:4. WHERE are these seven churches?

Did you know that the Roman province of Asia is located in what we know today as Turkey? Pretty cool, huh?

You did a fantastic job today! Now, before you head out, don't forget to practice saying your memory verse. Tomorrow you will discover more of what John sees in Revelation 1:12-18.



THE MYSTERY: ONE LIKE A SON OF MAN

Hey, guys, come on in. Are you ready to do some more research? Today we are going to work in the resource room to discover what John sees. Yesterday in Revelation 1:10 we saw that John heard a loud voice that told him to write in a book what he sees. WHOSE voice was it? And WHAT can we learn about Him? Let's find out. Don't forget to pray first. Now turn to page 142 and read Revelation 1:12-18. Now ask the 5 W's and an H.

Revelation 1:12 WHAT did John see?

Revelation 1:13 WHOM did John see?

WHERE was He standing?

WHAT is He wearing?

Revelation 1:14 WHAT does His hair look like?

WHAT are His eyes like?

Revelation 1:15 WHAT do you see about His feet?

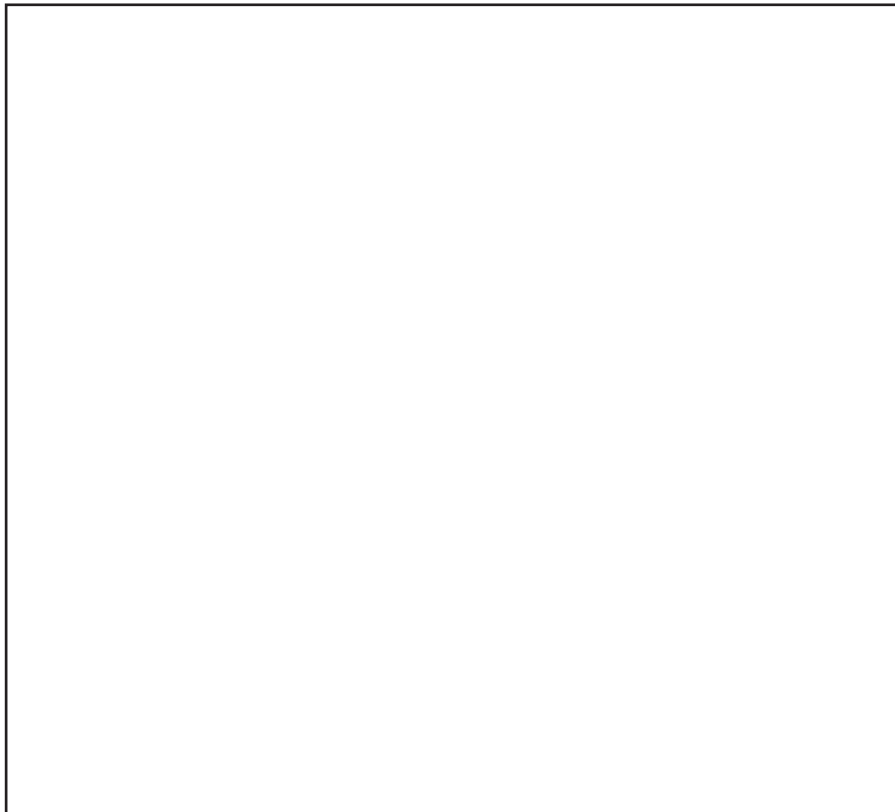
WHAT was His voice like?

Revelation 1:16 WHAT is in His right hand?

WHAT comes out of His mouth?

WHAT is His face like?

Draw a picture of what this son of man looks like in the box below.



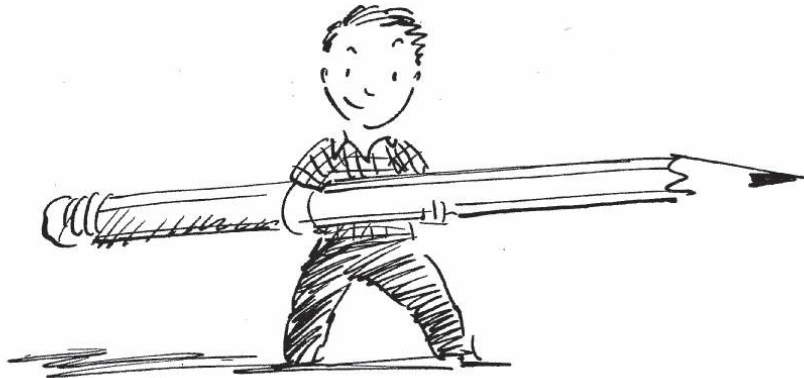
Tomorrow we will discover just WHO this son of man is. Do you know? Write out WHO you think this is on the line below.

Way to go! Now don't forget to practice saying your memory verse so that you will remember that blessed is he who reads, hears, and heeds the words of the prophecy.



THE MYSTERY OF SEVEN STARS AND SEVEN LAMPSTANDS

It's great to have you back at the museum! Miss Kim has us all set up to work in the resource room again today as we finish our research on Revelation 1. It has been an awesome week of discovery, and we are just getting started!



Are you ready to discover WHO the son of man is that John saw standing in the middle of the seven golden lampstands? And WHAT are those lampstands? Do you know? We'll find out as we pray and head back to Revelation 1.

Did you pray? Good. Now read Revelation 1:12-20 on page 142.

Do you know WHO this son of man is? Here's a clue:
Verse 18 tells us He was dead and is alive forevermore.
WHO died and rose again to live forever? _____

Wow! What an *awesome* description of Jesus! List HOW Jesus is described in verses 17-18 in the box.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT JESUS

Look at Revelation 1:17 to see HOW John reacted when he saw Jesus like this. WHAT did John do?

Now head back down the hall to see the museum mural of this awesome description of Jesus. Push the button on the wall next to the mural. WHAT do you hear?

Revelation 1:15 WHAT did John say Jesus' voice was like?

Like the sound of _____

Isn't it amazing that when you push the button you can hear this awesome sound? It sounds like the roar of the waters over Niagara Falls. HOW about the next button? WHAT happens to Jesus' eyes when you push it?

Revelation 1:14 His eyes were like a _____ of _____.

That's pretty amazing isn't it? Now that we know just WHO this son of man is, let's solve another mystery: WHAT do the seven stars represent, and WHAT are the seven lampstands that Jesus is standing in the middle of? Read Revelation 1:20 to uncover this mystery.

WHAT do the seven stars represent?

WHAT do the seven golden lampstands represent?

In Revelation 1:19, John is told to write three things. WHAT are those three things?

1. The _____ which you _____

2. The _____ which _____

3. The _____ which _____

_____ these _____

Did you know that the Book of Revelation is written and divided into three segments by the three things that John is told to write? Let's uncover how the Book of Revelation is divided. Read Revelation 1:2, 11, and 19. Color the words **see** and **saw** blue in each of these verses.

WHAT do you think Revelation 1 is about?

The things which you have _____

That's what you have been studying this week—the things John saw. Look at the second thing John is told to write.

The things which _____ (Revelation 1:19).

Turn to page 143 and read the following verses in Revelation 2–3. Read Revelation 2:1, 2:8, 2:12, 2:18, 3:1, 3:7, and 3:14.

To WHOM is John told to write in these seven verses?

Revelation 1:4 The seven _____ of Asia, which are:
 Revelation 2:1 E _____
 Revelation 2:8 S _____
 Revelation 2:12 P _____
 Revelation 2:18 T _____
 Revelation 3:1 S _____
 Revelation 3:7 P _____
 Revelation 3:14 L _____

Messages to these seven churches in Asia are the second thing that John is told to write. The things that *are*. These seven churches exist at the time John is given the revelation, and they are very important.

Jesus has some very specific things to say to these seven churches about how the people are living and whether they are true believers. We'll learn more about these seven churches next week.

Now turn to page 151 to uncover the third part of Revelation. Read Revelation 4:1.

WHAT are the first three words in this verse?

After WHAT things? WHAT did we discover Revelation 2–3 is about?

The things which _____, which are the seven churches.

So WHAT do you think Revelation 4–22 will be about? Look at Revelation 1:19.

The _____ which will _____ after

Revelation 4–22 will be focusing on the things that happen after the seven churches. They are the things that have not happened yet. Isn't it exciting to know you are going to solve

the mystery of what is going to happen in the future? But before you do, let's review all the things you have discovered this week in Revelation 1.

HOW is the Book of Revelation divided up?

Revelation 1 is about the things _____.

Revelation ____-____ is about the things _____,

which are the seven _____

Revelation ____-____ is about the things _____

One more time just for practice, review WHO gave the book, HOW they received it, and WHAT it is about.

WHO? _____ gave the book (the revelation)

to J _____

who communicated it by His a _____

to His bond-servant J _____

to show His _____-

WHAT?

The _____ which must



Way to go! You have uncovered some very important truths this week.

Now don't forget to say your memory verse one more time. Why don't you say it to a friend or an adult, and ask if he or she has read the words of the prophecy?

Keep up the good work! See you next week.

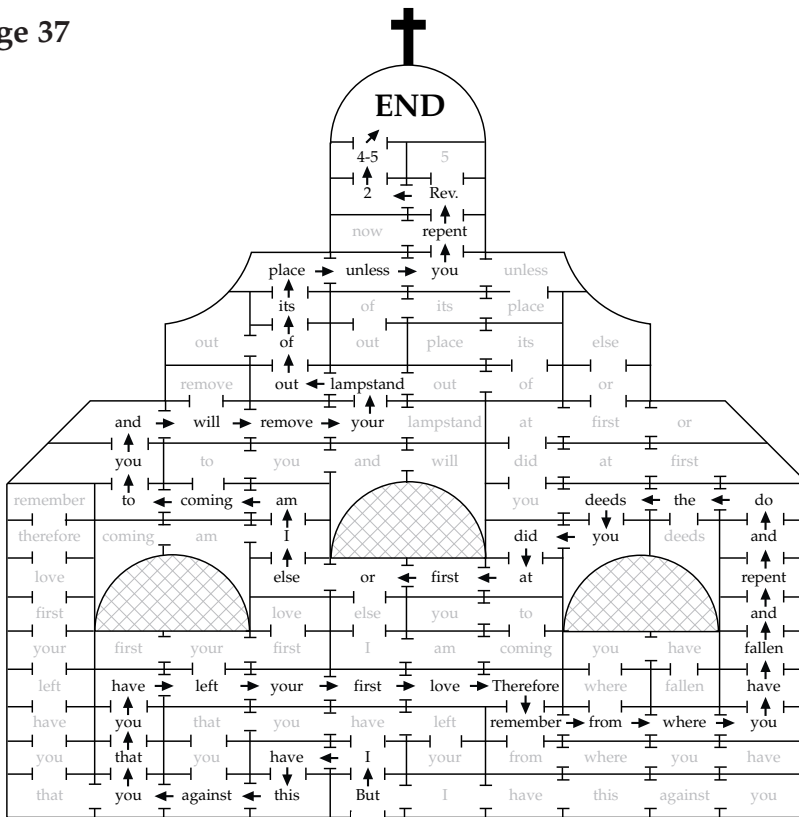
PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Revelation 1:3

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START

"But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent."

Revelation 2:4-5

KEY WORD LIST FOR REVELATION 1-7

To the angel of the church in (Ephesus, etc.) (color orange)

Jesus (or any description that refers to Jesus, like *The One, the Lion, the Lamb*, and any pronouns) (draw a purple cross and color the word yellow)

I know (underline in red and color it yellow)

deeds (draw and color green feet)

love (draw and color a red heart)


repent (draw a red arrow and color the word yellow)

He who has an ear, let him hear what the spirit says to the churches (color it blue)

To him who overcomes (He who overcomes) (overcome) (color yellow)

Satan (devil) (draw a red pitchfork)

second death (underline twice in black)

Seven Spirits of God (draw a purple  and color it yellow)

white garments (white robe) (color it yellow)

those who dwell on the earth (color it green)


I looked (I saw) (color it blue)


God (draw a purple triangle and color it yellow)


Throne (draw and color a blue throne)

worthy (color it purple)

worship (circle in purple and color blue)

 angel (draw blue wings or a blue angel and color it yellow)


 book (draw a brown scroll)

 seals (on book) (color it orange)



 prayers (draw a purple  and color it pink)

 wrath (draw a red W)

 earthquake (draw a brown Z)

 seal, sealed (this is different from the seven seals on the book) (draw a purple S)

tribulation (box in black)

Remember: Mark WHERE by double-underlining the WHERE in green. And mark anything that tells you WHEN by drawing a green clock  or a green .

OBSERVATION WORKSHEETS

REVELATION 1-7

Chapter 1

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated *it* by His angel to His bond-servant John,

2 who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, *even* to all that he saw.

3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood—

6 and He has made us *to be* a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will

see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

9 I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance *which are* in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like *the sound* of a trumpet,

11 saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send *it* to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands;

13 and in the middle of the lampstands *I saw* one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash.

14 His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire.

15 His feet *were* like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice *was* like the sound of many waters.

16 In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,

18 and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

19 "Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.

20 "As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Chapter 2

1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who

holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:

2 'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them *to be* false;

3 and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary.

4 'But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.

5 'Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent.

6 'Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.'

8 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:
The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this:

9 'I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are

rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

10 'Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

11 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.'

12 "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this:

13 'I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

14 'But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit *acts of immorality*.

15 'So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

16 'Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.

17 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give *some* of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.'

18 "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:

19 'I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.

20 'But I have *this* against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit *acts of* immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

21 'I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality.

22 'Behold, I will throw her on a bed *of* sickness, and those who

commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds.

23 'And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.

24 'But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you.

25 'Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.

26 'He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS;

27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received *authority* from My Father;

28 and I will give him the morning star.

29 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Chapter 3

1 "To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the

seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: 'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

2 'Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.

3 'So remember what you have received and heard; and keep *it*, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.

4 'But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

5 'He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

6 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

8 'I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

9 'Behold, I will cause *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and *make them* know that I have loved you.

10 'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that *hour* which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

11 'I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

12 'He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.

13 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:

15 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.

16 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

17 'Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and *that* the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.

19 'Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

20 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

21 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me

on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

22 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'"

Chapter 4

1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like *the sound* of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things."

2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.

3 And He who was sitting *was* like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.

4 Around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones *I saw* twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

5 Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And *there were* seven lamps of fire

burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

6 and before the throne *there was something* like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind.

7 The first creature *was* like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature *was* like a flying eagle.

8 And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *is* THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME.”

9 And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,

10 the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and

honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

Chapter 5

1 I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?”

3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it.

4 Then I *began* to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it;

5 and one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.”

6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

7 And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

8 When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

10 "You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in

them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, *be* blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

14 And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Chapter 6

1 Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come."

2 I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

3 When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come."

4 And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that *men* would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.

5 When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come." I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

6 And I heard *something* like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine."

7 When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come."

8 I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

9 When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;
10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

11 And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.

12 I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth *made* of hair, and the whole moon became like blood;

13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.

14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains;

16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;

17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Chapter 7

1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree.

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads."

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

5 from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand *were* sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,

6 from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,

7 from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,

8 from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe

of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand *were* sealed.

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands;

10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and *around* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

12 saying,

"Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *be* to our God forever and ever. Amen."

13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?"

14 I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation,

and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 "For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them.

16 "They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat;

17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."