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He Who Has An Ear, Let Him Hear

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must shortly take place” (Revelation 1:1a).

Revelation . . . the book God gave to His Church, the Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ. Why? What does He want us to know? What does He want to say to the Church?

Listen carefully. . . .

TAKING IT IN

We are so thankful you chose to study *Jesus' Message To the Church* with us. If you determine to hear and study what the Spirit is saying to the Church, you'll find yourself face to face with Truth that transforms!

1. Before you begin studying the Word of God, you need to remember that truth is revealed! *You* do the study but *God* leads and guides into all truth; so always begin your study with prayer.
2. In the Appendix you'll find printouts of Revelation 1–5 and 22 in the New American Standard Version we call Observation Worksheets. Your assignment this week is to **carefully read** through these chapters. Answer the following questions (including the verse reference):

Read Revelation 1.

- a. Who wrote Revelation?
- b. For whom was it written?
- c. Why was it written?
- d. Where was it written?

- e. What is the promise connected with this book and what are its conditions?
- f. John was told to write three things. Record the verse that tells you this, then list the three things.
- Verse _____
- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
3. Using your Observation Worksheets, read Revelation 1 again.
- a. Color or mark distinctively each occurrence of the word *see*, its tenses (*saw*, *have seen*) and synonyms *look* or *looked*. For example, color these words green or mark them with a symbol like the following:
- “I looked and I saw”
- b. Then mark *prophecy* and *church/churches* each in a distinctive way.
- c. Record these words on a 3 x 5 card/bookmark. Color or mark them as you intend to mark them on the Observation Worksheets.
- d. At the end of this lesson you’ll find the chart “Revelation 1-5 at a Glance.” Summarize Revelation 1 in as few words as possible using as many words as you can from the text. Write the theme next to the chapter number on the At a Glance chart.

4. Read Revelation 2.
 - a. Mark or color distinctively the phrase “And to the angel of the church in _____ write.” Also mark the words listed on your bookmark.
 - b. Record the theme of this chapter as you did with Revelation 1.
5. Read Revelation 3—Repeat what you did for Revelation 2.
6. Revelation 4 and 5
 - a. Look for one of the three things John was told to write according to 1:19. Boldly underline it when you come to it.
 - b. If Revelation 4 marks the beginning of the third thing John was to write, where do you think the other two are? Record below.
 - 1) The things John saw: _____
 - 2) The things which are: _____
 - 3) The things which will take place after these things: _____
 - c. Record these three things John was to write under the column “Main segment Divisions” on your “Revelation 1-5 at a Glance” Chart.
7. Read Revelation 22
 - a. Mark *prophecy* and *churches* the same ways you marked them in Revelation 1.
 - b. Read Revelation 1 again and look for parallels between this chapter and chapter 22. Write verse numbers from Revelation 1 next to the parallel verses in Revelation 22 where you see the same phrases, words, or thoughts expressed. Record parallels only on the Observation Worksheet of Revelation 22. You’ll need room to do other things on the Revelation 1 Observation Worksheet later in the course.

LIVING
IT OUT

1. According to what you learned from marking *church* and *churches* in Revelation 1-5 and 22, whom is the book of Revelation addressed to and why?

REVELATION 1-5 AT A GLANCE

	Chapter Theme	Main Segment Division
Author:	1	
Purpose:	2	
Key Words:	3	
	4	
	5	

REVELATION 1

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- 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.

REVELATION 2

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

“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.’

REVELATION 3

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

“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.' "

REVELATION 4

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

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.”

REVELATION 5

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- 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.

REVELATION 22

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- THEN** he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,
- 2 in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
 - 3 There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him;
 - 4 they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads.
 - 5 And there will no longer be *any* night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.
 - 6 And he said to me, “These words are faithful and true”; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must soon take place.
 - 7 “And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book.”
 - 8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things.
 - 9 But he said to me, “Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God.”
 - 10 And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.
 - 11 “Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy.”

- 12 “Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.
- 13 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”
- 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.
- 15 Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.
- 16 “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”
- 17 The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.
- 18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book;
- 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.
- 20 He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- 21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.