

# Student Notes

## Understanding the book of Revelation



**What the book of Revelation really says.**

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## PART ELEVEN: THE END OF ALL WICKEDNESS

### 1. Introduction:

Revelation is a book of \_\_\_\_\_. Here we see that there will be an end of all wickedness that really began in Genesis with the fall of Satan and the fall of Man. Here Jesus is really seen as the Alpha and Omega, the Word that started it all off and the one who will tidy it all up!

We continue looking at the sixth group of seven. The seven dooms reveal the fate of all the enemies of God. It is interesting that these enemies are dealt with in the \_\_\_\_\_ order in which they are introduced in Revelation.

We have seen that God gives many \_\_\_\_\_ to turn to Him even through the pouring out of His wrath with the Trumpet and Bowl judgments.

However, right at the very end He executes His righteous \_\_\_\_\_ with a finality on His enemies who refuse to repent. All these seven dooms occur in the period between the second coming of Christ and the final destruction of heaven and earth after the Millennium before the coming of the New Heaven and New Earth.

**There is a cry to come to the \_\_\_\_\_ Supper of the Lamb.**

*"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God." Revelation 19:7-9 (NKJV)*

The \_\_\_\_\_ bride (Babylon the Great) has been destroyed and now the true Bride, the Church, is revealed in all her glory and the marriage supper of the Lamb is now seen to be ready. God's true church is made up of those who have clothed themselves with righteous deeds. They are not saved by these works but will manifest these works because of their salvation through the blood of the Lamb. Anyone not found wearing these "wedding clothes" will not be allowed to the supper and cast into outer darkness (Matthew 22:11-14) as they were not really His people.

*“Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.” Revelation 19:11-14 (NKJV)*

Now the \_\_\_\_\_ arrives and the Bride (made up of all the righteous) is following Him as a mighty army. God’s people are told to flee from the first doomed one (Babylon the Great) and they had no direct part in her downfall. However, the following dooms are executed by Jesus with the righteous by His side.

## 2. The next six dooms (*Doom 1 was of Babylon the Great*)

### **Doom #2: Striking the Nations and Leaders**

#### **a. The Nations (Revelation 19:15-16)**

In Matthew 25:31-36 Jesus talks of judgment on \_\_\_\_\_ at His Second Coming.

Sheep nations =

Goat nations =

#### **b. Kings and Leaders (Revelation 19:17-18)**

This is God’s revenge over the \_\_\_\_\_ national leaders. The kings and leaders that have defied God by joining forces with the Antichrist will meet their doom at the Battle of Armageddon. They will not perish by human weapons but by the Word of God. Jesus will simply speak His judgment and they will perish.

This seems to be the actual \_\_\_\_\_ banquet (the supper of the great God).

What’s on the menu?

What does this mean?

**Doom #3: Beast and False Prophet (Revelation 19:19-21)**

The Antichrist and the False Prophet are the only wicked \_\_\_\_\_ not to go before the Great White Throne for judgment. Indeed they are the first people to be sent directly into hell (the lake of fire). All those that suffered under their tyrannical rule will be avenged here and God will answer the cry of the martyrs in Revelation 6:10, *"How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?"*

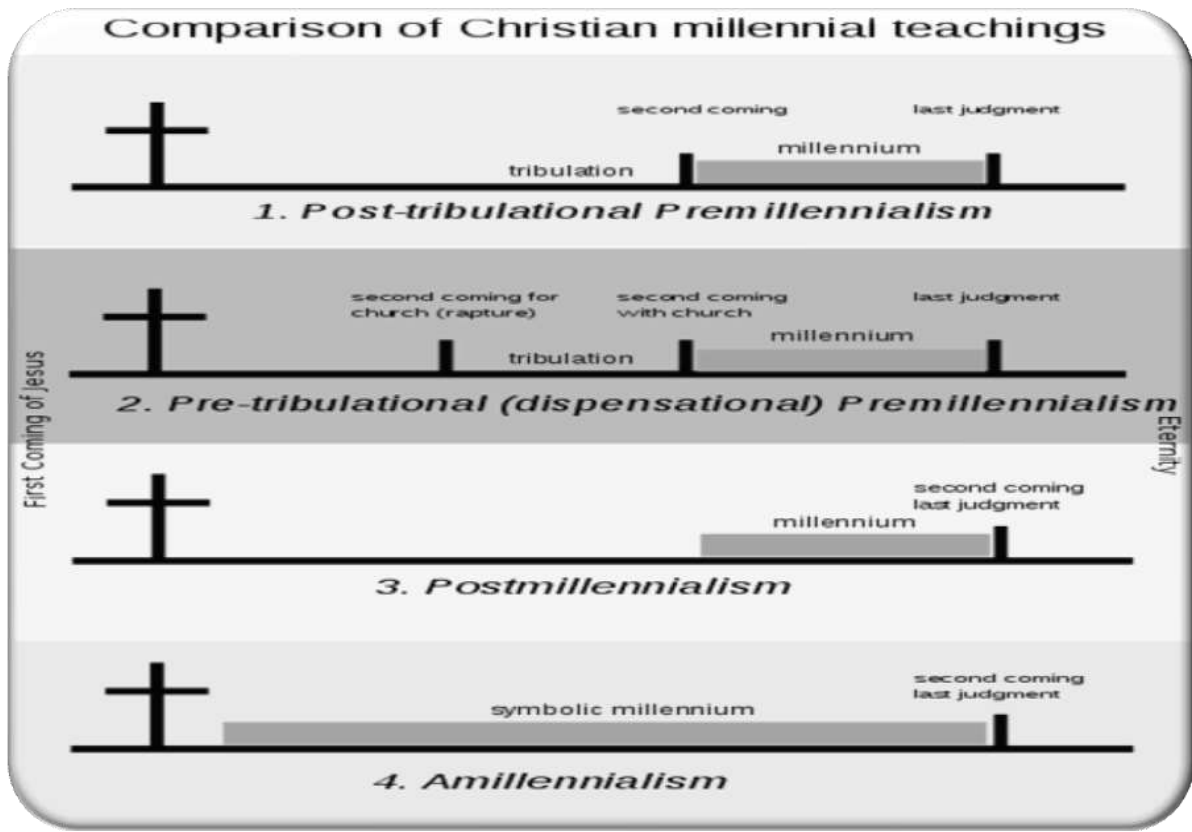
**Doom #4: The Dragon (Revelation 20:1-3, 20:10)**



First part of Satan's doom =

Final Part of Satan's doom =

## Millennial Views



Read Revelation 20:4-6 (NKJV)

1. Post-Tribulational Premillennialism:

2. Pre-Tribulational (dispensational) Millennialism:

3. Postmillennialism:

4. Amillennialism

**Doom #5: Gog and Magog** (Revelation 20:7-9)

Gog =

Magog =

What happens to them?

**Doom#6: The Wicked Dead** (Revelation 20:11-13; 20:15)

The penultimate doom is on the wicked dead from all \_\_\_\_\_. Those who were not raised in the first resurrection (The Rapture) will be raised here to face God at the Great White Throne judgment. They will be judged according to their works and only those found in the book of life will be saved. All who fail this test will join Satan, the Antichrist and the False Prophet in the lake of fire, that is hell. All the glorified saints will not go through this judgment but will be with Jesus, probably in the New Jerusalem.

**Doom#7: Death and Hades**

*“Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”*  
Revelation 20:14 (NKJV)

The final doom is on Death and Hades, which are \_\_\_\_\_ here. Both will be thrown into the lake of fire. From this time on there will be no more death and those in hell will live eternally separated from God and those in the New Heaven and the New Earth will live eternally with God in their glorified state. Hades is a biblical term for the disembodied state of the dead awaiting judgment and this state will no longer be needed as final judgment will have come.

### The Difference between Hades and Hell (Gehenna)



| HADES | HELL |
|-------|------|
|       |      |

### 3. Conclusion:

All of God's enemies will be dealt with for eternity. \_\_\_\_\_ truly is His and we should not execute it ourselves but wait in hope, knowing He will deal with all our enemies righteously, justly and in the proper time.

# PART TWELVE: ALL THINGS MADE NEW

## 1. Introduction:

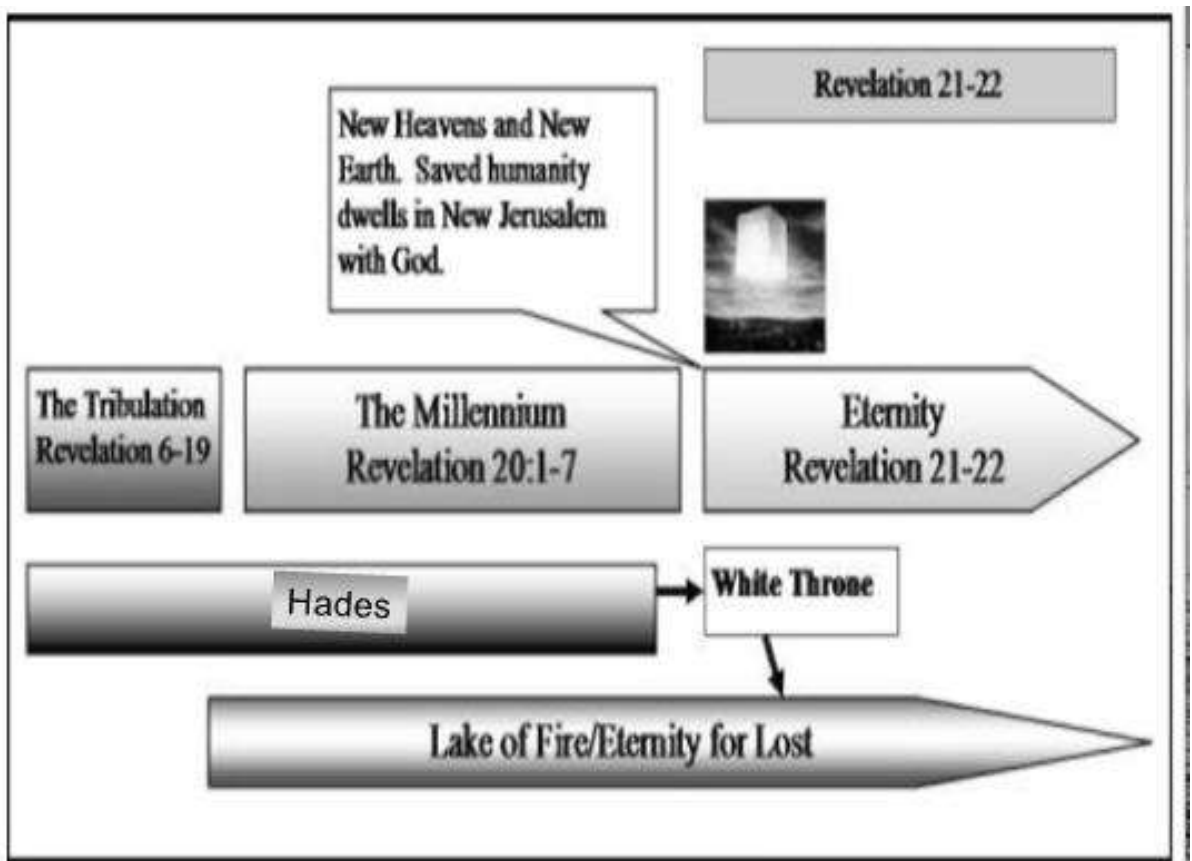
Finally we come to the last lesson that looks at the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's great plan: All things made new.

This last section shows us the fulfillment of Ephesians 1:9-10:

*“Having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him.”*

We now come to the final group of seven – the seven new things. This is a glorious ending to the book of Revelation, indeed to the whole Bible and to the whole history of mankind. Seven is the number of completion and perfection and these seven new things will complete His eternal plan and perfect all His creation.

### The Great Timeline





### The Seven New Things

New Thing One: The New \_\_\_\_\_

New Thing Two: The New \_\_\_\_\_

New Thing Three: The New \_\_\_\_\_

New Thing Four: The New \_\_\_\_\_

New Thing Five: The New \_\_\_\_\_

New Thing Six: The New \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

New Thing Seven: The New \_\_\_\_\_

- How new is New?

Two Greek words for “New” in New Testament:

Neo =

Kainos =

Word used here for ‘new’ is \_\_\_\_\_ so that all the new things described are transformations just as a caterpillar transforms into a butterfly. It is still the same creature but has undergone a dramatic transformation or renewal.

Comment on the use of these words in Matthew 9:17 and 2 Corinthians 9:17:

## 2. The Seven New Things

### New Things #1: New Heaven (Revelation 21:1)

The Greek word used for “*heaven*” is “*ouranos*”, which is the word used both of the sky and of God’s abode. Here, in context, it probably means the earth’s sky and atmosphere will be transformed, maybe even the universe beyond. There may well be no more sun and moon at this time as revelation 21:23-24 says, “*The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.*”

\_\_\_\_\_ will not be needed as God’s glory will light up the world just as it did before the heavenly lights were first created (See Genesis 1:1-5,14).

## New Things #2: New Earth (Revelation 21:1)



The earth will be transformed into its \_\_\_\_\_ state. Just as Christians go through two transformations, so will the earth. The new earth of Revelation 21 will have no sea, only water that comes from the throne of God in the form of the River of Life. It will only contain fresh, life giving water.

This would certainly seem to tally with James 1:18: James 1:18 *“He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.”* (NIV) What happens to Christian, being born again and then being glorified, will also happen to the rest of creation.

## New Things #3: New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2-5)

Next, John is shown the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven to settle on the new earth. It is a time when God’s people come to live in a place where there’s no sin or death, pain or suffering as all these things have been purged by fire.

This city is introduced as the Bride, the Lamb’s wife (Revelation 21:9-10)

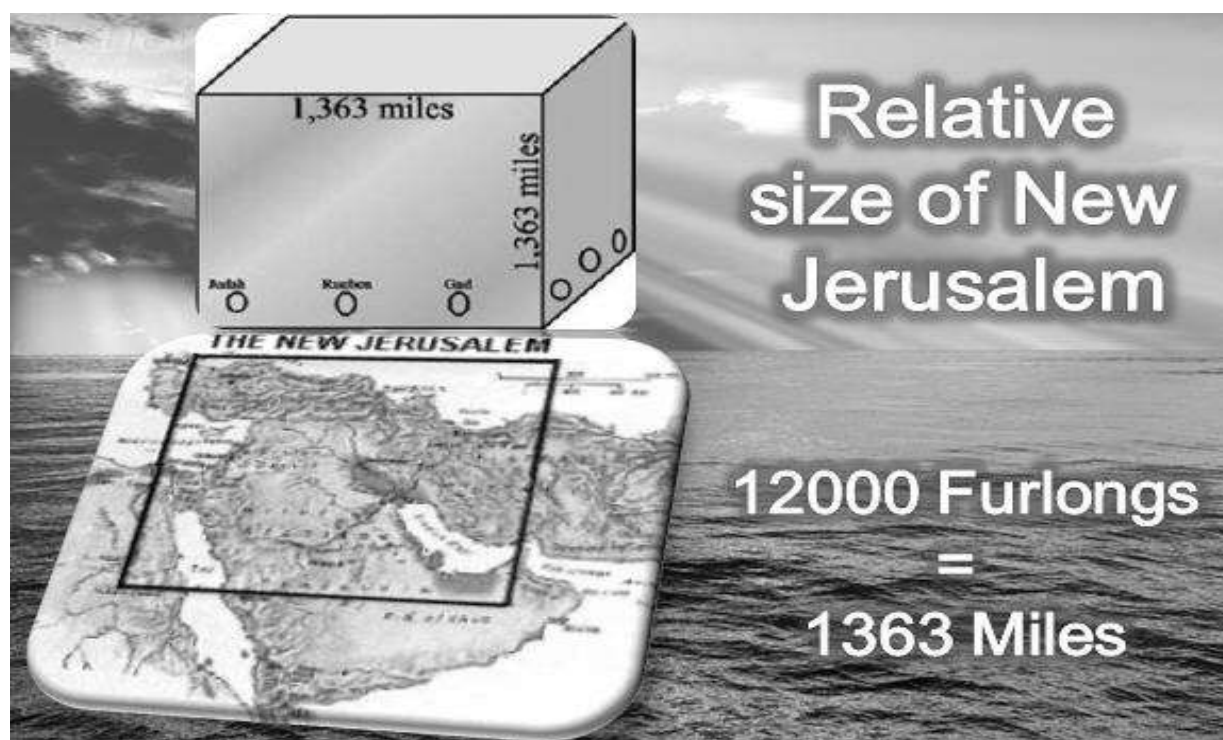
Because of this many have speculated that this picture is purely \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s glorified people coming to live on this new earth, as the Church is now called the Bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:22-33). This may be the case but it could also be describing a literal garden city. God’s people and the city of Jerusalem are often

linked in Scripture as being His bride, adorned with precious stones (see Isaiah 54:5, 11-12)

It could well be that this is a vision of God's perfected \_\_\_\_\_, dwelling in a literal city, New Jerusalem, descending to live eternally on the new earth

This bride is made up of all God's people, Jew and Gentile as one \_\_\_\_\_ man. This is clearly evident as the twelve gates (each made of one massive pearl) have the names of the twelve tribes of Israel on them and the twelve foundation stones have the names of the twelve apostles on them. Hence all godly Jews and Gentiles are included together as God's bride. They are not separated as some scholars teach, Jews having one destiny and Christians another, they are all together as one Bride in one city, the New Jerusalem

### Relative Size of New Jerusalem.




### Comparison of the New Jerusalem with Aaron's \_\_\_\_\_.

The twelve stones that make up the foundations of New Jerusalem along with the twelve gates parallel the twelve stones on the breastplate of the High Priest as seen in Exodus 28:17-21.

See the chart.

| Breastplate of Aaron               | New Jerusalem                                   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 12 precious stones                 | 12 precious stones                              |
| Arranged in square                 | Arranged in square                              |
| 4 sides with 3 stones on each side | 4 sides with 3 gates on each side               |
| Each stone represents a tribe      | Each gate represents a tribe                    |
| Worn by the High Priest            | The home of the Great High Priest, Jesus Christ |



Just as Aaron wore the stones close to His \_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 28:29) so Jesus longs to have us close to His heart and this will be fully realized in the New Jerusalem.

**New Things #4: New Nations** (Revelation 21:24-27)

New nations shall be formed out of the old. These nations will bathe in God's glory and walk in His light. Maybe the nations that were stricken by Jesus at His second coming (the goat nations) will be the one purged away and only the righteous nations with His righteous glorified saints will remain.

**New Things #5: New River of Life** (Revelation 22:1)

Now: See John 7:38-39

In Millennium: See Ezekiel 47 and Zechariah 14:8-9

In New Jerusalem: See Revelation 22:1

## **New Things #6: New Tree of Life (Revelation 22:2)**

Now: See Proverbs 3:18, 11:30

In Millennium: See Ezekiel 47:12

In New Jerusalem: See Revelation 22:2

## **New Things #7: New Throne (Revelation 22:3-5)**

What is new here is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Throne. His Throne is now seen as with His people in the New Jerusalem and coming down to the New Earth. Previously in Revelation we have had many glimpses of God's Throne, but always in heaven. Now heaven comes down to Earth permanently and forever:

*"But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel."* Psalm 22:3 (NKJV)

There are times now, briefly, when His \_\_\_\_\_ will come down to earth as a foretaste of the time when this will be a permanent reality. In times of revival and anointed worship services we can now have a taste of heaven on earth as it will be with the New Heaven, New Earth and the New Jerusalem. We can now truly touch heaven to change earth.

### **3. Conclusion:**

*"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." Blessed are those who do His commandments that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires let him take the water of life freely".* Revelation 22:12-17 (NKJV)