

REVELATION

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LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- Jesus sits at God's right hand and continually prays for us. Jesus will one day return to exercise His reign over creation.
- Jesus is the only way people can connect with God.
- People cannot save themselves, and Jesus is the only way to be reconciled with God.

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Jesus sits at God's right hand and continually intercedes for believers as our advocate, mediator, and High Priest. Jesus will one day return to exercise His reign over creation, and He will make all things new.
- Because no sin can enter God's presence and because Jesus is holy, He is the only way people can connect with God.
- No amount of good works can save a person, and Jesus' paying the penalty for our sin is the only way to be reconciled to God.



MEMORY VERSE

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23

H 10:23 - L u h f t c o o h w w, f h w p i f. - use this first letter memorization tool that aids in remembering text by using the first letter of each word as a clue.

INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITY

What Would It Be Like?

Instructions:

1. Ask: “What’s the most breathtaking thing you’ve ever seen in real life? Something that made you stop and say, ‘Whoa.’”
- (Could be a concert, the Grand Canyon, fireworks, an athlete’s moment, etc.)
2. Have a few students share.
3. Then ask:
- “What made that moment so incredible?”
- “What if there was something infinitely more beautiful, powerful, and amazing?”
4. Transition: “That’s what John saw in Revelation 4-5 — the throne room of God — and in chapters 19-22, he sees Jesus returning to make everything new. Let’s see what that kind of glory looks like.”

BACKGROUND INFO FOR LEADERS

Throughout this “Faithful and Forever” unit, we’ve seen how God remains steadfast in every generation. Hebrews reminded us that Jesus is our perfect High Priest who intercedes for us forever. Peter and Jude called believers to stand firm in truth and holiness as we await Christ’s return. John’s letters taught us to walk in love and live in the light of God’s truth. Now, in Revelation, we see the grand finale of God’s redemption story—the moment when all of heaven declares that Jesus alone is worthy, and when He returns to reign as the victorious King. These final chapters of Scripture remind us that God’s promises are certain, His justice is sure, and His people will dwell with Him forever in perfect joy.

After recording Jesus’ letters to the seven churches, the apostle John received an invitation to witness the throne room of heaven and the presence of God Himself. A trumpet-like voice told him, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this” (*Revelation 4:1*).

John was immediately drawn to the throne of God (*4:3*), surrounded by heavenly beings declaring His holiness and glory. The main attraction of heaven is not its beauty, but the presence of God Himself. What Paul described in *1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*—believers being caught up into God’s presence—John experienced in vision form.

John’s arrival coincided with a key moment in all of redemptive history: the redemption of creation. God held in His right hand a scroll sealed with seven seals, and a mighty angel asked, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” (*Revelation 5:2*).

John wept when no one was found worthy (*5:4*). Then one of the elders comforted him: “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to

open the scroll and to loose its seven seals” (*Revelation 5:5*).

Scrolls were often used for ancient property deeds; this one represents the title deed to the earth. It contains the divine plan for reclaiming and restoring God’s creation, which has been marred by sin. Only Jesus Christ, the Lamb who was slain, is worthy to take the scroll. His blood purchased redemption for people “from every tribe and language and people and nation” (*5:9*). In that moment, heaven erupted in worship—praising the Lamb who has all power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing forever (*5:12*).

Here, John witnessed the beginning of God’s final plan to purify the world through judgment—the tribulation—and to restore all things through His Son. The vision of the Lamb reminds us that the conquering King first came as a sacrificial Savior.

John’s vision of heaven in *Revelation 4-5* gives believers a glimpse of Jesus’ matchless worth and the splendor of heaven. Those who are in Christ will dwell with Him forever, worshiping in perfect unity, no longer hindered by sin. Though Revelation may seem complex, its central message is simple: Christ alone is worthy of endless praise, and He has made a way for us to dwell with Him forever. Our God is good, and He loved us enough to send His Son.

Later, in *Revelation 19-20*, John received another vision showcasing the risen Savior’s ultimate triumph. Jesus will return for His people in righteousness, power, and glory, just as Scripture foretold.

The scene opens with heaven’s announcement of the wedding of the Lamb (*19:6-10*)—a celebration of Christ’s union with His redeemed church. Immediately following, John saw Christ’s return (*19:11-16*): “He is called Faithful and True...and on His robe and on His thigh He has this name written: King of kings and Lord of lords.”

Unlike His first coming in humility, Jesus now appears as the Warrior-King, riding a white horse, executing perfect judgment, and defeating the powers of evil. The Antichrist and the False Prophet are captured and cast alive into the lake of fire (*19:20*), and all His enemies are crushed by the word of His mouth (*19:15, 21*).

This final battle is not a contest—it’s a complete victory! As *2 Thessalonians 2:8* says, Jesus will “destroy [the lawless one] by the breath of His mouth.” The struggle will be over before it begins; Jesus will reign unopposed as King forever.

After Christ’s victory, Satan is bound for a thousand years while Christ reigns with His faithful followers (*20:1-6*). When Satan is released, he again deceives the nations but is swiftly defeated and thrown into the lake of fire forever (*20:7-10*).

Then comes the Great White Throne Judgment (*20:11-15*). All the dead stand before God, and those whose names are not found in the Book of Life are cast into the lake of fire. Even death itself is destroyed. This marks the end of all evil and the beginning of eternal glory.

With sin and death defeated, John saw “a new heaven and a new earth” (21:1). God’s ancient promise to dwell among His people is fulfilled: “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man” (21:3).

The redeemed now live in a new garden-city, restored to perfect fellowship with God. The Tree of Life reappears (22:1-2), the curse of sin is gone, and God’s people see His face (22:4). Everything lost in Eden is restored and magnified in glory.

Revelation concludes with both promise and warning. Jesus assures His people three times that His return is imminent (22:7, 12, 20). Those who keep the words of this prophecy are blessed, while those who reject God’s truth face judgment (22:15).

John ends with a prayer that has echoed through the centuries: “Come, Lord Jesus.” And a blessing for all believers: “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen” (22:21).

 Revelation brings the story of redemption full circle. The Lamb who was slain (Revelation 5) is also the Lion who reigns (Revelation 19). The first time Jesus came, He came in humility as a baby; the next time, He will return in glory as the eternal King. For believers, this truth calls us to live in hope and anticipation. Our Savior keeps His promises. We look forward with joy to the day when all creation will join in declaring His glory, and we will worship the only One worthy of praise—the Lamb who sits on the throne forever.

LOCATE THE SCRIPTURE & TELL THE STORY

TELL THE STORY - Revelation 4-5 and 19-22

Over the past several months, we learned about Paul and how he faithfully preached the gospel wherever God sent him. Sometimes Paul was with churches teaching about Jesus, and other times he was in prison. No matter where he was, God used Paul to spread the good news so that many people could believe in Jesus and new churches could grow.

Other apostles of Jesus also shared the gospel. One of them was John. John had walked with Jesus when He lived on earth and saw many incredible things. Near the end of John’s life, God gave him a very special vision. John saw Jesus in heaven and recorded what he saw in the last book of the Bible, Revelation. This book helps us understand that one day Jesus will return to make everything right and defeat evil forever.

John’s Vision of Heaven (Revelation 4-5)

John was living on the island of Patmos when God gave him this vision. Jesus appeared to John and showed him what would happen before the end of time.

John saw a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. The One on the throne looked like shining jewels, glowing red and green. A beautiful rainbow surrounded the throne, and

thunder and lightning flashed around it. John also saw twenty-four other thrones with elders sitting on them, each wearing a gold crown.

Around the throne were four living creatures—one like a lion, one like an ox, one with a face like a man, and one like an eagle. They each had six wings and called out day and night: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—who was, who is, and who is to come!”

The elders and creatures all fell and worshiped God, saying, “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, because You created all things!”

Then John saw something else—a scroll in the right hand of the One seated on the throne. A mighty angel called out, “Who is worthy to open the scroll?” But no one in heaven or on earth could open it. John began to cry because no one was worthy.

Then one of the elders said, “Don’t cry! Look—the Lion from the tribe of Judah has won the victory! He is worthy to open the scroll.”

When John looked, he saw Jesus standing near the throne. He looked like a Lamb that had been slain, showing that He had died and come back to life. Jesus took the scroll, and all of heaven bowed down before Him. They sang a new song, praising Him: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

Every creature in heaven, on earth, under the world, and in the sea joined in, praising Jesus forever.

Jesus alone is worthy of our worship. He gave His life to save people from every tribe and nation. One day, everyone who belongs to Him will worship Him face to face in heaven.

John’s Vision of Jesus’ Return (*Revelation 19-22*)

Later in his vision, John saw something incredible—Jesus returning as the conquering King!

John heard the sound of a great celebration in heaven. Angels and people were shouting, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God! Let us rejoice and give Him glory!” Everyone was celebrating because Jesus was about to make everything right.

Then John saw heaven open, and Jesus was riding on a white horse. His eyes were like fire, and He wore many crowns on His head. On His robe and on His thigh was written His name: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Jesus came to defeat the beast and the dragon—symbols of Satan and all evil. They had caused pain and trouble on the earth, but Jesus was stronger. With the power of His word, He routed them and threw them into a lake of fire, where they could never harm anyone again.

After evil was destroyed, John saw something new. He saw a new heaven and a new earth.

God's home was now with His people! There was no more sadness, sickness, or death. The curse of sin was gone forever. John saw a beautiful city with gates of pearl, streets of gold, and a crystal-clear river flowing from God's throne. The Tree of Life grew beside the river, and its leaves brought healing to all the nations.

Everyone who belongs to Jesus will live with Him there forever, worshiping and serving Him with great joy.

In his first vision, John saw Jesus as the Lamb who died and rose again to save the world. In his final vision, John saw Jesus as the mighty King who returns to conquer evil and make all things new. These two pictures show us who Jesus truly is—the Savior who gave His life for us and the King who will reign forever.

We can live with hope because Jesus keeps every promise. One day, we will join the angels and all creation in saying, "Worthy is the Lamb! Hallelujah to our King forever!"



RETELL THE STORY

Have students re-tell the story as best they can.



SHARE THE GOSPEL

When John saw his vision of heaven, he cried because no one was worthy to open the scroll. No person on earth, no angel in heaven, no power anywhere was good enough to do it. But then John saw Jesus—God's Son, the Lamb who was slain and is alive again!

Jesus is the only one worthy because He gave His life to save us. He died on the cross so we could be forgiven and have eternal life. When He rose from the dead, He proved His power over sin and death forever.

In heaven, everyone worshiped Jesus and said, "Worthy is the Lamb!" Jesus deserves all praise, honor, and glory because He alone is the Savior. God created people to worship Him, and our hearts are like tiny "throne rooms" where Jesus should be first in everything we do.

Faith in Jesus gives us tremendous hope. It's not a "maybe" kind of hope—it's a sure and confident one! Just as all of God's promises came true when Jesus was born, every promise about His return will also come true. Christians have the only true hope because we know how the story ends: Jesus wins!

When Jesus returns, He will come as a mighty King riding on a white horse. His name is written on His robe and thigh: King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He will defeat all evil once and for all and make everything right again. Those who trust in Him will live with Him forever, filled with joy and peace that never end.

Jesus has already defeated sin and death through the cross, and one day He will defeat evil completely. Because of what He has done and what He will do, we can live with courage and joy in the present. Our hope is not just for the future—it changes how we live today!

John said that Jesus is called Faithful and True. That means He always keeps His promises and never fails to do what He says. Jesus came as the promised Savior, and He will come again as the conquering King. We can trust Him because He is faithful, and His Word is true. From the very beginning of the Bible, God promised that Jesus would crush the power of Satan ([Genesis 3:15](#)). Revelation shows us that this promise will finally be fulfilled. Jesus will reign over all the nations forever, and His kingdom will never end ([Revelation 11:15](#)).

Jesus has always been God's plan to save the world. Nothing Satan does can stop Him. One day, Jesus will return in all His glory to make everything new again. He will wipe away every tear, remove all sin and sadness, and reign as King forever!

This is the good news of the gospel—Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and the King who reigns, has made a way for us to be with God forever. Because of Him, we can live with hope, joy, and confidence, knowing that our King is coming again!

QUESTIONS TO REBUILD THE STORY

1. The vision John saw from God is full of hope and good news. The vision took place in heaven where there was One seated on the throne. What were the creatures around the throne saying? ([Revelation 4:8](#)) God is worthy of worship forever because of who He is and what He has done.

2. Why is Jesus described as both a Lion and a Lamb in John's vision? ([Revelation 5:5, 8-10](#)) Jesus is referred to as the Lion of Judah in the Bible because He is the promised Messiah who would conquer sin and death. As the Lion, Jesus is victorious. Jesus is also called the Lamb of God because He willingly gave His life on the cross for our sins. Jesus is both the Conquering King and the Suffering Servant.

3. Why did John weep in his vision? ([Revelation 5:5](#)) John wept because no one was able to open the scroll. The scroll symbolizes God's purposes for the world and what is to come.

Only Jesus can open the scroll because He has conquered sin, death, and the whole world by His blood on the cross. He alone is worthy of such honor and power and wisdom.

4. John saw a scroll, but no one was able to open it. Who did the elders say was able to open the scroll? (*Revelation 5:5*) Through Jesus' death and resurrection, He alone is worthy to open the scroll and judge the world. He alone is worthy of worship.

5. How can we give God glory?

6. Why does Jesus deserve all of your worship and praise?

7. How might you share with a friend who is not a Christian why Jesus is worthy of all our worship? Remind students that every person is a sinner in need of forgiveness. We can share that only Jesus can provide the forgiveness we need and gave his life to do so. Jesus is worthy because of who He is and what He has done to give us salvation and eternal life.

8. In our story, John saw all of heaven praising Jesus. What did they say belongs to Him? (*Revelation 19:1*) Everyone in heaven was praising Jesus because to Him belong salvation, glory, and power. Only Jesus can save people from their sins. Only Jesus receives glory because God has exalted Him above every other name. Only Jesus has the power to defeat sin, death, and all evil.

9. John saw a rider on a white horse. Who was this? (*Rev. 19:13-16*) Jesus is the Rod of God and the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. When Jesus returns, He will judge the earth. He will speak words of authority because He is King, and His words will hold power to defeat evil.

10. Why is Jesus' return good news for those who trust in Him? (*Revelation 20:10*) Those who trust in Jesus look forward to the day when Satan and evil are destroyed forever. Evil will never again be able to hurt anyone. Christians do not have to fear judgment of God because Jesus took our punishment for sin. God's final judgment will be a time of celebration for Christians, as Jesus will be victorious over evil.

11. How does the promise of Jesus' return make you feel? How does the book of Revelation give you hope?

12. What does it mean that Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords? No earthly power can compare to Jesus. He rules over everything as the true King, and one day He will come again to defeat any power that sets itself up against Him.

13. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?

14. What does the story teach me about myself?

15. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?

16. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?

17. How does this story help me live on mission?

PRAYER PROMPTS

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to bring light into the darkness and to forgive our sins. Help me to walk in Your truth every day by obeying You and showing love to others. Thank You for giving me joy, peace, and the promise of eternal life with You. Amen.

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

ATTENTIVE - God hears and responds to the needs of His children.

COMPASSIONATE - God cares for His children and acts on their behalf.

CREATOR - God made everything. He is uncreated.

DELIVERER - God rescues and saves His children.

ETERNAL - God is not limited by time; He exists outside of time.

FAITHFUL - God always keeps His promises.

GENEROUS - God gives what is best and beyond what is deserved.

GLORIOUS - God displays His greatness and worth.

GOOD - God is what is best and gives what is best. He is incapable of doing harm.

HOLY - God is perfect, pure, and without sin.

IMMUTABLE/UNCHANGING - God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

INCOMPREHENSIBLE - God is beyond our understanding. We can comprehend Him in part but not in whole.

INFINITE - God has not limits in His person or on His power.

JEALOUS - God will not share His glory with another. All glory rightfully belongs to Him.

JUST - God is fair in all His actions and judgements. He cannot over-punish or under-punish.

LOVING - God feels and displays infinite, unconditional affection toward His children. His love for them does not depend on their worth, response, or merit.

MERCIFUL - God does not give His children the punishment they deserve.

OMNIPOTENT/ALMIGHTY - God holds all power. Nothing is too hard for God. What He wills He can accomplish.

OMNIPRESENT - God is fully present everywhere.

OMNISCIENT - God knows everything, past, present, and future - all potential and real outcomes, all things micro and macro.

PATIENT/LONG-SUFFERING - God is untiring and bears with His children.

PROVIDER - God meets the needs of His children.

REFUGE - God is a place of safety and protection for His children.

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

RIGHTEOUS - God is always good and right.

SELF-EXISTENT - God depends on nothing and no one to give Him life or existence.

SELF-SUFFICIENT - God is not vulnerable. He has no needs.

SOVEREIGN - God does everything according to His plan and pleasure. He controls all things.

TRANSCENDENT - God is not like humans. He is infinitely higher in being and action.

TRUTHFUL - Whatever God speaks or does is truth and reality.

WISE - God knows what is best and acts accordingly. He cannot choose wrongly.

WORTHY - God deserves all glory and honor and praise.

WRATHFUL - God hates all unrighteousness.

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Application Questions

LOOK UPWARD



- How does this story apply to your relationship with God?
- What does it teach you about Him- His will and His heart?

LOOK INWARD



- How does this story apply to your heart and your own spiritual growth?
- What does it teach you about yourself?

LOOK AROUND



- How does this story apply to your relationship with others?
- What does it teach you about how to see others and relate to them?
- What is God inviting you to do differently in your relationships?

LOOK OUTWARD



- What does it teach you about God's purposes for the world?
- What part of His mission is He inviting you to participate in?
- What practical steps can you take to live out these truths in the world?

LOOK FORWARD



- What does it teach you about God's plan for your life, now and forever?
- What practical steps can you take to impact eternity now with these truths?