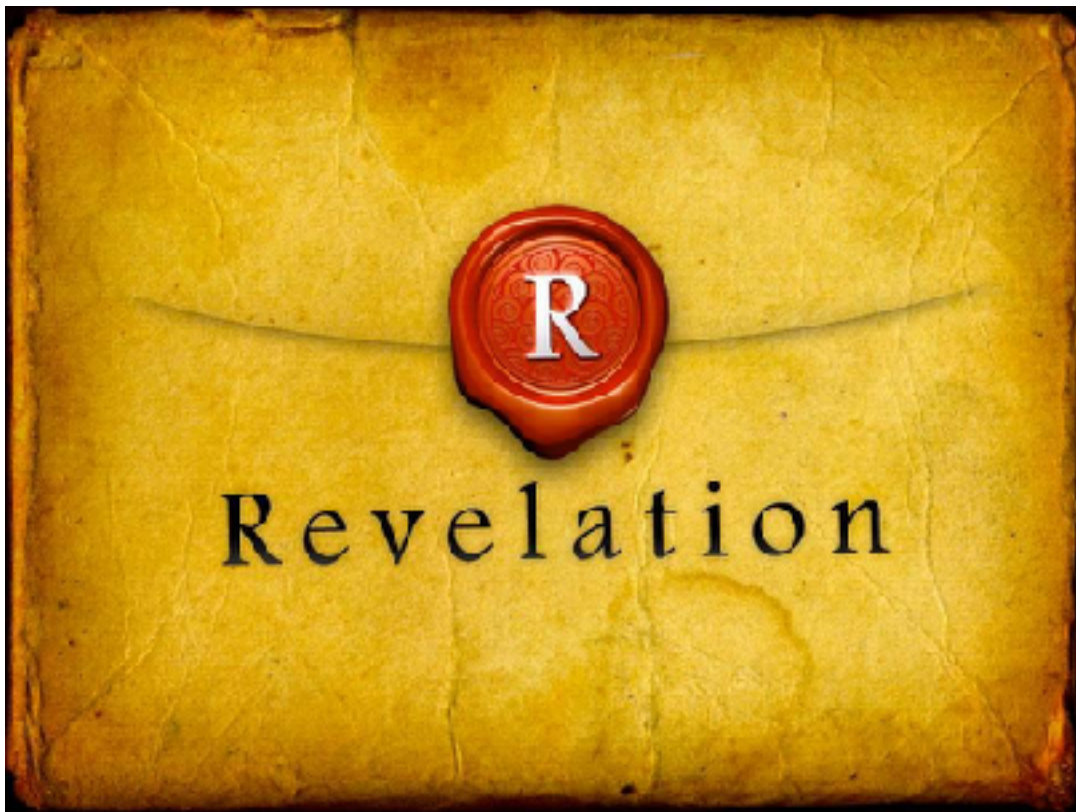


# Annandale church

# Bible Study Guide

Adult "Auditorium" Class

December 2017



“ These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful.”

17:14

**Annandale church**  
**2017 Bible Study – The Revelation of Jesus Christ**  
**Wednesday, November 29**  
**Text: Revelation 1**

**Memory Verse:** Hebrews 11:6

**Outline**

1:1-3	Introduction
1:4-7	Message to the seven churches of Asia
1:8-20	John's vision and charge

**Study Questions:**

1. To whom was this revelation delivered?
2. How was the revelation delivered?
3. Why was this revelation delivered?
4. According to the introductory verses, what is the timeframe for the revelation?
5. What encouragement do the introductory words of this prophecy contain and to whom does it apply?
6. Who sent grace and peace to the seven churches of Asia?
7. What descriptions of Christ are given in the introduction of the message to the seven churches and how would those descriptions affect those saints?
8. What assurance is provided by the assertion contained in verse 8?
9. How did John describe himself and what was his situation when he began to receive the revelation?
10. What things was John charged to write?
11. What are some key take-aways from the introductory text of the Revelation?

**Annandale church**  
**2017 Bible Study – The Revelation of Jesus Christ**  
**Sunday, December 3**  
**Text: Revelation 2-3**

**Memory Verse:** 1 Peter 5:6-7

**Outline**

2:1-7	Message to the church at Ephesus
2:8-11	Message to the church at Smyrna
2:12-17	Message to the church at Pergamum
2:18-29	Message to the church at Thyatira
3:1-6	Message to the church at Sardis
3:7-13	Message to the church at Philadelphia (not Pennsylvania)
3:14-22	Message to the church at Laodicea and conclusion

**Study Questions:**

1. What connection was there between these seven churches?
2. What is the recurring pattern (i.e. outline) of the messages to the seven churches?
3. What is the aggregate description of the speaker to the seven churches and who is he?
4. What things did the speaker know about these churches, and what lesson does that teach us?
5. What promises were made to those who overcome and what were/are they/we to overcome?
6. What lesson is there for us in the exhortation to hear what the Spirit says to the churches?
7. What pitfalls were these churches experiencing and what lessons does that teach us?
8. What was commendable within the churches and what lessons does that teach us?
9. What are the key take-aways for the church at Annandale in 2017?

Annandale church  
2017 Bible Study – The Revelation of Jesus Christ  
Sunday, December 10  
Text: Revelation 4-5

**Memory Verse:** 1 Peter 5:6-7

**Outline**

4:1-11	The scene in heaven
5:1-14	The book sealed with seven seals and the lamb who is worthy to open it

**Study Questions:**

Read the description of the prophet Ezekiel's vision of the appearance of the glory of the Lord in chapters 1 and 10. Also, read Isaiah's description of the Lord in chapter 6 of Isaiah. Note any significant similarities and/or differences among and between these prophetic descriptions.

Element	Revelation	Ezekiel	Isaiah

Based upon the description of the glory of the Lord in Revelation, what are we to learn about God and what effects should that understanding have on us and on our faith?

What truths are we to understand from John's vision of the Lamb taking the book from the right hand of Him who sat on the throne?

**Annandale church**  
**2017 Bible Study – The Revelation of Jesus Christ**  
**Wednesday, December 13**  
**Text: Revelation 6-8**

**Memory Verse:** 1 Peter 5:6-7

**Outline**

6:1-17	The opening of six of the seven seals
7:1-17	An interlude in which John sees five angels, and 144,000 who are sealed
8:1-13	The opening of the seventh seal

**Study Questions:**

1. Having described the scene in Heaven of the One who sits on the throne and the Lamb who reigns (chapters 4 and 5), what reality do chapters 6 through 8 introduce?
2. What part of God's eternal purpose is depicted in the opening of the first seal?
3. What warning or encouragement are we to learn from the opening of the second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth seals?
4. What is the purpose of the pause between the sixth and seventh seals and what encouragement is there for Christians in the description of the sealing of the 144,000?
5. What similarities are there between the vision that John saw regarding the four angels and the 144,000 and the vision that Ezekiel recorded in Ezekiel 9:1-11? How does this similarity help us to understand the meaning of John's vision?
6. Whom did the great multitude represent and how would that have been an encouragement to the Christians to whom the Revelation was primarily addressed?
7. What truth is depicted by the image of the angel with the censer who throws fire from the altar to the earth?
8. What is the significance of the silence that followed the opening of the seventh seal?
9. What is the purpose of the trumpets of the seven angels? (Notice Amos 3:6, Hosea 5:8, Joel 2:1, Ezekiel 33:1-6)

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**2017 Bible Study – The Revelation of Jesus Christ**  
**Sunday, December 17**  
**Text: Revelation 9-11**

**Memory Verse:** 1 Peter 5:6-7

**Outline**

9:1-12	The fifth trumpet announcing the first woe
9:13-21	The sixth trumpet announcing the second woe
10:1-11	- The strong angel with the little book
11:1-14	- The temple and the two witnesses
11:15-19	The seventh trumpet announcing the third woe

**Study Questions:**

1. Whom does the star from heaven who opens the bottomless pit represent? (Consider Luke 10:17-18)
2. In what way(s) is/are the judgment of the sixth trumpet more intense than the judgments of the previous trumpets?
3. Why (is) or (is not) the book that the angel held in 10:2 the same as the book in 5:1?
4. What is the scope, content and meaning of the angel's message?
5. What did the angel mean by the statement that "...the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants, the prophets." (NASB)? (Consider Ephesians 1:9-12; 3:1-12; 1 Corinthians 2:6-13; 1 Peter 1:10-12; Romans 16:25-27)
6. Why was the effect of John eating the little book, "...in my mouth, sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter."? (Compare Ezekiel 2:8-3:3; and Jeremiah 15:15-18)
7. In John's vision of the temple, the altar, and those who worship in it - what truth and assurance does this provide to Christians? (Notice and compare Ezekiel 40-43)
8. In light of the truth and assurance conveyed in the vision of the temple, etc., what other specific assurance did the Lord reveal by the image of the two witnesses?

9. What is the significance of the sight of, "...the temple of God, which is in heaven was opened:"?

10. What important lessons should we learn from the description of the 7 trumpets and the 3 woes?

**2017 Bible Study – The Revelation of Jesus Christ**  
**Wednesday, December 20**  
**Text: Revelation 12**

**Memory Verse:** 1 Peter 5:6-7

**Outline**

12:1-2	The sign of the woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet and a crown of stars
12:3-4	The sign of the great red dragon
12:5-6	Birth of the male child who is to rule al the nations
12:7-12	War between the dragon and Michael and his angels
12:13-17	The frustration of the dragon

**Study Questions:**

1. Whom does the woman symbolize?
2. Who is the child and how is he described?
3. Who is the dragon, how is he described and what are to learn from his description?
4. Who is the primary target of the dragon and is he successful?
5. What truth is depicted in the fact that the male child was born and then caught up to God and His throne?
6. What is depicted as coinciding in heaven with the victory of the male child?
7. Once Satan was defeated, to whom did he turn against?
8. What other period, described earlier in the Revelation, seems to coincide with the period during which the woman is nourished in the wilderness?
9. What did the dragon use to try to destroy the woman?
10. How is the woman helped against the attacks of the dragon?



**2017 Bible Study – The Revelation of Jesus Christ**  
**Sunday, December 24**  
**Text: Revelation 13-16**

**Memory Verse:** 1 Peter 5:6-7

**Outline**

13:1-10	The beast that arises out of the sea
13:11-18	The beast that arises out of the earth
14:1-5	The Lamb on Mt. Zion with the 144,000
14:6-13	Three angels and their respective messages
14:14-20	The reaping of the earth
15:1-8	Prelude to the judgment of the seven plagues of the wrath of God
16:1-21	The seven bowls of the wrath of God

**Study Questions:**

1. Read the poetic and prophetic language of Psalm 65:5-7, Isaiah 17:12-13; 57:20; 60:5, Jeremiah 49:23; 51:41-42; Ezekiel 26:1-3 and consider what the sea depicts in 13:1-10.
2. Read the vision given to Daniel in Daniel 7 and consider what the beast that rises from the sea in Revelation 13:11-18 depicts.
3. What is the nature of the relationships between the dragon, the beast from the sea and the beast from the earth?
4. Among the many references to “Zion” throughout the scriptures, study Isaiah 2:2-3; Micah 4:1-8; and Hebrews 12:22-24 and consider the meaning of “Mount Zion” on which stood the Lamb and 144,000 (14:1-5).
5. What characteristics of the 144,000 did John describe?
6. To whom is the message from the three angels addressed and what is the essence of their combined message?
7. Consider the different ways that the image of reaping is used in scripture (e.g. Jeremiah 51:33; Matthew 9:37; 13:24-30) and then consider the meaning of the vision of reaping within the context of Revelation.

8. Consider the similarities and differences in the purpose and function of the seals, trumpets and now, the bowls.
9. Admitting that it is difficult, at best, to assign specific meanings to each of the seven bowls of wrath, what is the overall truth to be understood from this series of images?
10. What encouragements would the descriptions of the beasts, the Lamb, the 144,000, the messages of the angels, the reaping and the bowls of wrath provided to the primary readers of the Revelation? What encouragements to these provide to us today?

## 2017 Bible Study – The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Wednesday, December 27

Text: Revelation 17-19

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:6-7

### Outline

17:1-18	The judgment of the great harlot
18:1-24	The fall of Babylon and the effects of the fall
19:1-10	Praises to God for the judgment of the great harlot, the marriage of the Lamb
19:11-19	The coming of Christ against the nations
19:20-21	The destruction of both beasts and their followers

### Study Questions:

1. What are the differences between the woman described in chapter 12 and the woman described in chapter 17? What opposing concepts do they symbolize?
2. What does the name of the harlot indicate about her?
3. How does the angel describe the history of the beast upon which the great harlot, Babylon, sits?
4. What has been the outcome among nations from their relationship with the great harlot, Babylon?
5. Given the announced doom of Babylon, what exhortation did John hear from another voice in heaven to those who were still in Babylon? (Note II Corinthians 6:17 and Ephesians 5:11)
6. What groups of earth-dwellers observed the destruction of Babylon and what were the reasons for their reactions to it?
7. What 5 silences illustrated the complete destruction of Babylon?
8. What 2 reasons were stated for the cause of Babylon's fall?
9. How did John react to hearing and seeing the four hallelujahs after the fall of Babylon and how did the angel correct him?

10. Who is depicted as the rider on the white horse and what did he do?
11. Of the evil characters (i.e. Satan and his agents) who has been destroyed by the end of the 19th chapter and who remains?
12. What encouragements can we take away from the truths represented by these images?

## 2017 Bible Study – The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Sunday, December 31

Text: Revelation 20-22

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 5:6-7

### Outline

20:1-3	The binding of the dragon, Satan
20:4-10	The reign of Christ and the final punishment of the devil, Satan
20:11-15	The final judgment
21:1-27	The new heaven, new earth and new Jerusalem
22:1-21	The river of the water of life, the tree of life, and final words

### Study Questions:

1. Notice the parallels between chapters 11-14 and chapter 20 and consider what sequence of events is depicted by these images.
2. In what sense has Satan been bound and how would that have been an encouragement to Christians to whom John delivered the Revelation? How is that an encouragement to us today?
3. With regard to the 1,000 year reign of Christ, (1) where does it occur? (2) what is its nature? (3) who participates in it?
4. What is the outcome of Satan as a result of his final assault against the *beloved city, the camp of the saints*?
5. Compare the description of the new heavens and the new earth in II Peter 3:10-13 to that in Revelation 21 and note the similarities.
6. What promise did the Alpha and Omega make that is reminiscent of the promises to the seven churches of Asia?
7. To whom did promise the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, the second death?
8. What is the source of life in the new Jerusalem?
9. What significant encouragements and warnings did you learn from the Revelation?