

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 07 June	1John 1
2) 14 June	1John 2
3) 21 June	1John 3
4) 28 June	1John 4
5) 05 July	1John 5
6) 12 July	2 nd John & 3 rd John
7) 19 July	Rev 1
8) 26 July	Rev 2-3
9) 02 August	Rev 4-6
10) 09 August	Rev 7-13
11) 16 August	Rev 14-17
12) 23 August	Rev 18-22

INTRODUCTION

• Let's wrap up this great book. I know these quick 6 lessons barely scratched the surface. Hopefully we are anxious to dig deeper.

Passage	Comments
Revelation 18:1-	<p>The Fall of Babylon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A whole chapter, 24 vs., are reserved for the destruction of this city – Is there significance here? • Some spiritualize Babylon being the epitome of sin, BUT the passage has too many literal elements to it, such as merchant ships plying their wares; people will see the smoke of her burning; musicians played there; & marriage ceremonies were conducted there • v2. Why does everyone have to shout in Heaven? • v3. Assuming that Babylon is Rome, it is conceivable, and probably was even more conceivable during the 1st century, how this great city fit this passage • However, v24 alludes to possibly another city. Yes, Rome was guilty of killing many NT saints through the centuries, but it was Jerusalem that was guilty of slaying the prophets of old, and the blood of all the saints would be laid at her feet Luke 11:50-51 • When you think about it, many wars were instigated by religious zealots from the Crusades to the NRA
19:1-	<p>A Lot of Shouting Going On</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v2. Notice that God's judgments are considered "True and Righteous" by those who are shouting. They realize those who end up in Hell went there of their own accord – and not because God was precarious • vv7-9. The Wedding Supper of the Lamb. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Notice this seems to be occurring before the battle of Armageddon ♦ Some take this to mean the Wedding Supper is for NT saints only, and they note differences between some who wear white linen while others wear robes; The NT church is often viewed as the Bride of Christ, while OT Israel is called the wife of God ♦ Whether we are OT or NT, we are all saved and come to God by the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ; so it is hard to see the distinction some make here • v10. Angels are not to be worshipped. They are fellow servants, who happen to minister to us while here on earth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ "The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy" - This is a clear indication that all of Scripture reflects who Jesus is – Our Creator, our Sustainer, our Deliverer, our Lord and Savior, our Friend • vv11-16. See the Gold Nugget Passage to the right • vv17-21. A lot of carnage ensues. According to Ezek 39:9-12, it will take 7 months to bury all the dead

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Revelations 19:11-16	<p>Introduction to a Key Piece of Wardrobe – The Prayer Shawl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Shawl was a visual reminder of God and His Law • Blue thread – skyward focused on God. One thread of each of the four corner tassels was to be a deep blue color to remind them of their duty to keep the law • Jewish Tradition. There were 39 windings in each tassel, which equates to the numerical value of the Hebrew words "the Lord is One" or Yahweh • There are 613 knots in every one of these tassels corresponding to the 613 laws in the Law of Moses! 365 were probations – "Thy shall NOT" and 248 were affirmations – "Thy shall"! • The Jewish men wore this garment called a, "<i>Talith</i>", aka Jewish Prayer-Shawl, all the time, not just at prayer. "<i>Talith</i>" contains two Hebrew words; TAL meaning tent and ITH meaning little. Thus, each man had his own "<i>Little Tent</i>" <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 18:3. <i>The apostle Paul was a Jewish Pharisee, but also a "tentmaker". Many believe he made Taliths or Prayer-Shawls, not tents to live in</i> • Matthew 6:6. Enter into your prayer closet – for the Jew this occurred when the shawl was pulled over their head • Matthew 23:5. Pharisees considered the tassels special marks of sanctity and sought to enlarge them to display their righteousness • Note. Since the four windings on the four corner tassels correspond to the Holy Name of God, when holding or viewing or touching the tassels we are embracing symbolically the entire Word of God, all the commands of God, and the Name of God, so we are in essence, embracing God, Himself <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Mark 5:25-34 – A woman with a bleeding disorder grabs the tassels of Jesus' shawl, believing by faith she would be touching God & God would respond by touching her <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revelations 19:11-16 – The rider's name is on his thigh • The "Greek" mindset imagines a tattoo or something similar on the thigh of Jesus when he returns as "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords". The Hebrew mindset sees something more specific: <p>Since, the knots of the tassels on the four corners of a <i>Talith</i> spell out the name of Yahweh, therefore, while riding a white horse on His return to earth, the braids/knots/tassels/fringes of Yeshua's <i>Talith</i> (prayer shawl) rest on one or both of His upper legs allowing His NAME to be seen where? On His thigh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Genesis 49:10-12. His robe was stained with blood ♦ Revelations 19:13. His robe was dipped in blood ♦ This seems to show the once-placid prayer shawl, which was used to procure God's favor through prayer, now signifies God's wrath is come upon the world



In the last days, men's hearts will fail because of fear. **Luke 21:26**

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20:1-15	<p>The Thousand Year Millennial Reign of Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finally, we get to see what life could've been like Scientific advancements are possibly phenomenal as discoveries are made to extend life out to 1,000 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The blinders are removed and we now look at God's creation through the proper perspective – His Word Isaiah 65:20-22 "...he who fails to reach 100 will be considered accursed...for as the days of a tree so will be the days of my people" vv1-3. We see Satan bound for 1,000 years, but then he's released to stir up trouble 1 more time – WHY? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possibly to show God's fairness. Even Satan won't be able to say that God played dirty and failed to give him a fair chance to win Do we need Satan to sin and to sin big?..... NO Man can do a pretty bad job all by himself. BUT add Satan to the mix is like adding gas to a fire. His biggest weapon, with God's acknowledgment, is his ability to deceive entire nations, and manipulate the masses to rebel in a coordinated fashion
Resurrections in the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scripture records 4 assumptions: Enoch and Elijah and the 2 witnesses in Revelation 11 (Sorry, Catholics, Mary was not assumed into Heaven) Scripture records 1 mysterious death and burial by the Lord Himself (Moses).....Deut 34:5-6; Jude 11 Scripture records 1 mass resurrection of untold number of saints (presumably recently deceased Jews who were recognized by their family members)..... Mat 27:52 Scripture records 10 resurrections, presumably all redeemed individuals (half of them were children, one was a Canaanite boy). Only Jesus did not die again <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Elijah raised son of a Sidonian (non-Jew)..... 1Ki 17:17-24 Elisha raised son of a Shunammite.....2Ki 4:32-37 Elisha raised man who touched his bones.....2Ki 13:20, 21 Jesus raised Jairus' daughter..... Lu 8:51-55 Jesus raised the son of a widow Lu 7:11-15 Jesus raised Lazarus after 4 days John 11:41, 42 Jesus resurrected Himself.....John 10:18 God raised up numerous saintsMatthew 27:52 (It is speculative if these saints went up with the Lord at His Ascension, or if they had to die again like Lazarus) Peter resurrected Tabitha/Dorcas Acts 9:39-42 Paul resurrected young Eutychus Acts 20:9, 10 Scripture records 4 future mass resurrections: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rapture: Christ will make a partial appearance and "take up" the Christians into heaven (1Thes 4:16), sparing them from the final tribulation on the earth The 2 Witnesses in the middle of the Tribulation (Rev 11:7-12) OT & Tribulation-era saints at the beginning of the millennium (Is 26:19; Dan 12:1; 1Cor 15:22-23; Rev 20:4) Finally, resurrection of all the wicked (Rev. 20:5) after the Millennium (It is unknown if any saints will die during the Millennium requiring them to be resurrected at this time) Scripture records 1 resurrection of a non-believer: The Antichrist: The only confirmed non-believer seemingly raised from the dead (Rev 13:3), but in all probably it is one of Satan's "lying wonders"
21:1-27	<p>A New Heaven, A New Earth, A New Jerusalem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vv1-2. Is the entire universe dissolved? Possibly and probably. Peter says that the Heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed; and the elements shall melt with fervent heat.....2Peter 3:10 Another consideration is that John was stretching the limits of his human vocabulary to convey the truths in the visions he was seeing But consider this....God still needed to veil the truth to some degree to prevent Satan from thwarting the outcome v4. Again, every tear will be wiped away – no more death, no more parting, no more crying. We will have God's perspective ("we will see Him as He is") and will be able to

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	<p>come to terms why loved ones ended up in Hell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vv6-8. The 2nd death is reserved for the wicked; while the rest of us will be as beloved "sons" to God vv9-21. For further details on the dimensions of the city, see notes on Ezekiel 40-48 v22. No need for a Temple in Heaven, since we are now able to be in the presence of a Holy God – PTL Who's in Heaven? Only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life → the Elect → those who humbled themselves like a child to be Born Again → those who willing wanted Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior
The New Jerusalem	<p>If "My Father's house" (John 14:2) is the New Jerusalem of Rev 21:16 the city will be laid out as a cube, with its length equal to its height and width; 1500 miles cubed</p> <p>Assuming the average resident is 6 feet tall, and allocated 5,000sqft of living space with 12 foot ceilings, and 1 resident per "room", with ½ the space within the Cube allocated to a worship area, parks, River of Life (Ezek 47; Rev 22), and ice cream shops ☺, then the New Jerusalem could still have more than 10 trillion rooms</p> <p>Estimated number of people which have been born in the past 6,000 years according to population statistics, & accounting for the flood and wars, comes to about 260 billion people</p> <p>Broad is the way of destruction and many enter it, narrow is the gate that leads to life & few find it (Mat 7:13-14); so assume 40% get to Heaven = 100+ billion saved</p> <p>Plenty of room in Heaven to stretch out and enjoy life. "The eye has not seen, nor the ear heard what God has in store for those who love Him"..... Isaiah 64:4 & 1Cor 2:9</p>
22:1-21	<p>Eden Restored?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are introduced to the Tree of Life, different from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil in Genesis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This Tree of Life imparted healing to the nations What can this mean since there's no more death or dying to be healed from? v12. He is coming soon! How soon? v18. Don't add anything to this Book. A dire warning to avoid twisting or soft-peddling the hard truths found here vv20. Come Lord Jesus. Peter said that since we now know all this stuff, what kind of people should we be? We should be people who live holy and godly lives 2Pet 3:11-12

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- In the end, we win. Therefore, if we are the last generation before the Rapture, let's go out strong.
 - Life's goal is not to finish without a scratch, but to slide in sideways, totally used up, loudly proclaiming "**WOW, What a ride!!!**"
- Author unknown

NEXT WEEK: Genesis 1. If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?

