



Part 11: Revelation (Part 2)

Route 66

INTRODUCTION / REVIEW

► GROUND RULES

- ❶ Humility is required beyond this point
- ❷ The Book of Revelation = Future History
- ❸ Keep the Historical Context always before you
- ❹ Revelation is saturated with OT Prophecy
- ❺ Start with a Literal Interpretation unless the facts clearly lead elsewhere
- ❻ This book is written to Change Your Life

► BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOOK OF REVELATION

- ❶ AUTHOR: The Apostle John
- ❷ DATE: c. 95 AD (Reign of Emperor Domitian)
- ❸ PLACE OF WRITING: Island of Patmos
- ❹ AUDIENCE: Persecuted Christian of Asia Minor
- ❺ LITERARY STYLE: Apocalyptic Prophecy
- ❻ KEYS TO UNLOCKING MEANING: Previous Prophetic Revelation
 - *Daniel*
 - *Ezekiel, Zechariah, Jeremiah*
 - *Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21)*
 - *1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 John*

REVELATION 1-7 (The Tribulation)

- REVELATION 1: Vision of the Glorified Christ
- REVELATION 2-3: Letters to the Seven Churches
- REVELATION 4-5: The Throne in Heaven
- REVELATION 6: The Seven Seals (Actually Seals 1-6)

PARENTHESIS ► REVELATION 7: 144,000 Jews Sealed on Earth + Countless Multitude of Believers Safe in Heaven

THE TRIBULATION = 7 Years = 3 ½ Years + 3 ½ Years

- Events ("birth pains") during the first 3 ½ Years of the Tribulation

- Antichrist is revealed
- Earthquakes & pestilence
- Bloodless world conquest
- ¼ of human race dies
- Temporary world peace
- Worldwide persecution of Christians
- Rebuilding of the Temple
- Cosmic & terrestrial disturbances
- Warfare & bloodshed
- 144,000 Jews sealed
- Widespread famine

REVELATION 8-19 (The Great Tribulation)

- REVELATION 8-9: The Seven Trumpets (Actually Trumpets 1-6)
- REVELATION 10: The End of Delay – The Mighty Angel & The Little Scroll
- REVELATION 11: Protection of Jews while Gentiles Desecrate Jerusalem

BACK-FILL - CRITICAL INFORMATION (Revelation 12-14)]

- REVELATION 12: The Woman, The Dragon & War in Heaven
- REVELATION 13: The Beast Out of the Sea & The Beast Out of the Earth
- REVELATION 14: The Harvest of the Human Race

- REVELATION 15-16: 7 Bowls of Wrath
- REVELATION 17: Babylon – The Great Prostitute
- REVELATION 18: Babylon – The Great (Fallen) City
- REVELATION 19: Return of the King

THE OLD IS GONE, THE NEW HAS COME (Revelation 20-22)

- REVELATION 20: The Final Conquest of Good Over Evil
 - Satan bound for 1,000 years
 - Millennial Reign of Christ
 - Satan's Last Revolt & Defeat
 - Final Judgment – Eternal States: New Heavens & New Earth or Hell (Lake of Fire)
- REVELATION 21-22: The New Heavens & The New Earth

LifeGroup Questions - Doing Life Together

Week of March 26-April 1, 2017

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Sermons can be viewed online at creeksideeg.com/sermon

Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

PRAYER

Begin your time together by thanking God for the book of Revelation and its teaching about what is to come. Ask Him to guide your discussion.

MY STORY

How would you describe your general attitude toward reading or studying the Book of Revelation before Creekside did this journey down Route 66? Enthusiasm? Curiosity? Fear? Indifference? Other?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What from Sunday's message helped you better understand the Book of Revelation (and the conclusion of Route 66)?
2. **Read Revelation 8:1-5.** What encouragement do you get from the fact that our prayers (the prayers of the saints) are on the golden altar which is before God's throne in heaven?
3. **Read Revelation 9:20-21.** The tough times in life often make people look to God for help. This is expressed in the statement "Man's calamity is often God's opportunity." In the case of some of those on the earth during the Tribulation, how did they respond to the hard times caused by God's judgments? In your opinion what are some reasons why the people may have responded this way? Have you ever responded this way?
4. What did the twenty-four elders thank God for in Revelation 11:15-17? What other things might you thank God for if you are alive during this time?

DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

5. Revelation 12:9, 10, 17 reveal some of the facets of the destructive work of Satan in the world. Give examples of these facets that you have observed. What does Revelation 12:11 say about how Christians will overcome the onslaught of Satan? Have you ever employed these means as an overcomer?

6. Revelation 21:4, 8, 27 and 22:3, 5 address some of the things that won't be in heaven? List those things in the space below. Which one is most gratifying to you? Can you think of other things that won't be in heaven?

7. **Read Revelation 21:10-26** and use the description of the New Jerusalem to briefly describe (in your own words) what you think it will look like?

TAKING IT HOME

8. What one point or principle stood out most to you from the Route 66 series?
9. Is there anything you have been inspired to do based on what you have learned?

PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group and ask God to give you a thankful heart.