

REVELATION

*The CHURCH TRIUMPHANT
Through CHRIST
(the LAMB of GOD)*

Based upon Jim McGuigan's work on the book of Revelation

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*Lesson Four
A Woman, A City, and
Witnesses*

LESSON PLAN

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| 1. Past, Present, or Future? | } | Basic
Background |
| 2. The Old Testament | | |
| 3. Rome and God's People | } | Major
Characters |
| 4. A Woman, A City, and Witnesses | | |
| 5. The Serpent and The Christ | | |
| 6. Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls | } | Major
Images |
| 7. Armageddon, New Jerusalem | | |
| 8. Numbers and Their Message | | |
| 9. Chapters 1-10 (Two Lessons) | } | Putting it
Together |
| 10. Chapters 11-22 (Two Lessons) | | |

What We Will Learn

- **The glorious Woman is the People of God viewed as a corporate whole, a single unit**
- **The glorious City is the triumphant People of God after years of Roman persecution**
- **The two Witnesses are God's people fulfilling their obligations despite obstacles**

Central Message

- **God alone is to be worshiped**
- **Truth is to be maintained no matter what**
- **Rome (the World) opposes God, His kingdom, and His purposes**
- **When the smoke clears – the Church will be triumphant**

Major Characters

- **Rome**
 - The Sea-Beast
 - The Earth-Beast
 - A Prostitute
 - A Great City
- **God's People**
 - **144,000**
 - **Great Multitude**
 - A Woman
 - A Glorious City
 - Two Witnesses
- **Satan**
 - A Dragon
 - A Fallen Star
- **Jesus Christ**
 - The Church's Leader
 - The Faithful Witness
 - The Resurrected Lord
 - The King of Kings
 - The Redeemer from Sin

The Glorious Woman

- **Recorded in Revelation 12:1-17**
- **The people of God viewed as a corporate whole**
- **Children (offspring) used to describe Christians as individuals**
- **Wears crown of twelve stars**
- **She is a light-bearer to the world**

The Glorious Woman

- **Woman and child opposed by Serpent**
 - Genesis 3 talks of Woman's Seed opposed
- **Dragon tries to destroy Woman & child**
 - Exodus 1 talks of seeking death of newly born
- **She suffers a wilderness experience**
 - Elijah and Israel (more in another lesson)
- **Dragon turns to destroy the rest of her children when he can't destroy her**
 - Isaiah 51 sees Egypt as a dragon

The Glorious City

- **The glorious City is the people of God contrasted with Roman Empire as a famed city**
- **Described as a bride adorned for her husband**
- **Security is stressed by the 200 foot thick and 1500 mile high walls**
- **Four-square stresses stability**
- **Precious metals, stones and gems signify glory**
- **Tree of Life, light-giver, water-giver**

The Glorious City

- **Contrasted with evil City of chap. 18**
- **This city is good for the nations**
- **God dwells in this city**
- **This city suffers but is triumphant**
- **Therefore, God's people are triumphant after Roman persecution**

The Two Witnesses

The Church at work: Scene 1

- Recorded in Revelation 11**
- Harkens back to OT prophets & evangelists (v.6)**
- Are given authority to preach**
- They preach despite adverse conditions**

The Two Witnesses

The Church at work: Scene 2

- Are persecuted and killed**
- Yet are resurrected and made to ascend to heaven**
- Notice use of numbers two and three-and-a-half**

God's People Represented

- **From lesson 3: The 144,000 represent the followers of God in Jesus Christ in their totality. God's people under the Old Testament name of Israel**
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The Church Triumphant: Pain but Protection, Trouble yet Triumph

**Main characters studied thus far:
God, Roman Empire, God's People**

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Next Lesson:

The Serpent and the Christ