

# REVELATION

*The CHURCH TRIUMPHANT  
Through CHRIST  
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*Based upon Jim McGuigan's work on the book of Revelation*

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*Lesson Five*

*The Serpent and the Christ*



# LESSON PLAN

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

# Major Characters of Revelation

- **Rome**
  - A Sea-Beast
  - An 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 Devil as a Seven-Headed Beast

- **12:3-4**
- **Similar description to that of Rome as the sea-beast**
- **Earth-beast looked like a lamb but had voice of dragon**
- **In Revelation, Satan attacks God's people via Rome**
- **In ancient times, Satan used Pharaohs and Assyrian kings**

# The Devil as a Seven-Headed Beast

- **Dragon's purpose exercised in and through Rome is permanently defeated**
- **Same thing happened to Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece for the same reasons**
- **All these powers have one character and purpose ... anti-God and anti-life**
- **Chapter 20 emphasizes that Satan continues to do this today thru other forms**
- **We are assured that God defeats Satan, the Church triumphs, and the world benefits also**



# The Fallen Star

- **See 9:1-2,11**
- **Use of a “star” to represent people is common**
  - **Daniel 12:3 and Revelation 22:16**
- **Luke 10:18 Satan is “fallen from heaven like lightning”**
  - **Has the key of the abyss**
  - **Let’s loose evil scorpions to torment people without God’s seal on their foreheads**
  - **Pollutes the air with smoke from the pit**
  - **v.11 Abaddon/Apollyon “Destroyer”**

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## **Mirror images important in Revelation**

- **Glorious woman v. Evil Woman**
- **Glorious City v. Evil City**
- **Follower's of Lamb marked on forehead**
  - **Follower's of the Beast marked on forehead**
- **Christ claims alive, dead, alive again (forever)**
  - **Beast lived, died, and live again**
- **Fallen Star with key to the abyss**
  - **Christ as Bright & Morning Star with key of death and of Hades**



# Jesus Christ as the Church's Leader

- **19:11-16**
- **Faithful and True (19:11)**
- **Righteously Judges & Wages War (19:11)**
- **No man knew His name (19:12b)**
- **The Word of God (19:13b)**
- **Out of His mouth a sharp sword (19:15)**
- **Rules with a rod of iron (19:15)**

**LEADER OF HEAVEN'S ARMY**

# Jesus Christ as the Faithful Witness

- **1:5 and 19:11**
- **“The Age of the Informer”**
- **In and out of the church people informed on each other**
- **Used truth or blatant lies**
- **Witness = “martus” = martyr**
- **Jesus was faithful to the point of death**
- **He keeps His promises and He never lies**





# Jesus Christ as the Resurrected Lord

- **1:17-18**
- **People need to know their Lord ...**
  - **Has faced death**
  - **Has fully experienced death**
  - **Has overcome death**
- **Therefore, followers called to be faithful unto death**
- **Followers given life as a crown**

# Jesus Christ as the King of Kings

- **17:14 and 19:16**
- **The throne of 4:2 rules the universe**
- **The throne of God & the kingdom of Heaven**
- **Contrast the Emperors with Jesus Christ**
  - **Christ is the lamb who was slain but lives**
  - **Gained his throne by shedding his own blood, dying and yet living forever**





# Jesus Christ as the Redeemer from Sin

- **1:5 and 5:9**
- **Romans could offer material things to chosen individuals**
- **Only Jesus Christ could offer freedom from sin**
- **Jesus does more than talk about sin**
- **He forgives sin as the Redeemer**
- **He cures sin (as the Great Physician)**

# Review of Major Characters

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**Next Lesson:**  
*We start our study  
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