

Thursday Evening Bible Study

**Series: the End Times – Bible prophecy about future events and periods**

**Teaching Summary for Week 51 (draft)**

## **The Tribulation Period**

### **Part 4. The Book of Revelation**

At the end of our Bible study last week, we went to the book of Revelation chapter 12.

And you had some homework.

We will work on that together tonight, but first we need to complete the work we started last week.

#### **Revelation 12 & 13 and the middle of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week**

There was a handout titled "Events that occur in the Middle of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week".

It was a compilation from Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15-20, and 2 Thessalonians 2:4-10.

I have brought enough copies for everyone again tonight.

<1<sup>st</sup> handout>

Let's refer to that now.

What we are going to do is look for these events in the book of Revelation. We will start in Revelation chapters 12 and 13.

Let's turn there now and read through these two chapters.

As we do, keep that handout handy and make notes whenever we come across something in Revelation 12 or 13 that is on that list.

I need to tell you who some of these characters are, because of the rich imagery that .

The woman clothed with the sun	The nation of Israel
The red dragon	Satan, the devil, the serpent of old
The Son who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron	Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings
The Lamb	Our Lord Jesus Christ who was slain to take away the sin of the world
The two wings of the eagle	No clue, but it's not the USA
The rest of the woman's children	The remnant of Jews during the Great Tribulation
The beast coming out of the sea	The revived Roman empire headed up by the prince who is to come. The man of lawlessness, the son of destruction, the lawless one. Popularly known as the antichrist, he is never given that title in the Bible.
The beast coming out of the earth	The false prophet who will force all unbelievers to worship the man of lawlessness.

Ok, Revelation 12:1 – 13:18.

Oh by the way, I do not know what the significance of 6-6-6 is, so please don't ask me!

Again, our job right now is simply to determine what events previously seen to be at the midpoint of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week are also found in Revelation 12-13.

### **Scenes in heaven and scenes on earth**

All right. Now it's time to review our homework from last week.

Here it is:

To prepare for this study of Revelation:

1. **Read the book of Revelation 2-3 times** between now and next Thursday.
2. Then go through the book and write down which scenes occur **in heaven** and which occur **on the earth**.

For those of you that weren't able to get this done, just be taking notes as we go through this together now.

<2<sup>nd</sup> handout >

As we proceed, jot down anything that you notice. Especially the relationships between scenes in heaven and scenes on earth.

## Introduction to the Book of Revelation

### Homework for this week

Read through Revelation 1 – 3 a few times.

Then go through it again, doing this exercise:

1. Write down any reference you find to the nation of Israel, the Jews, the Second Coming, and the Day of the Lord.
2. Write down any references you find to the unique features of the body of Christ – the Church. (see **3<sup>rd</sup> handout** for a list)

Next week, we will begin our introduction to the Book of Revelation with chapter 1.

In preparation for that, make sure you **read Revelation 12-13** a few times this week.