

## Revelation

### Adult Bible Course

#### I. BIBLE STUDY DESCRIPTION:

Our study of the book of Revelation will emphasize the message that God has for the student and how this will help develop a greater love and commitment to Christ.

#### II. BIBLE STUDY OBJECTIVES:

Our basic objective is to bring each individual to a basic understanding and knowledge of the God's power, plan for mankind and expectations from believers. Our goal is that this knowledge of facts can be translated into principles and lessons that we can apply to our lives today.

#### III. ASSIGNMENTS:

The purpose of these assignments is to give you the opportunity to become familiar with the material and then to be able to ask questions that will help you gain a better understanding of God's Word. To gain the greatest benefit, it is vital that you do as many of these assignments as possible since ALL the material cannot be covered in our discussions.

- A. Read the material that will be discussed the following week.
- B. Complete the appropriate study guide
- C. Attend & participate in the study each week.
- D. Write an outline of the book and conclude with how you have benefited from studying it.
- E. Review the previous week(s) material

#### IV. SCHEDULE:

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1	Introduction to the Book of Revelation
2	Revelation 1
3	Revelation 2,3
4	Revelation 4,5
5	Revelation 6, 7
6	Revelation 8, 9
7	Revelation 10 - 12
8	Revelation 13
9	Revelation 14-16
10	Revelation 17, 18
11	Revelation 19, 20
12	Revelation 21, 22

## APPROACH TO OUR STUDY:

There are countless views on the “end times” and what Scripture reveals. Every generation (including the 1<sup>st</sup> century Christians) have read this book and could see how the events could be taking place in their time. Yet, Jesus has not yet returned. God’s wisdom was able to provide a book that would speak to Christians of every generation and locale; challenging them to remain faithful.

Jesus stated in Matthew 24:36, “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” Jesus also taught in Luke 12:40 “You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.” If Jesus did not know the time and it is to be a mystery, then it doesn’t make sense to approach Revelation as a book to be studied to determine WHEN that time will be. Those that do, are at a tremendous disadvantage, because they do not have “all” of the information... “And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, “seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down.” John told us about the seven churches, the seven seals and the seven trumpets; but was not allowed to share about the seven thunders message.

If the book was NOT written to lay out the timeline and reveal exactly what would take place and when; then what WAS it written for? It was written to encourage Christians facing attacks and persecution. It was written to call for them to be faithful. It was written to remind them that as great as the power of the Devil might seem, Jesus WILL prevail. It was written to remind that faithful of the reward that awaits.

As we study, we will look at the overall message and how Christians can apply it to their lives today. Remember God’s promise in Revelation 1:3 “Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.” He doesn’t say you have to UNDERSTAND it all! You will be blessed as you see Jesus in His Glory, remember He is King of Kings, and know more about the place He is preparing for His own!