

New Testament, Religion 212
Independent Study

Lesson 14
Revelation 4–22

The following assignments include various learning activities, such as questions, lists, essays, charts, comparisons, contrasts, and surveys. To receive credit for this lesson, you must complete the number of assignments indicated below and submit them to your institute instructor or administrator. You may submit your work either electronically or on paper, handwritten or typed.

Each lesson should take approximately 60–90 minutes to complete, the same amount of time you would typically spend in a weekly institute class. Since reading the scripture block listed in the lesson heading is expected of all institute students prior to class, the estimated time for each assignment does not include the time you need to spend reading the scripture block.

Complete three of the following assignments:

1. Revelation 4–7. John’s Vision of the Earth’s Temporal Existence and the Savior’s Redeeming Role

- a. Read the chapter summaries for Revelation 4–5 and compare them to 1 Nephi 14:18–28. Also read “The Structure of the Book of Revelation” in the institute student manual (p. 447). Explain in writing what these materials tell us about John the Revelator and the importance of his writings.
- b. Read Revelation 5; Doctrine and Covenants 77:6–7. Respond in writing to the following:
 - What does this “book” contain?
 - List the qualities of the Lamb of God that enabled Him to open the book.
 - What do the names of the Savior found in Revelation 5:5–6 teach you about Him and His mission?
- c. How does hymn number 62, “All Creatures of Our God and King,” reinforce what is taught in Revelation 5:13?
- d. Read Revelation 6 and compare it to Doctrine and Covenants 77:6–7. You may also want to refer to the student manual commentaries for the interpretation of each seal (pp. 459–60). Then make a chart that lists each of the seals, the approximate years each seal represented, an event that characterized the time period of

that seal, and which verses are dedicated to each seal.

- Which of the seals do we live in?
- Why do you think the Lord has given us more information about the sixth and seventh seals?

| Seal | Years Represented | Event That Characterized the Time Period | Verses |
|---------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|--------|
| First | About 4000–3000 B.C. | | |
| Second | | | |
| Third | | | |
| Fourth | | | |
| Fifth | | | |
| Sixth | | | |
| Seventh | | | |

- e. Read Revelation 7 and list the answers you find to the question asked in Revelation 6:17. Read the student manual commentary for Revelation 7:3, “What Is the Interpretation of the Sealing of the Lord’s Servants?” (p. 461). Summarize the meaning of being sealed “in their foreheads.”

- f. Read the following verses: Revelation 7:14; 3 Nephi 27:19; 1 Nephi 12:10–11; Alma 13:11–12. Explain in writing how we wash our robes and make them “white in the blood of the Lamb.”
- g. Read Doctrine and Covenants 77:11 and summarize in writing who the 144,000 are.

2. Revelation 8–9. The Seventh Seal

The seventh seal comprises much of Revelation 8–22. The seventh seal is a major focus of the book of Revelation. It may be helpful to categorize the blocks of scriptures as noted below:

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| Revelation 8–19 (211 verses) | Opening of the seventh seal and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ |
| Revelation 20:1–6 (6 verses) | The Millennium |
| Revelation 20:7–15 (9 verses) | Final scenes |
| Revelation 21–22:6 (33 verses) | Earth becomes a celestial kingdom |

- h. Read the chapter summaries for Revelation 8–9 and describe in writing what time period those chapters deal with. Read Revelation 8 and list some of the desolations that are poured out upon the inhabitants of the earth.
- i. Read Revelation 9:4; 1 Nephi 22:16–19; Doctrine and Covenants 97:22, 25. Explain in writing how knowing that in spite of these destructions still being future, we can have hope and not live in fear.
- j. In Revelation 9:20–21 what sins will be prevalent during this period of the seventh seal?

3. Revelation 11–12, 14, 16, 19. Events Preceding the Millennium

- a. Read Revelation 11:3–12; 2 Nephi 8:17–20; Doctrine and Covenants 77:15. Write a brief summary of what will happen to the two witnesses in Revelation 11. Respond in writing to the following questions:
 - What other title do the two witnesses have?

- Compare the two witnesses with Jesus Christ. What similarities do you find?
- Scan the chapter summaries of Exodus 7–10; 1 Kings 17–18; Helaman 11. Who else in scripture had power similar to that manifest by these two prophets in Revelation 11:6?
- How could John 16:20–22 be applied to the lives of the two witnesses?

- b. Before reading Revelation 12, read the student manual commentary for Revelation 12:7–9, “And There Was War in Heaven” (p. 463) as well as Joseph Smith Translation, Revelation 12 in the Bible appendix (pp. 812–13). From your readings respond to the following questions and activities:

- List the different names or titles referring to Lucifer in Revelation 12:1–10. What do these titles teach about Satan? (see also Bible Dictionary, “Devil” [pp. 656–57]).
- By what two means listed in these verses did the righteous overcome Satan in the premortal life? Write a short essay explaining how these same two factors are helping you overcome him in this life.

- c. Read the student manual commentary for Revelation 14:6–7, “And I Saw Another Angel . . . Having the Everlasting Gospel” (pp. 463–64). Write what you would tell someone who asked who and what is the figure on top of our temples.

- d. Revelation 14:15 speaks of a harvest prior to the Second Coming of Christ. After reading Revelation 14:4–7, 13; 16:15; 17:14; 19:7–10, identify and list the attributes of those who will be harvested or gathered. Conversely, what do we learn in Revelation 16:6, 9–11; 18:1–17; 19:9–10 about those who choose to worship the beast instead?

- e. From Revelation 19:11–16, write a short paragraph describing the Savior’s Second Coming.

4. Revelation 20–22. During and After the Millennium

- a. Read Revelation 20–22 and the student manual commentaries for Revelation 20:2–3, “How Is Satan Bound?” (pp. 468–69); Revelation 20:7–10, “The Battle of Gog and Magog” (p. 469); Revelation 21:1, “And I Saw a New Heaven and a New Earth” (p. 469). From your readings

make a list of events that will occur during the following time periods:

- The Millennium
 - The end of the Millennium
 - After the Millennium
- b. Read Revelation 20:12–13; 21:3–7; 2 Nephi 9:10–16; Mosiah 4:30; Doctrine and Covenants 137:9. Respond in writing to the following questions:
- How will we be judged?
 - What will we be judged by?
 - Who will preside at our judgment?
 - What will the blessings be like for the righteous?
- c. List five characteristics of the celestial city as described in Revelation 21:22–25. According to Revelation 22:12, 14, 17, write a paragraph describing what the Lord expects of those who will take part in this celestial city.