

Handout 1: Revelation Lesson 1

The List of Sevens in Revelation

Churches	1:4; 2:1-3:22
Letters	2:1- 3:22
Spirits	1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6
Golden lamp-stands	1:12, 20; 2:1; 4:5
Stars	1:16, 20; 2:1; 3:1
Lamps of fire	4:5
Seals	5:1; 5:5; 6:1
Horns	5:6
Eyes	5:6
Angels	8:2, 6; 15:1, 6, 7; 15:8; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9
Trumpets	8:2, 6
Thunders	10:3, 4
Thousand people	11:13
Heads	12:3; 13:1; 17:3, 7, 9
Crowns	12:3
Plagues	15:1, 6, 8; 21:9
Golden bowls	15:7; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9
Hills	17:9
Kings	17:10, 11
Last seven visions	Chapters 20-21
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The Synoptic Gospels versus Revelation—Judgment on Jerusalem

REVELATION Chapter 6	MATTHEW Chapter 24	MARK Chapter 13	LUKE Chapter 21
1. Wars: verses 1-2	Wars: verse 6	Wars: verse 7	Wars: verse 10
2. International Strife: verses 3-4	International Strife: verse 7a	International Strife: verse 8a	International Strife: verse 10
3. Famine verses 5-6	Famine verse 7b	Famine verse 8c	Famine verse 11b
4. Pestilence verses 7-8			Pestilence verse 11
5. Persecution verses 9-11	Persecution Verses 9-13	Persecution verses 9-13	Persecution verses 12-19
6. Earthquakes verses 12-17	Earthquakes verse 7c	Earthquakes verse 8b	Earthquakes Verse 11a
7. Judgment & destruction verses 12-17	Judgment & destruction verses 15-31	Judgment & destruction verses 14-27	Judgment & destruction verses 20-27
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Note: Jerusalem and the Temple of Solomon were destroyed by the Babylonian army on the 9th of Ab [Av] 587/6BC, and Jerusalem and the Second Temple were destroyed by the Roman Army on the 9th of Ab 70AD. Is this just an amazing coincidence or a prophesied act of divine judgment?

Handout 2, Revelation Lesson 1: Symbolic Significance of Numbers in the Bible

Number	Symbolic Significance
One	Unity, primacy, sovereignty, divine completeness: Christians saw this number as symbolic of God the Father.
Two	Difference, division: on the second day God created light and darkness. Christians saw this number as a symbol of the second person of the Trinity, God the Son (see Jesus' comment in Mt 10:34-36).
Three	This number symbolizes that which is real, solid, substantial, complete and of importance or significance. The number three always signifies some important event in Salvation History: Jesus' ministry lasted three years (as the ancients counted); He arose from the dead on the third day (as the ancients counted); the earth was separated from the waters on the 3 rd day. It is one of the four "perfect" numbers. Christians saw this number as symbolic of the Trinity.
Four	This number signifies God's creative works in association with the earth (four seasons, four winds, etc.).
Five	This number is symbolic of God's grace and power.
Six	This number is symbolic of man who was created on the 6 th day; a symbol of man in rebellion against God (especially in multiples of six, i.e. "666").
Seven	This is the second "perfect" number signifying perfection and fullness, especially spiritual perfection. It is the number of the Holy Spirit and the number of covenant.
Eight	The number symbolizing salvation, rebirth, resurrection and regeneration: i.e., eight people were saved in the Ark, an Israelite child was reborn into the covenant with YHWH on the 8 th day of life, and Jesus was resurrected from the dead on the 8 th day.
Nine	This is the number signifying God's divine judgment.
Ten	This is the third perfect number which signifies perfection of divine order (i.e., the Ten Commandments).
Eleven	It is the number that symbolizes disorder, disharmony, imperfection and disintegration.
Twelve	The fourth perfect number signifying divine government = the Covenant people/ the Church. It is the number of Israel (descendants of the 12 physical sons of Jacob) as well as the number of the New Covenant Church (spiritual descendants of Jesus' Twelve Apostles).
Thirteen	The number and its multiples signify ill omen, hostility, rebellion, apostasy, defection and corruption (i.e., see Gen 14:4; 17:25).
Fourteen	It is the number signifying a double blessing of spiritual perfection.
Twenty-seven	The gematria (letter- number equivalent) of God's Holy Covenant Name: YHWH (10 x 10 + 7).
Forty	The number signifying trial and/ or consecration: i.e., the series of 40 days in the Flood narrative, Moses' 40 days on Mt. Sinai, and Jesus 40 days of testing in the wilderness.
Fifty	The number symbolizing divine deliverance/ mercy: i.e., the celebration of the Jubilee Year every 50 th year.
Seventy/ seventy- two	The number which signified spiritual perfection times divine order (10 x 12) in God's plan of salvation: i.e., the 70 nations in Gen 10, the 70 men of Israel's family who migrated to Egypt, the 70 elders of Israel, and Jesus' 70/ 72 disciples.

Handout 3: Revelation Lesson 1

Parallels between the visions in the Book of Revelation and the visions of the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

The Vision	Ezekiel	Revelation
1. The throne vision	Chapter 1	Chapter 4
2. The book opened and eaten	Chapters 2:9-3:3	Chapter 5:7-10; 10:8-9
3. The four plagues	Chapter 5	Chapter 6:1-8
4. Those slain under the altar	Chapter.6	Chapter 6:9-11
5. The wrath of God	Chapter 7	Chapter 6:12-17
6. The seal on the Saint's foreheads	Chapter 9	Chapter 7
7. The coals from the altar	Chapter.10	Chapter 8
8. The 1/3 destruction	Chapter 5:1-4 &12	Chapter 8:6-12
9. No more delay	Chapter 12	Chapter 10:1-7
10. The eating of the book	Chapter 2	Chapter 10:8-11
11. Prophecy against the Nations	Chapters 25-32	Chapter 10:11
12. The measuring of the Temple	Chapters 40-43	Chapter 11:1-2
13. Comparing Jerusalem to Sodom	Chapter 16	Chapter 11:8
14. The cup of wrath	Chapter 23	Chapter 14
15. The vine of the land	Chapter 15	Chapter 14:18-20
16. The great harlot	Chapters 16, 23	Chapters 17-18
17. The lament sung over the city	Chapter 27	Chapter 18
18. The scavenger's feast	Chapter 39	Chapter 19
19. The resurrection	Chapter 37	Chapter 20:4-6
20. The Battle of Gog and Magog	Chapter 38-39	Chapter 20:7-9
21. The New Jerusalem	Chapters 40-48	Chapter 21
22. The River of Life	Chapter 47	Chapter 22
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Parallels between the visions in the Book of Revelation and the visions of the Prophet Daniel

THE VISION	DANIEL	REVELATION
1. Three and a half time period (a time, 2 times and ½ a time)	Chapter 12:7	Chapter 11:9, 11
2. The 10 horns	Chapter 7:8	Chapters 12:3; 13:1; 17:3, 8
3. The Leopard, the Bear, and the Lion	Chapter 7:4-6	Chapter 13:2
4. The Beast mouthing boasting and blasphemies	Chapter 7:8,11	Chapter 13:5
5. The war against the Saints	Chapter 7:21	Chapter 13:7
6. The worship of the Beast's statue	Chapter 3:5-7, 15	Chapter 13:15
7. The Son of Man coming on the Glory-Cloud	Chapter 7:13	Chapter 1:7 & 14:14
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