

## Lesson 1

### Revelation 1 – 2

#### Question 1

What information are we given in the prologue (Rv 1:1-3) and in the opening greeting (Rv 1:4-8)?

**Readings:** Ex 3:13-15, 19:5-6, Is 11:2-3, 44:6, 48:11-13, 61:6; Zc 4:10, 12:10; Jn 19:37; Col 1:18; Rv 5:6; CCC 1268, 1546.

#### Question 2

Describe the circumstances of the vision related in Revelation 1:9-20. What does John hear and see, and what can we understand of these things? (What keys does the Living One hold?—cf. v. 18.)

**Readings:** Ps 89:15-37 [NAB<sup>1</sup> 89:16-38]; Is 41:4; Ez 1:28, 43:2; Dn 2:27-36, 44-45, 10:5-6; CCC 625, 633, 635, 2854-56.

#### Question 3

Chapters 2 and 3 consist of seven messages which the Lord entrusts to His servant. Briefly describe the content of the first four (Rv 2), keeping in mind that God's Word is relevant in every age.

**Readings for vv. 1-7:** Dt 6:4-6; Ps 34; Mk 12:29-31; Lk 8:14; 1Co 9:24-26, 15:58; Ja 1:4; 2Pt 1:3-11; CCC 1826-27, 2083.

**Vv. 8-11:** Si 2:1-10, 33:1; Mt 24:9, 22; Mk 13:9-10; Lk 12:4-7; Jn 12:27-28, 16:1-4; 1Pt 4:12-13; CCC 164, 309, 385, 618, 1808.

**Vv. 12-17:** Gn 27:46—28:1; Nb 25:1-5; Ru 1:16; 1Kg 11:1-4; Ne 10:29-31 [RSVCE<sup>2</sup> 10:28-30]; 13:23-29; Tb 4:12; CCC 44-46, 817-19, 838, 846-48, 851, 2104, 2159.

**Vv. 18-29:** Mt 23:27-28, 24:10-13; Lk 8:5; 1Co 3:18-20; 2Co 6:14-15; 1Tm 6:20-21; 2Tm 2:16-18; Hb 10:29-31; CCC 143, 2087-89, 2506.

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<sup>1</sup> The New American Bible translation.

<sup>2</sup> The Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition translation.

## Lesson 2

### Revelation 3 – 5

#### Question 1

What warnings and exhortations does the Lord reveal to the churches He addresses in chapter 3?

**Readings for vv. 1-6:** Mt 8:11-12, 21:43, 25:29-30; Lk 8:6-8; Rm 2:3-6; 2Co 7:1; Hb 6:4-8, 12:11-13; CCC 678, 1431, 1490, 1865.

**Vv. 7-13:** Prv 30:24-28; Is 22:22, 40:29-31, 60:14,22; Mk 4:30-32; Lk 12:24-27; 1Co 1:27-30; 2Co 4:7-11, 12:9-10; Ph 4:11b,13; Ja 2:5; CCC 238, 268, 273.

**Vv. 14-22:** Dt 8:11-20; Jr 4:3; Mt 6:19-21, 13:22, 19:21-24; Lk 12:15-21, 21:34-36; 2Co 7:8-10; 1Tm 6:17-19; Ti 2:11-13; Hb 12:5-6; Ja 4:13-17; CCC 898, 2105, 2472.

#### Question 2

Describe the vision related in chapter 4. What is taking place in the vision, and of what relevance are the details which the evangelist notes (e.g., the twenty-four elders, the four living creatures, and the rainbow)?

**Readings:** Gn 9:12-16, 35:22b; Ex 15:22,27, 19:6-25, 24:1-4,9-11; 2Sm 6:2; Ez 1:4-14,22-28; Mt 19:27-28; Ac 17:26; Ja 1:1; CCC 56, 71, 1080, 1094.

#### Question 3

Describe the vision related in chapter 5. What does the evangelist see at first that greatly grieves him, and what remedy is given in answer to this seemingly hopeless situation? How do the living creatures respond to this revelation?

**Readings:** Gn 49:8-12; Ex 12:21-28; Jg 14:18b; Ps 96; Prv 19:12, 20:2; Is 11:1-5,10-11; Dn 12:9; Ho 5:13-15; Mt 1:1; Jn 1:29-30; Rv 22:16; CCC 662, 1065, 1137-38, 2855.

## Lesson 3 Revelation 6 – 9

### Question 1

Describe the events revealed in chapter 6, when the first six seals of the scroll are broken. Secondly (II), what duty and power have the four angels been given in regard to the end of the world (7:1-2), and what does God command them to do *before* carrying out their task (7:3-8)? Describe the vision which John sees following the instruction to the four angels (7:9-17).

**Readings:** Lv 26:21-26; Dt 32:22-25; Ez 5:16-17, 7:1-4,12-19, 14:12-23; Zc 6:1-7; Mt 24:21-22,29-31,37-41; Lk 21:9-12,20-28,34-36; Rm 1:18.

**Readings II:** Ex 12:12-14,21-23, 28:36-38; Dt 32:43; 1Mc 13:51; Is 2:9-10; Ez 9:1-7; Jl 2:10-11, 3:3-5 [RSVCE 2:30-32]; Zc 1:12-17; Lk 18:7-8, 23:28-31; Jn 12:12-13; CCC 334-35, 698, 775, 1121, 1138, 1235, 1295-96, 1304, 2157-59.

### Question 2

What happens once the Lamb breaks the seventh seal (8:1), and what is the duty of the angel with the golden censer (8:3-5)? According to the vision, are we to believe that the incense offered is powerful? How does the vision of the heavenly liturgy relate directly to us who live on earth?

**Readings:** Ha 2:20; Zp 1:7; Zc 2:17; Hb 9:11-12,15, 12:22-24; Rv 5:7-8, 7:15; CCC 739, 776, 792, 795, 946-48, 954-57, 1069, 1076, 1084-85, 1088-90, 1092, 1107-08, 1118, 1130, 1136, 1139, 1403-05, 1410, 2642, 2816.

### Question 3

Describe the disasters which occur on earth and throughout the universe when the first six trumpets are sounded (8:6-13, 9:1-21). Do these events remind us of similar judgments revealed under the Old Testament? How do those who are not killed by the plagues respond to these events (9:20-21)?

**Readings:** Ex 7:19-21, 9:22-26, 10:12-15,21-23; Jr 9:14-15 [RSVCE 9:15-16]; Jl 2:1-17; Ha 3:1-12; CCC 313-14, 324, 1040.

## Lesson 4

### Revelation 10 – 12

#### Question 1

Describe the angel who now appears in chapter 10. What does he do and what does he say? (What does his voice sound like?) How can the scroll be both sweet and bitter?

**Readings:** Pss 19:9-10, 81:11-16 [NAB 19:10-11, 81:12-17]; Is 31:4; Jr 25:30-32; Lm 1:4, 3:13-15; Ez 2:1-10, 3:1-11; Dn 10:4-6, 12:5-13; Ho 11:10-11; Am 3:7-8; Mk 13:30-32; Jn 12:28-30; CCC 673.

#### Question 2

What is John now told to measure (11:1-2), and what power does God give His two witnesses (11:3-6)? (Do we know the two witnesses?) In the end what becomes of them (11:7-13), and what does the world think of it? Following all the events connected with the second woe, what is revealed in 11:14-19?

**Readings:** 1Kg 17:1; 2Kg 2:11; Si 44:16, 48:1-10; Is 3:9, 63:18—64:3; Jr 22:8-10; Zc 4:1-14; Lk 9:30-31; CCC 450, 672, 2242.

#### Question 3

After the seventh trumpet is heard and the heavenly temple and ark of the covenant are seen (11:15-19), the “great sign” of the woman appears (12:1). Who is this woman, and what is the significance of the fact that she is in labor (12:2)? What other sign appears in the presence of the woman (12:3)? Describe the battle revealed in chapter 12. Does anyone have definitive victory? Explain your answer. What images are used in 12:14-16?

**Readings:** Gn 3:14-15, 37:9-11; Ex 19:4; Dt 32:10-11; Is 7:14, 26:17,20-21, 27:1, 40:31, 46:3-4, 63:8-9; Dn 7:7, 12:1; Mi 4:9-10; Mt 1:22-23; Lk 1:31-35, 10:17-20; Jn 8:44, 12:31-32, 14:30-31, 16:20-22; Ga 4:19-20; 1Th 5:1-3; 1Pt 5:8-11; 2Pt 2:4-10; 1Jn 5:19; CCC 391, 410, 501, 2852-53.

## Lesson 5

### Revelation 13 – 16

#### Question 1

In chapter 12 we learned of the enraged dragon's resolve to make war against the woman's children (12:17). Describe the two beasts revealed in chapter 13. What is their relationship to the dragon and to each other, and what are the fruits of their works? By what number can we recognize the beast (13:18)?

**Readings:** Dt 13:2-6 [RSVCE 13:1-5]; Jr 15:2; Dn 3:1-26,46-56, (chapter) 7; Mt 24:23-25; 2Th 2:1-12; CCC 675-77, 2113, 2473.

#### Question 2

What are we told in chapter 14 about the people who are with the Lamb on Mount Zion, i.e., their name, their number, and their character (14:1-5), and what is revealed concerning judgment, God's harvest, and the wine of His fury (14:6-20)?

**Readings:** Pss 11:4-7, 60, 75, 126; Is 4:2-6, 21:6-10, 51:7-11,17-20, 57:1-2; Jr 51:6-10; Jl 4:13-17; Mi 4:1-3; Mt 7:13-14, 13:36-43, 25:41,46; Lk 19:27; Jn 4:35-38; Ga 6:7-8; CCC 543, 1034-39, 1267, 2156, 2167.

#### Question 3

When the seven angels with the seven plagues appear, what hymn are the saints singing (15:1-4), and what is contained in the seven bowls which the angels are commanded to pour out on the earth (15:7-8, 16:1-12)? How do the people on earth respond to the suffering that comes upon them because of God's justice (16:9,11,21)? What warning does the Word give to the people in Revelation 16:15, and where does Scripture say the armies will be assembled for "the war of the Great Day of God the Almighty" (Rv 16:14-16)? What happens when the seventh bowl is emptied (16:17-21)?

**Readings:** Gn 2:25, 3:6-7; Ex 7:17-21, 8:1-2 [RSVCE 8:5-6], 9:8-10,22-26, 10:21-23, 14:29-30, 15:1-21; Jg 5:19-20; Ez 38:17-23; Mt 22:11-14; Rv 3:18; CCC 1243, 1682, 2839.

## Lesson 6

### Revelation 17 – 18

#### Question 1

Describe the woman revealed in chapter 17. (How is this image similar in language to the way the prophets sometimes speak of God's own People, and why do they speak this way?) Where or upon what is the woman enthroned (17:1,3,9,15), and what kind of wine has made her drunk (17:6)? The author, knowing that the vision's meaning is perplexing to many, states the significance of its figures. What does he say about the woman and her identity (17:5,18), the seven heads (17:9-10), the ten horns (17:12-13), and the waters (17:15)?

**Readings:** Ps 53; Is 1:21-28; Jr 2:20-37, 3:1-5, 4:30-31, 51:7,12-19; Ez 16:1-43, 23:1-8,11-13,22-35; Ho 1:1-2, 2:4-15 [RSVCE 2:2-13], 3:1-5; Jn 10:30, 14:6; 1Jn 2:18-23, 4:1-6; 2Jn 1:7.

#### Question 2

After the angel announces the fall of Babylon (18:1-3), a voice from heaven calls out to God's People. What are they told (18:4-8)? How does the world respond when it sees God's judgment come upon Babylon (18:9-20), and how does Babylon's judgment conclude (18:21-24)?

**Readings:** Gn 19:12-26; Ex 34:10-16; Tb 14:3-4,8-9 [NAB 14:3-4,9]; Ps 79; Is 21:9, 24:1-6, 47:8-15, 52:9-12; Jr 16:8-9, 25:10-13,15-17, 50:8-10,23-40, 51:6,8-10,44-58,60-64; Ez 26:15-21, 27:28-36; Na 3:1-7; Mt 18:6, 24:15-18; Lk 17:1-3; 2Co 6:14-18.

## Lesson 7

### Revelation 19 – 20

#### Question 1

Describe the vision revealed in 19:1-8. For whom or about whom is this feast? What does the angel command John to record concerning this feast (19:9), and how does John respond to the angel's revelation (19:10)? (Compare 19:10 to 1:17-18.)

**Readings:** Dt 32:39-44; Es 2:1-4,17-18; Pss 45:14-16, 93, 99, 150; Is 44:23, 61:10-11, 62:4-5; Jr 31:1-7; Ez 43:1-3; Mt 22:1-14; Jn 3:29; Ep 5:25-27; CCC 220, 757, 772, 796, 865, 1602, 1612, 2853-54.

#### Question 2

What are we told about the person described in 19:11-21? Do we know his name? Who is with him, who comes against him, and how does the battle end?

**Readings:** Dt 10:17, 32:3-4; 2Mc 3:24-27a; Ps 135; Ws 18:15-16; Is 11:4-5, 63:1-6; Ez 39:1-8,17-21,25-29; Lk 12:4-5; Jn 1:1, 5:22-23, 12:47-49; Ph 2:9-11; 2Th 1:8-10; 1Tm 6:13-16; Rv 6:1-2.

#### Question 3

What are we told about the ancient serpent, the reign of a thousand years, and the fate of the serpent when the thousand years are over (20:1-3,7-10)? Who shares in "the first resurrection" (20:5-6)? Secondly (II), what is taking place in the scene described in 20:11-15, and what is the ultimate fate of those whose names are not found written in the Book of Life?

**Readings:** Ps 149; Is 14:12-15, 61:6,9; Ez 7:1-7, 38:1-7,16; Mt 19:27-30; Lk 21:24; 1Co 6:2-3, 15:21-28; 2Th 2:8; 2Pt 3:3-12; Ju 1:5-7; CCC 655, 994-95, 1002-05, 1010, 1013-14, 1214, 1681-83, 1689-91, 2816.

**Readings II:** Pss 34:19-22 [NAB 34:20-23], 52; Jr 17:9-10; Dn 7:9-10, 12:2-3; Mt 16:27, 25:31-46; Jn 5:26-29; Ac 17:30-31; Rm 2:6-8; 2Co 5:10; CCC 1034, 1036, 1038, 1051-60.

## Lesson 8

### Revelation 21 – 22

#### Question 1

Describe God's holy city, the new Jerusalem (chapter 21:1-20). What does the One sitting on the throne say about this 'new place' (21:5-8)?

**Readings:** Gn 28:10-21; 1Kg 6:19-22; 2Ch 6:12-18; Ps 148; Is 25:6-10, 35:10, 43:19, 51:5-6, 55:1, 60:21-22, 65:17-19, 66:22-24; Ez 37:12-14,26-28; Zc 8:8; Jn 4:14, 7:37-39; Rm 8:18-21; 2Co 5:17; Ep 1:9-10; Hb 11:10,13-16, 12:22-29; 2Pt 3:12-13; CCC 280-82, 290, 326, 345, 349, 358, 670-71, 1042-50, 1405, 2794-96.

#### Question 2

Does the heavenly city have a temple (21:21-27)? Explain your answer. What are we told about the nations that comprise the new Jerusalem and the kings who enter there (21:24-26)?

**Readings:** Pss 48:8-14 [NAB 48:9-15], 68:29 [NAB 69:30], 72:8-11, 102:15-18 [NAB 102:16-19], 122; Is 49:18, 52:1, 60:1-6,11,19-20; Mt 12:6; Jn 2:19-22; 1Co 6:19-20; 2Co 6:16; Ep 2:19-22; CCC 585, 756, 776, 797, 1179-81, 1186, 1197-99, 1265, 1279, 2594.

#### Question 3

Describe the river flowing in the holy city (22:1-5). What do God's servants see in this 'place' (22:4)?

**Readings:** Gn 2:8-10, 3:24, Pss 11:7, 36:8-9 [NAB 36:9-10], 42:1-2, 46:4-5 [NAB 46:5-6]; Is 12:3-6; Ez 47:1-12; Zc 14:8-9; Mt 5:8; Jn 14:2-3; 1Co 13:12; 1Jn 3:2; Rv 2:7; CCC 163, 260, 1023-29, 1718-20, 2518-19.

#### Question 4

The last section of Revelation (22:6-21) functions as an epilogue. What does the Lord (i.e., Jesus Himself or the Lord speaking through the angel; cf. 22:6-7,10-16,20) say to us, and what do the Spirit and the Bride say (22:17)?

**Readings:** Nb 24:17-19; 2Sm 7:12-14a; Is 11:10; Dn 12:4,9-10; 1Co 16:22; 2Pt 1:19; Rv 2:26-28; CCC 450-51, 2550, 2817-18.