

THE STAR OF THE DRAMA OF REVELATION

Many are totally unaware that the "Star" of the drama of Revelation is Jesus. Revelation discloses some very extra-ordinary and exciting things about Him. In fact, the key purpose of the book is to help us see Jesus in a wonderful new light.

The name 'Revelation' means "revealing" or "unveiling", and the introductory words of the book make clear what is being revealed. The first five words are "THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST". So it is Jesus and His magnificent, loving plans that are being unveiled or revealed in the book of Revelation.

When we keep this fantastic fact in mind and look for Jesus in our study of Revelation, we will find it one of the most heart-warming and stimulating experiences of life. Jesus is anxious and ready to shower upon us His exceptional love as we consider Revelation — His special book.

So, with a prayer in our hearts, let us notice some of the thrilling truths about Jesus as revealed in Revelation.

* Please note that the name of the book is The Revelation of Jesus Christ" Revelation 1:1 and not "The Revelation of St John the Divine" as men have named it. The book was not written to reveal John, but rather. the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Jesus is called by at least 37 different names or descriptive titles in the book of Revelation. Amazingly He is mentioned by one of His names or titles, or by a pronoun representing one of those names, over 137 times in the first three chapters, and over 250 times in the entire book of Revelation. Do you have any doubt that Revelation is a book which has something very important to say to us regarding Jesus?

Ans: _____

(The Revelation Seminar has prepared a special exhibit listing the names and titles of Jesus found in the book of Revelation. If you have not received a copy, please ask for one.)

2. How does Revelation describe Jesus?

Ans:

Rev. 1:13 (a) His garment down to the _____

Rev. 1:13 (b) He wore a golden _____

Rev. 1:14 (c) Hair was _____ like _____ or _____.

Rev. 1:14 (d) Eyes like of _____

Rev. 1:15 (e) Feet like fine _____

as _____ in _____

Rev. 1:15 (f) Voice as the sound of many _____

Rev. 1:16 (g) Countenance bright as the _____

NOTE: See Daniel 10:5-9 for another word picture of Jesus. Both John (Revelation 1:17) and Daniel fell to the ground faint and helpless when they saw Him.

OUR WONDERFUL SAVIOUR

3. What has Jesus done for us? Revelation 1:5

Ans. "_____ us and _____ us from our _____."

4. What else has Jesus done for us? Revelation 1:8

Ans: "And He hath made us _____ and _____".

NOTE: In Old Testament days men had to approach God through the priest, but Jesus changed that He made us all priests so we may approach Him directly. Fantastic!

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Title	Revelation
19. The faithful and true witness	3:14
20. The beginning of the creation of God	3:14
21. Lord	4:11
22. Lion of the tribe of Juda	5:5,9
23. The root of David	5:5,9
24. A lamb as it had been slain	5:6,7
25. The lamb	5:8,9
26. The Lord God of the Holy Prophets	22:6
27. Lord of Lords	17:14
28. King of Kings	17:14
29. The word of God	19:13-16
30. Faithful and true	19:11
31. Beginning and the end	22:13
32. Rider of white horse	19:11
33. Christ	20:4
34. He who hath the sharp sword with two edges.....	2:12
35. He that hath the seven Spirits of God	3:1
36. The bright and morning star	22:16
37. _____	
38. _____	
39. _____	
40. _____	
41. _____	



**In love,
Jesus
reveals
the future
to us**

5. **What is it, according to the 24 elders of Revelation 5:8, 9, 12, that makes Jesus worthy to redeem us?**

Ans: "For thou wast _____ and hast _____ us".

NOTE: The title "Lamb", referring to Jesus, is used 26 times in Revelation. Jesus is clearly the Lamb of God John 1:29. In Old Testament times, lambs were sacrificed when people sinned. These lambs typified Jesus, who took the people's sins and died as their atonement. Jesus, the Lamb of God, died on Calvary in our place and for our sins. Through Jesus we are set free. No wonder the people of Revelation 5 cried out "worthy is the lamb that was slain". Revelation 5:9.

6. **Was Jesus' sacrifice an afterthought, or was it planned before sin entered? Revelation 13:8; Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:18-20.**

Ans: "Who verily was foreordained before the _____ of the _____."

7. **Read chapter 4 and 5 of Revelation. Note particularly the thrilling and awesome episode about the sealed book which no-one could open. Who finally opened the book?**

Ans: _____

8. **What do you think this book is that Jesus has the authority to open?**

Ans: _____

NOTE: The book is not named but it (obviously from the story of Revelation 5), has to do with the people who are saved from the earth.

It is of utmost interest that Revelation, in several other places, speaks of a book or books which greatly affect people on this earth. Note the following:

Ans: a. Revelation 3:5 and 17:8 speak of the book of _____

Ans: b. Revelation 21:27 calls it the _____
book of _____

Ans: c. Revelation 20:12 mentions both _____
and the _____

Notice that these books are all mentioned in connection with the judgment. Revelation 13:8 makes it clear that the saved will have their names written in the book of life, and according to Revelation 3:5, those who turn away from Christ will have their names removed from that book.

The sobering message of Revelation chapter 5 is that only Jesus can tell who is saved and who is lost. He, and He only, reads the heart and knows who are truly His. This is why it is so imperative to place our lives in His hands. He alone, cleanses us from sin. I John 1:9. He alone, is able to present us "faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy". Jude 24. Truly, there is "none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved". Acts 4:12. This is why John, in Revelation 5, was so tearful and hopeless till Jesus appeared. It also explains why the elders burst forth with, rejoicing when Jesus intervened for the people from this earth, whom He loves.

ORIGIN AND POWER OF JESUS

9. **Did Jesus have His beginning when born of Mary or did He exist prior to His Bethlehem birth? Revelation 22:6, 7.**

Ans: _____

NOTE: Revelation 22:6, 7 calls Jesus "the Lord God of the holy prophets". 1 Peter 1:10, 11 also says that Jesus is the one who inspired the prophets of old. Other Bible passages say very clearly that Jesus did indeed exist before coming to earth to be born of Mary. See John 17:5, 24; John 1:1-3, 14 and Philipians 2:5-11.

10. **Who especially is mentioned as involved in the creation of the world and the creation of man?**

Ans: (Rev. 3:14) _____

NOTE: The word "beginning" in Rev. 3:14 is used in the sense of

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NAMES OR TITLES OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Title	Revelation
1. Jesus Christ	1:1
2. Faithful Witness	1:5
3. First Begotten of the Dead	1:5
4. Prince of the Kings of the Earth	1:5
5. Alpha and Omega	1:8-13
6. First and last	1:8, 11, 13
7. Son of Man	1:13
8. He that liveth and was dead	1:13, 18
9. He that holdeth the seven stars	2:1
10. He who walketh midst the golden candlesticks.....	2:1
11. Son of God	2:18
12. He which searches the reins and hearts	2:23
13. He that hath the seven stars	3:1
14. He that is holy and true	3:7
15. He that hath the key of David	3:7
16. He that openeth and no man shutteth	3:7
17. He that shutteth and no man openeth	3:7
18. The Amen	3:14

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20. How Much privileged time did the Jewish nation have left after 31 A.D., and when did it end?

Ans: a. How much time was left? _____

Ans: b. When did it end? _____

NOTE: The first 3½ years of this 7-year period led us to the spring of 31 A.D, when Jesus was crucified. Adding the 3½ years remaining to 31 A.D. brings us to the fall of 34 A.D. At that time this special period given to the Jewish people closed and the gospel was now to be given to the Gentiles also.

21. How may both Jews and Gentiles, today, become part of God's chosen people and thus be saved? Galatians 3:29; Romans 2:28, 29; Romans 9:6-8

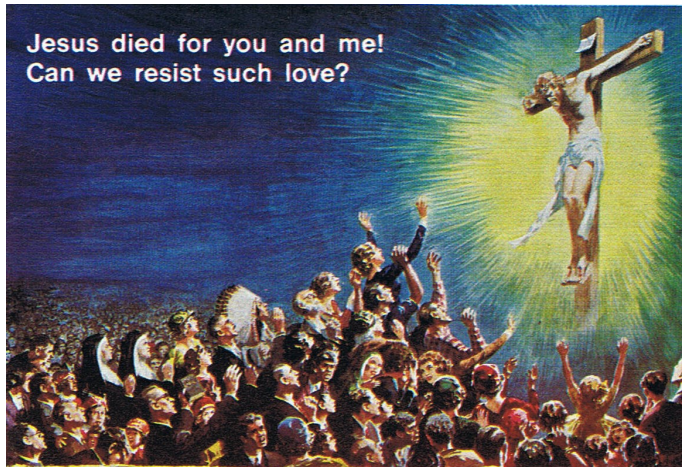
Ans: "If ye be _____, then are ye _____ seed and _____ according to the _____."

NOTE: Persons of all races may become part of God's chosen people by accepting Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Notice that Daniel 9:26 says Jesus was cut off, but NOT FOR HIMSELF. Jesus died for YOU and ME, that we might have eternal life. Jesus knocks at the door of each heart. Revelation 3:20

22. In the light of Jesus' matchless love. are you willing to serve and follow Him?

Ans: _____



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origin. Beck's translation puts it "the origin of God's creation". The Jerusalem Bible says, "the ultimate source of God's creation". For other Scripture passages which proclaim Jesus the creator, see Ephesians 3:9; John 1:1-3, 14; Hebrews 1:1, 2; Colossians 1:13-17.

11. Is Jesus God? Revelation 19:13-16 cf John 1:1, 14; Revelation 22:6, 7

Ans: _____

NOTE: In Revelation Jesus is called the word of God and John 1:1, 14 makes it very clear that the "word" is Jesus and that He is, indeed, God For other verses of Scripture which clearly point out the same thing, see I Timothy 3:16; Titus 3:4 and Hebrews 1:8.



AN AMAZING TIME PROPHECY

Over 500 years before Jesus' birth, God foretold the exact year He would come. This astounding prophecy proves Jesus is the Messiah.

12. How much time does Daniel 9.24 tell us was allotted to the Jewish nation?

Ans: _____

NOTE: This solemn prophecy told the Jewish nation that God was giving them 490 years of privileged time.

13. Using the Bible's prophetic rule of "one day equals one year", Ezekiel 4:6, how long is this 70 week period?

Ans: _____

NOTE: 70 weeks times 7 (the number of days in a week) equals 490 days. Since one prophetic day equals one literal year, then 490 prophetic days equal 490 literal years.

14. When was this 70 week (490 year) period to begin? Daniel 9:25 first part.

Ans: "From the going forth of the _____ to restore and to build _____".

NOTE: God's people were in captivity in Persia. The Lord impressed the Persian King, Artaxerxes, to make a decree which permitted all Jews, who so desired, to return to Jerusalem to restore and rebuild the city. The decree is recorded in the Bible in Ezra, chapter 7. Two other Persian kings also made decrees prior to this, but they referred only to the rebuilding of the temple, so they do not qualify.

15. When was this decree issued? Ezra 7:7, 12, 13

Ans: "In the _____ year of _____ the _____"(457 B.C.).

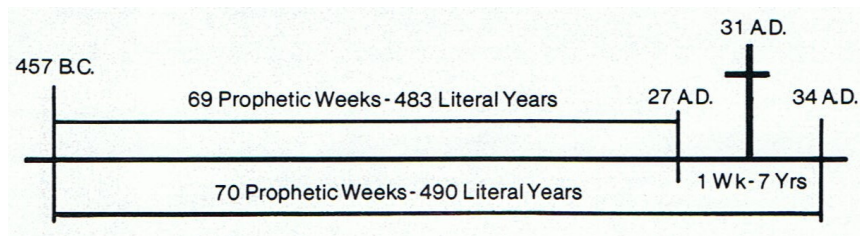
NOTE: Ezra 7:7, 12, 13 points out that the decree was issued in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes. History shows that the king began to reign in 464 B.C. His 7th year would thus be 457 B.C. The decree was implemented in the fall of the year, sometime after Ezra's arrival in Jerusalem.

16. According to Daniel 9:25, how long was it to be from the decree of Artaxerxes till the Messiah appeared?

Ans: _____

NOTE: 69 weeks times 7 (the number of days in a week) equals 483 prophetic days, which in Bible prophecy are 483 years. Mathematical calculations show that if we begin in 457 B.C. and move 483 years into the future, we will reach the year 27 A.D.

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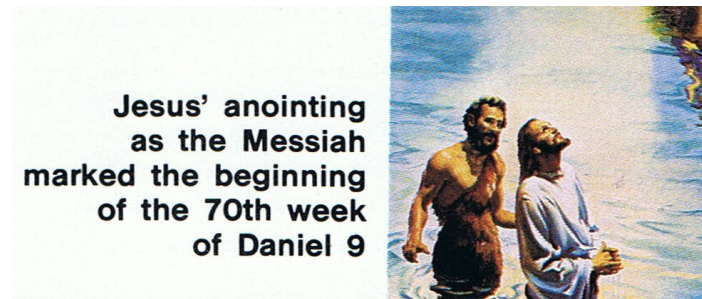


17. Did the Messiah appear in 27 A.D. exactly 483 years after the decree of Artaxerxes in 457 B.C.? Luke 3:1, 21, 22 (1493) cf Acts 10:38 and John 1:41 (see margin).

Ans: _____

NOTE: "Messiah" is the Hebrew word for "Anointed". "Christ" is the Greek word for the same. Though Jesus was born the Son of God, He was not the "Messiah" or the "Anointed" until He was anointed. Acts 10:38 says he was anointed by the Holy Ghost. Luke 3:21, 22 says that the anointing of the Holy Ghost, which made Him the Messiah, took

place at His baptism. And Luke 3:1 points out that His baptism took place in the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar. History shows that the 15th year of Tiberius was 27 AD., the very same year Jesus was baptized, as prophecy had predicted.



18. When Jesus began preaching, after His baptism and anointing by the Holy Spirit, what did He say which indicated He knew about Daniel's prediction that He would be anointed and would become the Messiah in 27 A.D.? Mark 1:14, 15

Ans: "the _____ is _____."

NOTE: How utterly fantastic! There is no room for a mistake here. The Messiah appeared right on time, as predicted hundreds of years before by Daniel. He is, indeed, the Messiah, the Son of God. This gives us an unshakable foundation on which to stand.

JESUS' CRUCIFIXION FORETOLD

19. We have now considered 483 of the 400 years privileged time to the Jewish nation. One final week of the 70 original remains, (one week or 7 prophetic days - 7 literal years). What was to happen in the middle of that last week or seven years? Daniel 9:26, 27

Ans: Jesus was to be " _____ " or crucified.

NOTE: The Scripture passage says Jesus was to be "cut off" in the middle of that last week. One-half of 7 years is 3 1/2 years. Add 3 1/2 years to the fall of 27 AD., and you reach the spring of 31 AD. In direct fulfillment of this prophecy, Jesus was, indeed, "cut off" or crucified in the spring of 31 AD. Jesus caused "the sacrifice and the oblation to cease" because He, as the lamb of God, replaced the symbolic sacrificial lambs when He became the supreme sacrifice for all people upon the cross. See I Corinthians 5:7