

November 29 - December 5

(Monday) Revelation 1

1. John pictures the seven churches as seven golden lamp stands (to hold oil lamps). What does John's picture tell us about the function of the churches?
2. John presents a vision of Jesus as both coming (v. 7) and already and always here (v. 8). What would it be like to have only one of these two perspectives?
3. Why do you think a godly person like John would be so powerfully overcome by the presence of the One he Loved (v. 17)?
4. John states that we will be blessed if we hear his message and take it to heart (v. 3). In what ways do you think he expects us to take his message to heart?

Family Devotional: Read verses 4-6. How would John's description of God be comfort to his readers? Why would it help discouraged believers to know they are "a kingdom and priest to serve his God and Father"?

Prayer: Praise God for Jesus who has freed us from our sins and has made us to be a kingdom and priest to serve the one true God and Father.

(Tuesday) Revelation 12

1. Three of the characters in this chapter are the woman (perhaps the Lord's people or the Holy Spirit), the red dragon (Satan) and the male child (the Lord Jesus Christ). What conflict does John observe among them (vv. 1-6)?
2. In verses 7-9 John describes a war in heaven. What does the war reveal about the dragon?
3. What does it mean to overcome Satan's accusations by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony (v. 11)?
4. How can the victory of Christ help us face these battles and struggles of the Christian life?

Family Devotional: Read verses 10-17. What does the dragon's defeat mean in Heaven and on earth? How can we help a fellow Christian who is no longer under God's condemnation but who still feels condemned and defeated?

Prayer: Pray for those who are struggling against Satan, and ask that Jesus would strengthen you as you struggle.

(Wednesday) Revelation 21

1. What aspects of the "old order" must be eliminated before God can fully dwell with his people (21:1-5)?

2. What in the passage suggests that the new Jerusalem is nothing other than the church in its final, consummated life (21:10)?

3. Why must the requirements for entering the city be met during the times of testing we experience in this life?

4. As you review what you have learned in Revelation, what new insight do you have into the early Christian prayer "Come, Lord Jesus!"?

Family Devotion: Read verses 11-21. Why do you think John gives such a detailed description of the splendor of the city? Why do you think a city (rather than a glorious garden like Eden) is used to describe our final home?

Prayer: Pray for Jesus' coming!