**May 6, 2024 – Revelation – Week 32**

**For this week’s homework, if you are able, read Revelation two times:**

* For the first reading, try to do in a single sitting, or in as few sittings as possible. Read quickly. Don’t slow down to gain comprehension. Just read with the flow. Then answer Question #1 below. (Revelation can be read or listen to audibly in just over one hour.) Feel free to use my handouts
* For the second reading, answer the rest of questions. Most will focus on the Great Tribulation (Chapters 6 through 19). Use my handout to understand how the chapters in Revelation are organized around the various End Times (ET) seasons.
  1. After your first reading of Revelation, what one to three words come to mind? (it can be your summary of Revelation, or your thoughts, emotions from the reading, etc.)

**Now read the book through again in answering the questions below**.

* 1. Ch. 2 & 3 – For the seven churches that received this letter from John - What do you think they thought of this letter? (i.e. think of Ephesus – the church had already received Paul’s first letter. Now another?)
  2. Consider the plagues (seal, trumpet and bowl judgments) in chapters 6, 8, 9, 15, 16.
* How do they remind you of the plagues of Egypt?
* What impact will these plagues will have on the earth and humanity?

4. Chapter 11 - The literal interpretative approach suggests these two witnesses are two literal beings (some say Elijah, Moses, etc.) Others suggest this refers to two churches (i.e. two gold lampstands).

- What is your view and what clues from the chapter support your position?

5. Chapter 12 & 13 – re: “1,260 days” (12:6), “time and times and half a time” (12:14) and “42 months” (13:5).

* Why do you think John uses three different expressions for the same time period?
* What happens during this time period?
* Read Daniel 12:1-7 and 9:27 – does is seem to you that these are speaking of the same time period in Revelation?

6. Read about the Day of the Lord, Rev. 19:11-21

* Read Isaiah 63:1-6? How does this fit the description?
* Read Rev. 14:14-20 – what do you make of the graphic depiction of God’s judgment?
* Read Jeremiah 7:33 and Ezek. 39:17-20 – do you think this speaks of the happenings in Rev 19?

7. Where do you see “crush” and “reign” campaigns occur in Revelation?

8. In the Exodus account, as the plagues intensified the Egyptians and Pharoah became more defiant in their rebellion against God. Where in Revelation do you see the same effect happening during the Great Tribulation? (Hint: Chapter 16).