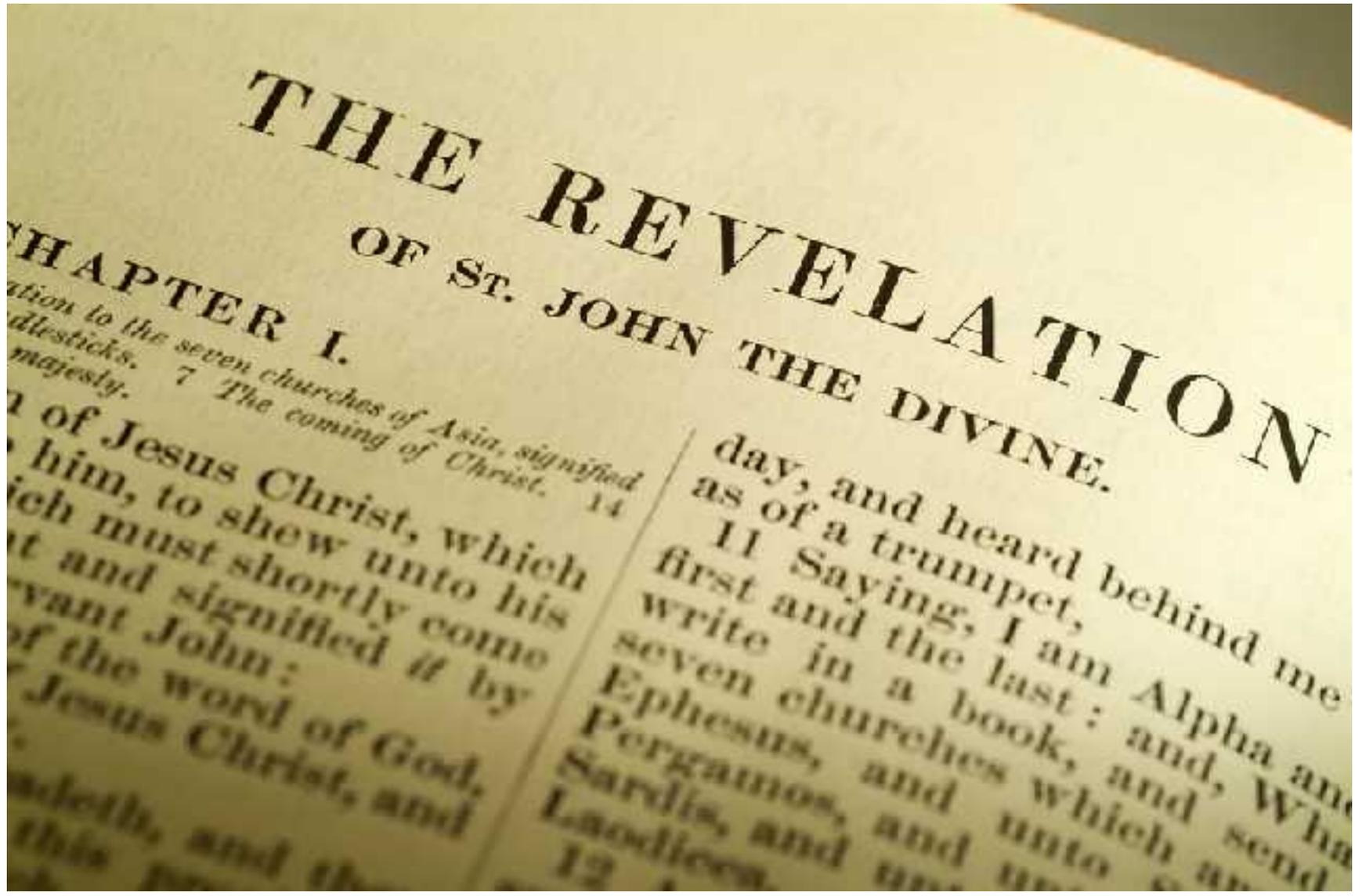


Revelation

The Beasts, The Lamb, and the Seven Plagues



The Beasts

(Revelation 13)

1. Who might “the beast” represent to the people of John’s time?
2. Who/what is the dragon?
3. Any idea of who or what the 2nd beast might represent for the people of John’s time?
4. Is there any evidence in scripture that explains your answer?
5. Who might “the beasts” represent to the people of our time today?

The Lamb

(Revelation 14)

1. Who is the Lamb? Why is he standing on Mount Zion?
(Hebrews 12:22)
2. Who are the 144,000? DO you believe that 144,000 people only will be redeemed? What is so special about the 144,000?

The Three Angels

(Revelation 14)

1. What are the messages of the three angels?
2. What hymn might use some images from Revelation 14:17-20?
3. Has America ever experienced an “apocalyptic” war?

The Seven Plagues

(Revelation 15 and 16)

1. Compare the seven plagues with the ten plagues of Egypt. Any similarities? (Exodus, chapters 7-12)
2. What was the end result for the oppressed Israelites after Egypt experienced the ten plagues? (freedom – God’s victory for His children) Any parallels with the overall message of Revelation?

Group Discussion

Scholars debate the identity of the beast of the land. If the beast from the land is the Roman Empire and if the empire forced people to worship the emperor, then the Romans were pushing the people to commit sin.

1. Today, are we encouraged to worship things other than God?
2. What are some of the things people worship today?
3. What kinds of things encourage us to worship things/people rather than God?
4. How can we protect ourselves from worshipping things/people rather than God?

Group Discussion

(Continued)

5. Has America ever experienced an “apocalyptic” war?
6. Have you ever suffered oppression? If you have ever suffered oppression by a person or by a group, have you ever had images of revenge or thoughts of the oppressors suffering greatly?
7. What about 9/11? When Osama bin Laden was killed in 2011, was justice served? Were the celebrations that took place in the United States at that time warranted? What is the faithful response?

Assignment for Next Week

1. Read chapters 17-22 in the New Testament book of Revelation.
2. Make notes about what you are reading asking the questions who, what, when, where, and why. Note the most confusing passages.
3. Pray each day for at least 5 minutes.