
QT Questions — for Revelations

*God has given many symbols in this Book of Revelations. But for our QT time, we will not explore deeply the many wonderful insights and interpretations (that should be left to a Bible study time). We will keep our focus simple, trying to understand God's revealed truth as simply and clearly as we can, and humbly delight to obey His truth in our lives as best as we can, with the desire to fall in love with Him as deeply as we can.

Rev 1 (4/4)

1. In 1:5-6, how is Jesus presented; what does He do for His people; what is the rightful response to His service for us; how can we learn to respond as we should in our daily lives today?
2. In 1:9-11, where was John writing this letter; why was he there; what does he say is the experience of God's people during this time; which day did he write and why would that be significant; how are all of these things applicable to you?
3. In 1:12-16, without needing to interpret all the brilliant things describing this "son of man," will you repeat the description of this man, and if you are able, will you try to draw Him as He is described?
4. In 1:17-18, what was John's response to the vision he just saw; how does God respond to John's response; what can we learn from this?

Rev 2 (4/5)

1. In 2:1-7, can you locate in your map where the church of Ephesus was; how does our Lord present Himself to His church; what did He commend them for; what was His warning for His people; what do you learn from God's message to His church?
2. In 2:8-11, can you locate in your map where the church of Smyrna was; how does our Lord present Himself to His church; what did He commend them for; what was His warning for His people; what do you learn from God's message to His church?
3. In 2:12-17, can you locate in your map where the church of Pergamum was; how does our Lord present Himself to His church; what did He commend them for; what was His warning for His people; what do you learn from God's message to His church?
4. In 2:18-29, can you locate in your map where the church of Thyatira was; how does our Lord present Himself to His church; what did He commend them for; what was His warning for His people; whose teaching did Jezebel resembled from the previous church; what do you learn from God's message to His church?

Rev 3 (4/6)

1. In 3:1-6, can you locate in your map where the church of Sardis was; how does our Lord present Himself to His church; what did He commend them for; what was His warning for His people; what do you learn from God's message to His church?
2. In 3:7-13, can you locate in your map where the church of Philadelphia was; how does our Lord present Himself to His church; what did He commend them for; what was His warning for His people; what do you learn from God's message to His church?

3. In 3:14-22, can you locate in your map where the church of Laodicea was; how does our Lord present Himself to His church; what did He commend them for; what was His warning for His people; what do you learn from God's message to His church?
4. As God spoke to the 7 churches—what are your thoughts on where the 7 churches are located; what are two or three of things that strike you the most from the messages God gave to His church?

Rev 4 (4/7)

1. In 4:2-3, Who was sitting on heaven's throne; how is He described; what are your thoughts on this?
2. In 4:4, who sat on the 24 thrones; who do they remind you and why do you think they are called so; how are they described and why do you think that is?
3. In 4:6-8, how are the four living creatures described; what do they never stop doing; where else in God's word do we find these praises?
4. In 4:9-11, what do the 24 elders do whenever they hear the living creatures worship God's majesty; the crown that God placed on their heads, what do they do with it when they worship God, and why do you think that was; what was the reason for their praise of God?

Rev 5 (4/8)

1. In 5:1-5, why was it that no one else was worthy to open the scroll; who alone was worthy to open the scroll and why; why do you think this is important for God's people?
2. In 5:5-14, why did the Lamb look as if He was slain; what was the overwhelming response for the Lamb; who were there to sing and what were they singing; how should this impact our worship of the Lamb?
3. In 5:8, why and how is our prayers compared with incense; why should this stimulate us to be even more delighted to pray; would you spend some time to pray like an incense today?
4. In 5:11-14, with what kind of voices did all the angels and creatures sing of the worthiness of the Lamb, who was slain; with what word did the four living creatures respond to all God's creatures praises, and what does the word mean; with what posture did the elders worship the living God; how are all of these applicable to us?

Rev 6 (4/9)

*The opening of the first seal in Rev. 6:1 unleashes a barrage of judgments that last through Rev. 20. These are not descriptions of just something or for someone else. The people receiving will be the people who do not know our Lord as their Redeemer, whom God has purposefully placed in our midst. May our God use us to proclaim His truth, His gospel, so that they will not suffer such terrifying end.

1. In 6:1-8, remembering chapter 5 where no one could open the seal, now we see the Lamb does, and when He does, we see the first four seals open—without needing great explanations, just simply, who appears in the four seals and what does God's word say they each represent; of these four, is there anything that strikes you?

2. In 6:9-11, with the opening of the fifth seal, where do we see the believers who were slain and why was that significant (Ex 29:12); what was their cry and what was God's response and why was that significant?
3. In 6:12-14, the sixth seal was opened, what happened; what captures your heart?
4. In 6:15-17, what was the response from the greatest to the least among the people; whose wrath was this (Eph 2:1-3); who can stand this; why does this matter to us, especially for us who have family and love ones who do not believe in the Lamb that was slain for them?

Rev 7 (4/18)

1. In 7:1-3, before the four angels were to harm the land, what would God do for His people; what does this mean for His people (2Tim 4:18); and how can you be sure that this applies to you?
2. In 7:4-8, without needing an interpretation or explanation—will you point out what appears unusual from the list of the tribes of Israel?
3. In 7:11-12, what did all they who were standing around the throne do; will you list the sevenfold praises to God we find in verse 12; of the list, which reason for praise rings loudest to you today, why?
4. In 7:13-17, how did the Lamb wash the robes of His people white; how can a lamb become the Shepherd; and for all the sheep before this Shepherd, what will happen to them; how is this applicable to you?

Rev 8 (4/19)

1. In 8:3-4, how are the smoke of the censers and the prayers of God's people similar; why would the prayers of God's people be mentioned here with the judgment of God?
2. In 8:6-12, why announce God's judgment with a trumpet call; what events in God's word did God use the trumpet calls (Numb 10:1-7; Josh 6:5; Joel 2:1; 1Thes 4:16); what's the lesson to learn here?
3. In 8:7-12, what did the four trumpet calls do; what are your thoughts as you meditate on these judgments?
4. In 8:13, what is yet to come; how are we suppose to prepare for them?

Rev 9 (4/20)

1. In 9:1-6, what did the trumpet sound of the fifth angel released; what were they told to do and not do; what do you learn from this?
2. In 9:13-19, what did the trumpet sound of the sixth angel released; what do you learn from this?
3. In 9:20-21, what was the state of the people who were not killed in these frightening days; what was their lifestyle that kept them from repenting (Jn 3:19-20); what does our God want us to do when we sin, for we sin often (1Jn 1:8-2:2)?

Rev 10 (4/21)

Between the 6th and 7th trumpet, there is an interlude with two scenes (ch. 10 & 11:1-14).

1. In 10:3-4, what did the voices of the seven thunders say; what do you think about the message given to John here?
2. In 10:8-10, what do you think is the meaning of tasting sweet in the mouth but sour in the stomach; how is this applicable to you?
3. In 10:11, what was John told to do; how is this related to what were said in the above verses 8-10; what can we learn from this?

Rev 11 (4/22)

1. In 11:1-4, what would it mean that God's Two Witnesses will trample on the holy city (shouldn't they have preserved the holy city instead); what do you think it means that they prophesied, clothed in sackcloth?
2. In 11:5-10, what powers are these Two Witnesses given in order to accomplish God's will for them; can you remember some of the OT people who were given similar powers; how would these two prophets torment those who live on the earth?
3. In 11:11-13, how does God minister to His servants who sacrificed their lives; can you remember the people our God raised from death; who also went up to heaven on a cloud?
4. In 11:15-19, when the seventh trumpet sounded, what did the twenty-four elders do, as they were seated on their thrones; what was the content of their praise; when God's temple in heaven was opened, what became visible, and do you remember what's inside there?

Rev 12 (4/23)

1. In 12:1-8, we see a battle raging between the Woman and Michael fighting against the dragon—simply, who are they and what kind of battle was this; what was the outcome of the battle; where else did we see this happened before (Isa 14:12-14)?
2. In 12:9—the dragon or the serpent is called the devil and Satan—what do these two names mean; why do they exist; what did God do against them?
3. In 12:11, how do God's people triumph over the dragon; in this spiritual battle, who must God's people not place first, and what happens if we do; who should be our first love and do you want to truly live under this order (Matt 22:37-38)?
4. In 12:17, why is the dragon enraged; who and why is the dragon waging war against; what must God's people do; how can you do this humbly well?

Rev 13 (4/25)

1. In 13:1-9, how did the world, the people whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, perceived the beast who came out of the water; what was their response to their perception; what did this beast do?
2. In 13:9-10, what was the outcome of many people; what were God's people to do under such terrible days?
3. In 13:11-15, how did the miraculous signs from the beast impacted the people; how can God's people not judge by mere appearance but judge correctly (Jn 7:24)?
4. In 13:16-18, if people did not receive the mark, what impact to their lives did this bring; if our physical survival is at stake, how should we consider about receiving the mark, why or why not; what is the ultimate mark do you want to have?

Rev 14 (4/26)

1. In 14:1-5, I am of the opinion that the 144,000 is not a literal number chosen from among all God's people, rather, the number represents symbolically all of God's people—so, how are they described; how can such purity exist?
2. In 14:6-7, what was the proclamation of the angel; as we obey the angel's proclamation, how would that look like in our own lives?
3. In 14:9-12, what will be the outcome of the people who chooses to worship the beast; can you think of a name for this place; what are God's people to do under such frightening situation?
4. In 14:17-20, how do you think a winepress picture God's wrath; how would you answer when someone should ask you, "isn't God a God of love, so how could there be such wrath from God?"; yet, despite God's wrath, do you truly believe He is loving, why?

Rev 15 (4/27)

1. In 15:1-2, though the beast initially persecutes and conquers the believers, his success is short-lived (13:7)—why and who conquers the beast (1Jn 4:4); though the problems and difficulties of life might seem to have conquered you, who ultimately conquers, even in your life; can you give a few Scripture references backing your faith?
2. In 15:3-4, will you explain how God can be just and righteous when He is pouring all of these wrath unto the people; can you also sing that God is great and marvelous in our world and in your life, will you explain why to the people who may not think so?
3. In 15:5-8, have you noticed where these plagues were coming from; how can you reconcile the wrath of God that destroys people with the glory of God; how is this applicable to your life?

Rev 16 (4/28)

We have encountered three sets of seven judgments—seals, trumpets, and bowls (Rev 6:1-16:21).

1. In 16:1, we are often told that God is a God of love, so why would there be such an emphasis of God's wrath poured to the people throughout this book (Eph 2:1-3); how is this relevant to the messages of God's churches today and to our lives as well?
2. In 16:2-21, as these wraths are poured unto the people, how do these people respond to God; how does God desire for the people to respond when the people are punished (or rebuked or disciplined) for their sins (1Jn 1:8-2:2; Heb 12:4-13)?
3. In 16:16, Armageddon comes from two Hebrew words, "Har" and "Megiddo," which means, "The mountain of Megiddo." Many people think that Armageddon refers to a place where a battle will occur before the return of Christ on the great day of God Almighty (16:14). What is important to understand is, it is the location of the climatic battle, and most importantly, we know, Who the victor is.
 - In light of God's complete and final victory over evil—what are God's people to remember about our God when the struggles and difficulties of our lives seem overwhelming (2Tim 4:16-18; 1Cor 10:13); what are God's people to remember about our God when evil and misery seem much more powerful than us (1Jn 4:4;

Jn 16:33); why and where can God's people find our assurance that our God is the victor (16:17; Jn 19:30)?

Rev 17 (4/29)

1. In 17:1-6, 18, here we have another woman (unlike the woman in chapter 12), what are the many names she is called; what does that say about her; who does the angel say she is and where would that be in those days (17:18)?
2. In 17:8, can you explain the phrase for the beast "once was, now is not, and yet will come up"; how is this similar and different than Christ's (in 1:8); what is the lesson we can learn from them?
3. In 17:9, what does God want His people to do; how can we do better what our God is calling us to do when things are confusing, difficult and even dangerous?
4. In 17:14, in this war, who is triumphant and why; is there any doubt as to the outcome of this war and why; why should this matter to you?
5. In 17:16, what happens to the relationship between the beast and the prostitute; how is their relationship different than the way God treats His people; what does this say about the relationship you have with your God, especially after you have made a mess and have sinned greatly?

Rev 18 (4/30)

1. In 18:1-8, what has happened to Babylon and why; what is God calling His people to do from Babylon and why (Is 52:11; Jer 51:45; 2Cor 6:17); how is this applicable to us?
2. In 18:5, 8, what does God see and what will He do; how is this applicable to us?
3. In 18:9-20, who are the three people who cry, Woe for Babylon's destruction, and why; who are the people who rejoice over Babylon's destruction and why; what are we to learn from this?
4. In 18:21-24, what is the end description of the once great Babylon; how is this applicable to us?

Rev 19 (5/2)

1. In 19:1-8, Hallelujah comes from two words, "halel," to praise, and "Yah," which is a shortened version of Yahweh, which means, "Praise the Lord"—will you list the many reasons why God is praised; and which reason resonates most with you today?
 - As a side note, I am so thankful to my wife, because when I ask her to sing a praise, she sings, "Hallelujah (3x) and Amen"—it's beautiful.
2. In 19:4, 10, who and how are we called to worship; as deserving as he may appear to be, who are we told to not worship and why; how can you apply this whenever you are worshiping?
3. In 19:11-16, this white horse is probably not the white horse of 6:2—who is the Rider, and how are the many ways He is described; which of couple of these descriptions ministers to you most today?
4. In 19:17-21, what happened to all the kings that opposed the Rider of the white horse; how were these kings able to delude the people to follow them; what does it mean that they were all killed by the sword coming out of the Rider's mouth?

Rev 20 (5/3)

1. In 20:1-10, what was the work of the dragon/serpent/devil/Satan; where was he thrown and how is this place described; where would all of his followers be thrown?
2. In 20:4-5, how are the people who had not worshiped the beast, rather worshiped God described; using your own words, can you simply describe what happens to God's people in the end?
3. In 20:11-15, can you explain why the judgment according to what we have done is completely fair and just, yet, it brings the most frightening result; is there another kind of judgment that is not judged according to one's deeds?—please explain; will you be judged fairly or unfairly on the final judgment?—please explain.

The thousand years (millennium)

There are currently three major views concerning the millennium, as it relates to the second coming of Christ.

1. Premillennialism—holds that Christ will return after a period of divine wrath and establish a kingdom on earth, that is, He will return before the millennium.
 - Proponents—Tim LaHaye, Hal Lindsey, Charles Ryrie, C.I. Scofield, Wayne Grudem, among others.
2. Postmillennialism—states that Christ will return after the millennium, which is defined as a period of unprecedented success in the preaching of the gospel, massive conversion, resolution of social evils and prosperity.
 - Proponents—Lorraine Boettner, Jonathan Edwards, B.B. Warfield, among others.
3. Amillennialism—states that there is no literal 1,000 year reign; it is symbolic. They believe that humanity is currently living in the final period of history between Christ's ascension and second coming, during which Christ reigns in the heavens.
 - Proponents—Augustine, John Calvin, Martin Luther, among others.

Two thoughts:

1. To me, all three views have wonderful scholars and pastors I appreciate, so whichever view a person holds, it is not as important as long as our faith rest on Christ's second coming and the final judgment all people must face, determining which eternity all people will dwell—either in God's everlasting kingdom or in the burning fire of hell.
 - As for me, I do not fully comprehend all of God's word, especially in this area, so I accept my shortcomings, and am willing to accept other believers disagreement, but when we disagree, I pray that we will learn to disagree respectfully.
2. Having said that, I personally believe in the amillennialism view, where we are living in the last days, and with the second coming of Christ, the final judgment comes, and we will all enter into God's glory or into the everlasting fire of torment in hell.
 - To me, the most important truth to remember is, there are only two choices for eternity, either in God's kingdom or into God's wrath, which makes, our faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross and His resurrection, the gospel, the key to opening God's kingdom.

Rev 21 (5/4)

For the next two chapters, may I encourage you to let your imagination, the good kind, fly and soar to new heights. Imagine, not as in a wishful thinking, but based on His word and truth, may His amazing vision fill and overflow in your thoughts and hearts.

1. In 21:1-7, in a new heaven and a new earth—how does God present Himself; and what are the many wonderful ways God delight to bless His people?
2. In 21:8, how are the people not His, described, why those descriptions, and where will they be consigned?
3. In 21:9-21, who is the new Jerusalem and how is that relevant to you; how is she described; of the twelve foundation stones, if are you familiar with any of these stones, will you describe; and what do you think of the pearls as big as a gate and streets covered with gold (please, don't think objectively, but knowing this is the place where you will be entering and spending your eternity—can I say, I don't think we will need any socks and shoes to walk in this street)?
4. In 21:22-27, how is Jesus described; why is He all sufficient; what will He not permit there ever; so, how is this place different than the original Garden of Eden?

Rev 22 (5/5)

1. In 22:1-3, the tree of life will bear fruits and have leaves—how will our God use this tree for His people; subsequently, what will this place never have; can you see yourself here, can you describe?
2. In 22:4-5, what will God's people see; what will that do for us?
3. In 22:6-11, what is the apostle John inspired to do and yet told to refrain, why; what are the four continuations that should keep on going and why do you think that is?
4. In 22:12-19, will you list all the different names of Jesus and meditate on Him throughout the day; who do the people on the outside love and therefore practice according to their love; what is the final warning on God's word and how is that applicable to you?
5. In 22:20-21, what is Jesus' words to His people; how does John respond to Jesus' words; what is the final benediction to all God's people from God's word; will you write your heartfelt prayer in light of Jesus' final words in His revelation?