

LESSON 23

Name: _____

The Revelation to John

Directions: Read the cited scripture passages and related biblical footnotes from the Revelation to John to help you to fill in the blanks for each item.

1. The Revelation to John, the last book in the Bible, has another name. This other name derives from a type of Jewish literature popular between 200 B.C.E. and 200 C.E. This type of literature deals with the end of the world and God's judgment. It is called the _____.
2. This word in Greek means an uncovering, an unveiling, or _____.
3. The author of the book, according to Revelation 1:4, is _____.
4. The place where he wrote it, according to Revelation 1:9, was the island sixty miles southwest of Ephesus, named _____.
5. The theme of the book of Revelation is resistance in the face of _____.
6. The cries for vengeance from the Christian martyrs (witnesses) sound harsh to our ears, but are literary devices used by the author to provoke in the reader feelings of horror in the face of _____.
7. When was Revelation written? St. Irenaeus, writing about 120 C.E., says: "It was not very long ago, in fact in our own generation, that the Apocalypse appeared, toward the end of the reign of Roman Emperor _____."
8. Before his death by assassination in 96 C.E., this emperor ordered the first empire-wide persecution of _____.
9. Since Revelation was written during the time of persecution, two messages are stressed:
 - A. Christians are to persevere in suffering, encouraged by the promise of a final _____.
 - B. God will undoubtedly bring punishment upon those responsible for the _____.
10. Because God is the beginning and the end, in Revelation 1:8, the Lord God calls himself the _____.
11. The book of Revelation is not to be taken literally as if it were a book of predicted historical facts. Rather, it is intended to reveal symbolic wisdom, as in its use of the biblical number of completion:
 - A. Rv 1:4 through 3:22—Letters to seven _____
 - B. Rv 5:1 through 8:1—Scroll sealed with _____
 - C. Rv 8:6 through 11:15—Seven angels holding _____
 - D. Rv 15:1-8—Seven angels with the seven last _____
 - E. Rv 16:1-21—Seven angels pouring out seven _____
12. Another use of symbolic numbers is in Revelation 7:4-8, where the number of tribes of Israel is squared and multiplied by a thousand to include people from every race, people, and tongue. The number is _____.

13. The 1,260 days mentioned in Revelation 12:6 is supposedly the period of time that the Church dwells in the desert, between the birth of Christ and his _____.
14. The wild beast that comes out of the sea in Revelation 13:1 symbolizes the Roman Empire. Its seven heads represent the _____.
15. Since every letter in the Hebrew alphabet had a numerical value, who is the person designated by the number “666” in Revelation 13:18? _____
16. The book of Revelation can probably be defined as a summary of God’s whole intervention in _____.
17. The book of Revelation is not to be taken literally or as a book of predictions. Rather it is a book with a specific historical context of religious _____.