

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Welcome to our study of the book of Revelation using *Victory Assured!* as our guide.
- B. Purchasing the book is not necessary but will help deepen your understanding of the lessons.
- C. *Victory Assured!* is a thematic (or subject study) of the book of Revelation. *Victory Assured!* does not focus on the various details of the Revelation but rather stressed the main subjects and themes to help the reader gain the overall teachings of the book.
- D. Here are the various lessons to be studied:

Victory with Jesus Christ

- 1 Overcoming with the Resurrected Savior (1:9-20; 19:11-16).
- 2 Overcoming with the Worthy Lamb (4:1-5:14).

Victory with the Church--the Letters

- 3 Overcoming Apathy (2:1-7; 3:14-22).
- 4 Overcoming Idolatry (2:8-29)
- 5 Overcoming Spiritual Death (3:1-13).

Victory Over Life's Everyday Battles

- 6 Overcoming Hardship--the Seals (6:1-17).
- 7 Overcoming by Knowing the Warning Signs--the Trumpets (8:1-11:19).

Victory Over Worldliness

- 8 Overcoming Satan (12:1-17).
- 9 Overcoming Political Persecution (13:1-10).
- 10 Overcoming False Religion (13:11-18).
- 11 Overcoming Materialism (18:1-24).

Eternal Victory

- 12 Overcoming at the Great Judgment (16:1-21; 19:1-21; 20:1-15).
- 13 The Joy and Rewards of Overcoming (7:1-17; 14:1-15:8; 21:1-22:21).

OVERCOMING WITH THE RESURRECTED SAVIOR

I. OVERCOMING BY THE RISEN CHRIST (Rev. 1:4-8).

A. Scripture text:

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, **5** and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood-- **6** and He has made us *to be* a kingdom, priests to His God and Father--to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. **7** BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen. **8** "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, e Almighty."

B. Jesus is not dead! He has risen from the dead and is alive forevermore!

- 1. Jesus the faithful witness (martyr).
- 2. The firstborn (has the preeminence) of the dead.
- 3. Ruler of kings of the earth.
- 4. Timeless (was, is, and will be).

C. Blessings to be counted because of Jesus:

- 1. He loved us and released us from our sins by His blood.

2. Made us to be a kingdom, priests to God the Father.
3. He has glory and dominion forever and ever.
4. He is coming (again) with the clouds.

II. THE IMAGE OF THE RESURRECTED CHRIST (Rev. 1:9-20).

A. Scripture text:

I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance *which are* in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. **10** I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like *the sound* of a trumpet, **11** saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send *it* to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; **13** and in the middle of the lampstands *I saw* one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. **14** His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. **15** His feet *were* like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice *was* like the sound of many waters. **16** In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, **18** and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. **19** Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things. **20** As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

B. Twelve designations of the risen Christ:

1. The Alpha and the Omega.
2. The One who is, and who was, and who is to come.
3. *I saw* one like a son of man.
4. Clothed in a robe reaching to the feet.
5. Girded across His chest with a golden sash.
6. His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow.
7. His eyes were like a flame of fire.
8. His feet *were* like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace.
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C. From VA:

1. The One who was dead but now has risen from the dead.
2. He is eternal and omniscient.
3. The Judge.
4. The Word.
5. The Worker of providence.
6. The great Vindicator.
7. The glorious One.
8. The One to be worshiped.
9. The comforter.
10. The One who is omnipresent.
11. The ever-living One.
12. The Conqueror of death.

III. OVERCOMING BY THE VICTORIOUS CHRIST (Rev. 19:11-21).

A. Scripture text:

And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it *is* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. **12** His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and on His head *are* many diadems; and He has a name written *on Him* which no one knows except Himself. **13** *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. **14** And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses. **15** From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. **16** And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God, **18** so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."

19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. **20** And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. **21** And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

B. Jesus is riding on a white horse, which symbolizes purity. He has many crowns upon His head and His characteristic names are "Faithful and True." His name for recognition is "The Word of God." His robe is dipped in blood, which shows He has been to the cross and shed His blood. Now He rides into battle with a sharp sword and rod of iron. He will smite the nations and put those who oppose into the great winepress of the wrath of God. This is the victorious Christ whom we serve.

C. Notice that as He comes out to do battle there is an army following Him. They are dressed in fine linen white and clean. They also ride on white horses. The vision is thrilling and the message is clear. As we go out to do battle with the forces of evil:

1. We follow a Christ who has overcome.
2. We follow a Christ who has made us pure and has enlisted us into His army.
3. We follow a Christ who can and will defeat His enemies.

The real winners are those who follow this King. He will rule and reign and His people will rule and reign right behind him.

CONCLUSION.

A. Victory is assured! We can be winners when the world declares us to be losers. We can win in life because we are on the right side--Christ's side. We can live each day victoriously because we are spiritually fit for battle. We are clean and pure. Jesus leads us in triumph over our enemies (2Cor. 2:14,15).

B. No need to worry. No need to give up. No need to be discouraged. Christians serve a risen Christ who will lead His people triumphantly to victory. What a great message to remember everyday! When it is all over, Christians who are faithful to the end are the victors. We are the victors because we serve our Lord who has come back from the dead, and now leads us on to victory!