

December 11–17

Revelation 6–14

“They Overcame ... by the Blood of the Lamb”



The War In Heaven

Rev 12:7-9

From modern revelation, what else do we know about Michael?

What/who is symbolized by the dragon, the woman, and the child?

JST Rev 12

[6] And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon *and his angels* fought against Michael,

[7] And *the dragon* prevailed not *against Michael*; neither *the child*, nor *the woman*, which was the church of God, who had been delivered of her pains and brought forth the kingdom of our God and his Christ.

[8] Neither was there place found in heaven for the great dragon, who was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, *and also called Satan*, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

The War In Heaven

Rev 12:1-6

What do we learn about those who followed Satan in the preexistence?

What do we learn about the apostasy that followed the death of the apostles?

J. Reuben Clark, Jr.

“Satan was ‘cast down’ and with him went one-third of the hosts of heaven. He declared by his rebellion eternal enmity toward the plan that was adopted, and from that time until now, constantly sought to build the empire, the kingdom for which he planned, by leading us astray. He has never relented for a moment. Having our agency, he was to lead us to do evil.” (CR, Oct. 1953)

Angus M. Cannon

“When John the Revelator was on the Isle of Patmos, he beheld the darkness that the churches indulged in, and realized that they would drive the Priesthood from the earth because of the errors that had crept in amongst them, which were being tolerated, and which were antagonistic to the truth.” (JD, 20:49)

The First Five Millennia

D&C 77:6-7

Q. What are we to understand by the book which John saw, which was sealed on the back with seven seals?

A. We are to understand that it contains the revealed will, mysteries, and the works of God; the hidden things of his economy concerning this earth during the seven thousand years of its continuance, or its temporal existence.

Q. What are we to understand by the seven seals with which it was sealed?

A. We are to understand that the first seal contains the things of the first thousand years, and the second also of the second thousand years, and so on until the seventh.

The First Five Millennia

Rev 6:1-2

What do you think is the meaning of these verses?

Bruce R. McConkie

"It is clear that the most transcendent happenings involved Enoch and his ministry. And it is interesting to note that what John saw was not the establishment of Zion and its removal to heavenly spheres, but the unparalleled wars in which Enoch, as a general over the armies of the saints, 'went forth conquering and to conquer.'" (DNTC 3:478)

The First Five Millennia

Rev 6:3-4

What do you think is the meaning of these verses?

Bruce R. McConkie

"Who rode the red horse, the red horse of war and bloodshed and sword, during the second seal? Perhaps it was the devil himself, for surely that was the great day of his power, a day of such gross wickedness that every living soul (save eight only) was found worthy of death by drowning, which wickedness caused the Lord God of Heaven to bring in the floods upon them." (DNTC 3:479)

The First Five Millennia

Rev 6:5-6

What do you think is the meaning of these verses?

Bruce R. McConkie

"From 2000 B.C. to 1000 B.C., as never in any other age of the earth's history, the black horse of hunger influenced the whole history of God's dealings with his people. In the beginning years of this seal, the famine in Ur of the Chaldees was so severe that Abraham's brother, Haran, starved to death, while the father of the faithful was commanded by God to take his family to Canaan.... This search for sustenance was yet burdening the Lord's people in the days of Jacob, who sent his sons to Egypt to buy corn from the granaries of Joseph his son." (DNTC 3:479)

The First Five Millennia

Rev 6:7-8

What do you think is the meaning of these verses?

Bruce R. McConkie

"During the fourth seal... death rode roughshod through the nations of men, and hell was at his heels.... This is the millennium of those great kingdoms and nations whose wars and treacheries tormented and overran, again and again, the people whom Jehovah had chosen to bear his name. This is also the general era in which the Lord's own people warred among themselves and sent countless numbers of their own brethren to untimely graves." (DNTC 3:482)

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Rev 6:9-11

Who do you think is represented by, “the souls of them that were slain for the word of God”?

Bruce R. McConkie

"Among the ancient saints martyrdom was an ever present possibility, one which completely occupied their thoughts and feelings. They knew that by forsaking all to follow Christ, they might, if fate so decreed, be called to lay down their lives for Him who had laid down his life for them. In an almost death- inviting sense, the meridian of time was the dispensation of martyrdom."
(DNTC 3:484)

The Sixth Millennium

Rev 14:6-7

Who is the angel that is testified of in these verses?

Gordon B. Hinckley

“That angel has come. His name is Moroni. His is a voice speaking from the dust, bringing another witness of the living reality of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“We have not as yet carried the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. But we have made great strides. We have gone wherever we are permitted to go. God is at the helm and doors will be opened by His power according to His divine will. Of that I am confident. Of that I am certain.

“I cannot understand those of small vision, who regard this work as limited and provincial. They have no expanding view of it. As certainly as there is an Almighty Father in Heaven, as surely as there is His Son, our Divine Redeemer, so certainly is this work destined to reach out to people everywhere.” (CR, Oct. 1995)

The Sixth Millennium

Rev 6:12-17

Does it seem like these events (or some of them) have transpired or do you think they are yet to happen?

D&C 88:87

[87] For not many days hence and the earth shall tremble and reel to and fro as a drunken man; and the sun shall hide his face, and shall refuse to give light; and the moon shall be bathed in blood; and the stars shall become exceedingly angry, and shall cast themselves down as a fig that falleth from off a fig-tree.

[88] And after your testimony cometh wrath and indignation upon the people.

The Sixth Millennium

Rev 7:1-3

What are we to understand by the four angels?

What power and authority do the four angels possess?

Why are the four angels asked to wait before they execute judgment on the earth?

D&C 77:8-10

[8] Q. What are we to understand by the four angels, spoken of in the 7th chapter and 1st verse of Revelation?

A. We are to understand that they are four angels sent forth from God, to whom is given power over the four parts of the earth, to save life and to destroy; these are they who have the everlasting gospel to commit to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; having power to shut up the heavens, to seal up unto life, or to cast down to the regions of darkness.

[9] Q. What are we to understand by the angel ascending from the east, Revelation 7th chapter and 2nd verse?

A. We are to understand that the angel ascending from the east is he to whom is given the seal of the living God over the twelve tribes of Israel; wherefore, he crieth unto the four angels having the everlasting gospel, saying: Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And, if you will receive it, this is Elias which was to come to gather together the tribes of Israel and restore all things.

[10] Q. What time are the things spoken of in this chapter to be accomplished?

A. They are to be accomplished in the sixth thousand years, or the opening of the sixth seal

Joseph Smith

“The world is reserved unto burning in the last days. He shall send Elijah the prophet, and he shall reveal the covenants of the fathers in relation to the children, and the covenants of the children in relation to the fathers.

“Four destroying angels holding power over the four quarters of the earth until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads, which signifies sealing the blessing upon their heads.” (TPJS, pg. 321)

The Sixth Millennium

Rev 7:4-8

What are we to understand by sealing the 144,000 out of all the tribes of Israel?

What is the mission of the 144,000?

Do you think that this event has already taken place?

D&C 77:11

11. Q. What are we to understand by sealing the one hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel--twelve thousand out of every tribe?

A. We are to understand that those who are sealed are high priests, ordained unto the holy order of God, to administer the everlasting gospel; for they are they who are ordained out of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, by the angels to whom is given power over the nations of the earth, to bring as many as will come to the church of the Firstborn.

Joseph Smith

“It is not only necessary that you should be baptized for your dead, but you will have to go through all the ordinances for them, the same as you have gone through to save yourselves. There will be 144,000 saviors on Mount Zion, and with them an innumerable host that no man can number.” (TPJS, pg. 366)

Russell M. Nelson

“The Lord is hastening His work to gather Israel. That gathering is the most important thing taking place on earth today. Nothing else compares in magnitude, nothing else compares in importance, nothing else compares in majesty” (“Hope of Israel”, Worldwide Youth Devotional, June 3 2018)

The Beginning of the Seventh Millennium

Rev 8:1-2

From modern revelation we learn that happens immediately after the “silence in heaven about the space of half an hour”?

What will happen even before the sounding of the 7 trumpets?

What are we to understand by the sounding of the trumpets?

D&C 88:95-96

[95] And there shall be silence in heaven for the space of half an hour; and immediately after shall the curtain of heaven be unfolded, as a scroll is unfolded after it is rolled up, and the face of the Lord shall be unveiled;

[96] And the saints that are upon the earth, who are alive, shall be quickened and be caught up to meet him.

[97] And they who have slept in their graves shall come forth, for their graves shall be opened; and they also shall be caught up to meet him in the midst of the pillar of heaven—

Orson Pratt

“Immediately after this great silence the curtain of heaven shall be unfolded.... The face of the Lord will be unveiled, and those who are alive will be quickened, and they will be caught up; and the Saints who are in their graves, will come forth and be caught up, together with those who are quickened, and they will be taken into the heavens into the midst of those celestial beings who will make their appearance at that time. These are the ones who are the first fruits, that is, the first fruits at the time of his coming.” (JD 16:328)

Matt 24:40-41

[40] Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

[41] Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

D&C 77:12-13

Q. What are we to understand by the sounding of the trumpets, mentioned in the 8th chapter of Revelation?

A... the sounding of the trumpets of the seven angels, are the preparing and finishing of his work, in the beginning of the seventh thousand years—the preparing of the way before the time of his coming.

Q. When are the things to be accomplished, which are written in the 9th chapter of Revelation?

A. They are to be accomplished after the opening of the seventh seal, before the coming of Christ.

Gordon B. Hinckley

"I would venture a personal opinion that no event has occurred in all the history of the earth as dreadful as will be the day of the Second Coming—no event as fraught with the destructive forces of nature, as consequential for the nations of the earth, as terrible for the wicked, or as wonderful for the righteous." ("We Need Not Fear His Coming", BYU Fireside, March 25 1979)

The Beginning of the Seventh Millennium

Rev 9:13-15

From Revelation 7:1-3, what power and authority do the four angels possess?

D&C 77:8

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The Beginning of the Seventh Millennium

Rev 11:3, 6-8, 11

D&C 77:15

Q. What is to be understood by the two witnesses, in the eleventh chapter of Revelation?

A. They are two prophets that are to be raised up to the Jewish nation in the last days, at the time of the restoration, and to prophesy to the Jews after they are gathered and have built the city of Jerusalem in the land of their fathers.

The Beginning of the Seventh Millennium

Rev 11:15,18

Next Lesson:

December 25–31

Revelation 15–22

“He That Overcometh Shall Inherit All Things”

