

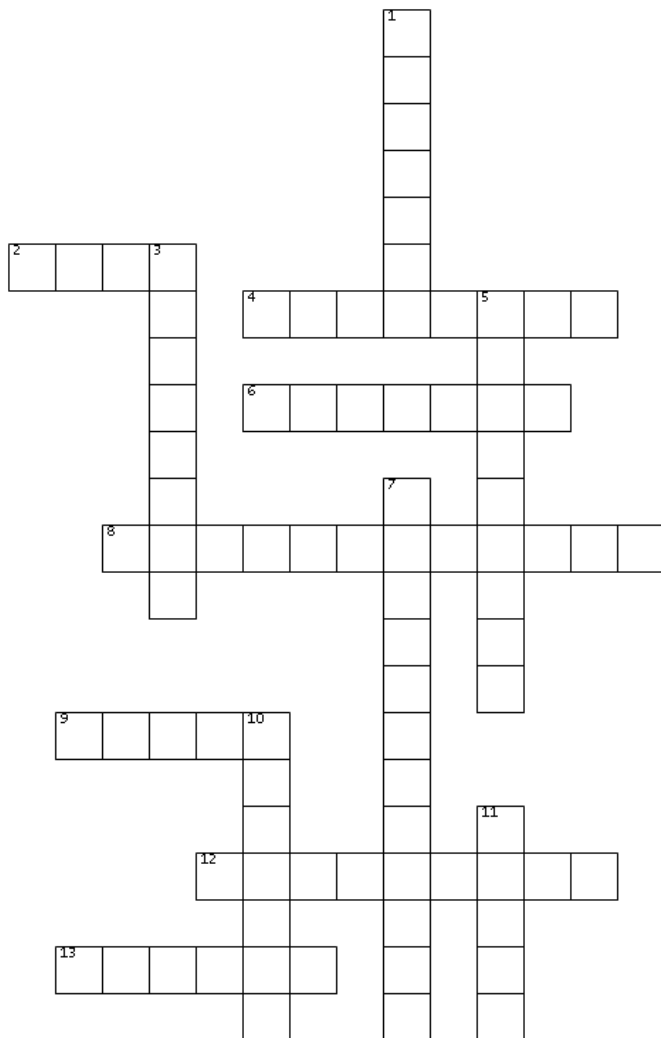
Revelation
Lessons 33
Revelation 19:1-10

Memory Verse – Revelation 22:18 – *“For I testify unto _____ man that _____ the words of the prophecy of this _____, If any man shall _____ unto these things, God shall _____ unto him the _____ that are written in this book:”*

Memory Verse for the Next Lesson – *“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:”*

Passage to Read for the Next Lesson –
Revelation 19:11-21

Review – Taken from Revelation 17 and 18



ACROSS

2. Because its destruction happened in just one _____, maybe it is an earthquake that will destroy Babylon.
4. Chapter 18 seems to deal with the _____ aspect of Babylon.
6. The third group to bewail the destruction of Babylon is made up of sea captains and _____ who prospered transporting the goods of Babylon.
8. The harlot and the Beast _____ to bring about world dominion.
9. The _____ of those unjustly killed was found in Babylon.
12. The Seventh Bowl Judgment results in Babylon receiving severe negative _____ from the Lord.
13. There is no _____ expressed over the destruction of the harlot.

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1. This city is associated with the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11.
3. The harlot on the back of the beast most likely represents false _____.
5. The second group to bewail the destruction of Babylon is made up of _____ who were the prosperous middlemen of her economy.
7. Nations have three aspects - religious, economic, and _____.
10. After the harlot has outlasted her usefulness, the ten kings _____ her.
11. The first group to bewail the destruction of Babylon is made up of _____ who grew rich through the taxes they imposed.

Revelation 19:1-10

Here, at the end of the Seventieth Week of Daniel (the Tribulation), four great hallelujahs ring out. These praises contrast sharply with the cries of anguish from the witnesses of the destruction of Babylon in Chapter 18. These four hallelujahs are the only uses of the word in the New Testament. Three of the hallelujahs erupt over the destruction of Babylon, and the last anticipates the establishment of God's kingdom on earth. Important insight is given to the place the Church will have during the Kingdom Age.

Revelation 19:1-4

The first of the four hallelujahs erupts from people in heaven who witnessed the destruction of Babylon and acknowledge the justice of what they saw. The Lord has taken proper vengeance for the deceptions Babylon perpetrated on the world and the innocent lives she took.

The second hallelujah quickly follows and is from the same source. It erupts when they realize that the destruction of Babylon is not temporary but that "her smoke rose up for ever and ever." Babylon and the Times of the Gentiles is over. It won't be rebuilt and the godlessness start all over as it has again and again.

The third hallelujah comes from a familiar group near the throne of God. The twenty-four elders and the four beasts join in the chorus of praise.

Revelation 19:5-6

The fourth hallelujah follows a call from a voice out of the throne of God. Everyone joins in now in praise of something that will soon follow the destruction of Babylon – the reign of the omnipotent Lord God.

Revelation 19:7-10

During this reign the "marriage of the Lamb" will take place. Knowing something about Jewish customs helps to understand what this means. These were the steps concerning marriage that were followed in Jewish culture –

1. The legal portion of a marriage by the paying of the dowry and the agreement between the parents of the bride and groom.
2. The moment the groom goes to the home of the bride to claim his bride.
3. The wedding supper that lasted for several days.

The Bride of the Lamb is the Church. The legal portion (Step 1) was completed at the cross and individuals believing the Gospel. The groom (Christ) came for his bride (the Church) (Step 2) at the Resurrection/Rapture. What's left? The Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Step 3) will be experienced during the days of the Kingdom. Those called to the Marriage Supper must be distinguished from the Church itself. They might be inhabitants of the Kingdom who are not of the Church.

Not for the last time, John incorrectly worships the messenger of God.