

## Surprises in the Book of Revelation

### Word

#### Scripture Reference

Revelation 1:3

#### Discussion Questions

1. What emotions do you feel whenever you hear about prophetic events such as the end times as recorded in the book of Revelation?
2. The book of Revelation is the last book of the Bible, often described as God's "last words" to mankind. In this book we find many surprises that gives us hope for the future:
  - a. **Surprise #1: The nail prints on Jesus' hands, which will be preserved eternally as a sign of His love for us (Rev. 5:6-9).** What effects did the love of Jesus produce in your life? How can you personally show your love for Him in return? How can you demonstrate the love of Christ to those who may have not known or experienced His love?
  - b. **Surprise #2: All nations will be represented in heaven (Rev. 7:9).** Heaven will be populated by representatives from every tribe, people, tongue, nation, which will forever worship and glorify the Lamb who was slain for the redemption of the people. What simple yet strategic steps can you take to make sure that the gospel is preached to all tribes, people, tongues, and nations?
  - c. **Surprise #3: God is going to give us a city (Rev. 21:5).** God is going to make all things new. He is going to make a new heaven and new earth that has no limits. As citizens of heaven, what are some practices and/or lifestyles you should have that are different from unbelievers (how should your behavior/lifestyle reflect your new life with God)?

#### d. Surprise #4: The events described in the book of Revelation is in chronological order:

- Chapters 1-3: The Seven Churches of Revelation
- Chapters 4-5: The Rapture of the Church
- Chapter 6-18: The Great Tribulation
- Chapter 19: The Second Coming of Christ
- Chapter 20: The millennium and the Great White Throne
- Chapters 21-22: Eternity, the New Heaven and the New Earth.

How are you preparing for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ?

### Walk

We can look at the future events and feel a variety of emotions—joy, fear, excitement, anxiety, relief, terror. The prophecies concerning the end times are God's design and are sure to happen. We cannot do anything about it because it is beyond our control. But what we can do is to prepare for it so that we will be sure not to regret the decisions we could have made. Today, God is giving you another opportunity to choose for yourself how you want your eternal future to look like. Will you choose to place your trust in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and live with assurance that you will receive God's promise of eternal life with Him in heaven? If you've already done so, will you then choose to live for God everyday of your life, assured that God will give you eternal rewards in the future?

### Worship & Prayer

*Our gracious and loving heavenly Father, we thank you for giving us the opportunity to know what you have planned for us in the future. We thank you because we can put our faith and trust in you knowing that you are in control of all things. Allow us to trust you not only in the spiritual aspects of our lives but also in the everyday details of our lives. Help us to live in a way that will bring glory and honor to your name. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*