

1. A vision of ultimate rest

- a) Revelation 1:1-2 Where was the apostle John when he received a special revelation from God?
- b) What special message from Jesus brought comfort and hope to the aged apostle and also brings comfort and hope to us today? Revelation 1:9-19, 21:1-5, 22:1-5
- c) Share a time in your life when the future looked bleak and you needed a special revelation of comfort and hope from the LORD.
- d) As the apostle John listened to this revelation, what promises of Jesus might have come to his remembrance?
 - i) John 14:1-3
 - ii) John 16:33
 - iii) Other promises of Jesus?

2. A revelation of the things that must come to pass

- a) What revelation had Jesus already given to John and the other apostles? Matthew 24:3-8, 9-13 23-31
- b) Apparently, the road ahead is not an easy one. How can we “endure to the end” and experience rest in Christ at the same time?

3. A special mission assignment

- a) What special mission assignment had Jesus given to the apostles, and to all of His followers until the end of time? Matthew 28:19-20, Matthew 24:14

- b) What additional revelation regarding our mission assignment was given to the aged apostle John on the Isle of Patmos? Revelation 14:6-7a
- c) Revelation 14:7-11 Why is there an emphasis on God’s judgment included in the message of these three angels? How is the message of judgment related to the Gospel?

4. Rest in the midst of the final conflict

- a) Why is there no rest for those who worship the beast and his image? (see Revelation 14:11)
- b) How are the saints described at the close of earth’s history and how do they experience rest in Christ even in the midst of trials and tribulation? Revelation 14:12-13, 12:10-12
- c) What lesson can we learn from the faithful saints through the ages, many of whom laid down their lives rather than disobey or dishonor God? Hebrews 11:13-16, 12:1-2
- d) Why is the counsel of the apostle Paul to Christians in Philippi so relevant for our lives today? Philippians 4:4-7
- e) How can we help our family and friends experience rest in Christ even in the midst of troubled times?

