

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR REVELATION 12-18

Chapter 12—If the woman in this chapter symbolizes Mary, mother of Jesus, how does that shape the way you understand the bizarre imagery in the rest of the chapter?

Chapter 13—Who do you think the first century Christians would have thought the beast represented?

Chapter 14—In verse 13, John writes: “Then I heard a voice from heaven say, ‘Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.’”

These words (minus “from now on”) have become part of the liturgy of a committal service. What do you think it means that our deeds follow us after death?

Chapter 15—Meditate on this wonderful worship imagery. What great and mighty deeds has God done in your life for which you will praise God, now and forevermore?

Chapter 16—Research the word Armageddon online. What have you learned?

Chapters 17 and 18—Verse 2 of chapter 18 reads: “Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!”

Rome eventually did fall, as has every empire throughout history.

Is America an empire? If so, how so?

Some claim that America is an empire and it’s on the decline. Do you think so?