

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 3/26/12 TO 4/1/12

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012 Read Revelation 6:1 to 8:5

Having seen Christ in all His victory and splendor, John's attention now turns to the scroll described in chapter 5. The Lamb begins to open its seals and, as He does, the next cycle of judgment begins. Horrendous as it becomes, God keeps his people safe. The enemies of our Lord respond in fear- but not repentance. Notice both outcomes as you read.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012 Read Revelation 8:6 to 9:21

Remember that Revelation portrays three cycles of God's judgment seals, trumpets and bowls. Each cycle is a separate vision, each with a bit different description of the same historical material. As you read, notice the way Satan and his evil angels compound the disasters that come upon nature in chapters 8 and 9.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012, Read Revelation 10:1-11

Before the seventh and final trumpet sounds, the Lord interrupts John's visions of judgment to comfort and encourage His people. Don't let the strange-sounding details confuse you. The main point here is clear: continues to condemn sin and to call sinners to repentance even while judgment falls.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2012 Read Revelation 11:1-19

Chapter 11 continues the main point of chapter 10. Not only does God's Word continue to condemn sin and call sinners to repentance even while judgment falls but so do God's witnesses in this new chapter.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2012 READ Revelation 12:1-17

The "women" of 12:1-6 probably represents the Old Testament church, while the "child" is our Savior, Jesus. (See the imagery representing the children of Israel in Genesis 37:9-11). Revelation 12:5 condenses all of Christ's life and ministry on earth in one verse! The rest of the chapter, then, goes on to explain Satan's schemes and the protection that he grants His church until the end of time. Read with an eye toward that overshadowing care.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2012 Read Revelation 13:1-18

As Revelation 12 ended, we saw Satan moving out to wage war against the saints (12:17). Chapter 13 then, paints for us in broad strokes the nature of that battle. In his attempt to destroy the church, Satan uses both political and religious power.

Ultimately, these powers will coalesce in the form of the distinct individuals. The beast out of the sea, a political-military leader, the Antichrist, will exercise worldwide authority. A weaker, but equally dangerous false prophet, the beast out of the earth, will support the Antichrist and seduce the world's citizens to worship him. As you read, watch for the strategies each figure employs.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2012

Join us for Palm Sunday worship and use some of the rest of the day to catch up on any readings you missed during the week.