

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2 TO APRIL 8, 2012

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012 Read Revelation 14: 1-20

The beast out of the sea and the beast out of the earth we read about in Revelation 13 will do their worst. Yet, each and every child of God will make it safely home. The 144,000 on earth in chapter 7 become finally the 144, 000 who sing the song of the redeemed in heaven (14:1-5). Enjoy this note of assurance as you read. Also notice the vivid warning that precedes the Day of judgment.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012 Read Revelation 15:1-8

Once again the Lord shows the Apostle John- and us- that all is well in heaven. The worship of the saints and angels rises in unending anthems of praise (15:1-4), even as the final cycle of judgment falls on the wickedness of earth. As you read, notice once again the obstinate impenitence of the Lord's enemies.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2012 Read Revelation 16: 1-21

Revelation 16:q5 records the third of seven beatitudes recorded in this book. Each of them has an encouragement worthy of study. See how this one fits into this chapter.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2012 Read Revelation 17:1-18:8.

Since the town of Babel first rose on the plain of Shinar (Genesis 11), "Babylon" and the empires that established themselves in that same region have symbolized idolatry and rebellion against the God of heaven. Today's reading includes many references to "Babylon," but rather than thinking about the nation ruled by Nebuchadnezzar, think about the worldwide system of idolatry and materialistic values the Antichrist of Revelation 13.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2012 Read Revelation 18:9-24

"In one day" (Revelation 18:8) the world system Scripture calls "Babylon" will fall. Down through history the arrogant and rebellious forces of evil have persecuted God's people. But God has remembered Babylon's iniquities (Revelation 18:5). And though it may not seem like it right now, the "one day" of Babylon's fall is closer than ever before.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2012 Read Revelation 19:1-21

The first ten verses you read today present several contrasts- the "prostitute" of Babylon and the "bride" of the church: the justice of God toward those who rebel and His mercy toward those who repent; the glory of heaven and the smoke that rises from a fallen Babylon. Watch for these.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2012

Celebrate the Lord's resurrection with us during our worship services before you spend time with family. Hopefully you won't be behind this week and you can take the day off from reading!

