

1 **Rev Wk 8 Ses 7 Chapters 14-15**

2 **REVIEW:** 1) **Covenant Lawsuit**<sup>1</sup>: brought against Jerusalem by John; destruction. 2) The Church:  
3 Bridegroom is Jesus, Bride is the Church. 3) Dragon (Satan) defeated by The Lamb. 4) Beast of  
4 Sea=Gentile nations; secular power in the world. 5) Beast of Land=Israel; religious leadership in Jerusalem  
5 6) *Offering of The Woman*=faithful members of the Church; 7) Victory of the Lamb; counterfeit kingdom  
6 of the enemy, seal of Baptism, seal of dragon; 8) Need *wisdom* of Solomon (see counterfeit kingdom-  
7 Lamb is slain but is *standing*, beast receives mortal wound but recovers; 9) Jesus conquers enemy  
8 (death/hell/grave and comes back for His bride-The Church (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Thes, Corinthians, Mat 23); 10)  
9 Revelation is about love and judgment

10 **Rev 13:** Ends w/enemy putting seal on people's forehead; **Rev 14:** begins w/putting NAME/Seal on  
11 foreheads

12 **Rev 14-15: Glimpse of Heaven:** The 144,000 (12,000 from each tribe of Israel) will be saved; they are  
13 chaste, they follow the LAMB; Virginity and chastity are held in high regard in Heaven.

14 **Chastity vs Virginity (Rev 14:4)** (Sexual purity); **CCC 1618:** *Bond with Christ, your relationship with Christ,*  
15 *supersedes all family bonds and social bonds here on Earth.* **CCC 2337:** Chastity in marriage: faithful to  
16 one person **CCC 1620:** *"God gave both marriage and virginity and He gave them both meaning and the*  
17 *grace to live them out."*

18 **World Youth Day 2000** (in Roman Colosseum): *They overcame by the blood of the Lamb the word of their*  
19 *testimony and they love not their lives, even to the death.* Pope JP II emphasized *...take a stand for Him*  
20 *almost to the point at times of a new martyrdom of those who today as yesterday are called to go*  
21 *against the tide. In order to follow the divine master, to follow the Lamb wherever He goes. "It is not by*  
22 *chance, dear young people, that I wanted the witnesses to the faith in the 20th century to be remembered*  
23 *at the Colosseum during this Holy Year....Perhaps you will not have to shed your blood, but you will*  
24 *certainly be asked to be faithful to Christ. A faithfulness to be lived in the circumstances of everyday life. I*  
25 *am thinking of how difficult it is in today's world for engaged couples to be faithful to purity before*  
26 *marriage. I think of how the mutual fidelity of young married couples is put to the test. I think of*  
27 *friendships and how easily the temptation to be disloyal creeps in. I think also of how those who have*  
28 *chosen the path of special consecration have to struggle to persevere in their dedication to God and to*  
29 *their brothers and sisters. I think of those who want to live a life of solidarity and love in a world where*  
30 *the only things that seem to matter are the logic of profit and one's personal or group interests."*; relates  
31 sexual purity to a new martyrdom, dying to self, putting Christ first, following the Lamb everywhere  
32 **Judgment... we will not be judged by what we believe, but by what we did in the body.**

33 **CCC 2396:** Sins against chastity: *masturbation, fornication, pornography, and homosexual practices.*

34 **CCC 2400:** *Grave offenses against the dignity of marriage: adultery, divorce, polygamy, and free union.*  
35 (Living with somebody else and not being married).

36 **Solution:** *...Follow the Lamb wherever He goes.*

37 *Sayings of the Fathers* (Jewish book: Pirkei Avoth): studied and read by many Jews; he instructed them to  
38 *find a rabbi and follow him and at the end of the day, you'd be covered in the dust to the rabbi; follow the*  
39 *Lamb wherever He goes.*

40 **Rev 14:6:** *"Then I saw another angel flying in amid heaven with an eternal Gospel to proclaim to those*  
41 *who dwell on earth... 'their deeds, follow them.'" PURGATORY:*

42 **Church sees Body of Christ in three places.** (1) Those here on Earth (**Church militant**... (2) Saints in heaven  
43 (**Church triumphant**). (3) Saints in purgatory (**Church suffering**). Pope JP II... *The church has always strongly*  
44 *advised that we pray for the dead, she invites believers to regard the mystery of death not as the last*  
45 *word of human destiny, but rather as a passage to eternal life.*

46 **CCC Article 1030, 1032; 1 Cor 3:12-15:** and a couple of scriptures that you might want to read are

47 1 **Corinthians 3: 12 – 15:** Paul writes *"Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious*  
48 *stones, wood, hay or straw, each man's work will become manifest. For the day will disclose it because it*

49 will be revealed with fire in the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any  
50 man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will  
51 suffer loss though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

52 **1 Peter 1:6-7:** "In this you rejoice though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials so  
53 that the genuineness of your faith more precious than gold, which though perishable is tested by fire may  
54 rain down to praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

55 **Entrance into Purgatory:** In order to enter Heaven, we must be purified of all sin, from attachments here  
56 on Earth (temporal punishment=not place or state of consciousness but a step/process of being purified)  
57 Catholic Encyclopedia and Purgatory: "**Temporal punishment<sup>3</sup> is due to sin even after the sin itself has**  
58 **been pardoned by God.** The whole penitential system of the church testifies that the voluntary  
59 assumption of penitential works has always been part of true repentance and the Council of Trent  
60 reminds the faithful that God does not always remit the whole punishment due to sin together with the  
61 guilt. **God requires satisfaction<sup>2</sup>** and will punish sin. If transgressions not eliminated by a constant and  
62 general purification in this life, will perceive these faults with total clarity at moment of death  
63 (Illumination of Conscience?); intense pain as purged of effects of sin and joy over anticipation of heaven;  
64 preparation for perfect union with GOD

65 **Rev:14:6-13, Three Angels:** 1)Angel in mid-Heaven=proclaims Gospel; advocates repentance, fear GOD,  
66 give GOD glory (mankind); 2) proclaims fall of Babylon/Rome for fornication, 3) proclaims GOD's wrath  
67 toward those who worship the beast (Satan, emperor)...*"And I heard a voice from heaven saying write*  
68 *this, 'Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord; blessed indeed says the spirit that they may*  
69 *rest from their labors for their deeds follow them.'"*; Our deeds on Earth follow us into heaven.

70 **Pirkei Avot<sup>4</sup>,**Jewish When a man dies, neither silver, gold, precious stones, nor pearls follow him, but  
71 rather **the law and good works.**

72 **Church teaching:** Our works will follow us purged of the stain of sin. There'll be perfect as a gift for the  
73 Lord, they are illuminated and transfigured when Christ presents to His father in eternal and universal  
74 Kingdom of truth in life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice love and peace. We will  
75 fully enter His rest.

76 **Matthew 11:28:** Jesus said, "Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."  
77 "**Blessed indeed, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors for their deeds follow them.**"

78 Hebrews 3: "*Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says today when you hear His voice do not harden your hearts*  
79 *as in the rebellion...MESSAGE:* Our goal is to enter the **rest of God**. While Man was created on 6<sup>TH</sup> day  
80 with the beasts, he was created to enter into the seventh day (the **Shabbat**), **the rest**; relates to the  
81 Covenant faithfulness with Groom; cease from our own works and do His works and those are the works  
82 that are going to follow us into heaven; deeds done in the body (Paul: saved by faith and works)

83 **2 Corinthians 5:10,** "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ so that each one may  
84 receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body." (Judgment seat of Christ that we stand  
85 before. **1 Corinthians 3:11 – 15:** "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid which is  
86 Jesus Christ. Our lives are built upon Christ, the works that we do are based on Jesus Christ. For it says  
87 now if anyone builds on the foundation, Christ with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay straw, each  
88 man's work will become manifest."

89 **What would our lives be like if we prepared for eternity?** MESSAGE: Live a life of faith and works based  
90 on Christ in His Kingdom done in obedience to Him in His Word; building treasure in Heaven; we see  
91 through the **Eyes of Christ**

92 **Rev 15:1:** Angels with the seven last plagues: "Then I saw another sign in heaven great and wonderful,  
93 seven angels with seven plagues which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is ended and I saw  
94 what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who had conquered the beast in its  
95 image, and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands, and  
96 they sang the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb saying, 'Great and wonderful

97 are your deeds, Oh Lord God the Almighty, just and true are your ways. Oh, King of the ages, who shall  
98 not fear and glorify Your name, Oh Lord, for you alone are holy. All nations shall come and worship You  
99 for your judgments have been revealed.” (Song of Moses in OT-Deut 32, EX 15-reminder to return to the  
100 LORD and serve HIM)

101 **Rev 15, Deut 30:19:** “**Choose life** that you and your descendants may live. That has now been fulfilled in  
102 the New Covenant.” Jesus is the new Moses leading the new Exodus, and the new Promised Land is  
103 Heaven.

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105 <sup>2</sup> **Covenant Lawsuit:** (See Handout)

106 <sup>3</sup> **Temporal punishment: The Baltimore Catechism Part 4 Lesson 19:** In Sacrament of Penance, God  
107 forgives the insult offered by sinning, but requires us to make restitution for what the sin has deprived  
108 Him...We pay the temporal debt due to our sins (restitution) by our penances upon earth, or by suffering  
109 in Purgatory, or both.

110 <sup>4</sup> From Pirkei Avoth ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pirkei\\_Avot](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pirkei_Avot)); most frequently-quoted rabbinic sayings  
111 including: Show kindness to others: "Meet every person with graciousness.", Respect the other person's  
112 rights, Strive for greatness, Respect God. Seek peace, Take precaution to avoid transgressions, Be humble  
113 Be intent in prayer, Combine Torah learning with labor, Do not exploit your learning. Be careful with  
114 speech, Do not leap to judge another person, Be fair and deliberate in legal decision. The time for action  
115 is now. The punishment matches the sin

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117 **The Baltimore Catechism Part 3:** Two punishments are due to actual sins: 1) **Eternal** (inflicted in hell);  
118 **Temporal**, inflicted in this world or purgatory. The Sacrament of Penance remits/frees us from **eternal**  
119 **punishment** and generally only from part of the **temporal**. Prayer, good works and indulgences in this  
120 world and sufferings of purgatory in the next, remit remainder of temporal punishment.

121 <sup>Q.804</sup> God requires a temporal punishment as satisfaction for sin to teach us great evil of sin and to  
122 prevent us from falling again. <sup>Q.805</sup> Main means by which we satisfy God for the temporal punishment due  
123 to sins are: *Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving; all spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and the patient suffering*  
124 *of the ills of life.*

125 <sup>4</sup> **Satisfaction: The Catechism of St Pius X:** *Satisfaction* (sacramental penance)=one of acts of penitent by  
126 which he makes a certain reparation to the justice of God for his sins by performing the works the  
127 confessor imposes on him. <sup>Q.109</sup> **Penance** imposed in confession because, after sacramental absolution  
128 remits sin and its eternal punishment, there remains a temporal punishment to be undergone, either in  
129 this world or in Purgatory. <sup>Q.118</sup> Those who die after receiving absolution but before they have fully  
130 satisfied the justice of God, do not go straight to Heaven but to Purgatory to satisfy justice of God and be  
131 perfectly purified.

132 **The Baltimore Catechism Part 4 Lesson 19:** In Sacrament of Penance, God forgives the insult offered by  
133 sinning, but requires us to make restitution for that of which the sin has deprived Him...We pay the  
134 temporal debt due to our sins (make restitution by our penances upon earth OR by our suffering in  
135 Purgatory, or by both combined.

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