

“VOICE OF JOHN” SERIES

(Gospel of John, 1st John, 2nd John, 3rd John, Revelation)

JESUS—THE GOD OF ALL LIFE AND LOVE ITSELF—IS HIMSELF THE VERY BEGINNING AND VERY ENDING OF YOUR INTENDED STORY

study #13:

[Story of All Time]

— covering Revelation chpts. 12-14 —

ACTION 1. These next 3 chapters are like a “story within a story” in the middle of the book of Revelation. They seem to feel like a “re-cap” of the whole book, only told a different way—not using a list of “7’s” this time, but instead sounding a lot more like how Jesus himself explained *The End Times* to his disciples. Rev. chpt. 12 seems to tell **The Whole Battle of All-of-Time Leading up to The End Times**. Read it together & then discuss:

- who are all “the characters” in this heaven-story, and who do you think “the woman” stands for (Israel...Mary...The Church...other) and also what do you think the many heads of “the dragon” could stand for (demons...empires...eras of time...other)?
- re-describe in your own words all that happened between these characters, from beginning to end
- what did the dragon want more than anything else and when he failed what did he resort to instead?

ACTION 2. Rev. chpt. 13 seems to tell **The Anti-Christ’s Takeover of the World and his War on Jesus’ Followers**. Read it together and then discuss:

- describe the relationship between the dragon, sea-beast, & earth-beast... who seems more in-charge of whom, and who ends up being more “human” or deals more directly with the rest of mankind?
- there are tons of theories about what the earth-beast’s number of 6-6-6 might mean (examples on the right), but what do you think: will people just get tricked by the secret number or will they have to make a moral choice to choose it or not?

[EXAMPLES OF WILD 6-6-6 THEORIES)

- the letters spelling emperor *Nero* sort of “add up” to 666 in both Greek & Hebrew
- “6-6-6” in Hebrew is equal to the letters *www*
- “the perfection number of 7” gets “1” subtracted from it three times

ACTION 3. Rev. chpt. 14 seems to tell **The Completed Triumph of Jesus with His Followers over the World**. Read it together and then discuss:

- describe Jesus’ followers from what is said about them in **verses 14:1-5**
- describe the fate of the world’s system and its followers from what is said about them in **verses 14:6-12**
- what exactly do you think is going on in The End Times’ final moments, as described in **verses 14:13-20?**

EXTRA... FOR THOSE MOTIVATED, DEVOTED, & WITH SOME SELF-COMMAND:

GOLD CHALLENGE ...read ahead (& maybe journal about) for next study: **Revelation chpts. 15-18**

PENGUIN CHALLENGE ... read **GC** + Torah-Law during series: **Deuteronomy 1-4** (*Moses’ History-Speech*)