

Revelation: Lesson Four

(Chapters 7-8-9)

Discussion Questions

Attention Small Group Leaders: Before proceeding to the following questions, please ask group members if there is a topic they want to discuss.

- 1) What part of today's teaching was unfamiliar to you, and what did you learn today that you did not know before?
- 2) What part of today's teaching was most important to you, and why?
- 3) Please read the notes for **Rev. 7:4-8**, regarding the seal placed upon 144,000 men, on page 37 of your study guide. Jehovah's Witnesses have taken this passage out of context, claiming that this is the total number of people who will enter heaven. Based on what we've studied so far, including the rapture of the Church covered in Lesson One, why is this not plausible? Where is the group known as the Great Multitude, which includes all believers who will die during the Tribulation period? Please read **Rev. 7:9**.
- 4) What is the difference between the star (*aster*) in **Rev. 8:10-12** and the star John saw in **9:1-2**? Please read these passages to discuss. You can also refer to the notes in your study guide, pages 39-40.
- 5) When Christ breaks the 7th seal and opens the scroll in **Rev. 8:1**, we see that there are to be 7 Trumpet Judgments. Several of these replicate God's judgment on the Pharaoh of Egypt in Moses' day.
 - Can you think of similar reasons for which God judged Pharaoh in the past, and will judge the unbelievers on earth during the Tribulation? In other words, what characteristics might they share that would bring God's judgment upon them?
 - Can you compare the devastation that these judgments brought on Egypt in the past and will bring about in the world during the Tribulation? To do that, please read the notes in your study guide on pages 39-40, specifically for **Rev. 8:6-7, 8:12; and 9:3-4**. Include in your reading the Exodus passages referenced.