Vocabulary for Unit 8

**666:** The number of the beast that appears in Revelation. Based on the numbering system that the Hebrews had for letters, it is assumed that this number stood for Nero.

**antichrist:** An adversary of Christ, a deceitful figure who is to precede the Second Coming of Christ. In modern usage it describes those who falsely claim to speak in the name of Christ and those who are enemies of Christ.

**apocalypse:** Refers to the end of the world when God will destroy the forces of evil; another name for the Book of Revelation**.**

**Armageddon:** Site in Israel where many battles took place; the symbol for the final destruction of the forces of evil.

**Communion of Saints:** Those who are on earth, those who are in heaven, and those who have died and are being purified are united and make up the Church. The good that anyone does benefits all.

**Day of the Lord:** The time when God’s purpose for humanity will be fulfilled; Judgment Day when Christ returns to punish evil, to reward those who were faithful to the Covenant, and to inaugurate the new creation.

**eschaton:** The final stage of human history.

**millenarianism:** The belief rejected by the Church that Jesus will reign on earth with a select group of martyrs for one thousand years before the end of the world.

**theodicy:** The study of how the existence of a good and just God can be reconciled with the evil and suffering in the world, especially the suffering of innocent people.