

Learning Stations on Revelation

Cut apart the information for the six learning stations along the dotted lines, and place the appropriate slip at each station.



Station 1: Four Horsemen

1. Read Revelation 6:1–11 and answer these questions:

a. What do the four horsemen stand for? (See the sidebar “The Seven Seals and Seven Trumpets” near Rv, chapters 6–9 in *The Catholic Youth Bible*® for help.)

b. What do the martyrs want God to do?

c. What stories do you know about the early Christian martyrs?

d. In what countries are Christians oppressed today? How?

e. When, if ever, have you been pressured to act in a way that is contrary to your faith?



Station 2: 144,000 Sealed

A seal signifies ownership. Those who have stayed true to God can look forward to Heaven because Jesus, the Lamb, shed his blood.

1. Read Revelation 7:1–17 and 14:1–5 and discuss these questions:
 - a. Will only 144,000 people be in heaven? Explain.

 - b. What is the common perception of heaven? How is it like the heaven described in Revelation?

 - c. What is your concept of heaven?

2. Read what Paul says about heaven in 1 Corinthians 2:9.

3. Read the sidebar “The Communion of Saints” near Rv 7:2–14 in *The Catholic Youth Bible*[®]. What are some main ideas found in it?



Station 3: The Trumpets and Bowls

Seven angels blow a trumpet one by one. The first six trumpet blasts herald a catastrophe on earth. This vision is based on the ten plagues of the Exodus. These plagues are repeated in Revelation 16:1–21 as seven angels pour out seven bowls of God’s fury. Revelation tells us that the disasters are meant to compel people to repent, but the people continue their evil ways.

1. Read Revelation 9:1–11, which is a sample of the plagues unleashed on earth.
2. Sketch a picture of one of the locusts.
3. List the ten plagues in Exodus on a sheet of paper. (If you don’t remember, look at the boldface titles in Exodus, chapters 7–11 in *The Catholic Youth Bible*® [CYB].)
4. Read Revelation 11:15–19 and the sidebar “God in Control” in the *CYB*.
5. Read Revelation 16:12–16 and answer the following questions: (Armageddon was the site of many battles. It is only mentioned in Revelation but became the symbol of the final war when the forces of evil are conquered.)
 - a. Name some evils and recent disasters in our world. Has anything good come out of them?
 - b. Who are some modern-day prophets?



Station 4: The Woman and the Dragon

Besides viewing the woman in Revelation as Israel and the Church, Catholics also see her as a symbol of Mary. Some images of Mary show her standing on the moon, with twelve stars around her head. In the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, many countries donated art of Mary. The image from the United States is the Mary of Revelation.

1. Read Revelation 12:1–18 and the sidebar “The Woman and the Dragon” in *The Catholic Youth Bible*[®]. Then discuss these questions:
 - a. How does Revelation mesh with Church teaching about the origin of devils?
 - b. How do artists usually portray Satan?
 - c. What attitudes do people have toward Satan today?

2. Read 1 Peter 5:8–9, words written for Christians in a time of persecution, and answer these questions:
 - a. How is Satan at work in the world?

 - b. How can you, one of the offspring of the woman, stand strong against him?

3. Write a brief prayer to Mary, asking her to help you follow her Son faithfully.



Station 5: The Beasts and the Harlot

An antichrist is someone who has the opposite qualities of Christ and deceives people. The word itself is not in Revelation. However, the two beasts in Revelation and references in the Epistles to an antichrist gave rise to the notion that before the end of the world an evil person pretending to be divine will lead people away from God and wage war with God. In history many people have been identified as the antichrist. Hitler is one example.

1. Read chapter 13 in Revelation and the sidebar “The Number of the Beast” in *The Catholic Youth Bible*[®] (CYB).
2. Write down what the following things represent:
 - a. the first beast
 - b. its seven heads
 - c. forty-two months
 - d. the second beast
3. Read Revelation, chapter 17, and answer these questions:
 - a. What does the harlot stand for?
 - b. What are the harlot’s crimes?

(The next chapter predicts that the harlot and her followers will be totally destroyed.)

4. Read the sidebar “The Sins of Empires” near Rv, chapter 17 in the *CYB* and discuss the questions at the end of it.



Station 6: The New Jerusalem

1. Read the sidebar “The New Jerusalem” near Rv 20:1–22:5 in *The Catholic Youth Bible*[®] for an overview of the last chapters of Revelation.

2. Read Revelation 19:11–16. The verses that follow this passage and most of chapter 20 tell of the destruction of evil.

3. Read Revelation 20:11–15 and 21:1—22:5, where heaven is depicted as the new city of Jerusalem and the new Eden, and answer these questions:
 - a. In all of these passages, which verse do you find most striking? most consoling?

 - b. What are Jesus’ last words to John at the end of chapter 22?

 - c. How does John respond?

 - d. During what season of the Church year do we focus on the Second Coming of Christ?

4. Listen (or read the words) to a song about the coming of Christ. How does it offer us hope?

