Things Are Not as They Seem More Than Conquerors

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Revelation 2:10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Revelation 6:10 They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?"

Revelation 7:16 Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.

Revelation 16:6 for they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve."

Revelation 20:4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Guided Study

This week read through The Revelation entirely. There are a number of different ways to do this:

• Break it up and read one section per day

Notes:

- Read through the book multiple times, perhaps looking at multiple versions.
- Read the book in one sitting. This will give you a greater sense of the whole vision and message.
- Read it out loud. The book was meant to be heard, not merely read silently.

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Chiasm in the Bible

When a pattern of words or ideas are stated and then repeated, but in reverse order. A Chiastic pattern can be found in as little as one verse, but can also cover several verses, whole chapters, and even groups of chapters. This method of teaching was a very common literary form used by Israelite poets and prophets.

- 1. The center of the message is always the turning point.
- 2. Identical ideas will be distributed so as to occur at the beginning, middle and end of a chiasm, but nowhere else.
- 3. There is often a mixture of direct parallel and inverted parallel lines in the same unit.

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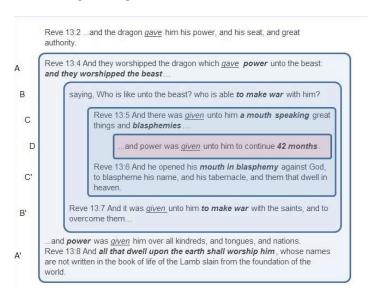
Chiasms are often used in the most solemn and important portions of the Scriptures.

The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9)

- A. Intro: People speak same language 11:1
 - B. People settle together in Shinar 11:2
 - C. People resolve to build tower together 11:3
 - D. Yahweh discovers the plot 11:5
 - C'. God frustrates the tower building 11:6,7
 - B'. People disperse away from Shinar 11:8
- A'. Concl: People can't speak same language 11:9

Examples of Chiasm

A short version of chiasm can be found in Leviticus 14:51. A much longer example of a chiasm is Leviticus 24: 13-23.



- A. Temple and Ten Commandments Rev. 11:19
 - B. Wrath of God
 - C. Pregnant woman Rev. 12:1,2
 - D. Great red dragon
 - E. Satan's warfare
 - F. Woman in wilderness 1260 days
 - G. War in heaven Rev. 12:7
 - H. No place for dragon Rev. 12:8
 - I. Deceiver cast out Rev. 12:9
 - J. Cast to earth

Rev 12:10 The accuser of the brethren is cast out

- J' Devil is come down
- I'. Deceiver limited
- H'. Earth only for dragon Rev. 12:13
- G'. War against the woman Rev. 12:14
- F'. Woman in wilderness 1260 days
- E'. Satan's warfare Rev. 12:15,16
- D'. Dragon mad Rev. 12:17
- C'. With the woman
- B' Wrath of Satan
- A'. The commandments of God