

<b>A</b>	<b>Area of Study: Rev 4-6, Ref. B3/1-9</b>	
<b>B</b>	<p><b><u>The Heavenly Worship ascends into a New Level in the Vision</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Liturgy rises to a higher level, “I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open”, though the man is invited to “come up here”, he is “in the spirit” as he raises up his heart. If one does not have the same attitude, then one will not see the things that must happen after this”; meaning the experience and mystery of Heaven.</li> <li>❖ This part of the liturgy includes (note the OT Background) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 Elders = 24 Davidic Priests serve in the Holy Temple = Priests, Presbyteroi (GK), Servants in NT</li> <li>• Vestments</li> <li>• A Sea of Glass = the Molten Sea</li> <li>• 4 Living Creatures = the pattern embroidered on the Curtain</li> <li>• Holy, holy, holy!</li> <li>• “Fall before the one ... and worship”</li> <li>• Liturgy of the Word: NT</li> <li>• “Golden bowls full of incense” represents prayer of the faithful (note the meaning of communion of the saints)</li> <li>• Participants: Everybody and all the angels</li> <li>• Lamb of God</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Martin Luther believed that this book was not revealed by God because God’s revelation must be revelatory. This book is too ridiculous – if we don’t interpret Rev according to the mass, its content would be ridiculous indeed.</li> </ul>	<p>B3/1 Rev 4:1-2</p> <p>NJBC 63:29 LSIII.1.4 4:4, 2Ch24:1-18, CCC1138 4:4 4:6, 2Ch 4:2 4:6, 2Ch 3:14 4:8 4:10 5:1-5 5:8,8:3, CCC336 5:10-11 CCC1138</p> <p>5:12 LSII.1.2</p>
<b>C</b>	<p><b><u>Does Heaven Celebrate Mass 24 Hours a Day?</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Would it be boring? Please share via e-mail</li> <li>❖ What are the components of mass?</li> <li>❖ The Bible also demands the same characteristics as that of mass in our daily life</li> <li>❖ Our life should be “liturgized” whether it be in heaven or earth</li> </ul>	
<b>D</b>	<p><b><u>Rev 4 outlines the part in the liturgy where creation is praised</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Praising God for creating and renewing all creation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Jasper and carnelian”: image of Eden</li> <li>• “rainbow”: covenant with Noah, rainbow as the sign, renews creation</li> <li>• “4 living creatures”: all creatures</li> <li>• 4 living creatures = lion, golden calf, (human), scorpion (eagle) in the zodiac signs all point to the might of God’s creation</li> <li>• 24 Elders praising and worshipping God “for you created all things”.</li> <li>• The image of Jerusalem’s Temple is used as the Temple is the microcosm of the universe.</li> <li>• The elders are “seated”: priest and king (Royal Priesthood)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>B3/2-3, B3/4</p> <p>4:3, Gen2:12 Gen9:12-13</p> <p>CCC1138 B3/5, NJBC63:30, Ps19:2</p> <p>4:11</p> <p>4:4, 1Pet2:9,B3/3</p>
<b>E</b>	<p><b><u>Rev 5: The Liturgy Enters the Part of Salvation</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ “Scroll” is similar to the Ten Commandments as both are “written on the inside and on the back”; it represents God’s covenant.</li> <li>❖ Only Jesus (“the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David”) can open this covenant</li> <li>❖ “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us”, “I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from</li> </ul>	<p>B3/6 5:1, Ex 32:15</p> <p>5:5, Gen 49:9</p> <p>Jn 4:25 Mt 13:35</p>

	<p>the foundation of the world”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ “The new is hidden in the old; the old is revealed in the new”, Jesus’ teachings are hidden in OT, but only Jesus can reveal and fulfill them.</li> <li>❖ The prophecy of salvation in the OT can only be fulfilled by Jesus through suffering, death, and resurrection.</li> <li>❖ “a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered” – John prefers to bring out this message with an unusual way, such as in 7:13-14. This message emphasizes Jesus’ salvation (slaughtered), resurrection (standing), and humble obedience (Lamb).</li> </ul>	<p>Lk 24:27</p> <p>5:6</p>
<b>F</b>	<p><b><u>The Significance of the Seven Seals</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ A covenant includes both blessings and curses.</li> <li>❖ A broken covenant carries a 7 times penalty: 7 seals, 7 trumpets, 7 ??</li> <li>❖ The opening of the first 4 seals brings forth sword, famine, pestilence, and wild animals</li> </ul>	<p>B3/8, Lv26 Lv26:3-4, 14-16 Lv26:18,21,24</p> <p>6:1-8, Lv 26:22-26</p>
<b>G</b>	<p><b><u>The Opening of the Fifth Seal: the Cries of the Martyrs</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The highest witness to truth</li> <li>❖ St. Polycarpi’s Martyrdom</li> <li>❖ As a nation of “Royal Priesthood”, we see creation as altar; martyrs follow Jesus, the Eternal High Priest, in sacrificing their own lives as offering. Their blood stains the ground, hence, “under the altar”.</li> <li>❖ The early Church would place the remains of the saints under the altar</li> <li>❖ Martyrdom: Always follow the truth; be willing to make sacrifices</li> </ul>	<p>B3/8, 6:9-11 CCC2473 CCC2474</p> <p>6:9</p>
<b>H</b>	<p><b><u>The Opening of the Sixth Seal: Earthquake</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The sun, moon, and stars are ancient measurements of time; fading colours or their falling represent the nearing of the end of time.</li> <li>❖ The disastrous images portrayed in Rev are similar to Jesus’ foretelling of the destruction of Jerusalem in the Gospels</li> <li>❖ Therefore, Rev. only reflects the destruction of one world, the destruction of Jerusalem = OT world. This does not mean that the OT world has to be destroyed but to be fulfilled in the NT.</li> </ul>	<p>6:12-17, B3/9</p> <p>Mt 24, Mk 13, Lk 21 23:30</p>

## **BSP #3 Navigator's Time Overhead**

### Addition for item C in notes (A3/1)

"In the earthly liturgy we share in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the Holy City of Jerusalem toward which we journey as pilgrims..." (CCC 1090)

「在人間的禮儀中，我們預嘗並參與那在天上聖城耶路撒冷所舉行的禮儀，我們以朝聖者的身分向那裡邁進，那裡有基督坐於天主的右邊，作為聖所及真會幕的臣僕；我們偕同天朝全體軍旅，向上主歡唱光榮的讚歌；我們尊敬並紀念所有聖人，希望加入他們的行列；我們也期待我們的救主耶穌基督——我們的生命出現，那時，我們將同祂一起出現在光榮之中」。 (CCC 1090)

### Addition for item H in notes (A3/2)

Commonality between Revelation 6 and Matthew 24 in depicting the destruction of Jerusalem:  
默記述的末世情景與瑪竇福音中J預告耶京毀滅相似：

<b>REVELATION 6</b> 默6	<b>MATTHEW 24</b> 瑪24	<b>EVENTS BEING DESCRIBED</b> 情景
v.2 He rode forth victorious to conquer.. 他像勝利者出發，必百戰百勝	v.6 You will hear of wars and numerous of wars 你們要聽到戰爭和戰爭的風聲	War 戰爭
v.4 Men to slaughter one another 為使人彼此殘殺	v.7 Nation will rise against nation, one kingdom against another 民族要起來攻擊民族，國家要起來攻擊國家	Strife 衝突;紛爭
v.6 A day's pay for a ration of wheat 麥子一升值一「德納，」	v.7b There will be famine and pestilence and earthquakes 並且到處要有饑荒、瘟疫和地震	Famine 饑荒
v.9-11 I saw under the altar the spirits of those who had been martyred because they bore witness to the word of God 我看見在祭壇下面，那些曾為了天主的話，並為了他們所持守的證言，而被宰殺者的靈魂，	v.9-13 You will be hated by all nations on my account 你們為了我的名字，要為各民族所憎恨	Persecution 迫害

REVELATION 6 默6	MATTHEW 24 瑪24	EVENTS BEING DESCRIBED 情景
v.12-17 Violent earthquake, the sun turned black...moon grew red...sky disappeared 發生了大地震，太陽變黑...整個月亮變得像血...天也隱退	v.15-31 for those days will be more filled with anguish than any from the beginning of the world 因為那時必有大災難，是從宇宙開始，直到如今從未有過的，將來也不會再有	Cosmic signs 天災預兆

“The gospel passage from Luke also has an eschatological character...Similar events accompanied the fall of Israel and the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans...” (JP II, Homily, November 19, 1995)