

A	<u>Area of Study:</u> Rev 11-12, Reference Materials: B6/1-6	
B	<u>Looking at the Suffering of the Israelites from Revelation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Main Theme of Revelation: the Israelites sinned and broke the Covenant, killed Jesus, and oppressed of the early Church. Their sins were so great that the destruction of Jerusalem was the punishment. ❖ Some Christians who bore hatred against the Jews felt that this punishment was justified. ❖ As Adam is the first born of humanity, the Israelites are the first born among nations. The failure of the first born Israelites foreshadows and symbolizes the failure of all nations. If all nations abandon the Covenant between God and humanity, they will also be destroyed. This is the Last Day. ❖ Therefore Revelation is not anti-Semitic, but a warning for all Covenantal nations. 	B6/2 Ex 4:22 CCC 597
C	<u>The Meaning of the Measurement of the Temple</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ezek 40 contains a similar episode: both Ezek. and Rev. talk about the destruction of Jerusalem and New Jerusalem, therefore the image of “the court outside the Temple” = earthly Temple; OT Era. ❖ “... do not measure the court outside the Temple; leave that out” as it will pass and “is given over to the nations” – meaning invasion by the Romans for 42 months. Rome suppressed the Jewish Revolt between the spring of 66 AD and August of 70 AD; a total of 42 months. ❖ Only measuring the Temple as it symbolizes the Church; the New Jerusalem, therefore it should be preserved. ❖ Since the Jews were obsessed with the Law; OT Era; and Jerusalem, they oppressed those who proclaimed the salvation of Jesus; NT Era; Church’s Christians (New Jerusalem). The Jews, like Sodom, Egypt, and Jericho, who have become a huge barrier against God’s master plan, will be inevitably punished by God. ❖ Unfortunately in today’s Church, there are many who have made the same mistakes of obsessing with the Law and behavior. 	Rev 11:1-2, B6/2-3 Rev 21:15-16 Gal 3:23-28 Gal 4:8-11
D	<u>The Vision of the Two Witnesses</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ “to shut the sky, so that no rain may fall” → Elijah; representative of the prophets ❖ “water turn into blood” → Moses; representative of the Law ❖ The Law and Prophets, OT Bible, witnesses to Jesus. OT Bible (Law & Prophets) witnessing for the Lord (the new hidden in the old), is revealed in Jerusalem’s ill fate (1260 days). The Israelites are converted through suffering. Those who reject the Law and the Prophets will be face death. ❖ Evil power comes through “the great beast from the depth”, meaning Rome. Desolation of the Temple = “victory” that “kills” both witnesses of the Law and the Prophets. Their bodies are viewed by the public for 3.5 days, meaning the 3.5 years of suffering in Jerusalem. ❖ The Law & Prophets rise again through a breath (Holy Spirit), converting the Church. ❖ Rev 12:9 clearly points out that Jerusalem is Rev’s target, not Rome. 	Rev 11:3-14 1 Kings 17:1 Ex 7:17-20 Jn 5:39 Rev 11:8, B6/3

E	<p><u>The Heavenly Liturgy Continues to Unfold, Bringing out the Marian Theme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Heavenly Liturgy continues to unfold, after the seventh trumpet is sound, liturgical (the throne, elders falling on their faces and worshipped God) hymns and prayers continue to flow. ❖ Liturgy is spiritual warfare, “God’s temple in heaven is opened” in the midst of chaos. The Ark of the Covenant that leads the people of God to destroy Jericho appears in the midst of lightning, thunder, earthquake, and heavy hail, leads the people once again to destroy Jericho (Jerusalem). ❖ “Woman” appears after the Ark because the woman is Mary. The Ark is the imagery of Mary. Luke has also made the same connection. ❖ The “woman” in Rev 21 is seen as Mary for the following reasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the male child is Jesus, the one who gave birth to him is Mary 2. “woman”, “dragon”, “son” are characters 3. “clothed with the sun” = The glory and grace of Mary 4. Echoes with the “woman” in Genesis, Mary = New Eve 5. “crying out in birth pangs” does not go against the tradition of Mary not suffering from the pain of child birth. It also points to Mary’s pain under the cross 6. “a crown of twelve stars” = Israel = the Church 7. Assumption in body and soul 8. Immaculate Conception 9. The children of the woman → Mary is the Mother of the Church 	<p>Rev11:15-12:18</p> <p>Overhead</p> <p>Lk 1:28 Overhead (JP11) Is54:1, Gal4:19 Lk2:35</p> <p>Rev 12:1</p> <p>Rev12:5, 14, 16; Gen3:14</p> <p>Rev 12:17</p>
F	<p><u>Who is the “Red Dragon”?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Satan ❖ King Herod 	<p>Rev12:3; B6/5-6</p> <p>Rev 12:9</p>

OVERHEAD NOTES: THE ARK IMAGERY IN LUKE

	LUKE	NEW TESTAMENT	OLD TESTAMENT	2 SAM
A	1:39	In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country.	Brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill.	6:3
B	1:41	When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women ...”.	David danced before the Lord with all his might; ... David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.	6:14 - 15
C	1:43	“And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?” (Elizabeth)	David thought, “How can the ark of the Lord come into my care?”	6:9
D	1:56	Mary remained with her about 3 months and then returned to her home.	The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obededom the Gittite for 3 months.	6:11

Mary is the woman who from the book of Genesis until the book of Revelation accompanies the revelation of God’s salvific plan for humanity, taking part in the monumental struggle against the power of darkness. (JP11, ***The Mother of the Redeemer***, #47)