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As we approach the last days, the fascination for and interest in the book of Revelation grows. Interpretations of the book are scattered all over the map, but most believers agree- the end is near. After many years of drawing (section of TPSB Revelation is illustrated on masthead) and teaching the book, much of John's vision remains a mystery, but...one section especially gives me a thrill- the fall of Babylon! Since the Garden of Eden, Satan has brought us unending pain, sickness and death. He is called many things in the Bible: accuser of the brethren, Beelzebub, father of lies, god of this age, murderer, ruler of the air- to name a few. He is behind the Herods, Hitlers, and the militants who slaughter innocent lives worldwide. There have been more Christian martyrs in the last 10 years than the rest of history



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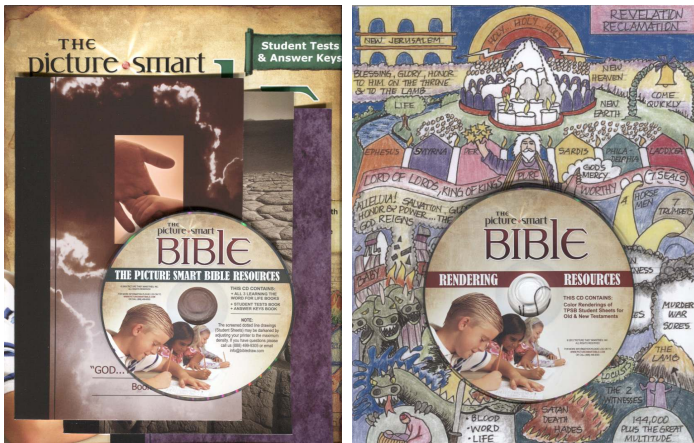
put together. How many headlines have you seen of horrible suffering in wars, earthquakes, tsunamis, fires, floods- the list is unending. Think for a moment about your own life. How much pain and frustration have you personally endured in your lifetime? Satan is having a hey-day in these last days, but he knows his days are numbered. And that is where the fall of Babylon comes in.

The description in chapters 16- 18 of Revelation is symbolic, yet clear. Babylon is described as a harlot (and a city) that reigns over kings of the earth. Those kings are over every major enterprise on the earth: merchants, the arts & entertainment, government, the shipping industry, education to name a few. And the harlot has committed fornication or corruption with all of them. The fact is- you and I as somewhat naive believers, are being duped everyday. We cannot escape the massive network of evil that surrounds us. But good news is coming: Babylon is falling!

As it is happening in Revelation, the merchants are weeping and wailing- their riches and their way of life, are sinking with the harlot. But heaven is rejoicing! And we will be on the front lines! At last- the enemy we have wanted so many times to choke or stomp- at last he is getting what's coming to him. Satan and sin are going into the pit- forever removed from our lives! No wonder heaven breaks forth with "You are righteous, O Lord, the One who is and who was and who is to be, because You have judged these things. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due" (16:5). Join me in the cheering squad! "The God of Peace will soon crush Satan under your feet!" (Rom. 16:20).

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TWO NEW RESOURCES for 2013!



TPSB Resource CD. This CD includes all 3 "Learning the Word for Life" books, plus the Student Questions and Answer Key packet. The LWL books are referenced at the end of each TPSB lesson under "Implant the Word". Memorizing the Scripture (made easier with our simple sketches), moves the truth of God's word from the printed page to our mind, which renews our thinking (Rom. 12:2). Then, as we meditate and journal (a page is provided for that), the word moves from our head to our heart. When the word of God is implanted in the heart, it is a powerful catalyst for change. Each of the 3 books also have a theme: Book 1: "Foundations", Book 2: "Bread for the Wilderness" and Book 3: "God, Your Real Dad".

The Picture-Smart Bible Student Test & Answer Packet was designed for parents/teachers who wish to check their students for retention by administering written tests. The Student Test book contains 6 types of questions (true & false, multiple choice, matching, completion, "short answers", essay) covering both the Old and the New Testaments. For every question in the Student Test book there are answers in the Teacher Answer Keys.

TPSB Color Renderings CD (on the right above). This CD contains all 46 Old and New Testament Student Sheets from "The Picture-Smart Bible". The color has been rendered by two professional artists who have taught or are teaching, "PictureThis" materials. The purpose for this resource is primarily to spark your imagination. Certainly few people can paint like the artists who did these beautiful works of art, but the renderings can help you choose colors, patterns and shades. You too, will look like a professional but more importantly, with each rendering you are helping the word of God stick in your memory. Have fun!

ON THE BOARD- K-3 CURRICULUM



Our basic curriculum was originally designed for 4th grade through adults. Many parents/teachers both here and abroad have asked for materials for younger children. Several weeks ago, we started developing a simple "Addendum" which has "evolved" into a full curriculum, complete with Master Drawings, teacher instructions, learning activities and crafts. The cover illustrated above is a rough and the Exodus illustration is a sample Student Page. Crafts are incorporated (as the teacher chooses) with color paper (woman's clothing), sticks (on the cactus), cotton (on the lamb), and a stone (10 commandments). Notice the Good News Starburst- a reference to Jesus which will appear for discussion on each lesson.

India Report

Abhijit Nayak is still in India working with our 3 reps there. He is asking for prayer because "everything is more difficult to manage in this country," (and he misses his family in



Pasadena very much. Abhijit is initiating the translations, and finishing the construction of a building which we will share (with STEP- another non-profit in India). Our reps will work from this location to promote TPSB, set up presentations, place orders, store and ship curriculum. India is still very excited about our materials and Abhijit is an excellent administrator: a gift from God.

FOR PRAYER

1. CONVENTIONS. We are doing a record number of conventions (26) this year all over the U.S. We are not trying to set records, the schedule somewhat "materialized" as we kept assigning events to our reps. Please pray specifically for:
Becki (3/14-16) NWMC in Redmond, WA
Kristi (3/14-16) SEHS in Greenville, SC
Dan (4/4-6) Midwest Convention in Cincinnati, OH
Michele (4/18-20) MACHE in Rochester, MN.

2. K-3 Curriculum. That we have God's heart for each K-3 drawing and commentary, plus we find the right resource person for consultation.
3. Social Media Marketing. A new area for us. Pray that we will comprehend this media, have the wisdom to organize the program and find the right person to supervise it.
4. India & Abhijit Pray that our brother will have the wisdom and stamina to press on. Pray also for his family here in Pasadena.

