

"He That Overcometh Shall Inherit All Things"

Lesson 45

- Why are symbols useful in teaching?

1. John sees several symbols representing parts of the Church of Jesus Christ. (Rev. 1:1–3, 9–20.)

- What was the first image, or symbol, John saw in this Rev.? (Rev. 1:12.)
- What did the candlesticks represent? (Rev. 1:20.)
- Why are candlesticks an appropriate symbol for branches of the Church? (3 Nephi 18:24)
- How can wards and branches today act as candlesticks?
- Where was the Savior in relation to the seven candlesticks? (Rev. 1:13.)
- How is the Savior in the midst of his Church today?
- Why is it important for us to know that he is in the midst of his people?
- What was the Savior holding in his right hand when he stood in the midst of the seven candlesticks? (Rev. 1:16.)
- What did the seven stars represent? (Rev 1:20 and footnote 20b; Rev 2:1, footnote 1a, and Rev 3:1, footnote 1a. Throughout the JST of Rev 1–3)
- How are Church leaders like the stars?
- What came out of the Savior's mouth in this vision? (Rev. 1:16.)
- What did this sword represent? (D&C 6:2.)
- In what ways is the word of the Lord like a sword? (Hebrews 4:12; Helaman 3:29.)
- What other symbol did the Lord possess in this Rev.? (Rev. 1:18.)
- What will the Savior do with these keys? (2 Nephi 9:10–13.)

2. The Lord tells the seven branches in Asia about the blessings promised to those who overcome.

Rev. 2–3.

- Just as the Lord commended and corrected the Church members in Asia, he commends and corrects us today. What might the Lord commend us for?
- What has the Lord told us to correct?

To Ephesus (Rev. 2:1–7)

- The Lord warned the Ephesians of their need to repent, but he also promised, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life." What does the tree of life represent? (1 Nephi 11:21–22.)
- Why is this the most desirable of all blessings?



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To Smyrna (Rev. 2:8–11)

- The Lord warned the Saints in Smyrna that they would suffer tribulation, but he also promised, "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death." What is the second death? (Alma 12:16, 32; Helaman 14:18.)
- How can the Lord's promise to the Saints in Smyrna help us see our tribulations in the proper perspective?

To Pergamos (Rev. 2:12–17)

- The Lord criticized some of the people in Pergamos for following the doctrine of Balaam. What earthly honors and rewards might we have to give up to obey the Lord's will?
- To the Saints in Pergamos the Lord promised, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna." What could hidden manna represent? (John 6:35, 49–51.)

To Thyatira (Rev. 2:18–29)

- In his words to the Saints in Thyatira, what did the Lord promise to those who overcome? (Rev. 2:26–28.)
- What is the rod of iron with which the righteous will rule over nations? (1 Nephi 11:25; JST, Rev. 2:27.)
- How can we use the word of God to rule our own lives?
- Who is the morning star mentioned in Rev. 2:28? (Rev. 22:16.)
- What might it mean to be given the morning star?

To Sardis (Rev. 3:1–6)

- What blessings did the Lord promise to the Saints in Sardis? (Rev. 3:5.)
- How does participation in temple ordinances prepare us to be "clothed in white" eternally?
- What is the book of life? (D&C 128:7; see also Exodus 32:33; Alma 5:58; Bible Dictionary, "Book of Life," 626–27.)
- What will happen to those whose names are written in the book and are not blotted out because of wickedness? (Rev. 21:10, 23–27; Alma 5:58; D&C 88:2.)

To Philadelphia (Rev. 3:7–13)

- What did the Lord say he would do for the Saints in Philadelphia because they had "kept [his] word, and ... not denied [his] name"? (Rev. 3:10.)
- How does righteous living make it easier to resist temptation?
- What does it mean to have the name of God and the name of his city written on us?

To Laodicea (Rev. 3:14–22)

- The Lord condemned the Saints in Laodicea who were "lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot" (Rev. 3:15–16). How might we sometimes be spiritually "lukewarm"?
- How can we increase our commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ?
- What was the Lord promised the Laodiceans?, (Rev. 3:21).
- What blessings are symbolized by the promise of sitting with the Lord on his throne? (Romans 8:16–17.)

3. John learns that the Saints overcome Satan through the Atonement of Jesus Christ and their testimonies. (Rev. 12.)

- Whom does the dragon in Rev. 12 represent? (Rev. 12:9.)
- What happened to the dragon and his followers in the War in Heaven? (Rev. 12:3–4, 7–9.)
- What did the dragon do after he was cast out? (Rev. 12:17.)
- Who is Satan fighting today? (Rev. 12:12.)

"Behold, I stand at the door" (Rev. 3:20)

- What does Rev. 3:20 teach about the Lord? (Rev. 22:17.)
- How have you found this to be true?

Conclusion

Those who overcome the temptations and trials of the world will inherit the blessings of eternal life. The Savior's Atonement provides a way for us to overcome if we repent and are faithful.