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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

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1:4-8

Background: Revelation 1:8 has the words "Alpha" and "Omega." They are the names of the first letter and the last letter of the Greek alphabet.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ This passage shows that John was the author of the book. [1:4]
- ☐ Jesus was described as the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. [1:5]
- ☐ Every eye will see Jesus when he returns. [1:7]
- ☐ The Lord God described himself as the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. [1:8]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who wrote this book, and to whom did he write it? [1:4]
John wrote this book, and he wrote it to the seven churches in Asia.
2. What do you think it means to be "the one who is and was and is to come"? [1:4]
It means to be eternal. God has always existed in the past, he exists now, and he will always exist.
3. What three titles did John call Jesus Christ? [1:5]
John called him the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
4. What did Jesus make the believers? [1:6]
Jesus made the believers a kingdom and priests to God the Father.
5. Who will see Jesus when he comes? [1:7]
Everyone, including those who pierced him, will see him.
6. How is the Lord God described in 1:8?
He is described as the Alpha and the Omega, the one who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.
7. What do you think it means to be the Alpha, the first letter of the Greek alphabet, and Omega, the last letter of the Greek alphabet?
Perhaps it means to be the one who began all things and who ends all things, or the one who has always lived and will always live.

Comment Section:

2:8-11

Background: John was in prison near the province called Asia. In 1:10-11 John heard a voice tell him to write what he saw and send it to the seven churches in Asia. In 1:17, the speaker said that he was the first and the last, and that he was dead, but he now lives forever.

In 1:20, he spoke of "the angels of the seven churches." The word "angel" probably refers to the leader of each church.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The speaker told John to write to the angel of the church in Smyrna. [2:8]
- ☐ The speaker said that he knew about their suffering and poverty. [2:9]
- ☐ The speaker told them not to be afraid, but to be faithful. [2:10]
- ☐ The speaker said he would give them the crown of life. [2:10]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. To which angel are the words in 2:8-11 written? [2:8]
They are written to the angel of the church in Smyrna.
2. Whose words are in 2:9-11, and who do you think he is? [2:8]
They are the words of the one who was dead and became alive again. That is Jesus Christ.
3. What was happening to the church in Smyrna? [2:9]
They were suffering, in poverty, and others were speaking badly about them.
4. What would happen to some of the people? [2:10]
The devil would throw some of them in prison.
5. What did the speaker say he would give to those who were faithful until death? [2:10]
He said he would give them the crown of life.
6. What did he say about those who conquered? [2:11]
He said that those who conquered would not be hurt by the second death.
7. What do you think the first death and the second death represent? [2:11]
The first death represents ordinary physical death. The second death represents something that will happen later. It is much worse.

Comment Section:

4:1-11

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ John heard a voice telling him to come up. [4:1]
- ☐ John saw a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. [4:2]
- ☐ There were 24 elders sitting on thrones around the first throne. [4:4]
- ☐ There were 4 living creatures that had many eyes and wings. [4:6-8]
- ☐ The four living creatures and the 24 elders worshiped God. [4:8-11]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did John see when he looked up to heaven? [4:1]
John saw a door standing open in heaven.
2. What did the voice tell John he would do when John came up? [4:1]
The voice told John what must happen after these things.
3. What happened to John? [4:2]
At once he was in the Spirit.
4. Who do you think was sitting on the throne and looked like jasper and carnelian? [4:3]
The Lord God.
5. How do you know it was the Lord God? [4:8, 10]
The living creatures called him "the Lord God Almighty," and the twenty-four elders worshiped him.
6. How did John describe the twenty-four elders? [4:4]
They were sitting on thrones, wearing white clothes, and were wearing golden crowns.
7. What did the seven lamps in front of the throne represent? [4:5]
They represented the seven spirits of God.
8. What was the same about the four living creatures? [4:6, 8]
They had many eyes in front and in back, and they each had six wings. The wings were full of eyes on the top and on the bottom.
9. How were the four living creatures different from each other? [4:7]
One looked like a lion, one looked like a calf, one had a man's face, and one looked like an eagle.
10. What does this verse say about the one who sits on the throne? [4:9]
He lives forever.

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11. What did the elders and the four creatures do? [4:10]

They spoke praises and gave glory to God and worshiped him. The 24 elders bowed before the throne and laid their crowns before the throne.

12. Why is God worthy of glory, honor, and power? [4:11]

He is worthy because he created everything, and everything existed and was created by his will.

13. What was the mood of this scene? [4:11]

It was one of awe and worship. The one who sits on the throne is powerful and the ones who worshiped him were in awe of him.

Comment Section:

6:1-8

Background: In chapter 5, the one on the throne had a scroll with seven seals on it. He gave the scroll to a Lamb. The Lamb looked as though he had been killed. He was worthy to take the scroll and open its seals because he purchased people for God from every tribe, language, people, and nation.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The Lamb opened four of the seven seals. [6:1, 3, 5, 7]
- ☐ As he opened each seal, a horse and a rider came out. [6:2, 4, 5, 8]
- ☐ Each of the horses was a different color. [6:2, 4, 5, 8]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who do you think the Lamb is? [6:1]
The Lamb is Jesus, the Son of God (See: 5:12).
2. When the Lamb opened one of the seals on the scroll, what did one of the four living creatures say? [6:1]
The creature said "Come!"
3. What did John see after the first seal was opened? [6:2]
John saw a white horse.
4. What did the white horse's rider have, and what did he come out to do? [6:2]
The rider had a bow and a crown, and he came out in order to conquer.
5. What did the rider on the red horse have, and what was he given permission to do? [6:4]
The rider had a large sword, and he was given permission to take peace away from the earth.
6. What did the black horse's rider have, and what did John hear? [6:5-6]
The rider had a pair of scales, and John heard a voice that seemed to come from among the four living creatures.
7. What do you think happened to the price of wheat and barley? [6:6]
The price went up very high. Wheat and barley were very expensive.
8. What was the name of the rider on the pale horse, who was following him? [6:8]
The rider's name was Death, and Hades was following him.
9. With what were Death and Hades given authority to kill more than one fourth of the earth? [6:8]
They were given authority to kill with the sword, famine and disease, and wild animals.

Comment Section:

9:7-11

Background: In 6:1-9:6, the Lamb opened the remaining seals. After the seventh seal, seven angels prepared to blow seven trumpets. After each of the first four angels blew his trumpet, something terrible happened to the earth. The events in this passage happened after the fifth angel blew his trumpet and a bottomless pit opened in the earth and locusts came out.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The locusts looked like horses ready for battle. [9:7]
- ☐ John described the appearance of the locusts. [9:7-10]
- ☐ The king of the locusts was the angel of the pit. [9:11]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did the locusts look like? [9:7]
The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle.
2. What did their head, faces, hair, and teeth look like? [9:7,8]
Their heads had something that looked like crowns of gold, their faces looked like human faces, their hair looked like women's hair, and their teeth looked like lions' teeth.
3. What do you think the description of the breast plates suggests about the locusts? [9:9]
Their breastplates were like iron breastplates, so it would be very difficult or impossible for people to kill them.
4. What sound did the wings of the locusts make? [9:9]
The sound of the locusts' wings was like the sound made by many chariots and horses running into battle.
5. For five months, how were the locusts able to harm people? [9:10]
They could harm them with the stingers in their tails.
6. Who was the king over the locusts, and what was his name? [9:11]
The king over the locusts was the angel of the bottomless pit. In Hebrew his name was Abaddon, and in Greek it was Apollyon.

Comment Section:

11:1-6

Background: In chapter 9, the sixth angel sounded his trumpet and there were many soldiers on horseback. Fire, smoke, and sulfur came out of the horses' mouths and killed one third of the people. But those who lived still did not repent.

In chapter 10, John was told to eat a little scroll. It tasted sweet, but it turned sour in his stomach. Then he was told to prophesy about many nations.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ John was told to measure the temple. [11:1]
- ☐ John was told that two witnesses would have authority to prophesy. [11:3]
- ☐ The two witnesses would have power to do miraculous things. [11:5-6]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What was John told to measure? [11:1]
John was told to measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worshiped in it. To measure the worshipers probably meant to count the number of worshipers.
2. How long will the Gentiles trample the holy city? [11:2]
The Gentiles will trample the holy city for forty-two months.
3. How long will the two witnesses prophesy? [11:3]
The two witnesses will prophesy for 1,260 days.
4. Who were the two witnesses? [11:3-4]
The two witnesses were the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.
5. How must anyone who chose to harm the two witnesses die? [11:5]
Fire will come out of the witnesses' mouths and devour their enemies.
6. What did the two witnesses have the power to do? [11:6]
They had power to close up the sky, to turn waters to blood, and to strike the earth with plagues.

Comment Section:

12:1-9

Background: In chapter 11, the beast will come from the bottomless pit and kill the two witnesses. They will die, be raised to life, and go to heaven. Then there will be an earthquake and many people will die.

The seventh angel blew his trumpet, and voices in heaven said that Christ will reign forever. Then God's temple in heaven was opened and there was lightning, thunder, an earthquake, and a hailstorm.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ John saw a vision of a woman clothed with the sun, and on her head was a crown of twelve stars, and she was pregnant. [12:1-2]
- ☐ Then John saw a great red dragon with seven heads and ten horns. [12:3]
- ☐ The woman gave birth to male child, and the dragon wanted to devour him, but God took the child up into heaven. [12:5]
- ☐ There was a war in heaven and Michael threw the dragon and his angels down to earth. [12:9]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What two great things appeared in heaven? [12:1, 3]
Two great signs appeared in heaven.
2. How was the woman described? [12:1]
She was wearing the sun, the moon was under her feet, and she was wearing a crown of twelve stars.
3. Why was the woman crying out? [12:2]
She was pregnant and was having birth pains.
4. How was the dragon described? [12:3]
He was huge, red, had seven heads and ten horns, and there were seven crowns on his heads.
5. What did the dragon do? [12:4]
He swung his tail and knocked a third of the stars out of the heavens. He stood in front of the woman waiting for her to give birth so he could destroy her child.
6. What do you think it means to rule with an iron rod? [12:5]
Perhaps it means to rule firmly or even harshly.
7. What happened when she gave birth to her son? [12:5]
Her son was taken to God and to his throne.
8. What did the woman do then? [12:6]
She ran away into the wilderness to a place God had set aside for her to be taken care of.

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9. What happened in heaven? [12:7-9]

A war took place in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. The dragon could not win, and he and his angels were thrown down to earth.

10. What was the dragon called? [12:9]

He was called the Devil or Satan.

Comment Section:

13:1-8

Background: In chapter 12, the dragon chased after the woman. He made a flood to carry her away, but the earth helped the woman by swallowing all the water. So, the dragon was angry and went off to fight against her descendants, and he stood by on the sand of the seashore.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ John saw a beast rising up from the sea. [13:1]
- ☐ The dragon gave the beast his power and authority. [13:2]
- ☐ People worshiped the dragon and the beast. [13:4]
- ☐ The beast blasphemed against God and fought against God's people. [13:5-7]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How was the beast that came up out of the sea described? [13:1]
It had ten horns and seven heads. There were ten crowns on its horns and a blasphemous name on each head.
2. What did the dragon give to the beast? [13:2]
The dragon gave to the beast his power, a throne, and authority to rule.
3. Why did the whole earth marvel and follow the beast? [13:3]
They marveled because one of his heads seemed to have a fatal wound, but the wound was healed.
4. Who did the people worship? [13:4]
They worshiped the beast and the dragon.
5. What do you think the people believed about the beast? [13:4]
They believed that it was greater than everyone and that no one could fight against it and win.
6. How long was the beast allowed to use its authority? [13:5]
It was allowed to use its authority for forty-two months.
7. How did the beast blaspheme God? [13:6]
It blasphemed God by insulting God's name and God's dwelling, and those who lived in heaven.
8. What was the beast permitted to do to God's holy people? [13:7]
The beast was permitted to make war against them and conquer them.
9. Who will not worship the beast? [13:8]
Only those whose name is written in the Book of Life will not worship the beast.

Comment Section:

14:1-5

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The Lamb and 144,000 people stood on Mount Zion. [14:1]
- ☐ The 144,000 were singing a new song before the throne that only they could learn. [14:3]
- ☐ The 144,000 followed the Lamb wherever he went and were blameless. [14:4-5]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who did John see, and where were they? [14:1]
John saw the Lamb and 144,000 people standing on Mount Zion.
2. What was written on the foreheads of the 144,000 people? [14:1]
The Lamb's name and his Father's name were written on their foreheads.
3. What did the voice from heaven sound like? [14:2]
The voice sounded like the loud noise of many waters and loud thunder.
4. Who was able to learn the new song being sung before the throne? [14:3]
Only the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth were able to learn the new song.
5. What did the 144,000 people do? [14:4]
They followed the Lamb wherever he went.
6. What does this verse say about how they lived? [14:5]
They were not liars. They were blameless.

Comment Section:

17:1-6

Background: In chapter 16 a loud voice told seven angels to pour out seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth. Each one poured out his bowl, and terrible things happened on the earth.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ An angel said he would show John how the great prostitute would be condemned. [17:1]
- ☐ The angel carried John away in the spirit into the wilderness. [17:3]
- ☐ John saw a woman sitting on the beast. [17:3]
- ☐ The woman was drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. [17:6]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did the angel say he would show John? [17:1]
The angel said he would show John the condemnation of the great prostitute.
2. What had the kings of the earth done, and what had others who lived on the earth done? [17:2]
The kings of earth had committed sexual immorality with her, and others got drunk on the wine of her sexual immorality.
3. What was the woman sitting on? [17:3]
The woman was sitting on a beast with seven heads and ten horns.
4. How was the beast described? [17:3]
Its color was scarlet, it was covered with blasphemous names, and it had 7 heads and 10 horns.
5. What was in the cup that the woman held in her hand? [17:4]
The cup was full of detestable things and the impurities of her sexual immorality.
6. What name was written on the woman's forehead? [17:5]
Babylon the great, the mother of prostitutes and of the detestable things of the earth were written on her forehead.
7. With what was the woman drunk? [17:6]
The woman was drunk with the blood of the saints and martyrs for Jesus.
8. What do you think it means to be drunk with the blood of the saints and martyrs? [17:6]
It means to have killed many saints and martyrs.

Comment Section:

20:11-15

Background: Chapters 18 and 19 tell about Babylon being destroyed and the beast and false prophet being thrown into the fiery lake. In chapter 20, the devil was also thrown into the fiery lake.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ John saw a great white throne and the one who is seated on it. [20:11]
- ☐ Books were opened and the dead were judged by what was written in the books. [20:12]
- ☐ Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. [20:14]
- ☐ All whose name was not written in the Book of Life were thrown into the lake of fire. [20:15]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did John see? [20:11]
John saw a great white throne and the one who is seated on it.
2. By what were the dead people judged before the great white throne? [20:12]
The dead were judged by their deeds, which were recorded in the books.
3. What did the sea, death, and Hades do? [20:13]
They gave up the dead people that were in them.
4. What is the second death? [20:14]
The second death is the lake of fire.
5. What happened to all whose names were not written in the Book of Life? [20:15]
All whose names were not found written in the Book of Life were thrown into the lake of fire.

Comment Section:

21:1-8

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ John saw a new heaven and a new earth. [21:1]
- ☐ John saw a new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven. [21:2]
- ☐ A voice said that God will live with human beings, and he will wipe away their tears. [21:3-4]
- ☐ The one on the throne said that whoever conquered will inherit certain things. [21:7]
- ☐ The one on the throne said that the wicked will be in the fiery lake. [21:8]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What happened to the first heaven and earth? [21:1]
The first heaven and earth passed away.
2. What came down from heaven? [21:2]
The holy city, the new Jerusalem, came down from heaven.
3. Where did the voice from the throne say that God would now dwell? [21:3]
The voice said that God would now dwell with human beings.
4. What had passed away? [21:4]
Death, grieving, crying, and pain had now passed away.
5. What did the one seated on the throne say he was doing? [21:5]
He said that he was making all things new.
6. What name did the one seated on the throne call himself? [21:6]
He called himself the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.
7. What will the one on the throne give to people who are thirsty? [21:6]
He will give them free water from the spring of the water of life.
8. What did the one seated on the throne say about the one who conquers? [21:7]
He said, "I will be his God and he will be my son."
9. What do you think some people will conquer?
Perhaps they will conquer temptation and refuse to sin. Perhaps they will conquer the devil and his angels.
10. What will happen to the faithless, sexually immoral, idolaters, and other sinners? [21:8]
They will have their place in the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

Comment Section:

22:12-16

Background: In this passage Jesus spoke of David. King David lived about 1000 years before Jesus did. He was Israel's most important king, and God had promised him that one of his descendants would be king forever.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The Lord said that he is coming to reward each person according to what he did. [22:12]
- ☐ Those who washed their robes would have the right to go into the city. [22:14]
- ☐ The sinners would be outside. [22:15]
- ☐ Jesus says he is the root and descendant of King David. [22:16]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did the Lord say he was bringing with him when he comes? [22:12]
The Lord said he was bringing his reward with him.
2. What did the Lord say about himself? [22:13]
He said he was the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.
3. What rights will those who washed their robes have? [22:14]
They will have the right to eat fruit from the tree of life and the right to go through the gates into the city.
4. What do you think robes represented? [22:14]
They probably represented a person's character or behavior.
5. Who will not be allowed to go into the city? [22:15]
People who practice sorcery, sexually immorality, murder, idolatry, and falsehood.
6. How did Jesus say he is related to King David? [22:16]
Jesus said that he is the root and descendant of King David.

Comment Section: