Name Period

Reading the Revelation to John

Directions: Answer the following questions after reading the designated chapters/verses from *The Revelation to John*.

*Read Revelation 1-3.*

1. Describe the risen Lord described in 1:12-16. Using the footnotes in your Bible or a commentary, interpret the meaning of the various symbols connected with Christ’s appearance.

1. Using the fourfold division of the seven letters, outline the contents of one letter.

*Read Revelation 4-5.*

1. Who might the twenty-four elders represent?

1. Since the second century, the four creatures in Revelation 4 have been used as symbols of the four Evangelists. Match each creature with the correct Gospel.

1. List two titles given to Christ in chapter 5. Discuss the significance of these titles.

**STOP!**

*Read Revelation 12:1-13:18.*

1. One interpretation of the woman is that she represents Israel, God’s people. Explain how this might be the case.

1. Another traditional interpretation is that the woman symbolizes Mary, the Mother of both Jesus and the Church. Explain how this might be so.

1. Who is the person in 12:17? Who is the offspring of the woman?

1. What does the reign of forty-two months signify (13:5)?

1. Many people thought Nero would come back to life to terrorize his subjects. At the time of Revelation’s composition, who might the 666 (13:18) refer to?

**STOP!**

*Read Revelation 21-22.*

1. Why is there no need for a Temple in the new city?

1. What is your own image of heaven? Compare it to Revelation’s poetic image.