

## December 31 Answers

- 1) After the seven bowl judgments and the destruction of Babylon, John heard the **praise** of heaven ring out in celebration of God's wrath on the wicked. It was time for the Lamb's **marriage** ceremony and celebration feast, and all who are invited are blessed (Rev 19:9). We're privileged to be part of the **bride** of Christ, and one day we'll be with Him forever! John watched as Jesus came out of heaven on a white **horse**. Jesus is coming again! He is coming to defeat the **beast** and the false **prophet** and cast them into the lake of fire. He is coming to seize that ancient serpent **Satan** and bind him for a thousand years. He is coming to **resurrect** those martyred for His testimony during the Great Tribulation and reign with them on earth. As John looked on, the thousand years flew past and Satan was **released** from his prison. He was allowed to go out and **deceive** the nations and gather them together for battle against Jerusalem. This teaches us that a perfect environment cannot produce a perfect **heart**. We must work to transform people's **lives** with the gospel, for only then will a transformed environment really matter. John watched as Jesus defeated Satan for the last time and cast him into the lake of fire. Then he saw a new **heaven** and a new **earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Our eternal heritage is a new heaven and a new earth and a heavenly **city** of radiant splendor! Most of all, our heritage is that God will **live** with us forever. Now that's a future worth fighting for!