

“Them That Dwell On The Earth”

John is distinguishing those that “dwell on the earth” from those who dwell elsewhere. The word “dwell” means “to inhabit” in the sense of a physical home. So those that dwell on the earth refers to those who are ‘at home’ with all the world has to offer. They do not think in heavenly terms because the earth (world) is what they love. In every case in the book of Revelation they who dwell on the earth refer to unbelievers.

- **Rv.3:10**, Those that keep God's Word will not be on the earth during the “hour of temptation.”
- **Rv.6:10**, The martyrs in heaven ask God how long before He will avenge “them that dwell upon the earth”. John describes those responsible for shedding the blood of the martyrs.
- **Rv.11:10**, The unbelievers on the earth at the time the two witnesses are killed will rejoice.
- **Rv.13:8**, The unbelievers will worship the Antichrist as their names are not in the book of life.
- **Rv.13:12**, The False Prophet (second beast) has power to cause those on the earth to worship the Antichrist.
- **Rv.13:14**, The False Prophet will deceive those on the earth to worship the “image to the beast”.
- **Rv.14:6**, The everlasting gospel will be preached to “them that dwell on the earth”.
- **Rv.17:8**, Those who dwell on the earth will “wonder” after the beast (Antichrist).