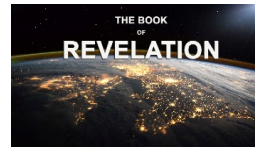


Outline: A Study in the Book of



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Note from Pastor: Please feel free to ask questions don't be too shy to inquire, before, during, after class or contact us through the web through our YouTube page or email at www.4176sbaptist@gmail.com.

- All questions are welcomed and encouraged.
- Questions add to a point of teaching that will make the efforts more complete.
- Did you know that questions can help in the teaching process?
- Questions can make the teacher better able to communicate and give us a better sense in the application of the Word in our walk with GOD.

Pastor's comments:

- Thank God for bible class, where we can learn scripture to encourage yourself and witness to others the "Good News" of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- This experience will better equip you in your witnessing, gives fertile ground, and effectiveness for fruitfulness.
- Studying and learning scripture blesses you with the truth.
- (John 8:32) **And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**
- **Have clarity and conviction on what we believe; victory over the adversary.**
- **Our lives are in God's hand! He gives knowledge. He is able!**

Outline in the Book of Revelation of Jesus Christ:

- Believed author: Apostle John, one of the twelve who walked with Jesus Christ. (Rev. 1:4,9;22:8)
- Exiled to island of Patmos for preaching the gospel in Asia.
- "Revelation" comes from the Greek word "apocalypses" and refers to an unveiling or disclosure of something unknown.
- Like the book of Daniel, the imagery can be hard to digest, the prophesy in Daniel illustrates that God is in control.

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- Evilness is in the world, although God doesn't direct nothing happens that He doesn't allow to happen and will accomplish His glory.
- We ought to trust that God is in control; if you are empty of the Word of God you will try to deal with the issues of life yourself. The Word says ultimately this leads to failure. God is sovereign!
- (Proverbs 3:5) Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
- (Proverbs 3:6) In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
- (Philippians 4:13) I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
- He is my power to overcome myself. Greater understanding to witness

Chp. 1: 1-3 Introduction and Benediction

(Revelation 1:1) The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

- The unveiling by Christ
- His servants refer to Christians

(Revelation 1:2) Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

- Standing true to Jesus' testimony had caused John's exile.
- Note: writings were to be delivered to the churches, by those who imprisoned John but also read them.

(Revelation 1:3) Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

- These writings carried a promise of blessing,

Greeting the Seven Churches:

(Revelation 1:4) John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

- **Seven / Perfection / Completeness / Deity**
- Seven Spirits may refer to "the angels of the seven churches"
- **Other angels in the book...(8:2)**
- Seven spirits refer to seven aspects of the fullness of the Holy Ghost

(Revelation 1:5) And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him

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that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

- Jesus Christ the universal ruler; be fully exerted in His second coming.
- Stresses need for repentance and a faith-response to the gospel.
- Just attending church doesn't give you benefit of understanding.

(Revelation 1:6) And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

- (1 Peter 2:9) But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

(Revelation 1:7) Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

- (Zechariah 12:10) And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.
- Those who heard about Jesus and were never saved but left.

(Revelation 1:8) I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

- God is the beginning and the end.
- God exists now, always has existed and always will.
- God knows so you are not in this alone.
- God know when we would falter but He blesses us anyhow.

Vision of the Son of Man:

(Revelation 1:9) I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

- Don't put man in places that only God should be.
- The great tribulation is part and parcel to the great finale!
- Don't forget we are all "sheep"; when we deal with the rough things together, we become partners in making it through.

(Revelation 1:10) I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

- The "Lord's Day" is every day, not just on Sunday.
- (Nehemiah 8:10) Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; **for the joy of the LORD is your strength.**

(Revelation 1:11) Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last:

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and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

- Seven churches chosen because of their location and ease of access.

(Revelation 1:12) And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

- Lampstands are the seven churches.
- They provided light: (John 8:12) Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

(Revelation 1:13) And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

- Glorified Son of Man: Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 3:25) He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.
- (Daniel 7:13) I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

(Revelation 1:14) His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

- (Daniel 7:9) I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.
- (Matthew 17:2) And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

(Revelation 1:15) And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

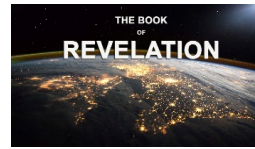
(Revelation 1:16) And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

- Two-edged sword symbolizes the power of the Word of God to judge
- (Hebrews 4:12) For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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- The right hand of God is the hand of power, help, supply, all our needs (Revelation 1:18) I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

- Keys in the Bible means authority.
- (Matthew 16:19) And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
- Living defeated is living without Christ in your life.
- (Matthew 11:29) Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
- The way of redemption.

(Revelation 1:19) Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

- There is no time line revealed to us, God know what is happening now and what is to happen in the future.

(Revelation 1:20) The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

- (Mark 4:11) And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:
- Guardian angel (spirit beings) for members of the churches, then, now and future.
- (Hebrews 1:14) Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?
- Seven is complete and the fullness; represented 7 churches then, right now and in the future, being revealed which was once a mystery.