

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.

- 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.
 - 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?

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)

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Review:

Seven churches were being persecuted from inside and outside.

These churches were located in places where earthquakes frequently erupted.

Today, these places have small churches or no church at all.

God had warned in His promises that the adversary will not have the victory.

Questions regarding the prophetic books in the Bible and the symbolism therein.

As you read and study the Scriptures have in mind:

- Who is talking?
- Who they are speaking to?
- Proper context is so important to properly/rightly apply scripture.
- Prophetic books with some of the same imagery here in Revelations: Eze. 1,10,24,26; Isa. 6; Dan. 1,2,4,9 etc.

Pastor's Comments:

So many commentaries written on **Revelations** and what it all means.

Ultimately, this book of **Revelations** is nothing to be feared!

There is a blessing in reading this book of **Revelations**.

- (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.
- In these first writings people needed someone to share with them the metaphors, symbolism, tec.
- The exact meaning of every detail is not necessary.
- Shares with the persecuted Church Jesus is alive and God will get the victory and the glory.
- Don't allow suffering to lose hope in that the shed blood of Jesus Christ at Calvary was for us.

God has shared with Israel through the prophets down through the years.

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- Imageries, symbols are used as examples that meant the same thing to all being taught.
- ie: horns=strength/power; crystal sea=clarity; cherubim=earthly references
- OT details; pay attention and give it proper context

Rejected and suffering Redeemer: (Isaiah 53:7) He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

- Difficult times come to see who you are in your faith. They knock on the door of your faith.

Review: Chp. 5 The Lamb Takes The Scroll

Notice the unsealing of the scroll in the Lamb's hand is not for viewing.

As each seal is broken something happens, a revealing.

Chp. 6 First Seal: The Conqueror

The lifting of the first four seals is portrayed as **four horsemen**, an image drawn from Zech. 1:7-11.

- V.1: The four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see", sets in motion dramatic effects unleashed by removing each seal.
- (Revelation 6:2) And I saw, and behold a **white horse**: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

Second Seal: Conflict on Earth

(Revelation 6:4) And there went out another horse that was **red**: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

- Strongly parallels Matt. 24:6-7..."Wars and rumors of wars" and nations and kingdom rising up against one another.

Third Seal: Scarcity on Earth

(Revelation 6:5) And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a **black horse**; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

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- Famine conditions, necessities greatly inflated, severe drought.

Fourth Seal; Widespread Death on Earth

(Revelation 6:8) And I looked, and behold a **pale horse**: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

- Power of death and hell given over, allowing them to kill freely.

Fifth Seal: The Cry of the Martyrs

(Revelation 6:9) And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the **souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held**:

- Those being killed for Christ, same reason John's imprisonment on the island of Patmos.
- Then a white robe (purity of God) was given to them, blessed rest a little longer until completion; **KEEP** praying to the Lord!

Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances

(Revelation 6:12) And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a **great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood**;

- (Joel 2:31) The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.
- God will deliver the oppressed from their oppressors.
- (Job 13:15) Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.
- **The wrath of God poured out on those that don't belong to Him.**
- **God disciplines those who belong to Him.**
- (Revelation 6:16) And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:
- **Saints are able to stand!**

Chp. 7: The Sealed of Israel

(Revelation 7:1) And after these things I saw four angels standing on the

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four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

- God's people are not always saved from trials but are kept save in it.
- #4=creation, world; ie: 4 directions, 4 seasons
- Seals put on foreheads of God's servants.
- Biblical shakings, earthquakes are going on right now.

(Revelation 7:4) And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

- 144,000 the called "the servants of God" are sealed by the Holy Spirit.
- Represents Israel following a future conversion of the nation.
- 144,000=gazillion (servants/saints)

(v.5-8) 12 tribes named from Judah to Benjamin

(Revelation 7:9) After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

- (Matthew 21:9) And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.
- Linked to the martyrs, to the bride and the armies of the Lamb
- These can be numbered but there was a great multitude which no one could number.

(Revelation 7:10) And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

- God and to the Lamb!

(Revelation 7:11) And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

(v.11-13) (Revelation 7:13) And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

- Palm branches symbolize victory, white robes transfiguring purity.

(Revelation 7:14) And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- (Isaiah 1:18) Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
- Something going on by faith; washed cleaner and cleaner.