

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)

Review:

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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.
- le: 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.
- Our foundation should be shaped by the Word of God; He will provide all that you need to stand.

Review: Book of Revelations is the book of end times and now times; so, there is something for us in a revelation of how things are today!

Jesus says:

- John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have **life**, and that they might **have it more abundantly**.
- (John 14:27) Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
- **The more you think like Jesus Christ you find yourself in trouble with the masses.**
- We are described as a "**Body**", in unity with each other to show the world who we are.
- (John 15:1) I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
- Know how to distinguish the **real** from the fake. (Gal. 5/fruits of the Spirit)

Chps. 5-7 Review: Scroll and the Seven Seals

- Catastrophes follows the opening of each, no reading of the scroll only judgments that precede it being fully opened.
- Christ was able to open the scroll and its **seven seals** on the basis of an accomplished fact-His death on the cross like a slaughtered **Lamb**.

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Chp. 8 Seventh Seal: Prelude to the Seven Trumpets

- **Great plagues:**
- Material earth going into convulsions (upheaval), disruptions.
- Seven angels given seven trumpets (announcing something)
- (Revelation 8:2) And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.
 - **Trumpets judgments!**

(Revelation 8:7) The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

- Combines what happened in first and seventh plagues on Egypt (Ex.7: 19-20; 9:22-25)

(Revelation 8:8) And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

- Similar to what happened to the Nile River first plague on Egypt, but more global. (Ex. 7:17-21)

(Revelation 8:10) And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

- Caused toxic water pollution, killing many people.
- Sin upsets God results in His judgment. He is sovereign.

(Revelation 8:12) And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

- Echoes the ninth plague on Egypt. (Ex. 10:21-23)
- Stars refers to prominent kingdoms or somebody.

(Revelation 8:13) And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

- Remaining judgments will maximize the **woe** upon the earth dwellers.
- Salvation doesn't spare you from suffering, it's a part of life on earth.
- (1 Thessalonians 4:16) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

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Chp. 9 The Locust from The Bottomless Pit

(Revelation 9:1) And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

(Revelation 9:2) And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

- This star was given a personhood;
- God gave the key to the bottomless pit, it was His from the beginning. (Revelation 9:4) And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.
 - Couldn't harm those remaining of earth who had God's seal.
 - (Ephesians 4:30) And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

(Revelation 9:6) And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

- The Lord prevented the death wish of so many people.

(Revelation 9:7) And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

(Revelation 9:10) And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

(Revelation 9:11) And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

- Names of Satan -who had key to the bottomless pit, a place where misery and suffering unimagined.
- God allowed him to have this key, God restrains the adversary.
- Destruction of the unrepented unbelievers, tormented by the very beings they worship.
- God's judgment reckoning of mankind's disobedience.
- Eternal torment is hell!
- (Luke 16:24) And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

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(Revelation 9:12) One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

- The remaining two **woes** are the sixth and seventh trumpet which telescopes all the way to the second coming of Christ. (19:11-16)