

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 Revelation: Eze. 1,10,24,26; Isa. 6; Dan. 1,2,4,9 etc.

Pastor's Comments:

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

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

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

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

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

Comments: Study the last book of the **New Testament**, chronologically speaking.

Book of Revelation in revealing the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Something to remember on this side of the second coming of our Lord.

Remember how and what Satan can and will do.

REVIEW: Keep in mind as we study further in **Revelation; the main things in scripture are the plain things in scripture!**

- John wrote to the churches in this prophetic book using familiar cultural imageries, symbols and metaphors (likening's).
- The letters are universally applicable; reference for today for all.
- Book of Daniel is a key aspect in understanding **Revelation**. Look also in other books ie: Psalms, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Zechariah.
- (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.
- "Seven", the number of perfection; numbers have spiritual meanings.
- John wrote to encourage a persecuted church, that was under threat.

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- Remember no matter how terrible it seems **God/Christ** is going to win!
- John wrote this letter long after **Jesus Christ's** resurrection, long after John had walked with **Jesus** as His disciple, he knew **Jesus**.
 - (John 13:23) Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.
- **Revelation of Jesus Christ:**
 - Pay attention to the details and how **Jesus, our Lord**, is described.
 - These descriptions are used for emphasis of revealing.
 - Christ is alive and well, a risen **Savior** to save His folks to the utmost.
 - Encouragement for the churches, the saving grace of **Jesus**.
 - **God was and is in control!**

Chp. 5-8:1-13 Seven Seals are opened after each opening there are disasters.

- Tri-fold application: Past, Present and Future (familiar imagery)
- (Proverbs 3:5) Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
- Understand what this letter is conveying to these folks and the now church.
- After the Seven Seals there came Seven Trumpets: Catastrophes followed
 - First Trumpet: Vegetation struck
 - Second Trumpet: The Seas struck
 - Third Trumpet: The Waters struck
 - Fourth Trumpet: The Heavens struck
 - Fifth Trumpet: The Locusts from the bottomless pit
 - Sixth Trumpet: The Angels from Euphrates released
 - Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom proclaimed

Chp. 9: The bottomless pit: given the key by the **One** who held the key.

- The pit belonged to the **One** who gave the key for the opening.
- (Revelation 9:3) And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.
 - Who commanded the locust? **God** it was His pit He allowed it.
 - If **God** doesn't allow all the issues of this life it cannot happen.
 - Locust were commanded to not harm men but to torment them.
- (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.

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- The messes of this world will be caused by men with a bad spirit.
- The shape was **like** horses,
- (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.
 - The king of the pit was a destroyer/destruction.
 - (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.
 - **God** sent **Somebody** to destroy the work of the devil.
- (Revelation 9:12) One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.
 - This was only the first woe however two were yet to come.
- (Revelation 9:13) And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,
 - Book of Exodus: these four horns altar in the temple of the Tabernacle before the **God**; His temple.
- (Revelation 9:15) And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.
 - None of this is just happening: **God** is not moving because we have done something, He is not waiting; they were prepared.
 - (Matthew 24:42) Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.
- (Revelation 9:17) And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.
 - All have to do with the judgments of **God**; we will suffer His judgment not His wrath.
 - What kind of love do we have for **God** in sickness and other perils?
 - Your posture must be our **God** is able.
- (Revelation 9:19) For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.
 - On their tails were heads with a mouth; power is in the mouth.
 - Two-edged sword that came from His mouth 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

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asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- (Genesis 3:4) And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:
- The serpent deceived Eve with the tongue and questioned **God**.
- Folks are in bondage as a result of what someone says (talk); we listen to somebody that is talking, watch it.
- (Proverbs 18:21) Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.
- What do you talk about when you talk, life or death?
- (John 8:32) And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. **Proclaim the truth!**
- Who now is giving you instructions to live by?
- There are many excepting a lie as the truth-it is death eternal.
- (Revelation 9:20) And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:
- (Revelation 9:21) Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.
 - In the end times, sexual immorality is mentioned with murders.
 - **God** has a divine order for sex. Sex is important to **God!** He is the **Author** of the family. Be fruitful and multiply.
 - (Philippians 2:5) Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
 - (Romans 12:2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
 - One third of mankind died because they would not repent.
 - The love of **God** causing you to be transformed.
 - The other two-thirds, God allowed judgment for those to repent.
 - (1 Corinthians 4:16) Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. (Following those who follow **Christ Jesus.**)
 - From Genesis to Revelation the way we deal with sin still remains the same. **God's** judgment and His wrath are different, He allowed one third of men to die He wanted them to repent.
 - (1 Corinthians 2:9) But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
 - **God's** love for us is beyond comparison, its unimaginable.
 - Because judgment is coming.

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Chp. 10 The Mighty Angel

- (Revelation 10:1) And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:
 - Note here the symbolism/likening of the mighty angel to **Jesus**.
 - Clouds: (Matthew 26:64) Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.
 - (Genesis 9:13) I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.
 - Rainbow: (Genesis 9:13) I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.
 - Sun: (Matthew 17:2) And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.
 - Feet: (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. (Feet like pillars of fire)
- (Revelation 10:2) And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,
- (Revelation 10:3) And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.
- (Revelation 10:4) And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.
 - John understood what the thunder said, it came from heaven
 - Reminded (liken) them of **Jesus**, be encouraged of His promise, His faithfulness. The servant of **God** understands the thundering. **God** sent the Word (the mysteries of the kingdom)
 - (1 Corinthians 4:1) Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.
 - Have an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
 - (Matthew 4:17) From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
 - Deliverance and judgment; either you are saved or you are not!