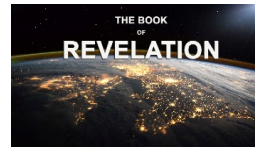


Outline: A Study in the Book of



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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:

Read Scripture and pray to **God** to be obedient to the will of **God**.

Apocalypse=revealing, unveiling, uncovering

Revelation a revealing of **Jesus Christ**.

The church John is writing to is under persecution, it is undone.

Have in mind that **Revelation** is full of symbols and images.

- Take note of the definites about the symbols that apply today and don't be messed about it. We are reading their living out of the New Testament. They reference the Old Testament/Covenant giving some understanding as they are going through these times of persecution for their faith
- **God is still in control!**

Joel 2:1-25 The Day Of The Lord

(Joel 2:1) Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

- Trumpets: symbolizes announcement, warning, make aware.
- In book of **Revelation**, we see "the day of the Lord"; represents the judgment of God.

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- Although for them presently it matches some of what is in **Revelation**. (Joel 2:5) Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

- Here the same descriptive terms in **Revelation**;
- **Writer is using familiar things**.

(Joel 2:11) And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for He is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

(Joel 2:13) And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

- **God** doesn't care about our ceremonies;
- **God** looks at the heart.

(Joel 2:15) Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

- The assembly of **God**

(Joel 2:25) And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

- The great armies of God (locusts)

(Isaiah 14:12) How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

- Satan identified as Lucifer
- Falling from heaven different from that is coming out of heaven

(Isaiah 14:13) For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

(Isaiah 14:15) Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

- **Revelation**: key (authority) to lock or unlock something.
- Brought down to Sheol (hell); the pit John spoke about (bottomless)
- What is in the pit? Who is being spoken of?
- Knowledge of the Word of **God** is key to the people of **God**
- Key to salvation

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- (John 1:12) But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name:
- Prophet Isaiah is talking about someone; be watchful, sober minded, looking up. No one knows the day or the hour, who will be found faithful at His appearance.
- **Revelation** draws imageries from almost every other book of the Bible. (Ex. 40:26)

Seven seals and seven trumpets and seven angels:

- Disasters after opening each seal; perfect judgment
- Seven is the number of perfection
- Here represents perfect judgment; God's judgment is perfect and good

(**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:

- Difference in an angel coming down and falling down

(**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,

- Symbolizes being in control

(**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 is writing what he understood

(**Revelation** 10:6) And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

- There is coming the perfect wrath of **God**.
- Time coming when the delay is no more

(**Revelation** 10:7) But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

- Time when no more mysteries about what **God** requires, even ourselves will not be a mystery, when **God** gets ready;
- You better be ready!

(**Revelation** 10:9) And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make

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thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

- (Ezekiel 2:8) But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.
- (Ezekiel 2:10) And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.
- Scrolls and lamentations/woes (**Revelation**)
- Book was sweet as honey; God is good.
- **God** doesn't send judgment without grace and mercy, waiting.
- Provision for the spiritual body, put the life of Jesus in you.
- (John 6:35) And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
- The Word of **God** provides for you!