

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

Review of last meeting:

- To add to our understanding of this narrative that the **Lord** gave to Apostle John, encouragement as the body of **Christ** had suffered persecution.
- The relevance of **Revelation** is found in chp. 1:
 - (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.

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- Often in sermonizing the Word of **God**, question and have a handle on the message that the Gospel conveys during that particular presentation and how awesome the it is; many interpretations thus leading to its death.
- There are so many faith postures today; that all have a believe system that have a spiritual realm that cannot be seen with the eye.
 - The different cultures add to life's experience, enhancing our taste.
 - The Bible says that man was made in **God's** image.
 - (Genesis 1:27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
 - (Acts 17:30) And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:
 - **God** opened His eye and sent His Word then demanded that you come away from those things created by man to the truth-believing on Christianity **Jesus Christ**.
 - All other faiths are man depended except Christianity-**Jesus is the only human being who says He is God and then proves it.**
 - **Jesus is who He said He was**; the bible has recorded eyewitness of His death, burial and resurrection.
- (Hebrews 7:25) Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.
 - **There will come a day when we no longer need an Intercessor.**
 - **God** will do away with time-for eternity is not time!
- **Apostle John** is giving the seven churches keys to hold unto during these times of persecution; symbolism and numbers (3,7-perfection)
- Your hunger and thirst for **Christ** will not be satisfied until you see **Jesus** face to face, it cannot be served expect by God. **All glory belongs to God.**
- **GOD** doesn't want us to not know, being ignorant of what we believe.
- Use **God's** gifts to behold and be more effective in the salvation of the lost.
- Faith in **Christ** produces a witness in Him and His saving grace to the lost.
- **Jesus** spoke more about hell than heaven; all are going to one or the other.
- Don't be deceived, **God's** word has instructions for you in these times of making decisions, making choices outside of the mindset of **God** you walk in death's way, (Read Numbers 22)

Chp. 9: Review of Seven seals and Seven Judgments; Seven trumpets

- When seals were opened there was judgments.

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- Trumpets held another instance of the judgment of **God**.
- Seven is the perfect judgment of **God**, completeness.
- (Deuteronomy 29:29) The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.
- Plaques killed one third of mankind, those left did not repent.

Chp. 10 Mighty Angel:

- Seven thunders, reminiscent of what was shared with them out of the Old Testament, Moses on Mt. Sinai.
- John was ordered not to write down what he knew.
- The angel stood over the whole world, one foot on the seas and the other on the earth. This is not **Christ**.

(Revelation 10:6) And swore 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:

(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.

- **God** promised the prophets there would be victory over the adversary, forever-that mystery will be fulfilled during the sounding seven trumpet.
- No question as to who **Jesus** is, how things are going to be. The second coming of **Jesus** there will be no questions unanswered.

(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 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.

(Revelation 10:11) And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

Chp. 11 The Two Witnesses

(Revelation 11:1) And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

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(Revelation 11:2) But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

- Place for the Gentiles to worship. Distinguishes them from believers and nonbelievers.
- **God** knows who are truly His. An account (measure) for all.
- (Luke 21:24) And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.
- Just before the second coming of **Christ**.
- Take heed to the Word and the fullness of it.
- We are the body of **Christ**; regardless of race.
- Where do you take your troubles?
- (Proverbs 18:10) The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

(Revelation 11:4) These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

- (Zechariah 4:6) Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

(Revelation 11:5) And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

(Revelation 11:6) These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

- Remember Elijah on Mt. Carmel, fire came down from heaven.
- These witnesses are the representatives of the **Most High God**, He witnesses, they are not afraid to speak the word of **God**.
- Persevere in your prayers for the saints.

(Revelation 11:7) And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

- There was a point and time these witnesses couldn't be touched.
- Don't become like those in Sodom and Gomorra, wickedness.
- **God** is in control! Our security and trust ought to be in Him alone.