

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.*
- ✓ ***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!***

Pastor's Review: Spiritually don't become Sodom and Gomorrah during these great times of testing.

- ***Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit***
- ***We must fight an unholy trinity daily: circumstances, yourself and the devil/evil one.***
- ***This unholy wants to dictate how you respond-we should respond as disciples and followers of Christ Jesus.***
- ***Jesus suffered the wrath of God and chose to do so because He loved us.***
- *(Philippians 3:14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*
- *(Matthew 5:6) Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*

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Pastor's Comments:

- **Don't focus on the things, but keep your focus on God!**
- In the book of Acts, Peter preached the first evangelical message after the death of **Christ** and 3,000 souls were added but there were no mega churches. They gathered to worship **God** in each other's home, to solidify that **Jesus** is and was the **Christ** they used the Old Testament text to compare those things the apostle preached.
- **Jesus** is coming back for a church without spot or wrinkle.
 - (Ephesians 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
- Revelation is full of symbols and images; the issue is how we apply them to our faith.
- **The main things are the plain things!**
- How do these things apply to the church? As the church was under persecution, with a hope factor varying during these times.
- Note: They were singing praises & hymns while under this persecution.
- **God** choose foolishness of preaching confounding the wisdom of men.

Review: Pastor's "No Charge" Wisdom

- As in the book of Daniel the same imagery and symbols are in Revelation.
- On Mt. Transfiguration both the Old and the New Testament is represented; the law and the prophets; Moses/Isaiah and Jesus
- This is **God's** book sent to use for His glory!
- Beware who teaches you for if you are not gaining knowledge to fight to win for **Christ** it is of no profit to you.
- The two witnesses whose identity is not known, they are witnessing for **Christ**; protected by **God** then allowed to be overcome and left on the street for three and 1/2 days; **God** sent His holy taxi.
- The twenty-four elders sat on the throne and worshipped.
- (Revelation 11:19) And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.
 - Hearing these things are not a good sign; has to do with God's judgment; heard after the death of the witnesses.
 - Be grateful for the stinging, the hurt, the heaviness.
 - Glory in Hebrew means "heavy". He is the substance in our life.
 - The conviction of **God** is like **Jesus** walking on your toes, which should give you joy, His love means He stopped by your tree.

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Chp. 12 The Woman, The Child, and the Dragon

(Revelation 12:1) And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

- There was a brilliance about this woman, glowing; this is **the church the true Mother of Jesus!**
 - **Sign** a believing remnant of the Jews. (John 20:30)
 - (Genesis 3:15) And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
 - The foundation of the moon is the Old Covenant; the first instance of the coming of **Jesus**. When **God** brings judgment.
 - The New Covenant (the Church); under her feet is the moon her foundation giving birth to the child; the foundation of the church is the Old Covenant; the New Covenant out shines the old.
 - The Seed comes from the Holy Spirit, Mary found with the Seed.
 - The number twelve symbolizes the twelve patriarchs of Jacob.
 - The Old and the New Covenant is displayed in this woman; who and what the church is to become.
 - These are suggested scenarios by Pastor.

(Revelation 12:2) And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

- The church shares **Jesus** with the world.
- (Isaiah 7:14) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

(Revelation 12:3) And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

- Second **Sign**; symbols found in book of Daniel.
- Powerful somebody, a ruler with authority. (The devil and Satan)

(Revelation 12:4) And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

- Recognize this scenario as Lucifer attempts to kill **Jesus**.
- (Matthew 2:12) And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

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- The world continues to devise ways to stop the Word of **God**.
- Do you testify about what **God** has done in your life? Share the Word!
- Don't let anything suppress the **Spirit of God!**
- The **Child/Jesus**.

(Revelation 12:5) And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

- The male **Child/Jesus** was to rule **all** nations. **Christ** will shepherd His people, ruling the nations severity.
- (Psalms 2:7) I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.
- **God** shares His throne with no one.

(Revelation 12:6) And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

- She was cared for for three and ½ years.
- Her fleeing symbolizes the Jewish converts who feared God (11:18) and glorified Him after the two witnesses were resurrected.

(Revelation 12:7) And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

- This dragon is an angel and has angels; the purpose distinguishes this powerful being.