

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.

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.

- *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.*

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- *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!***

Details in Revelations:

- ***It is the forthtelling of the future,***
- ***It is the New Testament prophetic book that goes forth.***
- ***It is for us to gain for our day to day living!***

Review: 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:

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

- Woman pregnant, in labor and in pain recalls virgin birth of Christ.
- Signifies: crown/headdress with 12 stars
- #12 signifies the (OT) 12 tribes and (NT) 12 apostles/the Church
- The glow of the sun which gives light to the moon; foundation of the Old Covenant:
- (Isaiah 49:6) And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.
- (John 8:12) Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

(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.

- Fiery red dragons; legendary fantasy representing oppression,
- Dragons were worshipped and admired; symbolic of Roman Empire.
- Roman Empire shaped how the church received the letters from John.
- Referred back to lessons in OT and the Old Covenant they knew.
- Roman Empire/Constantine changed who and what to worship.
- Worshipped **Jesus Christ**; made Dec. 25th a day for **Jesus'** birthday.

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- Apostle John was indicating where the oppression was coming from.

(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.

- The dragon was waiting on the birth of the **Child**.
- (Romans 8:19) For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.
- The dragon knew something.....
- (Romans 8:22) For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
- From the beginning **God** will prevail;
- **Revelations** encourages a persecuted Church that **God** is in control.
- How are we going to prepare ourselves to be witnesses?
- All things in creation are being what they are supposed to be except man/humans.
- The rule of man belongs to **God**
- The tail indicates the end of something-the dragon has an end!
- Constantine put an end to what was before; the Roman Empire influences is seen all over the world; ie: Washington,DC; Congress..

(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.

- **Jesus Christ** will shepherd **His** people tenderly;
- (Psalms 2:9) Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

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- The birth of **Jesus Christ** to His ascension.

(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.

- **God** has prepared a place for His church; **Jesus** gift for the world.
- The wilderness where Israel was protected by the **Lord**.

(Revelation 12:9) And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

- The accuser, the deceiver, great dragon.

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(Revelation 12:10) And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God, day and night.

- The devil is a defeated foe-right now!

(Revelation 12:11) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

- Will you die for the cause of **Jesus Christ**?

(Revelation 12:12) Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

- The short time for the devil cannot be compared to our knowing of a short time. The devil is busy right now.
- Holiness is **God's** standard!
- How can you be like **Him** and not know **Him**?
- (Ephesians 5:15) See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
- We are healed in **Jesus'** name-spiritually.
- (2 Corinthians 5:21) For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of **God** in him.

(Revelation 12:13) And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

- The woman represents the Church; the devil persecutes the Church.
- The devil is alive and against **Christ**-the Antichrist.

(Revelation 12:14) And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

- The woman/Church is going to be delivered, a prepared place.
- (Psalms 34:17) The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
- **God** has provided deliverance.
- (Psalms 50:15) And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

(Revelation 12:15) And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood

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after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. (Revelation 12:16) And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

(Revelation 12:17) And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

- We His offspring are **Jesus'** brother; **Jesus** is alive.
- (Galatians 3:26) For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
- The new birth; **God** doesn't have illegitimate children; there are none with birth defects. Born-again!
- (John 3:5) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- We are saved completely.
- Paul said; (Romans 7:21) I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.
- Fight with **Jesus!** (Romans 12:1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
- Kill the old thing; embrace the new one.
- Be a witness...(Luke 9:26) For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.
- (Mark 16:15) And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
- Power to use the Word to overcome; you have the authority of **Jesus Christ** as a child of **God**.