

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!**

Pastor's Additional Comments: **Revelation**

- Book of **Revelation** not to be put in chronological order.
- Theme from beginning to end; same as in Genesis.
 - **Jesus** is the Victor; **God** never fails!
 - Where there is conflict, it is always between Satan & his and **Jesus & His**.
 - **God** always wins even if it seems not so.
 - Day to day prophesy does us no good, use it to live for the **Lord**.
- There is empowerment in the symbols; what it means to be a believer.
- **God** knows us and giving too much esteem puts focus on us.
 - Issues of thorn in our flesh; Paul's journey:
 - (2 Corinthians 12:7) And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.
- This letter written by Apostle John, gives references to familiar things.
- Use what is given to the church-discern if it is from man or **God**.

(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!

- First instance where Lucifer (The shining one), Satan in heaven was a "somebody" however here pictures Lucifer kicked, put out of heaven.

(Luke 10:17) And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

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(Luke 10:18) And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

- **Jesus** references Isaiah; Satan's fall from heaven.
- We will be fighting as long as we are on earth.

(Ephesians 6:10) Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. (Read: v.10-18)

- Paul talks about fighting and what's needed to fight the devil; symbols.
- Apostle John brings to their attention a refreshing.
- And without the **Holy Spirit**, who brings back to your remembrance.
- First you must put something in. Read and study the **WORD of God**.

(James 4:7) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

(James 4:8) Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

- Apostle John's letters were written to the church.
- Authentic believers have the indwelling of the **Holy Spirit**.
- The adversary cannot overtake a true believer of **Christ**.
- True believers cannot be driven out of their minds.
- (1 Corinthians 10:13) There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.
 - Who is your strength?
- (Psalms 121:1) I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
 - Look up!
- (1 Peter 5:7) Casting all your care upon him; for He cares for you.
 - Endure hardships.
 - Give everything its proper context.

Review: Revelation 12

- Woman symbolize the Church; she battles with the serpent.
- Satan/devil saw the woman with **Child**; sought to devour the **Child**.
- The woman had somewhere to run, escape already provided for her.

Revelation 13:

(Revelation 13:1) And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

- The beast called so (read: Dan. 7:7); he was outside **God's** will.

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• The beast uttered proud words and blasphemies; desegregated.
(Revelation 13:2) And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

- The dragon imitates the beast exercising all his authority.
 - **Jesus is God** in the flesh; **He** has **His** authority.

(Revelation 13:3) And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

- Make careful the **Word** you hear lines up with **The Word of God**.
- **Jesus** came to fulfill the law not break it.
- (Matthew 5:17) Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.
- From the beginning came redemption and heaven.
- One day we will "marry" **Jesus**, if we hold fast to our faith.
- Without a relationship with **Jesus** your worship is in vain.
- Filter what you hear through the **Word of God!**
- The world followed the beast, marveled at his healing.
- There should be a distinction between the world and us (Believers).
 - (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.
 - Eat at His table the Bread of life.
 - The adversary waits for opportunity to bounce.
 - (Matthew 11:28) Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

(Revelation 13:4) And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

- Take the focus off **God**, worshipping idolatry following the beast.
- We are the body of **Christ**; take up your cross follow **Him**.
- (Matthew 16:24) Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

(Revelation 13:6) And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

- Don't come to worship empty; your belief in **Christ, He** lives in you.
- No child of **God** is empty, we are not alone; we are the body of **Christ**
- **Where the Spirit of God is there is unity.**

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(Revelation 13:7) And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

- In this instance this is in and on the earth; some will die.
- Everybody in church are not saints.

(Revelation 13:8) And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

(Revelation 13:9) If any man have an ear, let him hear.

(Revelation 13:10) He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

- An eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth.
- Those who live by the sword die by the sword.

(Revelation 13:13) And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

- Sodom and Gomorrah: (Genesis 19:24) Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;
- (1 Corinthians 13:13) And now abide faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity (love). Which is the greatest!