

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: Revelation and The First Century Church

(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.

- Beast rising out of the sea (read Dan. 7:2-7)
- The Holy Trinity: **Godhead the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit**; the three distinct persons of **God sharing One essence**;
- The opposing trinity: The Beast, The False Prophet and The Antichrist.
- Satan, devil/better name; his proper name Lucifer is a great imitator.
- Symbolism of the dragon/beast; no agreement on the nation or people
- Do you believe the Word of **God** to lead, to satisfy every need in life?
- The **Word** is the unique complete **Word of God**-READ it for yourself!
- This **Word** given by **God** to fight the woes of this life; it is true!
- There are some who believe the Bible is just a book and there is no hell; the Bible is the only **WORD of GOD!**
- (2 Corinthians 3:5) Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;
- **Jesus** spoke more about hell than heaven.
- (1 Corinthians 2:9) But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
- We cannot imagine what is the opposite of heaven.
- (Ephesians 2:8) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
- The grace of **God** has to be shared with others, especially unsaved.
- The beast rising out of the sea represents people, nations, tongues-anything that opposes **God** rises out of the sea; secular power.

(Matthew 3:16) And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out

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of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

(John 1:29) The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

(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.

- Beast out of the sea symbolizes the world.

(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.

- You will follow the beast/antichrist if the indwelling of the **Holy Spirit** is not in you.
- (V.11) symbolizes religious power in the service of secular authority.
- False prophet; appearing gentle and harmless; spoke like the dragon.
- Be careful who you are listening to, might be dressed like a lamb.

(Revelation 13:12) And he exercises all the power of the first beast before him, and cause the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

- The trinity of evil is now complete; Satan, false prophet & antichrist.

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

- Performed great signs in the sight of men.

(Revelation 13:14) And deceives them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

- Second beast is just like the first one.
- Antichrist/beast activity wants to take place where it can impact the most people.
- (Matthew 4:1) Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.
- (John 1:1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- Showing off yourself is beast activity-the devil wanted to show that no one could do what he could do.

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- Watch your beast activity, wanting to see your name in lights. (Revelation 13:15) And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

- Form of deception; the image's influences.

(Revelation 13:16) And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: (Revelation 13:17) And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

(Revelation 13:18) Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

- Pastor says these particular #'s is null; fall short of perfect number 7.
- They all took a mark giving them the right, privilege to transact business, allegiance to, the ultimate test the mark of the beast.

(Revelation 14:1) And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

- Meaning a lot of people; the redeemed folk. "Redeemed" activity.
- Mt. Zion means the people of **God**.
- Do you know you will be with the **Lord**? What are your markers?

(Revelation 14:2) And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

- Musicians were playing and they were singing a new song.

(Revelation 14:3) And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

- We have a song that the angels cannot sing; it is only for us.
- Jesus did not redeem the angels; only the **Redeemed** know.
- If you have been forgiven by **God** sing like it's your last time.

(Revelation 14:4) These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goes. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.

- Sexual purity is a part of **Revelation**-it is given to us by **God**.
- Sexual morality was told by **Jesus** to John to write in **Revelation**.

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- Follow the **Lamb** (the faithful).
- Believers are considered as a choice offering to **God** and the **Lamb**.

(Revelation 14:5) And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

- No man we know is without fault, pure; those who have been redeemed and washed in the blood of the **Lamb**; without holiness no man can see **God**.

(Revelation 14:6) And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

- Who is the gospel for? The "**good news**".

(Revelation 14:7) Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

(Revelation 14:8) And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

- References to sexual impropriety, illicit relations.

(Revelation 14:9) And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

(Revelation 14:10) The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

- Evidence points to hell.
- Our body glorified in like **Christ Jesus**.
- Our bodies will be changed in an instance.
- (2 Corinthians 5:8) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.
- We will be resurrected unto eternity or damnation.
- **God** doesn't make them drink the wine, those who refuse **God's** love.

(Revelation 14:11) And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

- Torment forever and ever; those having a good time on the way to hell.
- Believers must be willing to approach misinformation with questions!

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- The beast gathers folks in and highlights your lack of knowledge.
- This book, **Revelation** shares what **God** said would come to pass.