

# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

## Understanding the BOOK OF REVELATION

### Revelation

***IT IS THE ONLY BOOK IN THE BIBLE THAT GOD PROMISES A  
BLESSING TO ALL WHO READ IT OR HEAR IT.***

**Revelation 1:3**

**It is extremely important that every Christian read and study  
the Book of Revelation.**

**God gave us instructions concerning the Book of Revelation.**

***“Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the  
time is at hand.” Revelation 22:10***



# REVELATION

## OVERVIEW OF REVELATION

- Chapter #1** The things which John saw – On the Isle of Patmos – vision of the Glorified Christ
- Chapter #2** The History of the Church Age
- Chapter #3** The History of the Church Age
- Chapter #4** The Rapture  
A view of the Throne in Heaven
- a. It has been a “Throne of Grace” for 2000 years
  - b. From Chapter 4 through Chapter 20, it is a “Throne of Judgment”
- Chapter #5** The Foundation of future events
- a. The “seven seals” book
    1. Contains the Judgments of God
    - b. The exaltation of Christ, the Lamb of God
- Chapter #6** The “Seven Seals” (First series of God’s judgments)
1. Anti-Christ makes a covenant with the Jews – Peace – Temple rebuilt
    - a. Worship and sacrifice restored to Israel
  2. Anti-Christ breaks the covenant in the middle of the Tribulation period
    - a. God in Temple and sits on Throne – declares himself to be God
    - b. Jews turn on him
  3. A World-Wide Famine
    - a. Food rationed
  4. One-fourth of the world population dies from starvation or war
    - a. 2 Billion as of 2017
    - b. Thousands of unburied bodies
    - c. World-wide stench!
  5. A cry for vengeance by the saints who were martyred
  6. A world-wide catastrophic disaster
    - a. Mountains move
    - b. Men hide in caves – seek death
    - c. Seems they can see God on the throne & know judgments are from Him
    - d. Harden hearts and refuse to repent
- Chapter #7** **PAUSE in Judgment between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Seal**
- a. 144,000 Jews sealed
  - b. A great multitude of gentiles saved
7. Opens the seven Trumpets Judgements
- Chapter #8** The Seven Trumpet Judgments (Second series of God’s Judgments)
1. Hail, fire, and blood cast on earth
    - a. 1/3 of trees burnt
    - b. All green grass dies
  2. 1/3 of sea turns to blood

1/3 of creatures in sea die

a. Adds to the world-wide stench (TERRIBLE)

1/3 of all ships destroyed

3. 1/3 of all fresh water turned bitter – “Wormwood”

4. 1/3 of sun, moon, and stars are smitten (darkened)

**Chapter #9** 5. Bottomless pit opened – Star falls – Satan fell from Heaven

a. Smoke covers the earth

b. Men tormented for 5 months

6. Four demons loosed

a. Army of 200 thousand thousand!

b. 1/3 of all men slain

1. Another 2 billion people die as of 2017

2. Total of 4 billion death to this point

c. Impossible to bury the bodies (Ezekiel 39:9 & 12)

d. Stench of death of men and creatures of the sea

e. Unimaginable stench – world-wide!

1. Three plagues announced

a. Fire – Smoke – Brimstone

**Chapters #10-14**

**PAUSE in Judgment**

Chapter #10 The Mighty Angel and the Little Book

Chapter #11 God’s Two Witnesses – 3 1/2 years

a. Earthquake – In Jerusalem (11:13)

Chapter #12 War between Satan and Israel

Chapter #13 The two beasts (Anti-Christ and False Prophet)

a. Satan cast out of Heaven (13:9)

Chapter #14 The Table of Content

a. The protection of the 144,000 Jews sealed in Chapter 7

b. The Angel preaching the Gospel

c. The announcement of the fall of Babylon

d. The doom of the beast

e. The blessedness of the dead in Christ

f. The reaping of the “good wheat” of the earth

g. The reaping of the “tares” of the earth

**Chapter #15** The opening of the seventh Trumpet

This opens the seven vials of God’s Judgment

**Chapter #16** The Seven Vials are poured out on the inhabitants of the earth

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## LESSON ONE

### THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

#### Revelation 1:1-22

- Intro:** I. The Person of the Book: “The Revelation of Jesus Christ”
- A. It is not “The Revelation of St. John the Divine”
  - B. Referred to himself as, “...*your brother and companion*”
  - C. See [Matthew 23:8](#)
    1. Jesus Christ is the MAIN theme of the Book of Revelation
      - a. Secondly, it is God dealing with Israel (Daniel’s 70<sup>th</sup> Week)
      - b. Thirdly, it is God’s wrath being poured out on the Gentile World
- II. The Penman of the Book
- A. John, the son of Zebedee
    1. Wrote five books (John, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> John, and Revelation)
  - B. Wrote: What he heard ([vs. 10](#)): What he saw ([vs. 19](#))
- III. The Purpose of the book ([Rev. 1:1](#))
- A. It was given “...to shew unto His servants.”
    1. Servants: “Doulos” – “bond-slave”
    2. A slave by his own choice – Because he loves his master
      - a. If you are not a “bond slave” the promised blessing does not apply to you!
      - b. Must “have an ear” to hear: [2:7,11,17,29](#); - [3:6,13,22](#)
  - B. It was to show things, “which **must shortly** come to pass”
    1. This does not mean it will happen “in a short time.”
    2. It means that “when it does start,” it will be
      - a. **Bam - Bam – Bam - Bam - Bam!**
      - b. It will be “one right after the other.” There will be no lapse in time!
- IV. The Promise of the book ([Revelation 1:3](#))
- A. “He that readeth” (No Bibles in that day – one person read to the people)
  - B. “They that heareth” (People present and hearing)
  - C. “Those that keepeth” (Observe them in daily, practical conduct)
    1. “To keep” is to give heed or obey the Lord’s commandments
      - a. [John 14:15](#); [15:10](#), | [John 2:3-5](#), | [John 3:22-24](#)
- V. The Partakers of the Book ([Revelation 1:4 & 11](#))
- A. Written to “seven local churches” present in John’s day
  - B. It has a “Prophetic over-tone” – covers church history: Pentecost to end of Church Age.
    1. The characteristics of each church are in Revelation. [Chapters 2 & 3](#)
  - C. Personal application

# THE THINGS JOHN SAW

Revelation 1:19

## JOHN SAW HIS DIGNITY

Revelation 1: 5, 8, 13-18

**INTRO:** Jesus Christ is the central theme of the entire Bible.

The book of Revelation deals more with this than any other book.

- I. **He is the Faithful Witness** (Revelation 1:5; 3:14)
  - A. This is first mentioned in [Isaiah 55:4](#)
  - B. Jesus bore witness to the TRUTH ([John 18:37](#))
    1. He never lacked courage
    2. He never compromised – NOT ONCE
      - a. Today, men do both – many times because of respect of persons
- II. **He is the first begotten of the dead** (Revelation 1:5)
  - A. He “died” for the truth
    1. He was true to His witness until death
  - B. Paul testified to Him being the first born from the dead ([Col. 1:18](#))
  - C. Christ rose from the dead to:
    1. NEVER die again
    2. Reign Supreme
    3. He is now “awaiting” that day ([Phil. 2:8-11](#))
- III. **He is the Prince of the Kings of the Earth** (Revelation 1:5)
  - A. Proud men have sought to rule – and still do
    1. The Earth is the Lord’s ([Psalms 50:12 & 24:1](#))
  - B. Christ holds the “Title Deed” to the earth
    1. In that day – He will claim His possession ([Revelation 4:20](#))
  - C. Jesus Christ is:
    1. King of Heaven [Daniel 4:37](#)
    2. King of the Jews [Matthew 2:2](#)
    3. King of Israel [John 1:49](#)
    4. King of the ages [I Timothy 1:17](#)
    5. King of Glory [Psalms 24:7](#)
    6. King of the saints [Revelation 15:3](#)
    7. King of Kings [Revelation 19:16](#)
- IV. **Unto Him that loved us... and washed us from our sins in His own blood** (Rev. 1:5)
  - A. “Loved” in the Greek is a “present tense verb”
  - B. He loves us as much today as He did the day He died and shed His blood
    1. God wants us to understand that truth ([Ephesians 3:17-19](#))
  - C. We grow in understanding by Obedience – Trust – Practice
  - D. Jesus PROVED his love for us with His BLOOD

## JOHN SAW HIS DEITY

### Revelation 1:8 & 11

- I. **I am the Alpha and the Omega** (Revelation 1:8 & 11)
  - A. Meaning: “First and the last” (Verses 11 & 17)
  - B. God has “no beginning – and no ending”
  
- II. **I am the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty** (Rev. 1:8)
  - A. “Shaddai” Called this 48 times in the Old Testament
  - B. “One who is sufficient to carry out His promises”
    - 1. Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 3:16 & 15:5)

## JOHN SAW HIS DESCRIPTION

### Revelation 1:14-16

**INTRO: John Describes** (Revelation 1:14-16) (Seven – The number of completion and perfection)

- 1. His Head
  - 2. His Hairs
  - 3. His Eyes
  - 4. His Feet
  - 5. His Right Hand
  - 6. His Mouth
  - 7. His Countenance
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- I. **His Head and His Hairs** (Verses 13-14)
    - A. Picture of a Judge (Verse 13) Long Robe!
    - B. Jesus will go from “Justifier” to “Judge”
  
  - II. **His Eyes were as a flame of fire** (Verse 1:14)
    - A. As Justifier his eyes were filled with tears (John 11:35)
    - B. As Judge His eyes will penetrate like fire (Hebrew 4:13)
  
  - III. **His Feet like fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace** (Rev 1:15)
    - A. Brass speaks of “judgment”
      - 1. He came with “feet of beauty” (Isaiah 52:7; Romans 10:13-15)
      - 2. He comes again with “feet of Judgment”
  
  - IV. **His voice as the sound of many waters** (Rev. 1:15)
    - A. Speaks of Power and Authority (Jeremiah 25:30)
  
  - V. **He had in His right hand seven stars** (Rev. 1:16)

- I. The “Seven Stars” are the “angels” (messengers) of the “seven churches” (Rev. 1:20)
    - A. Today, this pictures the “pastor” of the church
    - B. Our pastor “a faithful messenger” is held securely in the right hand of Jesus Christ!
    - C. **Any person who criticizes their pastor is “NOT RIGHT WITH GOD – No Holy Spirit**
      - 1. **They are not blessed of God – Not filled with the Holy Spirit**
      - 2. **They are carnal and guilty of sowing discord, which God HATES**
- Matthew 18:15**
- VI. **Out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword** (Rev. 1: 16)
    - A. The Word of God (Hebrews 4:12)
    - B. The Word will judge those who hate and reject Him (John 12:48)
  - VII. **His countenance was as the sun shineth in His strength** (Rev. 1:16)
    - A. Peter and James saw it on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:2)

## **THE PLAN GOD GAVE JOHN FOR WRITING THIS BOOK**

**Revelation 1:19**

- I. **Things which thou has seen** (Revelation 1:1-18)
  - a. The things which we have just reviewed
- II. **Things which are** (Revelation Chapters 2 & 3)
  - A. The characteristics or stages of the church from Christ until today
  - B. The history of the church is prewritten from Pentecost to the Rapture
- III. **Things which shall be hereafter** (Revelation 4:1 – Revelation 22)
  - A. The amazing things that will take place AFTER the TRUE church is taken from the earth

## **THE MYSTERY OF THE SEVEN CANDLESTICKS IS EXPLAINED**

**Revelation 1:20**

- I. The “Seven Candlesticks” are the “Seven Churches” (Revelation 1:20)
  - 1. Those churches are presented in Chapters 2 & 3



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## LESSON TWO

### THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS

Revelation 2:1-7

**Intro #1: The seven letters in Revelation Chapters 2 & 3 are often referred to as the “Seven letters to the churches”**

- A. They were not addressed to “the churches.”
- B. They were each addressed to “the angel” of the church at.....”
- C. The “pastor” of the church is responsible to teach, guide, and direct the church.
  - 1. The pastor of the church is responsible and accountable for the church.
    - a. [Hebrews 13:7 & 17](#)
- D. The pastor is to be HIGHLY respected ([Psalms 105:15](#), [Prov. 6:19](#), [Matt. 18:15](#))

**Intro #2: Each of the seven letters to the churches has a “three-fold” meaning:**

- A. A Primary Application – To that church
- B. A Prophetic Anticipation – To the churches down through the ages
- C. A Personal Application – To every Christian
  - 1. The first letter was written to Ephesus in [Acts 10:8-10](#)
    - a. Ephesians is the “Alps of New Testament”
    - b. They were a great missionary church ([vs. 10](#))
    - b. That was 54 AD
    - c. This second letter was written to Ephesus – **ONLY 40 years later**
- F. This is the only letter to the seven churches of Revelation concerning which we have much scriptural information that is recorded largely in [Acts 18:24 - 20:38](#).

**Period: The church at Ephesus represents the “First Century” Church.**

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

### I. The Counselor of the Church – ([Revelation 3:18](#))

- A. The “angels” are the messengers. Today, they are “the pastors.”
  - 1. His “right hand” is a place of great power and authority.
    - a. Protected – Cared for – Controlled – Provided for
    - b. Will be held accountable – ([Hebrews 13:17](#))
  - 2. On that day Christ is recognized as “the head of the church.”
    - a. His Word is revered and obeyed
    - b. Pastors took/take “their orders” from Him ([Ephesians 1:22-23](#))

### II. The Commendation of the Church - ([Verse 2](#))

(God makes no false statements – he honestly commends them on these areas.)

- A. Thy Works - Everything in place and working
- B. Thy Labor - Hard working people – work until exhausted
- C. Thy Patience - Endured hardship

- D. Thy Pure Practices – Could not bear them which were evil
- E. Thy Pure Doctrine - Tried them that say they are apostles
  - 1. DID NOT tolerate false apostles (Proud men who thought proudly of themselves)

**Outwardly:** Don't see anything that could be wrong  
 If you had visited Ephesus, you would have said it was a GREAT church.  
 Nothing wrong in its appearance, - but -- GOD KNOWS

### III. The Complaint Against the Church (Verse 4)

- A. "Somewhat" is in italics!
  - 1. Today, the word means: "Mediocrity."
  - 2. The "somewhat" in this context **is the most serious charge ever made.**
- B. Complaint: YOU LEFT YOUR FIRST LOVE
  - 1. God does NOT SAY, "...you do not love me." (Left your FIRST love)
  - 2. What is "First Love?"
    - a. **Honeymoon love! (Agape: Spiritual, self-giving, heart burning love)**  
 You would do anything for her  
 You would spend your last dollar  
 You would buy her a gift you could not afford  
 You would do ANYTHING for her
- C. Complaint was NOT that they did not love Him - But "the honeymoon was over."  
**1. God had their "heads and their hands" but not their hearts!**
- D. They left the type of love they had for Christ when they first got saved!
  - 1. Would give their last dime
  - 2. Would do anything for Him
- G. You should not "do what you do" because you love people – though you should  
 You should not "do what you do" because you love your church – though you should  
 You should not "do what you do" because you love your pastor – though you should  
 You should .... "do what you do" **because you love Jesus Christ – AND YOU SHOULD!**

***"The Love of Christ constraineth me"*** (II Corinthians 5:14)

### IV. The Cure for the Complaint (Three fold) (Verse 5)

- A. **Remember**
  - 1. Where you were at one time
    - a. You would sing loud
    - b. You were tender hearted
    - c. You prayed daily
    - d. You were never offended
    - e. You would give your last dollar
    - f. You were careful with TV

- B. **Repent** - Sin has crept into your life. Left your “first love” for Jesus
- C. **Return** - DO THE FIRST WORKS  
**Put Jesus First in all things**

V. **The Conclusion - (Verse 5) There are two additional “R” words**  
**A. They will produce a different result.**

- A. **Revival** – Results when the church repents and puts Jesus FIRST  
**OR if there is no repentance**
- B. **Removal** of "HIM" out of his place (Him – The Holy Spirit)  
**“...will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.” (Rev. 2:5b)**
  - a. God will write Ichabod over a life or over a Church
- C. Can that happen to us?
- D. You say, “That can't happen to this church.”

**IT HAPPENED TO EPHESUS!**

THERE IS NO CHURCH IN EPHESUS TODAY!!!  
That church has not existed since the fifth century!

**This is a picture of the “first church on earth.”**  
**The church that began in the New Testament!**

**Prophetically**

Ephesus pictures the church with a lot of energy, a lot of work, programs, promotions, and activities –

“but, they were “quenching” the Holy Spirit.”

**They were**  
**“on fire for God”**

**But**

**They had already started “cooling down.”**  
**They left their FIRST LOVE**

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## LESSON THREE

### THE CHURCH AT SMYRNA

#### Revelation 2:8-11

**Period:** The letter to the church at Smyrna was about: 160 AD – 315 AD

- A. Smyrna is a picture of “The church revived during a time of great persecution.”
  - A. The word Smyrna means “bitter” (Afflicted).
  - C. This was “the beginning” of the church being under the “Iron heel of Rome.”
  - B. This “led into” the period of time when Constantine professed to be Christian.
    - 1. This is pictured in “the letter to Pergamos.” (Rev. 2:12-17)
    - 2. No proof Constantine was truly born again
    - 3. Pictures “The world accepting the church, and,  
The church accepting the world!”
    - 4. We will study that next week!

**Counselor:** These things saith the first and the last, which was dead and is alive

- A. Christ introduced Himself in the best manner to comfort this church.
  - 1. He reminded them that He had suffered and died.
  - 2. He had suffered. (Hebrews 2:18)
  - 3. He is now become “Their Great High Priest.” (Hebrews 4:15-16)

**I. The Commendation of the Church.** (Rev 2:9) – I know thy works.....

- A. I know thy tribulation (This does not refer to “common” everyday trials.)
  - 1. Refers to “trials and suffering” because you are a Christian
    - a. “...all that live godly – shall suffer persecution” (II Tim. 3:1 - 12)
    - b. II Tim 3:1-9 speak of apostasy!
  - 2. **Worldliness and Christianity do not go together.**
  - 3. **Popularity and Christianity do not go together.**
    - a. The world crucified Christ.
    - b. The world wants to crucify Christians. (Revelation 6:9)
  - 4. Suffering is a sign of God’s pleasure!
- B. I know thy poverty (Rev 2:9)
  - 1. Historians tell us that worldly authorities took the property of Christians.
    - a. Financial prosperity in a church is not spirituality!
  - 2. The church at Smyrna was in poverty.
    - a. God said, “but thou are rich” (Rev. 2:9)
    - b. Striking contrast with Laodicea
    - c. “Rich and increased – knowest not that thou are..... poor” (Rev 3:17)
- C. I know you’re slandered. (Rev 2:9)
  - 1. So serious – God called it “blasphemy”

2. The slander was not coming from “the lost world.”
  - a. The slander was coming from “religion” (Rev 2:9) “...which say they are Jews”
  - b. Jews (religion), say they are Christians – THEY ARE NOT
3. Everything religious IS NOT GOOD.
  - a. It will be a great day when we learn that!
  - b. These were of “the synagogue of Satan!” (Rev. 2:9b)
4. It is difficult to find “true churches” today – Especially - in big cities!
  - a. Our Reaction:  
We are to rejoice – We are to be “exceedingly glad.” (Matt. 5:11-12)
5. Tolerance is not taught in the Bible concerning “false teachers.”

D. I know you are fearful, so – I Command you not to Fear Any of These Things (Rev. 2:10)

1. “Ten days – a short or limited period of time” (Gen. 24:55; Daniel 1:12-14)
2. Be thou faithful unto death!
  - a. God will give you “the Crown of life!”
3. One of five crowns which can be given
  - a. Incorruptible Crown (I Corinthians 9:25)
  - b. Soul-Winners Crown (Philippians 4:1; I Thess. 2:19)
  - c. Crown of Righteousness (II Timothy 4:8)
  - d. Crown of Glory (I Peter 5:4)
  - e. Crown of Life (James 1:12; Revelation 2:10)
4. These are not to be worn on OUR heads, but
  - a. Presented to our Lord for Him working in us (Revelation 4:10)

## II. The Complaint against the church

- A. The letter to the church at Smyrna is one of two churches in which we find no complaint!
- B. The other church is the church at Philadelphia. (Revelation 3:7-13).

## III. The Cure for the Complaint

- A. There is no complaint, therefore there is no cure mentioned.

## II. The Conclusion of God’s Suffering Church

- A. Smyrna was a “suffering church.”
  1. Our philosophy as New Testament Christians should, must be:
    - a. Out of Tribulation comes Triumph
    - b. Out of Persecution comes a Prize
    - c. Out of Death come Dominion - we reign with Him

**Smyrna sets forth the picture in church history when  
the church was persecuted beneath the iron heel of pagan Rome.**

**IN CONTEXT**

**BE THOU FAITHFUL – EVEN IF IT COSTS YOU YOUR LIFE!**

**EXAMPLE:** A man named “Polycarp” was pastor of the church at Smyrna. He was suffering great persecution, was arrested and cast into prison. Polycarp was martyred and burned at the stake because he refused to denounce Christ and the truths of the Word of God – **THE SAME IS COMING!**

**The Christian practice should be:**

**Out of tribulation comes triumph**

**Out of persecution we are rewarded with a prize**

**Out of death we reign with Him!**

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## LESSON FOUR

### THE CHURCH AT PERGAMOS

#### Revelation 2:12-17

**Intro:** I. Located in Asia Minor – 20 miles inland from coast

- A. Well known for three things:
- (1) Great wickedness
  - (2) Vile associations
  - (3) Religion

**Period:** The letter to the church at Pergamos covers from about 313 A.D. to 600 A.D.

- A. Under favor of Constantine  
B. 600 A.D. is the point that “The Papacy” begin to rise strongly

**I. The Counselor of the Church (Author) - (Revelation 2:12)**

- A. “...sharp sword with two edges – use it to fight against ‘them.’”
1. Symbol of instrument that defeats Satan and false doctrine ([Matthew 4:4,7,10](#))
  2. We “overcome and defeat error by the ‘weapon of victory.’”
    - a. Let’s use it fearlessly!

**II. The Commendation of the Church (Revelation 2:13)**

- A. God said, “I know thy works...”
1. They were a “working church.”
  2. No further comment past that statement
- B. God said, “I know where thou dwellest .... where Satan’s seat is...”
1. Four major temples and religions in that city
    - a. Zeus – Dionysus – Athena - Aphrodite
    - b. Zeus was considered “The Throne of Satan!”
  2. If those people could be faithful in a city like Pergamos...
    - a. Known for wickedness and vile associations
    - b. And – the center of Satan worship
    - c. Christians can be faithful – ANYWHERE
  3. Some say: “You don’t know where I live – I work – my wife – my husband”
    - a. You’re right – I don’t – BUT God said, “...I do! – I know where you are!”
    - b. MAYBE you’re RIGHT WHERE GOD WANTS YOU.
  4. Paul wrote to Titus. ([Titus 1:5](#))
    - a. [Titus 1:9-16](#) explains the terrible conditions where Titus was!
  5. The God of ALL COMFORT said – I KNOW WHERE YOU ARE!
- C. God said, “I know that thou holdest fast...not denied my faith” ([Revelation 2:13](#))
1. People were “put to death” for being Christians.
  2. These honored the name “Christian.”
    - a. First called Christians ([Acts 11:26](#)) – while under persecution
  3. **Antipas was put to death** ([Rev. 2:13](#)) – We shall meet this man one day!
    - a. See him receive the “Crown of Life” and hear “well done...”
  4. TAKE COMFORT!!!
    - a. God said, “I know”
    - b. “...he which has the two-edged sword”

a. Instrument of war: (Eph. 6:17; Rev. 2:16; & Rev. 19:15)

### III. The Complaint Against the Church (Rev. 2: 14)

A. Pergamos comes from two Greek words (Pergos = United & Gamos = Marriage)

1. The name of the city means: “United in Marriage”

#### BALAAMISM

B. God did not charge them with “holding to Balaamism,” but with “tolerating” it.

1. “...thou has there them that hold....” (Rev. 2:14)

**EXPLANATION:** Balak was King of Moabites (Num. 22:4), hired Balaam to curse Israel (Num. 22:7)

Balaam refused. They offered MORE (Num. 22:17) Balaam went up (Verse 20 – Testing

Balaam – See “God’s will” in the matter (Num. 22:12). Balaam went, tried to curse Israel, but could not!

Balaam “joined Balak” and told him how the Israelites could “curse themselves.” (Num. 25:1-3)

A. “...eat things sacrificed – commit fornication...” (Revelation 2:14)

B. Pergamos – United in marriage – Balaam brought God’s people together with the world!

C. NOTHING can stop “East Side Baptist Church.”

1. Hell cannot prevail against us (Matthew 16:18)

2. But East Side Baptist Church can “stop itself!”

a. By tolerating things that are against the Word of God.

3. Stay away from the world.

a. The world cannot accept the church- **until** the church accepts the world.

C. God’s complaint? Some wanted to bring the world into the church!

1. They wanted to “Unite in Marriage!”

#### NICOLAITANISM

A. Comes from two Greek Words (Rev. 2:15) (Nikos – to conquer & Laites – the people)

A. Nicolaitanism: This was the practice of “**Clergy ruling over Lay people!**”

1. Men loved to be called “Father”

a. Matthew 23:9-10 – “Call no man father.”

2. Priests dress different – Why – To be exalted!

B. Many people place a pastor on a higher plane than themselves!

1. We should not expect more of our pastor than of ourselves.

a. We say, “He should do that – he’s a pastor.” (**or not do....**)

b. We should say, “He should do that, he’s a Christian.” (**or not do that**)

c. We should say, “I should do that, I’m a Christian.” (**or not do that** )

C. A pastor has authority – God given (Hebrews 13: 7 & 17)

1. The authority invested in the office.

2. The man is “called of God” to hold the office.

### IV. The Cure for the Complaint (Revelation 2:16) - - - REPENT!

A. This is not directed to the unbeliever or false church.

B. This is directed to the “true church” and its “messenger.”

1. It is “sinful” to tolerate Balaamism even if we do not practice it.

2. It is “sinful” to tolerate Nicolaitanism, even if we do not practice it.

2. Error is NEVER corrected by compromise.

a. Balaam was slain by the sword. (Numbers 31:8, Joshua 13:22)

**WHICH THING I HATE – REPENT OR ELSE**



# REVELATION

## LESSON FIVE

### THE CHURCH AT THYATIRA

(Revelation 2:18-29)

**Period:** The letter to the church at Thyatira covers from 600 A.D. to 1500 A.D.

#### I. The Counselor of the Church – Messenger: The speaker is introduced as:

- A. The Son of God (Revelation 2:18)
  - 1. Period of the rise of Rome, the Catholic Church & Papacy!
  - 2. Church begins teaching that Jesus was the Son of Mary (Queen of Heaven)
    - a. Occurred about 600 A.D. – 1500 A.D.
    - b. Called “The Dark Ages”
  - 3. Christ “rebuked” the church that degraded him as the son of a human woman.
  - 4. God’s “Son” was given BEFORE - long BEFORE - He was “born” of Mary! (Isaiah 9:6)
- B. Having eyes like unto a flame of fire (Acts 1:24) - - - (Hebrews 4:13)
- C. Having feet like **fine** brass speaks of Judgment (Revelation 19:15)
  - 1. God’s judgment grinds exceedingly slow, but exceedingly **fine**!

#### II. The Commendation of the Church (Rev. 2:19)

- A. They were a working church.
  - 1. They started out working – finished up working (vs. 19 & vs. 26)
  - 2. Today – many “start out working” but end up quitting.
- B. They were commended for their:
  - 1. Charity - Highest virtue – (Revelation 2:19, Acts 13:1)
  - 2. Service - Ministry - (II Corinthians 16:1) – ministering collectively as a church
  - 3. Faith - Dependable and Reliable – (I Corinthians 4:2)
  - 4. Patience – Enduring – hopefully – during difficulties – (James 1:3)
    - a. Do we have this patience to “endure” – hoping during difficulties?
  - 5. Works – Started out working – finished up working

#### III. The Complaint Against the Church (Rev. 2:20)

- A. Jezebel! (A wicked woman) – Who was this woman?
  - 1. I Kings 16:28 - 31 (Daughter of Ethbaal - Wife of Ahab!)
  - 2. Led the people into Baal worship (I Kings 18:19-24)
- B. She appears to have had a “place of leadership” in the church.
  - 1. She was a “teacher.”
  - 2. She called herself a “prophetess.”
    - a. Claimed to have “special revelation from God”
    - b. Knowledge of the “deeper things”
    - c. Claimed she knew more than the pastor (because of revelation)
  - 3. John called her teaching, “the depths of Satan.” (Rev. 2:24)
  - 4. Jezebel “**mixed**” the:
    - a. Altar of Jehovah & the Altar of Baal in worship! (I Kings 18)
    - b. This is the continuing work of “Balaamism” which started in Pergamos!
      - 1. Compare Revelation 2:20 with Revelation 2:14

5. Happening today:
  - a. They are called “Worldly Christians”
  - b. Same as saying “Heavenly Devil.” (God of this world) (II Cor. 4:4).
6. The complaint!!!
  - a. The church “**Tolerated her teaching**” (Rev. 2:20) – “Because thou sufferest.”
7. Preachers today do not preach, “Come out from among them...”
  - a. They preach, “Our church has room for everyone.” - **That’s too much room!**
  - b. II Corinthians 11:2 - “The Church is espoused to Christ.”
  - c. James 4:4 – “**Friendship with world – is an enemy of God!**”

#### IV. The Cure for the Complaint (Revelation 2:21)

##### A. ONLY CURE –

1. Those who are doing such things MUST Repent
  - a. Jezebel repented not!
- B. Something **more serious** for a church! “I have a few things against “thee” (**The Church**)
  1. When a church allows people to continue to “practice” Balaamism!
  2. “...because thou sufferest that woman...”
    - a. Sufferest – Greek: “eao” “Continues to permit” or “leaves alone”

#### V. The Conclusion (Revelation 2:22)

- A. Old Testament: Jezebel was condemned to be eaten by dogs (I Kings 21:23)
  1. God is patient – but she repented not and the dogs ate her. (II Kings 9:30-37)
- B. New Testament: Jezebel and those who support her
  1. Will be cast into Tribulation (Revelation 2:22)
  2. They will be eternally lost!
  3. It took 16 years before God’s prophecy came to pass – **The dogs ate her.**
  4. The justice of God grinds exceedingly slow, but exceedingly fine.
- C. The depths of Satan
  1. Colossians 2:8
  2. I Timothy 4:1-3
- D. DO NOT LET ANY FALSE TEACHERS CONVINCING YOU
  1. That the Bible is not true
  2. The very things that are happening today – PROVE the Bible is true.

#### VI. The Challenge to the True Believers (Rev 2:25)

- A. Hold Fast..... “Get a death grip on it!”
- B. Ephesians 6:11 & 13
- C. Vance Havner said: “On this rock I stand – I can do no less.”

#### VII. The Comfort for the Church Faithful (Rev. 2:24) – ( I Corinthians 15:58)

- A. To those that “hold on” (true believers), He will give power over the nations.
  1. During the Millennium – Rule the nations
    - a. I Corinthians 6:3 Judge angels – this life also
    - b. Malachi 4:2-3
- B. He will give those the “Morning Star”
  1. The eternal presence of Jesus Christ!

The church at Thyatira is a picture of the modern-day church that embraces the world, tolerates sin, and allows false teaching to hold positions within the church.

# REVELATION

## LESSON SIX

### THE CHURCH AT SARDIS

#### Revelation 3:1-6

**Intro:** The Ancient capital of Lidia – One of the richest cities in the world

- A. No record of who founded the church
  - 1. The word “Sardis” means: The: “Escaping ones” or “Those who came out.”

**Period:** The period of history covers from about A.D. 1500 to A.D. 1750

- A. The “Reformation Period”
  - 1. During the Reformation Period, there was “A BELIEVING REMNANT.”
  - 2. Men who “came out” during the Reformation Period – **rebelled against Rome.**
    - a. Martin Luther – CAME OUT  
Nailed his “Ninety-Five Theses” to the door of the Catholic Church in Wittenburg, Germany on October 31, 1517
    - b. John Knox – Catholic Priest – Denounced mass - CAME OUT - 1551
- B. The Lord had “no good thing” to say about this church.
  - 1. There were “a few members” which he commended – but nothing for the church

#### I. The Counselor of the Church and Pastor (Revelation 3:1)

- A. “He that hath the **seven Spirits** of God”
  - 1. Seven speaks of the total and complete power of the Holy Spirit. (See Rev. 1:4)
    - a. Sufficient for all the needs of the church. (**Golden Lampstand**)
    - b. Christ is to “control His church” through the effective work of Spirit.
    - c. We are to be “filled with the spirit.” (**IMPORTANT - Acts 1:4 - COMMANDED**
      - 1. Think like Christ thinks – HAS A “ONE TRACK MIND”**
      - 2. Feel what Christ felt – wept**
      - 3. Want what Christ wants**
      - 4. Ask for what Christ wants us to ask for – (Not amiss)**
      - 5. Do what Christ wants us to do**

- B. “He that hath the **seven stars**”
  - 1. Reminds them that those in the church who have the over-sight are to “follow His leading “through the Holy Spirit”
    - a. They will be accountable to Him for his church’s spiritual life. (Hebrews 13:17)

- C. Christ is the Sovereign Head of the church. (Colossians 1:18)
  - 1. And carries out His program through the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)

#### II. The Complaint against the Church and Pastor (Revelation 3:1).

- A. The church had “a name” that they were alive – but they were dead.
  - 1. Their “name” was AMONG MEN! – But - not recognized by God
    - a. Men think of a BIG CROWD
    - b. Anybody can get a crowd - Joel Olsen
- B. Sardis had the “look of life” and a “reputation for religious activity.”
  - 1. It lacked evidence of spiritual life.
  - 2. Today, churches meet, preach, have programs and promotions.

- a. They have a reputation to be “good churches.”
- a. The Holy Spirit is not active in the services.
- C. The “Church” had “No Power.”
  - a. Without the presence of the Holy Spirit – there is the absence of power.
  - a. **“Not by might, nor by power, but by the Holy Spirit”** (Zech. 4:6).  
Refers to a might army! – Great authority

### III. The Cure for the Church (Rev. 3:2-3)

- A. **First:** The church is warned to be “watchful.”
  - 1. Greek: “*Agrupneo*” = wake up to their spiritual state
- B. **Second:** The church was to “*strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die.*”
  - 1. This could be done by:
    - a. Removing false doctrine
    - b. Removing carnal leadership
    - c. Removing unbiblical practices
    - d. Removing meaningless activity
- C. **Third:** Remember and repent. (Revelation 3:4)
  - 1. Remember what we KNOW the Bible teaches.
  - 2. Remember the fundamental doctrines of the faith.
  - 3. Remember God said, “*Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit.*” (Zech. 4:6)
    - a. Failure to repent would bring judgment from the Lord!
      - 1. Promised he would come on them, “*as a thief in the night*”
- D. **Fourth:** He remembered that “a few names even in Sardis have not defiled their garments.” (Verse 4)
  - 1. Promised that they would “walk with him in white”

### IV. The Conclusion (Revelation 3:3)

- A. If there is no repentance
  - 1. The Lord said, “*He would come upon them as “a thief in the night.”*”
    - a. I Thessalonians 5:2 & 4 (Not the true believer)
      - 1. That was common in that day in Sardis – wealthy city.
      - 2. The people in Sardis experienced thieves coming at night to rob them.
  - 2. Christ does not come upon “His bride” as a thief in the night!
    - a. **Many** in Sardis would be terrified if He came immediately
    - b. **Few** had joy in their soul at the thought of His coming  
*Even so, Lord Jesus, come quickly.*
- B. Our attitude toward the “coming of the Lord” is a “spiritual gauge.”
  - 1. Is the coming of the Lord your:
    - a. Daily expectation?”
    - b. Do you long for His return?
  - 2. Are you fearful of His coming?
    - a. Do you live your life like He is:
      - Coming today?
      - Not coming today?
- C. Remember – when He comes – **It will be too late to repent of your deeds.**

# REVELATION

## LESSON SEVEN

### THE CHURCH AT PHILADELPHIA

Revelation 3:7-13

**Intro:** Philadelphia means “Brotherly Love.”

It is one of two churches that were not “called to repentance” – The other is Smyrna

NOTE: All of the seven letters to the seven churches are important.

This is the most important to the church in the day in which we live (2016).

**Period:** The Philadelphia church age began about 1750.

- A. It is called “The Age of Grace.”
- B. It continued strong until about 1940-1950.
- C. It was/has been the age of a great evangelistic and missionary movement.
- D. It began with the great Moravian Movement in Herrnhut, Germany.
- E. Leonard Dober and David Nitschman were the first two missionaries.
  1. They went to the island of St. Thomas – Sugar Cane plantations
  2. Sold themselves as slaves in order to share the Gospel with 3000 slaves

**Reminder:** All of the seven letters were written to the church. (Rev. 1:11)

It is the church’s responsibility, under the leadership of the pastor:

- a. To correct the things that are wrong
- b. To evangelize the world

**I. The Author of the Letter to the church at Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7)**

- A. Christ presents Himself as the Holy and True.
  1. Holy speaks of His character.
  2. Truth speaks of His conduct.
    - a. When Character is right – Conduct will be right
    - b. Perfect in “who” He is – Perfect in “what” He is.
  3. **THIS SPEAKS OF HIS RIGHT TO KINGSHIP.**
  4. **If our Character is right – our conduct will be right.**
- B. He presents Himself as “He that hath the Key of David.” (Rev. 3:7)
  1. Refers back to [Isaiah 22:16-22](#)
    - a. God had put Shebna, who was a politician and crook out
    - b. God had installed Eliakem in his place
    - c. God had given Eliakem “...the key to the house of David.”
    - d. Eliakem was a “type of Christ.”
  2. Christ is the only true heir of the “House of David.”
    - a. Gov’t on his shoulders – (Isaiah 9:6-7)
    - b. Key to House and Throne of David (Luke 1:32-33)
  3. **THIS SPEAKS OF HIS DIVINE APPOINTMENT AS KING (Psalms 2)**

C. He presents Himself as the one who “—I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it ...” (Rev. 3:8)

1. It does not say, he that “can” open.

a. The door IS OPEN...

b. No man CAN SHUT it.

c. IT IS THE CHURCH’S RESPONSIBILITY TO – **GO THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR**

## II. The Commendation of 3. THIS SPEAKS OF HIM AS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE CHURCH the Church (Revelation 3:8)

A. God said, “I know thy works: Behold I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.”

**Explanation:** The words: “behold, I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it:” are set off by “colons” on each end of the phrase, which is the same as being set apart by parenthesis. This means that those words “are not” part of the commendation.

The statement, without those words would read, “I know thy works... that thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.”

Now, in the parenthesis in the middle of that commendation, comes the declaration concerning the open door. The meaning would then be: The open door is not a reward for being faithful, **but it is the opportunity given this church because it has proved its faithfulness.** The statement of reward comes later in this letter!

God set the open door before them, knowing that they had “but a little power” but he also **knew that this church would be obedient and faithful to “go forward.”** They were “true to His word – and loyal “to His name!” God does not bless “according to great numbers.”

You have never read where there was a large majority following our Lord.

1. Abraham had 318 and defeated several armies (Genesis 14:14-16)

2. Gideon had 300 and routed the Midianites (Judges 7:1-7)

3. Elijah + God – defeated 850 false prophets (I Kings 18)

4. After three years of ministry Jesus had 120 followers (Acts 1:15)

a. They “turned the world up-side-down!”

b. That means that every church can do the same!

B. What was this “Open Door” locally to the church at Philadelphia?

1. We do not know!

2. We do know....

We know they were not a great or strong church “...*thou hast a little strength.*”

TRUTH: The greatest blessing and reward that will ever come to a church will not come because it is a great church, a strong church, or because of the great opportunity set before them, but because, “...*thou hast kept my word – thou hast not*

*denied my name.*”

- C. This church, being of “little strength,” **HAD TO COMPLETELY** trust in “His word” and trust the power of God, working “through the Holy Spirit” to go forward and enter the door set before them.

**They could not use any “worldly methods” – they “did not have” any worldly methods!**  
**Remember: This was a church under great persecution: Religion and government were trying to rid the earth of Christianity!**

### III. The Counsel Given to the Church (**Revelation 3:9**) – He acts as the “Administrator” of the Kingdom.

- A. “...I will make them of the synagogue of Satan...”
1. This refers back to the Church at Smyrna (**Revelation 2:9**)
    - a. Great persecution by Jewish leaders
- B. Be compelled to worship at the feet of the church!
1. Make them know that Christ “loves the church.” (FUTURE)
    - a. That has not happened as of today.
    - b. It is coming and it is sure!
- C. He assured them that they will be delivered from the Great Tribulation.
1. God’s wrath will come upon the world (**Acts 6:17**)
  2. True Christians will be delivered from God’s wrath (**I Thess. 1:10 – 5:9**)
  3. Those who have heard and rejected – will go into the tribulation (**II Thess. 8-12**)

### THE FULL PICTURE OF THE PHILADELPHIAN CHURCH AGE AS APPLYING TO THE CHURCH TODAY

- A. A Door which no man can shut (**Revelation 3:8**)
1. God opens doors for the church – but He does not enter the doors and do the work.
    - a. **I Corinthians 16:9**
  2. The Gates of Hell cannot shut the door God has opened.
    - a. Rome shut every door possible (**Acts 12:1-5**)
    - b. After beaten and scared – Open door (**Acts 14:27**)
  3. There ARE more open doors today than ever before.
    - a. But, Christians are blinded by  
 Greed – selfishness – pleasure – good life  
 We chose to “Keep our life for our self.” (**Romans 12:1**)
  4. Doors are shut because pastors and churches get involved in “politicking”
    - a. We refuse to obey and utilize the Holy Spirit – and Him only.
- B. The Age of Grace has been the greatest “Open Door” the world has ever known.
- |                  |                 |                         |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| William Carey    | John Wesley     | Charles Wesley          |
| George Whitfield | Adoniram Judson | Charles Finney          |
| Dwight Moody     | Billy Sunday    | Hudson Taylor           |
| David Livingston | Robert Moffitt  | Just to name a few..... |
- C. All that was accomplished during the “time of the open door.”
1. When pastors/churches followed God’s Instructions – without exception
  2. When pastors/churches depended on the Holy Spirt – without exception

D. About 1945 - 1960, great tragedy struck!

1. The open door began to close at the end of World-War II with Japan in 1945.
  - a. The field of Japan was “white unto harvest.”
  - b. Douglas Mac Arthur, said, “We have conquered Japan militarily. If you will send me 10,000 missionaries for Japan, we will conquer them for Christ and this will be our base of operation on this side of the world to preach the Gospel.
  - c. He got less than 50!
  - d. Most of those were liberal and from Campus Crusade for Christ (Bill Bright)
  - e. Fifteen years later, in 1960 General Dwight Eisenhower planned to visit Japan, but massive demonstrations denied him permission to visit Japan.  
(See: [www.countrystudies.us/japan/132.htm](http://www.countrystudies.us/japan/132.htm))
2. The door was opened wide in 1973 in Chile when Salvador Allende, the Communist dictator, and Communism were over-thrown. The State Department issued 8 visas to independent Baptist missionaries over the next 5 years. During the same 5 year period, the State Department issued 1,200 visas to the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, Utah.
3. The door was opened wide in Grenada in 1983 – It was 3 ½ years later when the first Baptist missionary set foot on the island.
4. The door was open wide in 1989 when Panama dictator Noriega was arrested – One missionary went there the first year.
  5. Pulpits changed
    - a. Pastors stopped “standing fast” and stopped “preaching hard”
    - b. Pastors stopped preaching on separation, both ecclesiastically and personally
    - c. Pastors became fearful of offending people in the pew
    - d. Pastors became respecters of persons

E. Today – the church has left the “Philadelphian age” and has entered the “Laodicean Age.”

1. It will get worse WITH EVERY PASSING DAY!

**III. The Comfort of God to the Church at Philadelphia (Revelation 3:10)**

- A. There were some in the church who “claimed to be Christian” but were liars. (Rev. 3:9)
  1. That continues to be true today.
- B. There are four of the seven churches where our Lord referred to “Satanic activity.”
  1. Revelation 2:9 - Smyrna
  2. Revelation 2:13 - Pergamos
  3. Revelation 2:24 - Thyatira
  4. Revelation 3:9 - Philadelphia
- C. God will deal with them.
  1. They will one day “worship at the feet” and realize how greatly Christ loved His church!

**IV. The Challenge of God to the church (Revelation 3:11)**

- A. “...hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”
- B. In every letter there are different forms of evil that will attempt to steal our crown.



1. Ephesus – Cold Heart
2. Smyrna – Discouragement through tribulation
3. Pergamos - False doctrine of Balaam and the Nicolaitans
4. Thyatira - Jezebel
5. Sardis – A name that they lived, but were dead
6. Philadelphia – Tares and the wheat

C. We may lose our crowns through worldliness, social life, success, friends, and even our families.

1. “Hold that fast...” If we “give up” the thing we have – we will lose our crown.

***“Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.” (1 John 1:8)***

# REVELATION

## LESSON EIGHT

### THE CHURCH AT LAODICEA

Revelation 3:14-22

#### THE BACKGROUND OF THE CHURCH

**Intro 1:** Laodicea was located about 45-50 miles south of Philadelphia

- A. Located at the junction of 3 major routes of travel – Made it very important
- B. Highly successful in commerce, finances. - A center of business
- C. According to history - Millionaires combined and built:

- 1. Theaters
- 2. Giant stadium
- 3. Lavish public baths
- 4. Great buildings
- 5. Fabulous shopping malls

**Intro 2:** A. The City of Laodicea was found in 264 A.D. by Antiochus II and was named in honor of his wife, “Laodicea.”

- B. There is no record of the founding of this church or who founded it.

Paul referred to it in [Colossians 2:1; 4:12 & 16](#).

**Intro 3:** This is the “seventh” and final letter to the churches in Revelation, Chapter 2 & 3

- A. Seven – always pictures perfection and completeness.
- B. The period of this church will bring the “Church Age” to a close.
  - 1. There is no mention of the church until [Revelation 22:17](#).
  - 2. The third section of Revelation begins in [Revelation 4:1](#).
- C. The “Laodicean Church Age” began in the early to middle part of the 1900s.
  - 1. It continues until today, **getting further away from Scripture each year!**
- D. This “church age” is marked by two major things:
  - 1. Putting Christ and the Holy Spirit “outside” the church (Rev. 3:20)
  - 2. Bringing the world into the church
    - a. The world cannot come into the church, until
    - b. The church is made acceptable to the world.

E. The Laodicean church is void of four things:

- 1. This church is void of “virtue.”
  - a. There is no good thing that the Lord could find to say about this church.
- 2. This church is void of “true value.”
  - a. They are blind about “true values.”
- 3. This church is void of “pastoral leadership” to hold the church where it should be.
  - a. Christ turns to individuals - **if “any man” in the church**
- 4. This church was void of God’s Holy Spirit.
  - a. They were “poor and naked and blind” and **“knowest not that thou are...”**
  - c. Jesus was standing “outside” knocking.
  - d. He was not “walking in the midst” as in [Revelation 2:1](#).

**NOTE:** We do not know the day, the week, the month, or the year of His coming!  
We can “see the signs” of His coming!

## THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH

### I. The Counselor /Author of the Letter (Revelation 3:14)

- A. "These things saith the "Amen..." (Capitalized being a TITLE) (Isaiah 65:16)
  - 1. "Amen" – In the Greek it means **"What is said is true!"**
  - 2. When we say "Amen" in church, we are saying, "That is true!"
  - 3. The teaching here is, that there is NO IMPROVING ON THE AUTHOR'S STATEMENTS
- B. The "The faithful witness" **WHAT CHRIST SAID ABOUT THIS CHURCH - IS GOING TO HAPPEN**

### II. The Commendation of the Church (Christ said something good about each church.)

- A. The **Lord could not find any good thing to say about this church!**
- B. In light of that – We will look at what "He did not say about this church."
  - 1. He did not say they were no longer fundamental.
  - 2. He did not say they were not a "working church."
  - 3. He did not say they did not preach & teach good messages.
  - 4. He did not say they no longer supported missionaries.
  - 5. He did not say they no longer schedule "revival meetings."
  - 6. He did not say they no longer use "good music."
- C. What God did say, was, **"...thou art neither cold nor hot."**
  - 1. **Lukewarm: Lack Enthusiasm – half-hearted – had some sense of duty, but**
  - 2. "Hot" (Zestos – Greek for Hot) – Means **"Boiling Hot or Boiling Over."**
    - a. If they were "cold" they would realize and face their need
    - b. They are "lukewarm" and think they **"...have need of nothing"** (vs. 17)
    - c. It is better for a church to be **"stone-cold"** – **Then they see their need!**
- D. **God's awful Indictment on being "lukewarm"**
  - 1. **"I will spue you out of my mouth."**
    - a. Luke-warmness makes God "sick at His stomach" – Nauseated
  - 2. Who can think of a worse indictment????

### III. The Complaint God had against the church (Revelation 3:15 – 16)

(Two phases summarize this church)

#### A. What the members said about their church (Revelation 3:17)

- 1. "I am rich and increased with goods...have need of nothing."
  - a. In effect, they were saying, "We have no need of God or the Holy Spirit"
  - b. They bragged on themselves -**Made no mention of Christ.**
  - c. Wealth & worldliness – **produces**  
**An attitude of "self-sufficiency" and "self-satisfied"**
- 2. This church was more interested in "quantity" than in "quality."
  - a. **I Corinthians 3:13** "...what sort it is ..." – Not "how much it is."
    - a. Paul did not "boast" of the church or the crowd. (**Galatians 6:14**)

#### B. What God said about their church (Revelation 3:17)

- 1. Thou are "wretched - miserable" (distressed – and without hope)
  - a. Only other place "wretched" is used is in **Romans 7:24**
  - b. Paul said that when **"he saw himself as God saw him."**

2. Thou are "Miserable" (Greek – elecinos)
  - a. Pitiful – I Corinthians 15:19
  - b. It appears that God "pitied" this church – felt sorry for them
  - c. This church MISSED SO MUCH IN LIFE
3. Thou are "Poor..."
  - a. The church at Smyrna was under persecution and in poverty. They had
 

No building	No buses
No place to meet	No utilities
No money in the bank	No sound system
No sign in front of the church	No wall to wall carpet
No piano or organ	No Baptismal
No choir director	Nothing!
No youth pastor	

    1. God said of that church, "**Thou are rich**" (Revelation 2:9)
  - b. The church at Laodicea was "rich and increased with goods"
    1. God said, "Thou are poor...."
  - c. **Today, churches have the same things as the church at Laodicea**
    1. "You name it - churches have it."
4. **QUESTION:** What happened between the "first church and the last church?
  - a. Revelation 2:4 – The "Honeymoon" slowly got over!

#### IV. The Counsel God Gave this Church (Revelation 3:18-20)

- A. Buy of Me Gold...
  1. "Buying" - A figure of speech this church understood
  2. Gold is symbolic of "Quality" (I Corinthians 3:12-13) (**Spiritual riches**)
    - a. God is interested in "Quality" - - - not "Quantity." (What sort...)
    - b. Quantity can be obtained with – wealth – buildings – entertainment, etc.
    - c. Quality cannot be obtained with anything this world has to offer.
      1. **I John 2:15** "Love not the world..."
    - d. Quality is obtained through the Preaching – teaching – prayer – anointing  
Zech. 4:1
  3. Buy of me - Gold – **Tried in the fire** (Revelation 3:18)
    - a. Job, of the Old Testament, knew this truth (Job 23:10)
    - b. The results are found in Job 42:12
      1. A picture of Gold is found in Psalms 19:7-11
- C. Buy of Me white raiment... (Revelation 3:18)
  1. Drawn from Genesis 3:7
    - a. Adam and Eve attempted to cover their nakedness (Gen 3:7).
    - b. This was "false façade" – **They attempted to "look good."**
    - c. **Picture:** "Went about to establish their own righteousness." (Romans 10:3)
    - d. **Results:** "Covered with filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6)
  2. God clothed them (Genesis 3:21)
  3. **DO IT AFTER THE PATTERN I SHOWED THEE.....** (Exodus 25:9)
- D. Anoint thy eyes with "eyesalve" – that thou may see... (Revelation 3:18)
  1. The Medical School in Laodicea discovered an "eyesalve"

2. The people of the church were “blind and did not know it!”
  - a. When the pastor preaches a good message; People say, “*They needed that.*”
  - b. **I preached in Natchez** – Lady said, “You act like you think I’m a sinner!”

**V. The Conclusion of the Laodicean Church Age!** – Then and now! (Revelation 3:20)

- A. The “Church” is “LEFT TO ITSELF!”
  1. **Matthew 18:20**: “**My** house.....”
  2. **John 2:16**: “**My** Father’s House.....”
  3. **Matthew 23:38**: Behold, “**your** house is left to you....” (**Matthew 24:1**)
  4. In the Laodicean church age – Christ is seen standing outside the door.

**IV. The Invitation that is Given.** (Revelation 3:20)

- A. Christ no longer “*walketh in the midst*” (Revelation 2:1)
  1. He is “standing outside the church.”
  2. He is now talking to “individuals” – “...of any man” (Rev. 3:20)
    - a. He “knocks”
    - b. He “calls”
  3. Apparently there is “**no door knob**” on the outside of the door!
    - a. It is up to the “individual” to open the door of his heart.
    - b. And to invite Christ to come in and be “LORD” of his life.
      - Not a guest!
- D. Revival is Possible: **God promises “to come in.....” (vs. 20)**  
**HE WILL COME IN “ANY MAN” – HE WILL SUP WITH ANY MAN  
 AND THAT MAN WILL SUP WITH HIM**

Great fires start with “kindling wood” –  
 -not with “back-logs.”

**Revival will start when “one or two or three”  
 Invite Christ in as Lord – let Him start a small fire.  
 He will kindle a fire in the hearts of those two or three.  
 It will spread to entire church.  
 That will produce a huge fire in the “back-logs.”**

# THE OVERCOMERS

## Lesson #9

### Revelation Chapters 2 & 3

**Introduction:** Keep in mind – The seven letters were written to seven churches. They cover the entire “Age of Grace” or the “Church Age.” They must be kept in context in order to be understood correctly.

- I. **All seven letters conclude with a “promise” to “him that overcometh.”**
  - A. [Revelation 2:7,11,17,26](#) & [Revelation 3:5,12,21](#)
- II. **Who are “the overcomers?”**
  - A. The “overcomers” are not a “small, select” group of Christians who are “more spiritual,” More victorious than other true believers
  - B. There is a difference between “overcoming” and “rewards” – **BY WORKS**
    1. [Matthew 10:42](#); [16:27](#) & [25:19](#); [I Corinthians 3:11-15](#); [I Thess. 2:15](#)  
[II Timothy 4:8](#); [I Peter 5:4](#)
- III. **Overcomers are all true believers who have been saved by faith in Jesus Christ.**
  - A. There are “professors” and there are “possessors.”
    1. All “Possessors” are “overcomers.”
    2. No “Professor” is an “overcomer.”
  - B. Most likely there is **a mixture in every church.**
    1. There was a “mixture” in the 12 disciples of Christ.
  - C. Christ is the only “true” overcomer.
    1. [Revelation 3:21](#) & [John 16:33](#)
  - D. All “true” believers” have overcome, **because of Christ.**
    1. [I John 5:4-5](#)

## THE PROMISES TO THE OVERCOMERS IN EACH CHURCH

- I. **The Promise to the True believers at Ephesus ([Revelation 2:7](#))**
  - A. **“To him that overcometh I will give to eat of the “tree of life...”**
    1. QUESTION: Is the promise of the “tree of life” reserved for a select few of redeemed people???
      - a. CLEARLY NOT! ([John 11:26](#))
    2. The “tree of life” is not reserved for a small group **WITHIN** the “saved.”
      - a. **“Whosoever** shall call...” ([Romans 10:13](#))
    3. A person’s right to the “tree of life” IS NOT through **“difficult struggles”** to be victorious in our Christian life – but “through faith.”
    4. Those who are truly “born again” will eat of the “tree of life.”
      - a. [Revelation 22:17](#)
- II. **The Promise to the True Believers at Smyrna ([Revelation 2:11](#))**
  - A. **“He that overcometh shall not be hurt by the second death.”**
    1. Second death is explained in ([Revelation 20:6](#))
      - a. The “first resurrection” **includes all true believers**
      - b. That includes “six-stages”

- B. We cannot divide a “certain class of believers” that will be delivered from the 2<sup>nd</sup> death!
  - 1. If that were true – **none of us would escape**
    - a. Any unbeliever who dies – the 2<sup>nd</sup> death awaits him
    - b. Any believer who dies – eternal life awaits him
  - C. If this promise is to a “select few” victorious believers – what happens to the remaining believers?????
  - D. Those who are truly “born again” will not suffer the 2<sup>nd</sup> death! (Revelation 20:6)
- III. **The Promise to the True Believers at Pergamos (Revelation 2:17) (Three-fold Promise)**
  - A. **“I will give to eat of the hidden manna”**
    - 1. First Mention: Exodus 16:4 – 15
      - a. Manna is always a “type of Christ” (John 6:30-35 & John 6:48 -56)
    - 2 “Hidden manna”
      - a. Pergamos was located “where Satan’s Seat was”
      - b. Believers were being “martyred” (vs. 13)
      - c. They apparently had an “under-ground” church.  
Not uncommon in that day!
    - 3. Only true believers can “partake” of Christ!
  - B. **“I will give him a white stone.”**
    - 1. We have no Biblical information on this stone!
      - a. We only know that the stone had a name on it!
    - 2. White signifies “purity”
  - C. **“In the stone a new name written”**
    - 1. We have no Biblical evidence concerning the name.
      - a. It “seems” to be the “Lord’s” name.  
See: Revelation 3:12, Revelation 19:12, Psalms 91:14
- IV. **The Promise to the Church in Thyatira (Revelation 2:26-27)**

**“And he that overcometh, and keepeth (GUARDETH) my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.”**

  - A. This scene takes place on Earth
    - 1. This promise has a **direct connection** to Psalms 2:8-9 (**Compare**)
      - a. “Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron...” (Psalms 2:9a)
      - b. “...thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel” (Psalms 2:9b)
    - 2. This gives strong support to a literal Kingdom (1000 year reign ON EARTH)
      - a. Speaks of the time known as “The Millennium”
  - B. **The “overcomers” will rule with Christ** during the millennium reign on earth (Jude 14-15)
    - 1. **Luke 12:32**
    - 2. **Matthew 19:28**
    - 3. **Romans 8:17**
    - 4. **I Corinthians 6:2 & 3**
    - 5. **Daniel 7:18, 22, & 27**
      - a. **This reign IS NOT confined to a select few believers.**
  - C. **God promises to “give them the morning star” (Revelation 2:28)**
    - 1. Jesus said, “...I am . . . the bright and morning star” (Revelation 22:16)

a. [Numbers 24:17](#)

2. Jesus does not promise this to “a select few.”

3. **That would be contrary to many Scripture.**

V. **The Promise to the Church at Sardis ([Revelation 3:5](#)) (Three-fold promise)**

A. *“...shall be clothed in white raiment.”* (First promise)

1. This is not a SPECIAL GARMENT for a “select few” who were more spiritual!

2. This is not a SPECIAL GARMENT given to “overcomers” **who EARN IT!**

a. All who receive this “white” garment receive it because of their faith in Christ and because they were “washed in the blood” of Christ.

1. Man’s garments *“...are as filthy rags.”* ([Isaiah 64:6](#))

b. This is true for all pre-tribulation saints

1. Anyone WITHOUT a “white wedding garment” is a false professor.

**([Revelation 19:8](#))**

B. *“I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life.”* (Second promise)

**(This is a very difficult passage - There seems to be “two books of life” in the Scripture.)**

1. There is the **“book of life” or “book of the Living”** ([Psalms 69:28](#)) - Seems that:

a. All names of people born were written before the foundation of the world

1. [II Peter 3:9](#) “...God... not willing that any should perish”

b. The Lord will blot out names of people who sin against Him ([Psalms 69:28](#))

c. Blotted out if they die without obtaining “the righteousness of God”

([Psalms 69:28](#))

d. Many names are missing at the GW Throne - ([Revelation 20:15](#))

2.. There is the **“Book of Life of the Lamb** ([Revelation 13:8 & 21:27](#); [Psalms 69:28](#))

a. No mention of names being blotted out of the “Book of Life of the Lamb”

b. Seems to be a list of those God knew would trust Christ ([I Peter 1:2](#))

c. Seems to be a list of OT Saints; the Bride; & Tribulation Saints ([Rev. 13:8](#))

d. Seems it is necessary to enter “New Jerusalem” ([Rev. 21:27](#))

e. This book is mentioned only twice in Scripture – ([Rev. 13:8 & Rev 21:27](#))

3. The statement in [Revelation 3:8](#) **“IS NOT A THREAT” to believers**

a. This statement **“is a statement of assurance and comfort”**

1. ...**IN SPITE** of them being a dead church!

b. Blotting out would result in the “2<sup>nd</sup> death” ([Revelation 20:15](#))

**Can we justify, IN ANY WAY a Christian suffering the “2<sup>nd</sup> death”? No!**

c. We **KNOW** that anyone *“clothed in white raiment”* is born again. ([Rev. 3:5](#))

4. **The statement in [Revelation 22:19](#) is directed to unbelievers who, rather than**

**changing their hearts toward God, attempt to change God’s Word to suit themselves.**

C. *“I will confess him before my Father and before his angels.”* (Third promise)

1. God not only promises not to remove any names of the redeemed

2. He promises to “confess their names before His Father.”

3. The Lord made the promise when he was on earth ([Matt. 10:32 & Luke 12:8](#))

VI. **The Promises to the Church at Philadelphia ([Revelation 3:12](#)) (Four-fold promise)**

A. *“I will make a pillar in the temple of My God.”*

1. There were two pillars in Solomon’s Temple ([I Kings 7:15-22](#))

a. One called Jachin – Means “He shall establish”

b. One called Boaz – Means “He is my strength”



2. The church in Philadelphia “had a little strength” (vs. 8)
  - a. In Heaven – will be “established and made a pillar of strength!”
  - b. **A testimony to the Glory of God**
3. This will be true of ALL born again Christians in Heaven
  - a. Nothing will “shake us in Heaven – like things do here”

**B. “...shall go no more out”**

1. Not referring to a “special few” Christians in Heaven
  - a. **Pillars ON EARTH** are referred to as “strong supporters” in the church
  - b. That will not be so in Heaven
2. **Pillars in Heaven support NOTHING!**
  - a. In Heaven they mean “a trophy or witness to the faithfulness of Jehovah”
  - b. **See Ephesians 1:6-12**
    1. Jacob’s four pillars supported nothing  
Genesis 28; 29; 35:1-16 & Genesis 35:17-20
    2. Boaz and Jachin’s pillars supported nothing (I Kings 7:15-22)
3. Every born again believer will be a “trophy of God’s Grace.”

**C. “And I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God.”**

1. God instructed Moses, saying, “And they shall put My name upon the children of Israel.” (Numbers 6:27)
2. The same will be true with ALL of the REDEEMED in Heaven
  - a. When the REDEEMED return to earth with Christ, each shall bear His Name!
  - b. Here, we sometimes fail to “bear His name.”
  - c. At times we have been ashamed to “speak His name.”
  - d. When we return with Christ – WE WILL NOT BE ASHAMED!

**D. “And I will write upon him MY new name.”**

1. This cannot possibly be true of a “certain few”
2. He will write “His new name” on every born-again person
  - a. That name will not be Jesus (Matthew 1:21)
  - b. His NEW name will be “**KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**” (Rev. 19:16)

**VII. The Promise to the church at Laodicea (Revelation 3:21)**

**A. “I will grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I overcame and am set down with My Father in His throne.”**

1. Christ overcame death by His death on the cross.
2. **THE VICTORY is GIVEN to us – not earned!** (I Cor. 15:55-57)

B. Most profound of all the promises!

C. Christ shared His Father’s Throne

1. Before He came to earth (John 17:5)
2. After His ascension (Revelation 3:21)

D. The Christian will “share the throne of Christ” in the coming reign of Christ on earth.

1. The promise is to ALL OF THE REDEEMED” – NOT A SELECT FEW.
2. All Christians are made “kings and priests” (Revelation 1:6 & 5:10)
3. We shall all “reign with Christ” (Revelation 20:6)
4. Christ shall sit and reign on His “Throne of Glory” (Matthew 25:31)

E. These promises are a “small picture” of **what God has prepared for us in Heaven.** (Rev. 21:7)  
LUKE 19:16-19 - Determines how much authority a believer will have.

# REVELATION

## Lesson #10

### Revelation 4:1-11

## SCENES IN HEAVEN

- Intro:**
- I. Revelation chapter 4 begins the “third section” of the book of Revelation.
  - II. Chapters 2 & 3 give the history of the Church Age.
    - A. Growing apostasy
    - B. Growing worldliness
    - C. Growing apathy
  - III. Chapter 4 – Records the Rapture of the Church – What it will be like
    - A. “Hereafter” ([Rev. 1:19](#)) is the key word to understanding the remainder of the book
  - IV. The church **is not mentioned** between [Revelation 4:1](#) and [Revelation 22:16](#)
- I. The Door to Heaven ([Revelation 4:1](#))**
- A. “Door” is mentioned four times to this point
    - 1. [Revelation 3:8](#) – Church at Philadelphia – The open door to preach the Gospel
    - 2. [Revelation 3:20](#) – (Mentioned twice ) - Church at Laodicea –
      - a. Christ outside knocking on the door
      - b. The closed door of the human heart
    - 3. [Revelation 4:1](#) – **This door** is the door to enter Heaven – Jesus Christ ([John 10:1-2](#))
- II. The Voice from Heaven ([Revelation 4:1](#))**
- A. A clear picture of the Rapture (I Thess. 4:13-18).
    - 1. A fulfillment of the promise ([Revelation 3:10](#); I Thess. 5:9)
  - B. John heard “a voice” - “as a trumpet” ([Revelation 1:10](#))
    - 1. This trumpet ends the “**Age of Grace or the Age of the Church**”
      - a. The LAST trumpet: [Revelation 8:7, 8, 10, 12; 9:1, 13; 11:15](#)
    - 2. Call the “Blessed Hope” ([Titus 2:13](#))
  - C. John was summoned to Heaven
    - 1. You and I are “waiting and watching.”

## THE THRONE

## THE CENTER PIECE OF HEAVEN

- III. The Throne in Heaven ([Revelation 4:2](#))**
- A. “Throne” is the **key word** in Chapter Four.
    - 1. Mentioned 12 times in the chapter ([Verses 2,3,4,5,6,9,10](#))
    - 2. Throne is mentioned 43 in entire New Testament - **31 times in Revelation**
      - a. Revelation began with a Throne ([Rev. 1:4](#))
      - b. Revelation ends with a Throne ([Rev. 22:3](#))
    - 3. **“The Throne is the “Center Piece of Heaven.”**

- B. The “FIRST” this that caught John’s attention was “The Throne.”
  - 1. It was unbelievably beautiful.
- C. God has NEVER vacated His Throne ([Psalms 103:19](#))
  - 1. To Believers, it is a “Thorne of Grace” ([Hebrews 4:16](#))
  - 2. After the Rapture it will be a “Throne of Judgment” ([Revelation 20:11](#))
- IV. **The Person on the Throne** ([Revelation 4:2-3](#))
  - A. It seems that “God the Father” sits on the throne of Heaven.
    - 1. Christ is pictured “taking the book out of the hand of Him on the throne” ([Rev. 5:7](#))
- V. **The Promise Round About the Throne** ([Revelation 4:3](#))
  - A. The “first rainbow” was a promise to the people on earth ([Genesis 9:11-17](#))
    - 1. Promise made to Noah – Earth will never be flooded again.
  - B. The “second rainbow” is a promise to the people in Heaven
    - 1. It is not seen by people on earth – It is not for them!
    - 2. It is assurance to “us” in Heaven that “**Judgment is over.**”
- C. **GOD PROMISES - YOU WILL NOT MEET YOUR SINS IN HEAVEN** ([Hebrews 10:9-14](#))
  - D. **The judgment of all who have rejected Him is about to begin!**
    - 1. God is “preparing” for Christ to reign. ([Hebrews 10:13](#))
- VI. **The People Round-about-the-Throne** ([Revelation 4:4](#))
  - A. Around the Throne there are 24 seats
    - 1. The word for “throne” in the Greek is “thronos”
      - a. It is used 12 times in Chapter Four – All from “thronos”
    - 2. The word for “seats” in the Greek is “thronos” (**v.s 4**)
  - B. Therefore, there were “**24 smaller thrones**” around the majestic Throne - **The center-piece**”
  - C. These were occupied by “24 elders”
    - 1. They ARE HUMAN BEINGS – Not Angels!
      - a. **They sang about being redeemed** ([Revelation 5:9](#))
    - 2. They are “reigning” with Christ.
  - D. WHO are these 24 elders???
  - 1. In I Chronicles 24 King David selected 24 men to represent the entire Levitical Priesthood, which were thousands. It was impossible for this great number to appear.
  - 2. They were divided into **two groups of 12 each**
    - a. Each group served for two weeks at a time.
  - 3. These two groups of 12 each “represented” the entire Levitical Priesthood!
  - 4. In [Revelation 4:4](#) these 24 elders are separated as follows:
    - a. There were 12 Patriarchs of Israel
    - b. There were 12 Apostles in the church age
      - 1. They were all dressed in white ([Revelation 19:8](#))
      - 2. **They represent “all believers since the beginning of time.”**
- E. The Crowns on their heads speak of “Royal Dignity and Authority”
  - 1. These are not the crowns which Christians earn by various means.
  - 2. Those Crowns had not been given at this time. Those crowns are EARNED.
    - a. Crowns or rewards come at “**that day**”
      - 1. [II Timothy 4:8](#) – “...at that day”
      - 2. [Revelation 22:12](#) – **Given at 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming**

3. These are crowns given to “kings and priests” (Revelation 1:5-6)
- V. **The Proceedings from the Throne** (Rev. 4:5)
- A. This Throne is a “Throne of Judgment.” (The “Throne of Grace” has passed)
    1. John saw/heard “lightnings and thunderings and voices”
    2. These speak of “judgment!”
      - a. The Law of First Mention (Exodus 19:16; Exodus 20:18)
        1. Judgment accompanied the Law!
    3. The thunderings will appear again and again!
      - a. Revelation 8:5 10:3 11:19 16:18
- E. This states: CERTAIN JUDGMENT IS COMING FOR THOSE WHO REJECT CHRIST!**
- VI. **The Pictures before the Throne** (Revelation 4:6)
- A. Sea of glass pictures the Saints before the Throne of God (Revelation 15:2)
    1. This a picture of us - as clear and pure as Crystal! (Revelation 17:15)
      - a. All backsliding and failures are GONE forever!
    2. There is now no need for a Laver between us and God
      - a. Our sins are GONE! (Psalms 103:12; Hebrews 12:8)
- VII. **The Praise in the Midst of the Throne** (Revelation 4:7-11)
- A. The living creatures are not real creatures – they are symbols
    1. “like” a lion
    2. “like” a calf
    3. “as” a man
    4. “like” an eagle
  - B. The Bible says NO MORE about who they are
    1. Therefore, we will do well to “say no more” about who they are.
  - C. They “might possibly” be symbols of the:
    - a. Strength like a lion
    - b. Humility of a calf
    - c. Intelligent like a man
    - d. Swiftiness like an eagle.
  - D. They give “Glory and Honor, and thanks” to Him that sat on the Throne!
  - E. **They praise him and cast their crowns before Him.**

They “lay aside the glory given them to exalt His glory.” Such are the scenes which John saw in heaven. Our blessed Lord is worshiped as the Creator of the earth upon which He is about to pour out divine judgment. His enemies have raged against Him, (Psalms 2), but He is unmoved.

# REVELATION

## Lesson #11

### CHAPTER FIVE

## THE FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Many times this passage, Chapters 4 & 5, are “passed over” as “non-essential.” However, the value of this chapter cannot be overemphasized.

**Chapters 4 and 5 go together** and are to prepare the reader for all that follows in the book of Revelation. If this chapter is not rightly understood, the understanding of the rest of the book will be wrong.

“The scroll” in the right hand of Him that sits on the Throne is the “official document” which determines the climax of human history. It has been “sealed” for hundreds of years.

The scroll will be revealed when the “time” of the events in Revelation Chapter 6 arrives.

Chapter 4 sets the scene from which the Tribulation period will be set in motion, and orchestrated.

**Chapter 5 begins to reveal the tremendous events toward which God the Father has had planned since the beginning of creation – that being, the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven and Christ exalted to the Throne where He will rule with a rod of iron. (Rev. 5:13)**

This scroll is referenced in [Daniel Chapter 12:1-9](#). Daniel, the human penman, did not understand what was written on the scroll, as there was no explanation of things that would happen in the end time. After writing the book it was “closed and sealed!” **It remains “sealed” unto this day!**

**INTRO:** Note that this is a book sealed with “seven seals.” ([Verse 1](#))

A. The number seven is an important number in the Bible.

B. It is especially important in the Book of Revelation.

1. Seven Churches ([Chapters 2-3](#))
2. Seven Seals ([Chapters 4-7](#))
3. Seven Trumpets ([Chapters 8-11](#))
4. Seven Bowls ([Chapters 15-16](#))
5. Seven Dooms ([Chapters 17-20](#))
6. Seven New Things ([Chapters 21-22](#))

I. **The Subject of the “Seven-Sealed Book” ([Revelation 5:1](#))**

### Redemption & Retribution!

A. **This book declares that God’s Redemption is being completed.**

1. **And God’s Retribution of the earth is about to begin!**

B. The “seven-seal book” contains the complete and perfect judgment of God.

1. The judgement and retribution of God will begin in Chapter 6.

a. The Seven Seals of judgment” will be opened.

b. The last seal opens the “Seven Trumpets” of judgment.

c. The last Trumpet opens the “Seven Vials” of judgment.

C. The seven sealed scrolls contain Christ’s “Title Deed to the Earth.”

1. The Church, the Bride of Christ, has been caught up in the Rapture. (Rev. 4:1)
  2. The earth and the creatures are still “waiting.”
  3. Both the earth and the creatures **MUST be redeemed for completion!**
    - a. EVERYTHING under the curse must be redeemed. (Rom. 8:21-23)
- D. **Christians today are “waiting” for that redemption.** (Romans 8:22-23)
- II. **The Search for One Worthy to Open the Sealed Book** (Revelation 5:2-3)
- A. A Strong Angel cried out and conducted the search.
1. No one could be found who qualified.
    - a. Not found in Heaven
    - b. Not found in Earth
    - c. Not found under the earth
    - d. Michael was there. (Daniel 12:1)
 

Michael, the guardian angel of Israel, could not qualify.
    - e. Gabriel (The angel/prophet of 70 Weeks) (Daniel 9: 21-27)
 

Gabriel could not qualify.
  2. The United Nations are trying to solve the world’s problems and failed.
- B. Man cannot rescue himself from the pit of sin, and certainly cannot open the book.
1. When will man learn that he does not own the earth? (Rev. 5:4)
    - a. The Federal Gov’t. does not own the earth.
    - b. The UN does not own the earth.
- C. No man nor angel could be found who could open the Sealed Book.**
- IV. **The Sobering Tears Shed in Heaven:** (Revelation 5:4)
- A. John wept (Verse 4) – **WHY? – (Greek -Kalio) - John wailed aloud – burst into tears!**
1. John knew that all of the prophetic future was locked/sealed in the book.
- B. John wept – **Why? – Why? Why?**
1. John knew that the “sealed book” contained “Christ’s title deed to the earth.”
    - a. The earth has been in the hands of Satan.
      1. Satan is an “invader and a cruel usurper.”
      2. Satan wrested it from Adam. (Genesis 1:26-28; [Hebrews 2:7-8](#))
      3. Today, the earth is in Satan’s power.
        - a. [John 12:31; 14:30 & 16:11](#)
        - b. [II Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2; I John 5:19](#)
    2. John knew that Satan IS NOT the rightful owner!
- C. John knew that a “Redeemer” was necessary to fulfill Old Testament Prophecies.
1. John knew that there remained “unfulfilled” retribution of the wicked – HE WEPT
  2. It was as if Satan would go on forever in the usurped control of the affairs of this world – John WEPT!
- D. John - and us – have longed and waited for the two things:
1. **The complete and perfect redemption of creation**
  2. **The complete and perfect retribution of the wicked**
- V. **The Slain Lamb – Prevailed – Takes the Sealed Book** (Revelation 5:5-7)
- A. Described as “A Lion.”
1. [Genesis 49:8-10](#)
    - A. There is no doubt Who He is:
      1. [Genesis 3:15](#)

2. Galatians 4:4-5
3. Genesis 9:26
4. Genesis 12:1-3
5. Galatians 3:7-8, 19-24
6. Genesis 49:9-10

- B. The Lamb takes the book from the right hand of Him who is seated on the Throne.
1. Christ rightly reclaims the earth (**Psalms 24:1 & I Cor. 10:26**)
  2. He has the right of “redemption.”
- C. The Lamb is the “Central Object of Heaven.”
- D. The Lamb is the “Central Object of Revelations” – **of Redemption & of Retribution!**

**VI. The Singers Sing and the Redeemed Fall Down and Worship.**

- A. The 24 elders represent all the redeemed of all ages.
1. The 12 Patriarchs represent the believers of the Old Testament.
  2. The 12 Apostles represent the believers of the New Testament.
- B. Every redeemed person – millions – **break into a song never sung before.**
1. This is a worship service that has never happened before!
- C. How did this come about? – BY PRAYER OF THE SAINTS OF ALL AGES (**vs. 8b**)
1. **Praying, “Thy Kingdom come – thy will be done – on earth as it is in Heaven”**
    - a. No self-praise
- D. Christ has made us, unto our God, “kings & priests”
1. **Revelation 1:6; 2:26-27; 3:21; 20:4-6**
    - a. We will not be “subjects of the Kingdom.”
    - b. **We will reign as royalty upon the earth. – IN JUDGMENT!**

**E. What is all of the rejoicing about?**

1. **It is not about their personal salvation.**
2. **It is because they/we know that “Thy Kingdom” is near-at-hand.**

**VII. The Sevenfold Doxology (Revelation 5:11-14)**

1. Power
2. Riches
3. Wisdom
4. Strength
5. Honour
6. Glory
7. Blessing

**JOHN WEPT!  
ARE TEARS IMPORTANT?**

1. John wept – Jesus wept – Paul wept
2. How long since you and I wept over a world in darkness?
3. How long since you and I wept over some who will face the Tribulation?
4. How long since you and I wept over men passing to a Lake of Fire?
  - a. **We pray – but without tears**
  - b. **We preach – but without compassion**
  - c. **We give – but without sacrifice**
  - d. **Is it any wonder: We sow – but don’t reap**

# REVELATION

## LESSON #12

### Revelation 6:1-17

## THE SEVEN SEALS

**Intro:** I. The Main Action of Judgments Begins in Chapter Six.

A. There are “three sets” of Judgments

1. Seven Seals            [Revelation 6:1 – 8:5](#)
2. Seven Trumpets      [Revelation 8:6 – 19:21](#)
3. Seven Vials            [Revelation 16:1 – 16:21](#)

B. The opening of the “seals” begins but does not end until Chapter 16:21.

1. That concludes the judgment of the earth.

C. The Seventh vial opens the Judgment of Babylon the Great.

1. Chapters 17-18 describe the Judgment of Babylon the Great.

II. NOTE: The **“LAMB”** opens each of the seven “seals” of judgment.

III. Thunder is a Symbol of Judgment.

A. [Exodus 9: 23](#) is the “First Mention” of Thunder (Judgment of Pharaoh)

IV. The Four Beasts:

A. First Mention – [Revelation 4:6](#)

1. Seem to be the same as in [Ezekiel 1:5](#) – Protect the Holiness of God
  - a. Seem to be “Cherubims or Seraphims”
2. Set at gate at Garden of Eden – [Genesis 3:21-24](#)

B. Symbolized “as a” lion - calf – man – flying eagle ([Revelation 4:7](#))

I. **THE FIRST SEAL** ([Revelation 6:1 & 2](#))

A. **“White”** is a symbol of peace.

1. The rider has a bow.
  - a. He has no arrow!
  - b. Proclaiming PEACE, PEACE

B. The Rider on each of the four horses is the Anti-Christ ([My Opinion](#))

1. Some men believe the rider is CHRIST.
  - a. Does not fit the context – THE LAMB OPENED THE SEAL ([Rev. 6:1](#))
  - b. Not a picture of Christ - “...went forth conquering and to conquer.”
2. He “looks” like Christ, but he is a “counterfeit” Christ.
  - a. He is NOT THE SAME as the rider in [Revelation 19:11](#) (**Christ is named**)
    1. The rider on **this** white horse is named in [Revelation 6:8](#).

C. Anti-Christ will be well received by world. ([John 5:43](#))

1. His authority is GIVEN to him. ([Revelation 6:2 & 4](#))
2. He will deceive many. ([Matthew 24:5](#))
3. Nations will receive him. ([Revelation 17:17](#)) - - - (**WISDOM – Eze. 28:121**)
  - a. Say “Peace, peace – sudden destruction” ([I Thess. 5:3](#))

D. The Anti-Christ will make a covenant with the Jews ([Daniel 9:27](#)) (**70<sup>th</sup> week**) [Matt. 24:15](#)

1. He will break the covenant in the middle of the tribulation period.
2. He will turn on the Jews and attempt to destroy the entire nation.



- E. Christ came and was not received.
  - 1. Anti-Christ will come and be received. (John 5:43)
  - 2. He will “appear” to be very wise and very intelligent. (Ezekiel 28:11-15)
- II. **THE SECOND SEAL** (Revelation 6:3-4)
  - A. **“Red”** Horse – is a symbol of war and blood shed (John 8:44)
    - 1. The rider now has a sword – a weapon of war I Thess. 5:3
  - B. There will be “world-wide” warfare. (vs. 4)
    - 1. “...they shall kill one another” (vs. 4)
    - 2. The “hindered” has been removed (II Thess. 2:7)
    - 3. Religious wars – Race wars
    - 4. Universal distrust – plotting – hate – distrust
    - 5. ALL THE EVIL of the human heart will be unleashed
  - D. The “true identity” of this rider is revealed.
    - 1. He IS NOT the “Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6 – Christ is Peace)
    - 2. A “sword” is GIVEN him (Verse 4b)
      - a. Christ HAD a sword in his mouth (Revelation 19:15)
    - 3. The rider’s NAME is “Death.” (Verse 8)
- III. **THE THIRD SEAL** (Revelation 6:5-6)
  - A. **“Black”** is a symbol of famine. (Verse 5)
    - 1. Jesus “added” famine to the warfare (Matthew 24:7)
  - B. “A pair of scales” is also a picture of great shortage of food.
  - C. Famine always follows wars (Lam. 5:10)
    - 1. **Famine is the worst form of death.** (Lam. 4:9)
  - D. “A measure of wheat - for a penny (Rev. 6:6)
    - 1. Penny – denotes a day’s salary (Matthew 20:2)
    - 2. Measure was “a day’s meal for one person”
  - E. A man could only earn enough in one day to feed one person.
    - 1. He must then divide the food among his entire family.
  - F. The “War-Lords” kept plenty for themselves.
    - 1. “Touch not the oil and the wine” (Verse 6)
      - a. Before the seals are complete – the rich will CRY OUT. (Rev. 6:15-17)
- IV. **THE FOURTH SEAL** (Revelation 6:7-8)
  - A. **“Pale”** is symbol of death.
    - 1. The “rider’s” name is given in Verse 8.
    - 2. “Death” seems to be a “personality” in this text.
      - a. “Death” was given authority. (vs. 8)
      - b. “...power was given THEM...”
  - B. There have been “wars and famines” since the world began.
    - 1. There have never been wars and famines to compare to this judgment.
    - 2. One-fourth of the world population will be slain or die from starvation.
    - 3. Imagine “one-fourth” of the world dying in a few months .
      - a. TWO-BILLION PEOPLE!

**NOTE: These four seals are referred to as:**

A. **God's four sore judgments" (Ezekiel 14:21)**

1. Sword – Famine – Pestilence – and Wild beasts!
2. **NOT AS "SORE" as the ones coming!**

**People say:** Peace, peace – but a sword is coming

**People say:** Prosperity – by famine is coming

**People say:** Disease is conquered by Medical science – but pestilence is coming

**People say:** Animals to hunt are disappearing - but wild beasts are coming

V. **THE FIFTH SEAL (Revelation 6:9-11)**

A. Many will be saved during the Tribulation period.

1. Thousands of Jews (Revelation 7:4-8)

God's primary purpose in the "Tribulation Period" is to deal with the Jews.

2. Thousands of Gentiles (Revelation 7:9-10)

B. Most of these will be killed – executed! (Matthew 24:9)

1. Some will "endure" and not be killed.

a. These will enter into the Millennium of Christ alive. (Matthew 24:13)

C. MANY will be slain **for:**

1. Their **STAND for the Word of God** (Revelation 6:9)

2. Their **TESTIMONY for Jesus Christ**

a. John was exiled for: (Revelation 1:9)

1. His stand on the Word of God
2. His testimony for Jesus Christ

D. **The dispensation has changed!** No longer grace – but judgment!

1. **They cry for vengeance.** (vs. 10)

VI. **THE SIXTH SEAL (Revelation 6:12-17)**

A. The first five seals were the work of the Anti-Christ.

1. The sixth seal is a "supernatural" judgment that comes from Heaven.

B. This seal unleashes a "**World-Wide" catastrophe.**

1. There will be "Great Earthquakes."

- a. Sun becomes black
- b. Moon becomes as blood
- d. Stars fall from heaven
- d. Every mountain moves out of their places
- e. Every Island moves out of its place

1. I take this literally.

C. Results: Men grow hardened - - as Pharaoh did.

1. They grow bold to make war against the LAMB. (Rev 19:19)

D. The Sixth seal reveals that God is "no respecter of persons." (Rev. 6:15-16)

E. The men and governments who have frightened people

1. They will be **frightened beyond measure** (Rev. 6:16)

2. There will be **NO PLACE FOR THEM TO HIDE.**

3. It "seems" that all the earth can now see the "throne." (Rev. 6:16)

## PARENTHESIS:

**Intro:** *The Lamb does not open the 7th seal until chapter eight!*

- I. **God Suspends Judgment** (Revelation 7:1-3)
  - A. God answers Habakkuk's prayer for mercy. (Habakkuk 3:2)
    - 1. God has always offered mercy to those who will accept it.
      - a. God remembered mercy on the night of the Passover in Egypt (First-born).
      - b. God remembered mercy before the flood (Noah).
    - 2. Revelation Chapter 7 is the "Mercy Chapter."
  - B. The "Six-Seals" are only the BEGINNING of judgment (Matthew 24:4-8)
    - 1. The "seventh seal" opens the "Seven Trumpets" of judgment.
      - A. All of the judgments from this point forward are SUPERNATURAL.
- II. **144,000 Jews are Sealed (Saved)** – (Revelation 7:4-8)
  - A. These are ALL Israelites.
    - 1. This IS NOT the church.
    - 2. There is NOT ONE Gentile among this group.
      - a. ALL are of one of the 12 tribes of Israel.
  - B. These Jews – never heard the true Gospel before.
    - 1. Hearing the "TRUE" Gospel they turn and accept Christ as their Messiah!
    - 2. They are sealed with the "...seal of the living God." (Rev. 7:2)
      - a. Divine possession – protection – preservation
- III. **A Great Multitude of Gentiles are saved.** (Revelation 7:9-17)
  - A. These come from ALL nations, and kindred, and people, and tongues. (vs. 9)
    - 1. There will be NONE who have rejected Christ in the Church Age. (II Thess. 2:10-12)
    - 2. These heard the "True" Gospel from the 144,000 Jews who were saved. (Matt. 24:14)
      - a. Their Position: *"...before the throne"*
      - b. Their Purity: *clothed in "white robes"*
      - c. Their Praise: *"Salvation"*
      - d. Their Privilege: *"serve God day and night" (vs. 15)*
      - e. Their Provision: *"...hunger and thirst no more" (vs. 16-17)*
    - 3. God wipes all tears from their eyes. (vs. 17)
- VII. **THE SEVENTH SEAL** (Revelation Chapter 8)
  - A. The Seventh Seal introduces the judgments of the Seven Trumpets.

# THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS

## Lesson #13

### FIRST – SECOND - THIRD - FOURTH TRUMPETS

#### Revelation 8:1 – 13

**Intro:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Seal is opened ([Rev. 8:1](#)) – The 7 trumpet judgments are introduced.

A. This is still during the Tribulation Period.

### CHAPTER EIGHT IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS

#### I. **The Silent Pause** ([Revelation 8:1](#))

A. This silence is in HEAVEN – not on earth – for a half-hour.

B. The silence has a “TWO-FOLD” application:

1. The steps of God from mercy to judgment are slow ([Ezekiel 18:32](#))
2. Total silence as one faces judgment – Nerve shattering!!! ALL HEAVEN WAITS!
  - a. God The Father
  - b. The Lamb
  - c. The Holy Spirit
  - d. 24 Elders
  - e. Seraphims
  - f. 100 million angels
  - g. The church
  - h. Martyrs

**ALL IS SILENT! ..... THINK ABOUT THIS!**

B. The Bible prophesied this day would come.

1. ALL flesh – ([Zechariah 2:13](#))
2. Judgment is SET – The BOOKS are opened ([Daniel 7:10](#))

C. Today! – This is not so! – **Men open their mouths wide – mock!**

1. In times past - God spoke by the Prophets ([Hebrews 1:1](#))
2. In the last days - God spoke to us by his Son ([Hebrews 1:2](#))

D. In THAT day – **God Himself will speak** ([Psalms 2:5](#))

#### II **The Solemn Preparation** ([Revelation 8:2](#))

A These are LITERAL angels ([Hebrews 2:5](#))

B. The Purpose: To prepare for the most awful judgment the world has ever known!

1. Bible States: No Christian has ever imagined what Heaven is **really** like. ([1 Cor. 2:9](#))
2. The world has never imagined a judgment as awful as “The Trumpet Judgments.”
  - a. They were prophesied by Enoch. ([Jude 1:14-15](#); [Matthew 5:44](#))
  - b. They were expected by the Psalms ([Psalms 96:12-13](#))
  - c. They were verified by Paul. ([Acts 17:30-31](#))
3. Seven angels held the “Seven Trumpets.” ([Revelation 8:2](#))
4. These Trumpets are a call to divine judgment which is about to fall. ([Numbers 10:9](#))

a. **READ** [Ezekiel 33:1-7](#) – **WATHCMAN!**

**1. VERSE 6 – When we see “the days of Noah”...warn them!**

### III. The Saints' Prayers (Revelation 8:3-5)

- A. Under the 5<sup>th</sup> Seal the martyred saints prayed for vengeance or "just" judgment.
  - 1. Saints of Tribulation: Prayers of the saved – Jews and Gentiles – **for Vengeance!**
  - 2. Saints of Church Age: Prayers to **"RID THE EARTH OF ABORTION, WICKEDNESS, ETC."**
- B. God approved of their prayers! He answered WITHOUT DELAY. (Revelation 8:5-6)
  - 1. **Followed by:** voices – **thunderings** – lightnings – an earthquake
    - a. Expresses: Great confusion – Great fear – Great Disorder
  - 2. These affect the ENTIRE earth!
  - 3. These are "only the beginning" of horrors for those who rejected Christ.
- C. Those on earth – rejected the "Sacrifice" of Christ – Therefore ----
  - 1. There "remaineth no more sacrifice.... (Hebrews 10:26-27)
  - 2. Only a "...certain fearful looking for a judgment and fiery indignation..."

### IV. The Sinners' Punishment (Revelation 8:7 – 9:21)

- A " ... Another Angel came...."
  - 1. This is a LITERAL angel.... It is NOT CHRIST....
    - a. The Lamb is opening the seals (Verse 1)
    - b. The incense and prayers "were given unto him (the angel)...." (Verse 32)
  - 2. CHRIST WOULD NOT HAVE NEEDED ANYTHING GIVEN TO HIM.
  - 3. The picture in Revelation - **Christ as judge** – **controls the book of Revelation!**
- B. The angel brings the prayers of the saints before all of Heaven. (Verse 3)
  - 1. **None of your prayers have ever been forgotten!**
    - a. The tribulation saints pray for judgment.
    - b. We have prayed for "the Kingdom of Heaven" to come.
- C. This is just prior to the Second Coming (Revelation 10:7) "...mystery of God is finished"
  - 1. The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet – (Revelation 11:15) states...
    - a. "Kingdoms of world are become...." **(the beginning of the end!)**
  - 2. **Fore-Shadowed** - in Joshua and Wall of Jericho
    - a. Circled walls "seven" times
    - b. Trumpet blew "seven" times
    - c. All fell – **Total and final destruction** of the city followed.
  - 3. The seven angels prepare themselves to sound. (Rev. 8:6)

## THE TRUMPETS

### I The First Trumpet (Revelation 8:7)

- A. The language is literal – **To say it is not – is your imagination!**
  - 1. These judgments are "A DIRECT ACT OF GOD!"
- B. Very probable that these **trumpet blasts are heard on earth!**
  - 1. Revelation 6:14 "Heavens rolled back" (Opened)
  - 2. Revelation 6:16 "Wanted to be hid from the face of God"
  - 3. Revelation 16:9 "Blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over plagues"
    - a. **All the world will know from where these judgments come.**
- C. This one is: Hail and Fire – **mingled with blood!!!!**
  - 1. Third part of trees burnt (**These four trumpets are filled with "Third part"**) – **11 times**

2. All of the green grass burnt.
  - a. Desolation is **world-wide**. (See Verse 12: Sun, Moon, Stars – world-wide)
  - b. Out-look is bleak – All hope fades away.

## II. The Second Trumpet (Revelation 8:8-9)

A. Says, “AS” a mountain – not a real mountain

1. **Most likely** a meteor – shape and size of a **great** mountain falls from the sky.
2. One-third of sea becomes blood
  - a. This is literal – took place in Egypt (Exodus 7:19-21 & Psalms 105:29)
3. One-third of creatures in the sea die
  - a. **Imagine the stench! (Coupled with the stench of the 2 billion in Seal 4)**
4. One-third of ships destroyed
  - a. Serious effect on the world of commerce
5. Foretold in:
  - a. Hosea 4:1-3
  - b. Zeph. 1:3
  - c. Isaiah 2:12-16

B. Voices become louder and louder – seek to awaken men

1. The world will learn righteousness. (Isaiah 26:9)

## III The Third Trumpet (Revelation 8:10-11)

A. Another meteor!

1. A third part of the rivers and fountains become bitter and deadly.
2. A third part of **remaining** fresh water become bitter and deadly.
  - a. Star named “Wormwood”

B. Foretold: Jeremiah 9:14 & 15; 23:15

C. This is literal:

1. Genesis 1:14 -16 – God placed the stars in heaven!
2. Psalms 147:4 – God knows how many stars there are!
3. Job 9:9-10 – God knows the names of the stars!

D. The Star Wormwood is mentioned several times in the Bible.

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Deut. 29:18  | 3. Amos 5:7              |
| 2. Proverbs 5:4 | 4. Jeremiah 9:15 & 23:15 |

E. When Christ was crucified, lost men gave him vinegar & gall to drink. (Matthew 27:34)

1. **They reap what they sowed** – (Galatians 6:6-7)

## IV. The Fourth Trumpet (Revelation 8:12-13)

A. A third part of the sun, moon, and stars were smitten (darkened).

1. A third part of the day shown not! (NO SUN) **(The 6<sup>th</sup> Seal)**
2. A third part of the night, likewise! (NO MOON)
3. A third part of the stars, shown not (NO STARS).
4. A third part of them is darkened
5. A third part the day and night shone not

B. This judgment defies all scientific explanation and baffles the entire world.

C. This judgment was predicted by Christ in Luke 21:25-28

1. The period about which Christ referred is the Tribulation Period.  
 Luke 21:25-28 is during the “Olivet Discourse” and Christ was talking to the nation of Israel – **not the church** - (Matthew 24:29-31)

D. **INTERESTING:** God created the sun, moon, and stars on the **“fourth day of creation.”**  
(Gen 1:14-19)

1. God withdrew that light during the **“fourth trumpet.”**

E. This will SERIOUSLY affect the “changing of the seasons.” (Genesis 1:15) (HAPPENING NOW)

1. This will affect health – growing – fruits – etc.

F. An Angel concluded the “fourth trumpet” by flying through the Heaven and saying in a LOUD VOICE:

**“Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth by reasons of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!”** (Revelation 8:13)

**This introduces the last three Trumpets which begin in Chapter Nine!**

**These three woes are considered more serious than all the judgments which have gone before.**

# REVELATION

## Lesson #14

Revelation 9:1-12

### THE FIFTH & SIXTH TRUMPETS

**Intro:** Chapter Nine contains prophecies of the dreadful, diabolical attacks on the people on earth who rejected Christ. (Revelation 9:11)

A. This began with the first four Trumpets. (Revelation 8:1-13)

B. The 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpets are a continuation of those diabolical attacks.

1. There is a “PAUSE” between the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpets.

2. The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet does not sound until Revelation 11:15.

C. The 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> are referred to as “The Three Woes” to the inhabitants of the earth.”

1. These are MORE SERIOUS AND DREADFUL than the first four trumpets.

C. These are directed ONLY toward those who do not have the “seal of God.” (Rev. 9:4)

### THE FIFTH TRUMPET

Revelation 9:1-12

#### I. An Unnamed Person (Revelation 9:1 & 2)

A. This “star” is a PERSON (See pronouns in verse 1 & 2)

1. “...to **him** was given...” (Verse 1)

2. “... **he** opened...” (Verse 2)

B. The word “Fall”, in the Greek text, is in the past tense – “Fallen”

1. Very possible that this “fallen star” is Satan. (Isaiah 14:12-15)

2. Jesus said, “Behold Satan as lightning fall from heaven.” (Luke 10:18)

3. Satan is being used, **under God’s control** – to carry out judgment!

a. The “KEY” to the “Bottomless Pit” is given unto him.

1. Given by Christ – (Revelation 1:18)

b. Satan is always under God’s control – See Job.

4. Bottomless Pit – Abyss – habitation of unclean spirits (Rev. 20:1-3)

a. Very likely in the center of the earth

1. Matt. 12:40; Psalms 16:10 & Acts 2:25-31

#### II. The Unveiling of the Bottomless Pit (Revelation 9:2)

A. This is an Unseen – Unheard of – Unimagined punishment of the Wicked (Rev. 9:5-9)

1. Smoke of a GREAT furnace! Like a world-wide volcano!

2. Bitter smoke fills the air (Revelation 9:2)

3. Like unto the plague of Egypt (Exodus 10:12-15)

B. Darkness covers the earth – a darkness that “**can be felt**” (Exodus 10:21-22)

1. The darkness in Egypt lasted only three days!

2. This darkness “world-wide” will last 5 months. (Revelation 9:5)

#### III. The Unveiling of the Inhabitants of the Bottomless Pit (Revelation 9:3)

A. “Locusts” are literal!

1. They were real locusts in Exodus 10:12-15.

a. These are possibly possessed by “fallen angels” (demons).



- b. These locusts came from the “bottomless pit.” (2 Peter 2:4)
      - c. The swine were possessed by demons in Matt. 8:30-32.
    - 2. These are not NORMAL locusts.
      - a. Do not eat grass – their normal diet (Exodus 10:12-15)
      - b. This time they only “hurt men.”
  - B. **THEIR POWER IS LIMITED BY GOD!** (God is always in control)
    - 1. The “Star” was limited in the use of the key – “It was “given to him”
    - 2. The locusts were limited in that they could only hurt “certain” men
    - 3. The locusts were limited in that they could hurt them only “in a certain way.”
  - C. The Torment will be so severe that men seek to die by ANY means and will not be able to die!
    - 1. Try as they may - THEY WILL NOT FIND DEATH. (Verse 6)
      - a. They may have taken poison – Cannot die
      - b. They may have tried to drown themselves – Cannot die
      - c. They may have shot themselves – Cannot die
    - 2. Death has always been the enemy of man – yet now THEY SEEK DEATH!
- IV. **The Description of the Inhabitants (Locust - Fallen Angels) (Revelation 9:7-10)**
  - A. They were “as” or “likened to” (Symbolic) – THEY WERE LOCUSTS, BUT...
    - 1. Horses – Powerful military
    - 2. Crowns – Authority
    - 3. Men – Intelligence
    - 4. Hair like Women – Seductive
    - 5. Teeth like Lions – Set to devour
    - 6. Breastplates – Mighty armour
- V. **The “King” of the Locusts (Revelation 9:11)**
  - A. Locusts in Egypt did not have a king. (Exodus 10:12-15)
  - B. The “King” of these Locusts is apparently not Satan .
    - 1. At this point, Satan has never been in the bottomless pit!
    - 2. Satan is WELL ORGANIZED.
      - a. This is possibly “a Captain” in Satan’s army.
    - 3. Hebrew: Abaddon
    - 4. Greek: Apollyon
      - a. Both names mean “**DESTROYER**”
  - C. Today, we should be thankful!
    - 1. The doors to the bottomless pit are locked.
    - 2. We were prevented from eating from the Tree of Life.
    - 3. We shall escape the “invasion of demons on the earth.”
    - 4. We shall escape the “darkness that can be felt.”
  - D. Today, we should be thankful because the Bottomless Pit is “a place of no escape.”
    - 1. The “fallen angels” did not escape. (2 Peter 2:4)
    - 2. The “old world” of Noah’s generation did not escape. (2 Peter 2:5)
    - 3. The “wicked of every generation” will not escape. (2 Peter 2:6)

## THE SIXTH TRUMPET Revelation 9:13-21

**Intro:** The Golden Altar turns from a “place of prayer” (Tabernacle) – to a place of judgment!  
God has always and will always hear the prayers of His people!

- I. **Four Angels Loosed from the Euphrates River!** (Revelation 9:14)
  - A. These are wicked angels – identified as “**Bound**” (II Peter 2:4)
    - 1. Thousands of “wicked angels” are loose today. (Eph. 6:12)
    - 2. Those “Wicked angels” (demons) are “hindered” in their activity. (II Thess. 2: 7)
      - a. A CERTAIN four “ANGELS-DEMONS” have been prepared to be used for judgment.
      - b. These appear to be fiercer than those loose today.
    - 2. They are prepared for: A CERTAIN *hour – day – month – and year*
      - a. Loosed from the Euphrates River
  - B. The Location of the Euphrates River
    - A. The Euphrates River runs the length of Iraq.
      - 1. The Euphrates River divides “the Near East” from “The Far East.”
      - 2. One of two major rivers which flowed from Eden (Genesis 2:10-14)
        - a. The place of Satan’s FIRST diabolical work (Genesis 3:1-6)
        - b. Place of the FIRST murder (Genesis 4:8)
        - c. Place of man’s FIRST organized rebellion (Genesis chapter 11)
      - 3. This is the last “stage” for the final destruction of false religion. (Rev. 17)
        - a. Babylon is located on the banks of the Euphrates River.
  - C. The Angel’s purpose is to slay 1/3 of the men who remain on earth.
    - 1. TODAY’s population: 8 Billion (2017)
      - a. After the 4<sup>th</sup> Seal – 2 Billion slain - 6 billion remain
      - b. 1/3 will of remaining 6 billion, will be another TWO BILLION PEOPLE KILLED
      - c. Four (4) billion remaining!
- II. **200,000,000 Hellish Horseman** (Revelation 9:16) – **More than the population at that time!**
  - A. **There is no explanation of who this army is or where it came from.**

### Clarence Larkin gave this illumination explanation:

“Supernatural armies are not unknown to Scripture. Horses and a chariot of fire separated Elijah from Elisha in the day when Elijah was taken up by a whirlwind into Heaven (2 Kings 2:11). When Dothan was besieged by the army of Syria, God opened the eyes of Elisha’s servant, and he saw the mountains around the city full of horses and chariots of fire (2Kings 6:13-17). When the Lord Jesus Christ shall come to take ‘The Kingdom,’ He will be attended by the armies of Heaven riding on white horses.”

Just as horses have been associated with supernatural activity in the past, it is apparent that they will be also in these days of divine judgment on earth.

**SOME COMMENTATORS TEACH: No Proof, but....Fast Forward to 2017**

An Army from the “other side of the river!”

China, in 1975 boasted of an army of 200,000,000!

**WE MUST NOT GO PAST WHAT GOD HAS WRITTEN!**

### III. The Description of the Army (Revelation 9:17)

- A. Horses – Picture of a major military force
- B. Breastplates of fire – Armor – with fire
- C. The following is not stated, but is a possibility
  - 1. John SAW these things!
  - 2. He may not have ever seen the things that were shown to him.
  - 3. Therefore, he may have had to describe them “as best he could.”  
He may have used “things of war” that as close as possible pictured what he saw.
  - 4. **NEVERTHELESS** – *What God had written – God has written!*  
These weapons produce: Fire – Smoke – Brimstone (Deadly gas)

**Brimstone:** This is the gas which is stifling and strangling which God sent upon the city of Sodom when He destroyed it (Luke 17:29). The coming judgment of Babylon will take on a like form in Revelation 14:10; when the judgment is against the beast and the false prophet (Revelation 19:20); against Satan (Revelation 20:10); and eventually, against all unbelievers (Revelation 21).

- D. This is a “sample” of what people will endure in hell FOREVER AND EVER!
- E. And to think – there will be NO ONE TO HELP THEM!
  - 1. NO “**WATCHMAN ON THE WALL**” TO WARN THEM!

### IV. The Unrepentant People (Revelation 9:20-21)

- A. Some who “were not killed” but refused to repent
  - 1. The human heart is deceitful and desperately wicked!
    - a. This is an expression of the hatred in the heart of man toward God!
    - b. Pharaoh did not soften his heart, but rather became more defiant.

### V. The Six Deadly Sins of the Last Days (Revelation 9:20 - 21)

- A. A great increase in demon worship
- B. A great increase in the worship of idols: gold, silver, brass, stone & wood
  - 1. Materialism!
- C. A great increase in murders - abortion (All in verse 21)
- D. A great increase in sorceries – (Greek word = “Pharmakeia”) – Use of drugs
- E. A great increase in fornication – pornography
- F. A great increase in thefts – Honesty will be obliterated – no respect for the rights of others!

**NOTE:** All the above have been legalized by the Supreme Court of the United States!

- A. Read [Jude 14-15](#)

**ALL OF THIS HAPPENS AFTER THE CHURCH IS RAPTURED AND TAKEN TO HEAVEN.**

**May God use this to stir the hearts of Christians to a more dedicated life to Jesus Christ.**

# THE MIGHTY ANGEL AND THE LITTLE BOOK

## Lesson #15

### (Parenthetical pause between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet – Part one)

#### Revelation 10:1-7

- Intro:** I. Just as there was an interlude or parenthetical pause between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Seals, there is an interlude between the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet.
- A. This pause continues until [Revelation 11:15](#)
    - 1. The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet sounds
    - 2. **The kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and ...**
- II. Chapter 10 is an “introduction” to [Revelation Chapters 11-14](#)
- A. [Chapter 15](#) gives “the vision” of the vials.
  - B. [Chapter 16](#) “opens” the vials.
- III. The emphasis in Chapter 10 is that there will be no more delay in God’s judgment.
- A. Verse 6 states: “... that there shall be time no longer.” **(FINAL PAUSE)**
    - 1. “...time...” is a word used in that day for “delay.”
  - B. The final pause – The final warning (**Pause continues until Rev. 11:15**)

#### I. **The Mighty Angel** ([Revelation 10:1](#))

- A. This angel is not named. (Angels are mentioned 75 times in Revelation.)
  - 1. ALWAYS mentioned “in service” to Christ/God
- B. Some identify this angel as Gabriel or Michael.
  - 1, This is highly unlikely because no name is given this angel
- C. Some identify this “mighty angel” as the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - 1. They point to the Old Testament where Jesus appeared as “an angel of the Lord.”
    - a. [Genesis 22:15](#) “Deity appears in angelic form” (Calls Himself “Lord”)
    - b. [Isaiah 63:9](#) “Angel appears as a “redeemer”
  - 2. It is doubtful that this “angel” is Christ.
- D. Christ(God) “*...because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself.*” ([Heb. 6:13](#))
  - D. This angel raises his hand to heaven ([Verse 5](#)) and “swears” by one greater than himself!
- E. The angel set his feet upon **the sea and the earth**. Mentioned 3 times ([Rev. 10:2,5, & 8](#))
  - 1. Pictures judgment as “World-Wide” or a “**WORLD WIDE WARNING!**”  
**APPLICATION** ..... **A. Matthew 28:19-20**
  - 2. Pictures that **Christ is about to claim that which is rightfully His.** ([Col 1:16](#))
  - 3. The angel’s dress indicates an angel of “high rank.”
    - a. Has an OPEN book – not sealed
    - b. No indication of what is written in the book!

#### II. **The Scene and Setting of Chapter Ten**

- A. John is apparently “on earth.”
  - 1. He saw the mighty angel “come down from heaven...” ([Verse 1](#))
  - 2. He heard “...a voice from heaven.” ([Verse 4](#))
- B. John sees and hears all of this ON EARTH! – others may or may not see and hear

### III. The Seven Thunders (Verse 3)

- A. What were these 7 thunders – What did the seven thunders say?
  - 1. **I do not know – You do not know** – Anyone who claims to know – is lying!
  - 2. Thunder is a type of God’s judgment. (I Sam. 7:10; Psalms 8:13; Psalms 29)
- B. John, on earth, HEARD what the thunders said (**He was going to write it down**)
  - 1. John also UNDERSTOOD what the thunders said.
    - a. He was about to write... - **Commanded not to write** (vs. 10:4)
    - b. Commanded to “SEAL up those things the seven thunders said!”
  - 2. **ONLY part of Revelation that remains sealed** (Rev. 22:10)
- C. It is unknown what the “thunders from heaven” said.
  - 1. Most likely something we could not understand
  - 2. These things, to our knowledge, **are still unknown until this day.**
  - 3. See Job 37:5 and Deut. 29:29.

### IV. The Affirmation (Oath) of the Mighty Angel (Revelation 10:5-7)

- A. The Angel swears that there should be “time no longer:”
  - 1. Explained in the next verse
    - a. **No more delay** in the “final judgment on man.”
      - 1. Now begins “the beginning of the end.”
    - b. **The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet will sound – JUDGMENT OF GOD WILL BE COMPLETED!**
    - c. **The 7 vials shall then be poured out on the inhabitants of the earth.**
  - 2. **This time between now and Rev. 11:15 is your last chance!**
    - a. **REPENT OR ELSE – LAST WARNING** (God remembers mercy, but.....)
- B. **The inhabitants of the earth will be angered.** (Revelation 11:18)
  - 1. **The kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of Christ!**
  - 2. When the “seven vials” of God’s wrath will be poured out on the earth
    - a. **All evil will be finished! – and men will be angry!**
- C. God’s delay of judgment has been a great mystery of the ages –
  - 1. A mystery is something unknown in the past – not revealed.
  - 2. Men have wondered why God puts up with all that is going on today!
  - 3. Today, both the lost and many saved ask: Why does God delay?
    - a. **The world has scoffed** about preaching about “his coming.” (II Peter 3:4)
    - b. **Christians have wondered why He puts up with** all that is going on.
  - 4. Sin abounds and grows worse and worse.
    - a. Men have said, “**Where is the promise of His coming?**”
  - 5. **When the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet sounds – We will wonder no longer!**

### V. The Assignment of the Apostle John (Revelation 10:8-11)

- A. John was instructed to “take the little book” from the mighty angel.
  - 1. This is the third time that “**the sea and the earth**” is mentioned.
    - a. Pictures Judgment of God “**World-Wide**”
- B. John is instructed to “eat the book.”
  - 1. No doubt the book refers to “The Word of God.”

- a. *Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word...* (Matt. 4:4)
- 2. Contains the
  - a. Final Judgment of God on the earth
  - b. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ
- C. John is instructed that he must “eat the book.” **(Feed on the Word)**
  - 1. It will be bitter and sweet. (Verse 9)
- D. John is instructed that he must Prophecy **(Preach the Word)**. (Verse 11)
  - 1. This is exactly what John did (Revelation 13 – 17 – 19)
    - a. **He must preach the part that is sweet**
    - b. **He must preach the part that is bitter!**
- E. **Preachers today MUST preach the “whole counsel of God.”**
  - 1. They must preach the sweet – The part people want to hear.
  - 2. They must preach the bitter - The part people do not want to hear!
  - 3. They must preach it to:
    - a. Peoples
    - b. Nations
    - c. Tongues
    - d. Kings (Revelation 16:14)
- F. John **WARNED** people that the **JUDGMENT OF GOD WOULD BE DELAYED NO LONGER.**
- G. We must warn people now, before the time comes when the **Judgement of God will**

**NO LONGER BE DELAYED!**

**NEXT: Chapter 11**

**The two witnesses who preached for 42 months**

**The two witnesses who were killed**

**The two witnesses who were raised from the dead!**

# REVELATION

## Lesson # 16

### Revelation 11: 1-19

#### (Parenthesis Between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet – Part #2)

**Intro:** The long interlude continues through Chapter 11.

#### **I. John is told that he must prophesy again.**

- A. Prophecy describes major events during the last 3 ½ years of Tribulation (GREAT).
  - 1. The Temple ([Revelation 11:1-2](#))
  - 2. The Two-Witnesses ([Revelation 11:3-12](#))
  - 3. The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet ([Revelation 11:15-19](#))
    - a. Temple and altar in Heaven

### THE TEMPLE ON EARTH

([Revelation 11:1-2](#))

#### **I. John wrote this about 95-96 A.D. (The Temple is always Jewish!)**

- A. There have been three temples.
  - 1. Solomon's Temple – [I Kings 8](#)
    - a. Destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in 583 BC ([II Kings 24-25](#))
  - 2. Zerubbabel's Temple ([Ezra 8](#))
    - a. Destroyed by Antiochus Epiphenes 169 BC
  - 3. Herod's Temple ([John 2:20](#))
    - Destroyed by Titus about 70 AD
  - 4. **The Temple of God today is "the church"** (True believers). ([Eph. 2:21](#) & [I Cor. 6:19](#))
    - a. Temple in [Revelation 11:1-2](#) cannot be applied to the church.
    - b. The church has **"no Christian Temple and no altar today.** ([Heb. 10:19-22](#))
- B. Israel will build a new Temple, in Jerusalem, **BEFORE** the middle of the Tribulation Period.
  - 1. There is a Moslem Mosque in the exact place where the Temple is to be built!
  - 2. How will God take that down? – Maybe an earthquake – but He will.
    - a. Antichrist will enter that Temple at middle. ([II Thess. 2:4](#))
- C. The Measurement of the Temple – **Three things measured**
  - 1. The Temple
  - 2. The Altar
  - 3. The Worshipers – True believers (Israel)
    - a. It is being measured **because it is God's and He will protect it.**
      - 1. [Revelation 5: 6 & 14 \(READ\)](#)
- D. The Measurement of the "Outer Court" (**ISRAEL controls Jerusalem today) BUT!**
  - 1. Antichrist will enter that Temple in middle of Tribulation Period ([II Thess. 2:4](#))
    - a. Demand to be worshiped ([Mathew 24:15](#)) (**JEWS will turn on him!**)
    - b. The "Gentile world" will follow the antichrist and **"trod Jerusalem/Jews under foot"**
      - 1. Last for 3 ½ years
- E. The "time of the gentiles" will end at the 2<sup>nd</sup> advent of Christ. ([Rev. 19:17-19](#), [Luke 21:24](#))

## THE TWO WITNESSES

(Revelation 11:3-12)

### II. They Are Prophets. (Revelation 11:3)

- A. Raised up when anti-christ takes over. (**MIDDLE of Tribulation Period**)
- B. Called "Olive Trees" (Zech. 4:11-14)
- C. They are two "**individuals**" (men) and not groups – The Scriptures say:
  - 1. "My" two witnesses (Verse 3)
  - 2. They are dressed – "clothed in sackcloth." (Verse 3)
  - 3. They are killed. (Verse 7)
  - 4. Their bodies lie in the street. (Verse 8)
  - 5. They are resurrected. (Verse 11)
  - 6. They ascend into Heaven. (Verse 12)
- D. Who are these two men?
  - 1. Some identify them as **Elijah and Enoch** because they did not die. (Hebrews 9:7)
    - a. But – others will not die (I Thess. 4:17)
  - 2. **We know that Elijah will return.** (Malachi 4:5 & 6)
  - 3. Some identify them as **Elijah and Moses** – because
    - a. They both appeared with Christ on the Mt. of Transfiguration (Matt. 17:3)
    - b. Moses had the powers listed in Verse 6 - (Deut. 9:3)
    - c. Elijah had the powers listed in Verse 6 - (I Kings 18:38)
  - 4. These are "Possibilities" – **nothing more**
- E. Some believe that the two witnesses "**will not be men from the past.**"
  - 1. They base their position on the fact that the two witnesses are not named.
  - 2. **IT DOES NOT MATTER WHO THEY ARE!** – If it did – **God would have named them!**

### III. They are Powerful Prophets.

- 1. **They will have great power to:**
  - a. Shut Heaven and there will be no rain (Verse 6)
  - b. Turn water into blood (Verse 6) **NO EXPLANATION**
  - c. Smite the world with plagues (Verse 6)
  - d. Destroy their enemies by fire (Verse 5)

### IV. They are Persecuted Prophets. (Revelation 11:7)

- A. Persecuted for "three and one half years" – **AFTER which, they are killed by the beast**
  - 1. They tried to kill Paul and could not.
    - a. Said, "The time of my departure is at hand..." (II Tim. 4:6)
  - 2. They tried to kill Jesus and could not.
    - a. Said, "My hour is not yet come..." (John 2:4 & John 7:6)
  - 3. **BUT --- THEY COULD NOT BE KILLED UNTIL "THEIR WORK WAS FINISHED"**  
**VERSE 5 (read)**
- B. Their bodies are left in the streets for three days.
  - 1. This takes place in "that great city" Jerusalem. (Verse 8)
    - a. **Called Sodom**
      - 1. Iniquity - ungodliness abound
    - b. **Called Egypt**
      - 1. Pleasure seeking
        - a. Religions are doing this today!



2. They will be seen “round the world” (By Television) (Verse 9)

**C. The TRUE heart of man is revealed.**

4. There will be:

- a. **Glee, horrid, insane, inhuman, hellish celebrations**
- b. **Television news agencies will run continual “BREAKING NEWS!”**
- c. **People will send gifts to one another.**
- d. **ALL MORAL AND ETHICAL RESTRAINTS ARE GONE!**

5. **Their reason:** They were tormented by their preaching (Verse 10)

**V. They Were Preserved Prophets.** (Verse 11)

- A. God vindicated the Two Witnesses.
- B. Their resurrection will cause great fear among the people (Verse 11)
- C. It will be shown around the world – by Television!

**VI. They were Persuasive Prophets.** (Verse 12)

- A. Their enemies watched as they ascended **(Television) ??**
- B. **These four things happened at the “same hour” (Same time)**
  - 1. A great earthquake
    - a. Earthquake at the time Christ was crucified (Matt. 27:51)
  - 2. One-tenth of the city destroyed
  - 3. 7000 men slain – **(named men! – well known men!)**
  - 4. The remaining population “gave glory to the God of Heaven”
    - a. **Gave glory externally - “Out of fear”**
    - b. **NO MENTION OF REPENTANCE OR SALVATION**
    - c. If they were saved – no record of it.

**THE SEVENTH TRUMPET**

(Revelation 11:15-19)

**I. The “Seventh” trumpet sounds**

- A. This trumpet contains the “Seven Vials.”
  - 1. These Vials are poured out at a later time. (Rev. 16:1)
- B. John hears a great voice saying  
*“The Kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”*
- NOTE:** These verses are important for the following reasons:
  - 1. They are a brief index of things to follow.
  - 2. These must be understood in order to rightly understand the remainder of the book.
  - 3. It gives God’s own outline of the events.
  - 4. It extends to the “destroying of those who destroyed the earth.”
    - a. This includes the Beast and his armies
    - b. The destruction of Gog and Magog at the end of the Millennium
    - c. It brings us to “the door” of the New Creation.
- C. This views Christ’s future as sovereign ruler “as having already happened or accomplished.”
- D. The “Thanksgiving” given by four and twenty elders to God
  - 1. They thank God for “Who He is.” (vs. 17)
  - 2. They thank God for Him Who will rule. (vs. 17)
  - 3. They thank God that He has taken His great power. (vs. 17)

4. They thank God for His wrath on the ungodly. (vs. 17)
  - a. This is a fulfillment of [Psalms 2: 6-9](#).
  - b. He will destroy the ungodly. ([Revelation 19:15](#))
5. They thank God for judging the world. (vs. 18)
6. They thank God for rewarding the righteous. (vs. 18)
7. They thank God that He will destroy them that destroyed the earth. (vs. 18)

### A PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS REVELATION 11:19

- I. The Nations were angry.
  - A. Their anger is unparalleled and unlimited. ([Psalms 2](#))
- II. The wrath of God is come.
  - A. Even TODAY men doubt that God is capable of anger and vengeance.
  - B. The “God” of the Modernism, Universalism, Russellism, Spiritism, Christian Science, Jehovah Witnesses, in short, the “God” that the world dreams of - DOES NOT EXIST!
- III. The time of the dead being judged
  - A. Divine wrath is measured out to each and every unsaved creature.
- IV. The time to give rewards has come.
  - A. The prophets receive their rewards first.
  - B. The saints, all the saints of God, will receive their rewards.
- V. God will destroy them that destroy the earth.
  - A. Man, since the fall, has been destroying God’s earth.
  - B. Now, the hour has come for them to “reap what they sowed.”
  - C. **Following the clear preaching of the two witnesses -Judgment will be severe!**

### THE TEMPLE IN HEAVEN Revelation 11:19

- I. **The Temple of God - Opened in Heaven (Verse 19)**
  - A. This becomes a “key” to Chapters 10-16.
    1. This is a literal Temple in Heaven ([Hebrews 8:5; 9:22-24; Exodus 25:40](#))
    2. Therefore, **“the real ark of His covenant” is there.**
    3. The ark’s “pattern” was given to Israel – not to the church.
    4. The ark in the earthly tabernacle was in the Holy of Holies.
      - a. In that ark - God dwelt with His people.
      - b. In this ark, God becomes a “God of judgment.”  
(lightnings, voices, thunderings, an earthquake and great hail. vs. 19)
    5. This judgment will involve the entire earth.
  - B. **God is acting – in judgment – from His “Temple in Heaven” ([Revelation 15:5-8](#))**

Today, we sense that the world is moving swiftly toward a time of judgment. Like the two witnesses, we in the church are messengers with a mandate to proclaim the message of repentance and judgment to our generation – while there is still time!

# REVELATION

## Lesson #17

### Revelation 12:1-17

**Intro:** 1. Chapter 12 continues the “pause” between the 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet and the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet.

God reminds us of two things

1. God is not through with Israel.
2. Satan’s hatred of Israel

The Tribulation is about Israel - Daniels’ 70<sup>th</sup> week. (Daniel 9)

*The entire book of Revelation is amazing and interesting. However, this chapter contains a beautiful picture of God’s love and long-suffering. It is directed to Israel, but an application can be made to Christians of today.*

## WONDERS IN HEAVEN

There are “two” wonders in this chapter.

A great wonder (Verse 1)

Another wonder (Verse 3)

- I. **A Great Wonder in Heaven** (Revelation 12:1 & 2) (Greek word: Wonder – Sign)
  - A. Women are often used to “symbolize” religion in the Bible – Twice in Revelation
    1. Jezebel who represents “paganism” (Rev. 2:20)
    2. The Scarlet woman in Rev. 17:1 represents the “apostate church.”
    3. The Lamb’s Wife in Rev. 19:7 represents the “true church.”
  - B. Who is this woman? (She is a “sign” or “a symbol” – but of who or what?)
    1. Some teach that she is “The Church.” **That is not true.**
      - a. The church did not “*travail in birth to bring forth Christ.*” (Revelation 12:13)
    2. The Woman is a “symbol or picture” of Israel
      - a. Israel, **God’s chosen people**, brought forth “the man child.” (Verse 5)
      - b. Observe the Prophecy in [Isaiah 66:7-8](#).
  - C. God’s “three-fold purpose” in “Choosing Israel.” (Genesis 12)
    1. To make a repository for His Word (Romans 3:2)
    2. A Nation out of which Christ should come (See above Scriptures)
    3. A Child that will one day “rule the world with a rod or iron” (Revelation 19:15)
- II. **Another Wonder in Heaven** (Revelation 12:3-4)
  - A. There appeared a “Red Dragon.”
    1. The “Red Dragon” is Satan (Verse 9)
    2. “Red” pictures a cruel, bloody Murderer (John 8:44)
  - B. His “tail drew” 1/3 of the stars
    1. “His tail drew” - Speaks of: “those which follow him.”
    2. “Stars” in this case speaks of “angelic beings.” (Rev. 9:1)
      - a. “Stars” - Angelic beings which “followed” Lucifer in rebellion.
        1. Hebrews 12:22 tell us there are innumerable angels.
        2. 1/3 of them followed Satan – some of which are loose on earth

- a. Some so wicked they were bound. (II Peter 2:4)
    - 3. 2/3 of them are here “ministering to you and me!”
  - b. Compare Revelation 12:7-9
- III. The Woman, Israel, brought forth a man child...” (Verse 5)
  - A. Who is the child? (Verse 2)
    - 1. One who will rule with a rod of iron (Verse 2) (Revelation 19:15)
    - 2. He is the child of whom Isaiah wrote. (Revelation 9:6)
    - 3. The child that Satan will hate (Genesis 3:15)
  - B. The pause between Verses 5 and 6 covers all of history from the Cross until today!
 

**PAUSE:** There seems to be a pause between Verses 5 and 6. The event between Verses 7-12 seems to take place during that pause, after which the account of Verse 5 continues in Verses 14-17.
- IV. The woman, Israel, fled into the wilderness. (Verse 6)
  - A. She has a place prepared by God where she will be cared for.
  - B. She will be nourished for 3 ½ years. (Verse 14)
    - 1. “a thousand two hundred and threescore days. (Verse 6)
    - 2. “...a time, times, and a half time” (Verse 14)
    - 3. All of these are the same period of time.**
  - C. *God set Israel aside about 2500 years in the past because they rejected him. However, God made it plain in Daniel that He is not through with Israel. Now we find Israel in the Tribulation Period and see that Satan and the nations are doing all they can possibly do to destroy “the woman” Israel. Here, 2500 years later, we find God “nourishing and protecting” His chosen people. Of how much He loves them!*
  - D. **We are commanded to pray for Israel. (Genesis 12:3 & Psalms 122:6)**

## WAR IN HEAVEN

- I. **The War in Heaven** (Revelation 12:6)
  - A. Satan has always tried to destroy Jesus Christ. (the man child brought forth by the woman)
    - 1. It was prophesied that Satan would try to destroy Christ. (Genesis 3:15)
    - 2. Satan tried to destroy the Godly line with the murder of Abel. (Genesis 4)
    - 3. He tried to pollute the Godly line of Seth. (Genesis 6)
    - 4. Producing a “Pseudo son” in Ishmael (Genesis 16)
    - 5. Tried to kill Christ in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:16)
    - 6. Satan was behind Herod ordering every male child 2 yrs. and under to be killed.
  - B. Satan thought he had won the battle when they crucified Christ.
    - 1. Afterward, he realized that was “his defeat.”
    - 2. He has hated Israel since the day Christ was born.
  - C. Satan has been unable to destroy Christ –
    - 1. Therefore, he turned his hatred toward “the woman.”
      - a. Satan hates Israel.
      - b. Many nations have joined him – and do not know why!
  - D. The War in Heaven is between Satan and Michael and his angels –
    - 1. Michael is not a “messenger” of God!

- a. **Michael is a “warrior”** of God to protect God’s people.
  - 1. First Defense Michael made ([Jude 9](#)) (Contended for the body of Moses)
  - 2. First Mention of Michael ([Daniel 10:12-13](#)) – Defending Daniel
- 2. **SATAN IS DEFEATED.** ([Revelation 12:7-8](#))
- 3. **SATAN is cast out of Heaven! (Verse 9-10)**
  - b. Denied access to Heaven
  - c. Ended his ability to “accuse the brethren” ([Revelation 12:10](#))
    - 1. Satan is ANGRY – because he has a short time

#### APPLICATION FOR TODAY:

- 1. Paul told us we are warring with Principalities and Powers. ([Eph. 6:12](#))
  - a. Our weapons are not carnal, but mighty through God.
- 2. Each Christian has an angel. ([Psalms 91:11](#) & [Psalms 34:7](#))

#### **II. The Weapons of Our Warfare** ([Revelation 12:11](#))

- A. These overcame Satan – by...
  - 1. By the Blood of the Lamb
  - 2. By the Word of their testimony
- B. Christians are to do the same TODAY.
  - 1. PLEAD the blood of Christ (Open a Bible to the blood in your home.)
  - 2. Give your testimony.
    - a. **Give it to yourself.**
    - b. **Give it to others.**
  - 3. **Give your testimony to Satan.**
    - a. Call him a Liar – Jesus did! ([John 8:44](#))
    - b. Call him a murderer – Jesus did! ([John 8:44](#))
    - c. Call him a deceiver – Jesus did.
    - d. Tell him that you have been washed in the blood.
      - 1. Do all of this “**out loud**” so he can hear it.
- C. Satan is Cast out of Heaven

## WAR ON EARTH

- I. **The Scene in Heaven -** ([Revelation 12:10-12](#))
  - A. “Rejoicing” – Because Satan has been cast out of Heaven ([vs. 9](#))
    - 1. Heaven is delivered from “the accuser of the brethren.”
- II. **The Scene on Earth** ([Revelation 12:13 – 17](#))
  - A. “Woe” to the inhabitants of the Earth ([vs. 12](#))
    - 1. This is the third of the “Three woes.” ([Rev. 8:13; 9:12; 11:14; 12:12](#))
      - a. The third “woe” is **more severe** than the first two woes.
      - b. **Satan KNOWS his time is short – attacks more severely.**
      - c. He has 3 ½ years left to torment the inhabitants of earth.
    - 2. **REMEMBER – The Vial Judgments are coming – without delay!** ([Chapter 15 & 16](#))
  - B. Satan increases persecution of Israel. ([vs. 13](#))
    - 1. No nation in the history of the world has been as hated as Israel has.
      - a. Foretold in [Genesis 12:3](#)

- C. Satan “cast a flood” out of his mouth.
  - 1. **No explanation of what this might be.**
- D. Israel (the woman) is “Swiftly and Miraculously” delivered and kept safe. (vs. 14)
  - 1. The flood is swallowed up (Verse 16)
    - a. This was prophesied in [Isaiah 59:19-20](#) - **(Like a flood)**.
    - a. Isaiah prophecy is fulfilled in [Revelation Chapter 12](#).
    - b. His prophesy is followed by prophesy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent ([Isaiah 59:20](#))
- E. How will God deliver Israel?
  - 1. God delivered Moses from Pharaoh. ([Exodus 15:11-12](#))
    - a. “...swallowed them”
    - b. Possibly by an earthquake ([Numbers 16:31-33](#))
  - 2. Regardless of how – **God has and will always protect His people!**
- F. Israel, under the worst persecution the world has ever known...
  - 1. “...kept the commandments of God and have their testimony” (vs. 17)

This is what God expects His people to do – at all times – under all conditions  
 Today, the battle is raging – It will get worse until the rapture

We CANNOT BE NEUTRAL! [Matthew 12:30](#)

We are either:

”On God’s side – or Against God!

Whose side are you on?

# REVELATION

Lesson #18

Revelation 13:1-18

## THE BIOGRAPHY OF THE BEAST AND HIS PROPHET

- Intro:**
- I. They are called “beasts” to show their character.
    - A. Vicious – Cruel – Wicked – Without conscience – care ONLY for themselves
    - B. They are the two most vicious men in human history.
  - II. The beasts are empowered by Satan, “the dragon.” (Revelation 13:2, 4)

### THE FIRST BEAST

#### The Anti-christ

- I. **The Wonder of the First Beast** (Revelation 13:1-10)
    - A. Rises up from among the sea: (Gentile nations) (Revelation 17:15)
      - 1. The First Beast has “seven heads” and “ten horns.” (Verse 10)
    - B. The picture here is “two-fold” the Roman empire (Revelation 17:9)
      - 1. A *Confederated* Roman Empire (Verse 1-3) - (Revelation 17:9)
      - 2. The *Anti-christ* – **A man who is the Head of the Revived Roman Empire** (Vs. 4-10)
        - a. Both the first and second beast are “men – human beings.”
        - b. Empires are dealt with, but never cast into the Lake of Fire.
        - c. Only human beings are cast into the Lake of Fire.
          - The Anti-christ and False Prophet are cast in.** (Revelation 19:20)
  - II. **The Description of the First Beast** (Revelation 13:2)
    - A. Leopard – Grecian Empire (Daniel 7:6)
    - B. Bear – Medeo-Persian Empire (Daniel 7:5)
    - C. Lion – Babylonian Empire (Daniel 7:1-4)
      - 1. Pictures a “confederated” empire – which forms the Revived Roman empire
        - a. **A “Combination” of the three first beasts**
- NOTE:** Daniel saw these empires looking forward  
John saw these empires looking backward
- III. **The Unveiling of the First Beast**
  - A. **Reason why I believe the first beast is the “anti-christ”**
    - 1. **John 5:43 – The WORLD will receive this beast – the anti-christ!**
      - a. The **first beast** desires to establish “his own” name. (Rev. 13:5-8)
      - b. The **second beast** desires to promote the first beast. (Rev.13:12)
    - 2. The **“unholy trinity”** is complete in Revelation 16:13.
      - a. The dragon - Counterfeit of God the Father (Revelation 13:4)
      - b. The first beast – Counterfeit of Christ (Revelation 19:20)
      - c. The second beast - Counterfeit Holy Spirit (Revelation 19:20)
    - 3. All the Nations shall worship him. (Verse 8)

1. "...that man of sin" is clearly the anti-christ (II Thess. 2:3)
2. "...so that he sitteth in the temple."
3. Opposeth and exalteth himself above all this is called God.
  - a. The exact opposite of the actions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> beast. (Rev. 13:12-14)

**4. Satan is worshipped – (World knows that Satan gave the two men power) (vs. 4)**

**IV. The Identification of the Anti-Christ (Revelation 13:3)**

- A. Could be he was wounded by a sword, died, and came back to life
  1. NOT LIKE CHRIST – "in newness of life"
  2. Some believe it could "possibly" be a picture of Judas.
    - a. "Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve." (Luke 22:3) NO PROOF OF THIS!
  3. **More likely** a man the world knew and was slain by the sword (vs. 3 & 14)
    - a. **THIS is the "lie" the world will believe.** (2 Thess. 2:9-11)

**IV. The Empowerment of the Beast (Anti-christ) - (Revelation 13: 3 & 4)**

- A. The anti-christ receives his Power from the dragon (Satan).
- B. The WORLD has NEVER seen a man like the anti-christ!
- C. The Beast (Anti-christ) **will not be** an "ugly" terrible man.
- D. **Given a mouth speaking great things! - (Verse 5)**
  1. Great Knowledge
  2. Great Wisdom
    - a. Daniel 8:24-25 (Picture of coming of the anti-christ.)
- E. **BUT Blasphemies connected! (Verse 6)**
  1. Belittling God – Christ – salvation – like you have never heard!
- E. He will make war against the saints of God. (vs. 7)

## THE SECOND BEAST

### The False Prophet

**I. The Description of the Second Beast is a "Servant of Satan" (Revelation 3:11)**

- A. The Second Beast came up "out of the earth" – Instead of "out of the sea."
  1. Implies "out of a certain country"
  2. Possibly he is an "apostate Jew"
  3. Possibly he comes from Palestine – **Possibly a descendant of Ishmael**
- B. The Second Beast is a **"deceiver."**
  1. He has "two horns like a lamb."
    - a. He will have the appearance of a "peace loving lamb."
  2. He will "speak like a dragon."
    - a. He will be as wicked as a dragon.
  3. He is a "master deceiver."
    - a. Satan is transformed into "an angel of light." (II Corinthians 11:14)
    - b. In reality, he is a "murderer and a liar." (John 8:44)
- C. He will be a "servant of Satan!"
- D. He will have **ALL** the power of the first beast- **GOTTEN FROM SATAN (vs. 12)**
  1. But, he **will PROMOTE** the "first beast" - - - **Counterfeit of Holy Spirit**



- a. Turn to **John 16:15**: Work of the real Holy Spirit
    - b. Holy Spirit **“will not speak of himself”**
  - 2. The False Prophet (False Holy Spirit) will do the same for the first beast.
    - a. **The Holy Spirit guides people to all truth.**
    - b. **The False prophet will guide people to all error.**
      - 1. **Will cause them to worship a liar**
- II. **The Second Beast will be a “Worker of Worship.” (Revelation 13:12)**
  - A. He will cause all the earth to worship the first beast. (vs. 8)
    - 1. **Except those who have their names written in the “Lamb’s Book of Life”**
  - B. The first and second beasts **WILL NOT BE AGAINST RELIGION!**
    - 1. It was RELIGION that crucified Christ.
    - 2. They will both be religious.
  - C. Will be a great day when people realize that religion is not good!
    - 1. In the day of the beast – the earth will be “up-to-their-ears” in religion!
- III. **The Second Beast will be a “Master of Magic.” (Revelation 13: 13-15)**
  - A. He will do GREAT WONDERS.
    - 1. He will make **“fire come down from Heaven.” (Genesis 19:24)**
      - a. Some miracle that will be shocking! (Nuclear) ???
      - b. Will be seen round the world (Verse 13) - (By Television)
  - B. He will have the people make an image of the first beast. (vs. 14)
    - 1. He will give **strange power to the image** of the first beast.
      - a. The image will be given “life.”
        - 1. Ability to speak (Happening today!) – **ANSWERING SYSTEMS!**
        - 2. Cause people to be put to death
      - 2. Remember – Not all Miracles are of God (**Revelation 16:14**) – DEMONS
- IV. **The Second Beast will be “a Controller of Commerce.” (Revelation 13:16-17)**
  - A. How will he control commerce?
    - 1. He will require every person on the earth to have a “mark.”
      - a. Social Security number!
        - 1. People today are “numbers.”
        - 2. Numbers are replacing names.
      - b. Credit Card number! – (Can be stolen so...)
        - 1. They added a “photo” – Can be duplicated, so
        - 2. Put a “mark” on every person.
    - 2. For His plan to work – EVERY PERSON MUST HAVE A NUMBER!
      - a. Therefore, if you don’t have a mark – you cannot eat
        - 1. Food Rationing
        - 2. You starve and die!
    - 3. May control the people of the earth through a computer.
- V. **Here is Wisdom – count the number of the beast (Revelation 13:18)**
  - A. His number is 666 – “6” is the number of man – a failure
  - B. People have tried to discover the name by using a system of numbers.
    - a. A = 100, B = 101, C = 102, etc

Example: **Hitler**

H = 107

I = 108

T = 119

L = 111

E = 104

R = 117

666

**C. No one knows – or will know** - the name of the Anti-christ until AFTER the rapture.

1. [II Thess. 2:3](#)

### **MICROCHIPPING COMING OF AGE!**

Microchipping of animals for medical and tracking experiments has gradually become acceptable, but humans? Whoa, not so fast! Privacy proponents, conspiracy theorists and faith-based groups have consistently warned of the dangers from their various viewpoints. And yet, those nagging concerns are slowly fading, as people become conditioned to embracing the attendant security and convenience while shrugging off the risks. This transition has been made easier by a subtle but powerful change in strategy that fights the psychological barriers: microchip implants for human beings are now being marketed as enhancements to the human body; the creation of a 'superman', of sorts.

And this change in approach seems to be working. In a recent report, [organicanhealthy.org](#) described Australia as the first country to begin microchipping its population. As recounted in the report, back in 2010 CBS news reported that the Australian government had a potential RFID microchipping plan in the works related to the health care system. Now, as this plan begins to unfurl, the push is not a result of mandated health care reforms, but rather a clever propaganda campaign that equates RFID microchipping with becoming super-human, and people are begging for it. Under the headline 'Australians embracing super-human microchip Technology', Australia's premier media outlet [news.com.au](#) (News Corp Australia) reports: "It may sound like sci-fi, but hundreds of Australians are turning themselves into super-humans who can unlock doors, turn on lights and log into computers with a wave of the hand". Shanti Korporaal from Sydney, is at the centre of the phenomenon after having two implants inserted under her skin. Now she can get into work and her car without carrying a card or keys, and says her ultimate goal is to do away with her wallet and cards completely. The microchips which are the size of a grain of rice, can act like a business card, transfer contact details to smartphones and hold complex medical data. In her interview with the Australian news outlet, Shanti claims that her friends and family are envious of her microchip lifestyle: "My nana wants one. I've had more opposition to my tatoos than I've ever had to the chip. My friends are jealous". In fact, the 27-year old has noticed a business opportunity and set up a distribution service called Chip M Life with her husband, Skeeve Stevens, where for just \$80 to \$140 people can become so called "super-humans." Shanti has bought into the culture that dominates her society today, dominated by the fantasy of super heroes that mesmerizes the

population at theaters all across the globe. “Ever since watching movies like the Terminator, Matrix and Minority Report I wondered if we could actually live like that. I always wondered why we all weren’t living as ‘super-humans’”.

On the same day this news story broke. Shanti appeared at Australia’s launch of the much-anticipated cyborg-themed video game Deus E Mankind Divided, alongside American implantable technology pioneer Amal Graafstra. Graafstra, who became one of the world first RFID implantees back in 2005, just made headlines recently in the US with a prototype of the world’s first implant-activated smart gun and is a huge proponent for this new technology. In an interview with the Australian media outlet, he explained that the technology he has implanted into his body has “given me the ability to communicate with machines. It’s literally integrated into who I am.” The price for that could very well be: whose do you then become? The report goes on to warn: “...but clearly if you become part machine/computer that means there will be someone who can control that technology. If you think the elites wouldn’t capitalize on such an exceptional opportunity to control the population you obviously don’t know history very well”. -NFW (11/716) Ed. In the hands of sinful man, the potential for evil is unthinkable. **“Woe unto them that call evil good..”**

### **MICRO-CHIPPING IS ON THE WAY**

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**(NEWSER)** – “It’s the first time that a company can know who you are, it can know what you want, it can know where you are, it can at least make a good guess at what mood you’re in,” a consumer expert tells the *Miami Herald*. If that statement doesn't horrify you, consider booking a Carnival cruise in the new year. The *New York Times* reports Carnival Cruises is unveiling a new piece of technology—developed by two former Disney executives—Thursday at the Consumer Electronics Show. It's called the Ocean Medallion, and it's a smart device the size of a quarter that cruise passengers can carry or wear on them. “I think initially most people ... will say, ‘We have stuff like that,’ and they are wrong. They don’t,” Carnival's CEO tells the *Herald*.

Cruisers can use the Ocean Medallion to buy food and drinks and open room doors without even taking it out of their pocket. When their medallions approach cruise staff, employee tablets display their names and information about them. The medallions collect info about cruisers' meals and activities so staff can customize both without cruisers asking first. The medallions will let staff know where cruisers are and even allow entertainers to give shout-outs to cruisers watching from the privacy of their rooms. Jennifer Jolly at *USA Today* tried out the Ocean Medallion and says it's like returning to childhood, when you didn't have to worry about your wallet or keys. Carnival says some guests will find the new technology has a "creepiness factor," but they'll be won over by its benefits.

# REVELATION

## Lesson #19

### Revelation 14:1-20

INTRO: Chapter 14 is divided into **seven different sections** or visions.

1. It seems to be a sort of “**Table of Contents.**”
  - A. It is not in chronological order
  - B. The details are filled in later.
2. For Example: Armageddon is seen in **Verses 14-20**
  - A. The actual battle of Armageddon is covered in **Chapter 19:17.**

1<sup>st</sup> Section: Goes back to Chapter 7 and the sealing of the 144,000

2<sup>nd</sup> Section: The preaching of the Gospel to the “uttermost” part of the world

3<sup>rd</sup> Section: The fall of Babylon – the one-world, false, ungodly religion of the last days

4<sup>th</sup> Section: A warning to be given to “those who worship the beast”

5<sup>th</sup> Section: The suffering and death of the faithful believers who would not worship the beast

6<sup>th</sup> Section: The vision of Armageddon – Phase one – reaping of the earth

7<sup>th</sup> Section: The vision of Armageddon – Phase two - The Completing of Judgment!

## THE FIRST SECTION

### THE 144,000 UNDEFILED JEWISH SAINTS

#### Revelation 1:1-5

#### I. The Savior

- A. The “LAMB OF GOD”
  1. This is the Jew’s Messiah.

#### II. The Site

- A. Takes place in Jerusalem – Mt Sion (Zion) – On earth
  1. **Isaiah 24:23**

#### III. The Seal

- A. Seems to be the same 144,000 who were “Sealed in their forehead” (**7:3**)
- B. The Seal/Father’s Name seems to be visible to the eye (**Revelation 22:4**)
  1. A VISIBLE testimony! (TODAY: People should see and know you are Christian.)
- C. **This is a GREAT contrast.**
  1. God’s followers have a seal in the forehead.
  2. Satan’s followers have the number of Satan’s anti-christ in their forehead.
    - a. **Choose you this day...** (**Joshua 24:15**)
      - b. A person cannot have both marks.

#### IV. The Sealed

- A. One-hundred, forty-four thousand JEWS!
  1. These are “purchased.” (**Redeemed - Verse 3 & 4**)

#### V. The Song of the Sealed

- A. There is rejoicing in Heaven over the 144,000 who received and are faithful until death!
  1. A special song for the “Sealed Jews” (**Verse 3**)

## VI. The Sanctification (Revelation 14:4 & 5)

- A. Not speaking of “physical adultery”
- B. Women – Symbol of Spiritual adultery
  - 1. The Harlot – Revelation 17:1
    - a. Verse 3 – “...committed spiritual adultery”
    - b. Verse 5 - “...on HER forehead – MOTHER OF HARLETS”
- C. Undefined – Have followed the LORD ( Verse 6)

# THE SIX ANGELS AND THEIR MESSAGES

Revelation 14: 6, 8, 9, 13, 15, & 17

## THE SECOND SECTION

### THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL

Revelation 14:6-7

#### I. The Messenger is Announced (Verse 6)

- A. An angel – (Greek – Aggelos – meaning: God’s messenger)
  - 1. **Today**, in the age of Grace, - Angels do not preach the Gospel
  - 2. That responsibility has been committed to men. (II Corinthians 5:19)
  - 3. **What MEN have not done – God will accomplish through an angel!**
- B. God has used angels in the past – but not to preach the Gospel.
  - 1. Acts 10 – an angel spoke to Peter and instructed HIM to go....

#### II. The Message Preached by the Angel is Announced.

- A. The “Everlasting Gospel” (Only place referred to as “everlasting” gospel)
  - 1. Gospel – always means “good news”
  - 2. Everlasting – means
    - a. “**Aionios**” - *perpetual (used of past time and future)*  
*--eternal, forever, everlasting, since world began;*  
*adapted for all ages. (Strong’s Greek Concordance)*
- B. Bible mentions different Gospels
  - 1. The Gospel of the Kingdom (Matthew 4:23; 24:14)
  - 2. The Gospel of Grace (Ephesians 2:8 & 9)
  - 3. Paul called it “My Gospel” (Romans 2:16)
  - 4. The Gospel of Judgment (Revelation 14:7)
  - 5. Another Gospel (Galatians 1:6-8) – “Which is not another”
- C. ANOTHER GOSPEL – which is NOT ANOTHER.
  - 1. In Galatians 1:6-8, Paul declared that there is NO OTHER GOSPEL:

*“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”*

#### D. The “Identifying Marks” of “another gospel.”

1. If it denies the sufficiency of grace alone to save and keep, and it adds some or any type of human works to either salvation or security – it is “another Gospel - which is not another!” It is a false gospel designed by Satan to deceive people.
2. Anyone, including an angel from Heaven, that “preaches any other gospel” than salvation and the keeping power of Christ by grace and grace **alone**, that man or angel **will be accursed!**

#### E. Scriptures which explain the “everlasting, unchanging gospel.”

1. Malachi 3:6 “I change not”
2. Hebrews 13:8 “The same yesterday, today, and forever”
3. Eph. 3:9-11 “the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ
4. Isaiah 51:6 & 8 “my salvation shall be forever”  
“my salvation from generation to generation”
5. John 14:6 “... no man cometh to the father but by me”
6. Romans 4:1-4 “Noah found grace...”
7. Galatians 3:17-18 “the law, which was 430 years before – cannot disannul”
8. Hebrews 9:22 “Without the shedding of blood – NO REMISSION OF SIN”
9. Romans 3:19-20 “by the deeds of the law shall **no flesh** be justified”

### III. The angel admonishes the people of the earth: (Verse 7)

- A. Fear God
- B. Give glory to Him
- C. The hour of judgment is come
- D. Worship Him that made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountain of waters
  1. **There is NO RECORD that anyone repented!**
    - a. Men rejected God under the Gospel of the Kingdom.
    - b. Men rejected God under the Gospel of Grace.
    - d. Men will reject God under the Gospel of Judgment.
  2. **This shows the DEPTHS of the depravity of the hearts of men.**
    - a. **TOTAL - TOTAL DEPRAVITY!**
    - b. Prophetic: [Jeremiah 10:11](#)

## THE THIRD SECTION

### THE PROPHETIC JUDGMENT OF BABYLON

#### Revelation 14:8

#### I. The Fall of Babylon is Announced. (Verse 8)

- A. Babylon is the “false and deceitful” religion/church of the last days.
  1. She is fully described in [Chapters 17 & 18](#).
  2. The “first” Babylon was in [Genesis 10:8-10 & 11:1-9](#).
  3. It was the “first” great world power.
    - a. Babylon is “fallen” repeated twice!
    - b. Indicates that God will pour out “double” judgment

- B. The Reason for the double judgment is announced.
1. "...because she made all nations drink....of her fornication"
  2. She is full of corruption.
    - a. [Jeremiah 50:38](#)
    - b. [Jeremiah 51:7-8](#)
    - c. [Isaiah 21:9](#)
  3. The "harlot" church and world political power **combine** to seduce the world.
  4. **The "MEGA CHURCH" in America has already been accepted!**

**THE FOURTH SECTION**  
**THE WARNING OF THE ETERNAL DOOM OF THE BEAST WORSHIPPERS**  
[Revelation 14:9-11](#)

**I. The Doom of "Beast-Worshippers" is Announced.**

- A. Today – Men mock and laugh about Hell – Make jokes
1. They say: God is a God of Love.
  2. They say: Where is His coming?
- B. Consider: Sodom and Gomorrah!
1. [Genesis 19:23-24 & Luke 17:29](#)
- C. Sodom and Gomorrah was the most horrible judgment ever to fall on earth.
1. **This judgment is "world-wide."**
  2. The torment will be – forever and ever.
  3. No rest - - - - imagine not being able to NEVER sleep – NEVER rest!

**THE FIFTH SECTION**  
**THE REST AND REWARD OF THE DEAD IN CHRIST**  
[Revelation 14:13](#)

**I. The Blessedness of the Dead in Christ is Announced.**

- A. These are those who "kept the commandments" and were "true to Jesus."
1. Patience: Enduring hardship
  2. There will be "great hardship" to endure in the day of the anti-christ.
  3. Believers will be "executed" for refusal to worship the beast/anti-christ.

**II. Martyred saints will receive two things:**

- A. **Rest** – FAR BETTER ([I Cor. 5:8 & Phil 1:23](#))
- B. **Reward**: - [Revelation 22:12](#)
1. Suffering of believers has ended forever.
  2. Suffering of unbelievers will continue forever. ([Verse 11 & Luke 16:23-26](#))
    - a. Should increase our burden for missions ([Luke 16:27-31](#))

**THE TWO SHARP SICKLES**  
**THE SIXTH SECTION**  
**THE HARVEST OF THE EARTH**

## Revelation 14:14-16

### I. The Harvest of the “good seed” being gathered into the barn

- A. This is the last reference to the “Son of Man” in the Scriptures.
- B. This appears to be the harvest of “the good wheat” as spoken of in [Luke 3:17](#).
  - 1. [Matthew 13:24-30](#)
- C. Christ is gathering “His own” before the harvest of the wicked.
- D. **TODAY: “The fields are white unto harvest”**
  - a. The world must hear – ([Acts 1:8](#))
  - b. Our God given responsibility – “Uttermost part\_” (NOT PARTS\_)

## THE SEVENTH SECTION

### THE HARVEST OF THE SICKLE

## Revelation 14:17-20

### I. The Harvest of the “vine of the earth” is gathered and cast into the winepress of Wrath.

- A. “Another angel – and another angel...”
  - 1. This seems to be the “the chaff” to be burned with unquenchable fire.
    - a. ([Luke 3:17](#) & [Matthew 13:24-30](#))
  - 2. Armageddon will be the WORST harvest in human history.
    - a. [Ezekiel 39:8-16](#)
      - 1. Seven years to burn weapons ([Ezekiel 39:9](#))
      - 2. Seven months to bury the dead! ([Ezekiel 39:12](#))
- B. This is the harvest of the “clusters of **THE VINE OF THE EARTH!**”
  - 1. These are not attached to the “true vine.” ([John 15:5](#))

### II. The Conclusion of the Great Tribulation ([Rev. 14:20](#))

- A. Grapes of “false beauty” (The apostate Church) will be destroyed. ([Rev. 17:4](#))
- B. This is **THE END** of man’s glory and Satan’s rule of the earth.
- C. This will be **the worst slaughter in the history** of the world.
  - 1. Blood up to the horse bridles – 1,600 furloughs
  - 2. **1,600 furloughs = 200 miles!** (Round figures)
- D. This takes place in the Valley of Jehoshaphat. ([Joel 3:8-16](#))
- E. Fulfilled in [Revelation 19:17-21](#)



# REVELATION

## Lesson #20

### Revelation 15:1-16:21

#### THE SEVEN JUDGMENTS OF THE VIALS

Intro: Revelation 6:1 – Revelation 18:24 are prophetic

A. They deal with “Judgment”

1. Seals Judgments - Revelation 6 - 7
2. Trumpet Judgments – Revelation 8 - 11
3. Vial Judgments – Revelation 15-16
4. False Trinity Judgments – Revelation 17-18

B. The four cover a “short period of time” (Last ½ of Tribulation Period – 3 ½ years)

1. It is the “fulfilling of the Wrath of God.” (Romans 2:4-5)
  - a. Chapter 15 “Introduces” The Vial Judgments
  - b. Chapter 16 “Explains” The Vial Judgments”
  - c. Chapters 15 & 16 are “one continuous section” (They are connected)

C. The outline of the Vial Judgments

1. The Prelude for the Vial Judgments (Rev. 15:1-4)
2. The Preparation for the Vial Judgments (Rev. 15:5-8)
3. The Pouring Out of the Vial Judgments (Rev. 16:1-12)
4. The Purpose of the Vial Judgments (Rev. 16:13-14)
5. The Parenthetical Warning (Rev. 16:15)
6. The Perfecting of the Vial Judgments (Rev 16:16-21)

#### THE PRELUDE FOR THE VIAL JUDGMENTS

(Revelation 15:1-4)

##### I. The Sign in Heaven (vs. 1)

A. Described as “great & marvelous”

1. Refers to the “seven last plagues”
2. Seven angels
  - a. Angels are administrating the “judgment of God” (vs. 7)
  - b. Fulfilling of Zephaniah 3:8

B. The Sea of Glass (vs. 2)

1. Symbolic: “...as it were” a sea of glass
  - a. “...mingled with fire (Judgment – Hebrews 12:29)
2. Pictures “the victorious saints” of the Tribulation Period
  - a. OVERCAME by the blood (Rev. 12:11)
  - b. Paul said, “...to die is gain” (Phil. 1:21)

C. The Song of Moses (vs. 3)

1. Possibly Deut. 31:19 & 31:29
  - a. A Millennial Scene – “...all nations” (vs. 4)
  - b. All nations will be worshipping God

## THE PREPARATION FOR THE VIAL JUDGMENTS (Revelation 15:5-8)

- I. The Tabernacle – (Temple – Holy of Holies)
  - A. The Heavenly pattern (Hebrews 9:23) (Moses saw – Exodus 25:9)
- II. The Seven Angels – No High Priest in this Tabernacle
  - A. Angels are about to “vindicate” those who have offended the “Holiness of God.”
  - B. Beginning of the “completion” of vindication (Ends in Chapters 19 & 20)
- III. The Seven Vials “filled with the wrath of God” are prepared (vs. 7)
  - A. Vials “pictures bowls”
    - 1. Can be poured out and emptied quickly!
  - B. Smoke fills the temple – Picture of Judgment (Isaiah 6:4)

## THE POURING OUT OF THE SEVEN VIALS (Revelation 16:1-21)

Some portions of the Word of God are preached with great delight. This is not one of them. These verses cause even a Christian to shudder. However, there is also a comforting note for Christians. We will not be on earth when the judgments are poured out. Why is the judgement so severe? God is “patient and long suffering, not willing that any should perish,” **but there comes a time when judgment can no longer be delayed.**

The first commandment God gave to Moses was a clear command: “Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.” (Exodus 20:3). The second commandment was a warning against the making of any image, and bowing down to the image and it contained a warning of judgment: “...visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.” (Exodus 20:4)

This vision which John saw is that visitation of judgment. God WILL NEVER allow his glory to be given to another. When men turn themselves from God completely, giving themselves to the worship of the devil, then God steps in to vindicate His honor and holiness. The pouring of the seven vials are that vindication.

### THE FIRST VIAL Revelation 16:2

- I. **This judgment is directed to those who had “the mark of the beast.”**
  - A. Physical torment was promised by God. (Deut. 28:27 & 35)
  - B. “Noisome and grievous” – EXTREMELY PAINFUL! (Job 2:7-9) (WIFE TURNED ON HIM)

### THE SECOND VIAL Revelation 16: 3

- I. **The waters of the seas are turned to blood.**
  - A. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet - 1/3 of water turned to blood (Revelation 8:8-10)

- B. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vial – 1/3 turned “as the blood of dead man”
- C. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Vial – All fresh water turned to blood (Literal)
  - 1. The stench will be **“as of a dead man.”**

**II. EVERY living thing in the seas will die!**

- A. Billions and billions of dead fish will float to the surface.
  - 1. They will die, rot, and stink!
  - 2. They will spread disease.

**THE THIRD VIAL**  
**Revelation 16:4-7**

**I. The waters of all fresh-water rivers and lakes are turned to blood.**

- A. The source of “fountain of waters” turns to blood.
  - 1. “They became blood.”
    - a. 1/3 of fresh water turned to blood (Rev. 8:10-11)
- B. Some feel that such severe judgments are UNJUST.
  - 1. God is JUST in His judgments. (Psalms 89:14 & John 5:30)
  - 2. In Heaven and Hell men will acknowledge that God’s judgments are just.
    - a. A man will “reap what he sows.” (Rev. 16:6) (Galatians 6:7)
    - b. Prophesied in Deut. 32:40-43

**THE FOURTH VIAL**  
**Revelation 16:8-9**

**I. In the Age of Grace, the sun has “risen and shined” on both good and evil (Matt. 5:45)**

- A. In this stage of the Tribulation Period it will “rise and shine” **ONLY ON EVIL.**
  - 1. It will be with intense heat and will scorch men.
    - a. Many will die. (Malachi 4:1)
  - 2. There have been “heat waves” but never like this!
  - 3. Men SUFFER GREATLY- scorched – stench of death – disease – rot
    - a. Predicted: Isaiah 24:6 & Malachi 4:1
- B. The Judgment will not bring repentance.
  - 1. Many think judgment will change men’s hard hearts.
    - a. Grace and mercy will change men’s hearts. (Romans 2:4 & 5)
    - b. This illustrates that the heart of man is **“desperately wicked.”**
- C. **The Saints of God are safe.** (Revelation 7:16)

**THE FIFTH VIAL**  
**Revelation 16:10-11**

**I. God’s wrath is directed to “The source of all wickedness”**

- A. Directed to the “SEAT” or “Throne of Satan”
  - 1. The inhabitants of the earth have **respected and worshipped the beast.**
    - a. Thought he had “all the answers”
    - a. Now they will see him helpless.

- B. Darkness covers his throne.
- C. Darkness extends to “his kingdom” (Candle shine NO MORE – Chapter 18)
  - 1. Darkness is similar to darkness in Egypt (Exodus 10:21-23)
    - a. This darkness is “world-wide.”
    - b. So dark they could not see any other person
  - 3. **SO SEVERE that men will “gnaw their tongues”**
    - a. This pain is combined with the festering sores and burning flesh.
    - a. Predicted in Zechariah 14:12

**NOTE:** We should begin to understand why Satan tried to keep this book CLOSED.

### THE SIXTH VIAL Revelation 16:12

- I. The “waters of the Euphrates River dries up!” (LITERAL)
  - A. The “purpose” and “importance” of the river being dried up
    - 1. For protection of Israel from the “kings of the east”
    - 2. The Euphrates River is the “Eastern” boundary of Israel. (Genesis 15:18)
      - a. This river is almost impassable - 1,780 miles long
    - 3. This river separates Israel from China, India, Japan, and several other countries.
      - a. These countries can only reach Israel by going through Russia or by a LONG boat trip (Impossible in war)
      - b. **Opens the way for billions to rush to their doom at Armageddon.**

### SHORT PARENTHETICAL PAUSE

**NOTE:** Verses 13 & 14 can either be included with the “sixth vial” or, they can “stand separate.”

- I. The Actors (Rev. 16:13 & 14)
  - A. These are the “unholy trinity” or the “counterfeit trinity.”
    - 1. The dragon            Satan
    - 2. The beast            The false christ
    - 3. The false prophet    The false holy spirit
  - B. They are pictured as “unclean spirits” which are “...**like** frogs”
    - 1. Frogs picture “slimy, filthy, unclean animals” hiding in stagnant ponds.
      - a. No doubt these are “demon spirits”
  - C. They come forth to do “doing miracles” like a magician.
    - 1. They are to attract:
      - a. The kings of the earth
      - b. The whole world
    - 2. To come to Jerusalem to battle with God.
- II. The LORD Himself speaks. (vs. 16)
  - A. Coming as a thief in the night
    - 1. Assurance that the church is safe (I Thess. 5:4 & II Peter 3:10)

- B. **This is God’s “final warning” to those who are of a mind to gather to Armageddon.**
- C. This is God’s great encouragement and admonition to the Tribulation saints.
- D. We find in Verse 16, that “THE LORD” is in complete control of the Tribulation.
  - 1. **He is gathering** those who have hated him.
  - 2. **He is gathering** those who have the “mark of the beast.”
    - a. They gather at Armageddon – **the place of their final doom!**

## THE SEVENTH VIAL Revelation 16:17-21

### I. A Voice from “The Throne” (clearly, from God) and States, “IT IS DONE.”

- A. Meaning: “It Is Finished.”
  - 1. **From the cross**, Christ cried “It is Finished.” – “The sin debt was paid in full.”
  - 2. **From the Throne**, he cries, “It is Finished.”
    - a. This is the “final judgment of the inhabitants of the earth.” It is complete!

### II. There follows: Thunders – lightnings – a great earthquake (Verse 18)

- A. There has never been an earthquake compared to this earthquake!

### III. There are “seven” greats in these verses, 17-21

- A. Great Voice [Verse 17](#)
- B. Great Earthquake [Verse 18](#) – So great it is stated twice!
- C. Great City [Verse 19](#)
- D. Great Babylon [Verse 19](#)
- E. Great Hail [Verse 21](#)
- F. Great Plagues [Verse 21](#) - “Exceeding great”

### IV. The earth and the oceans level. (Verse 20)

- A. This is literal! (See [Revelation 6:14](#))

### V. Total Depravity is established. (Verse 21)

- A. God gave all men a “free-will.”
- B. It is clear that these men KNEW that God was in control and sending these plagues
  - 1. Yet, **“They blasphemed God.”**
  - 2. With the “free-will” comes the ability to **“lock their hearts”**
- C. They repented not.....

## THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE WORLD AT THE END OF THE TRIBULATION PERIOD

### THE SEALS

The tribulation opens with a great number of people killing one another. ([Rev. 6:4](#))

That is followed by a “world-wide” famine. ([Rev. 2:5-6](#))

**One-fourth part of the world population died (2 Billion)** of sword, hunger, and beast. ([Rev. 6:8](#))  
(Two billion by population figures in 2017)

Try to imagine the “world-wide stench” of dead decaying bodies.

It will be impossible for the people of the earth to bury 2 billion people before the next Seal!

There was a great, world-wide earthquake (Rev. 6:12)

All of the judgments of the Tribulation Period are “world-wide.”

This seems to indicate that every major city around the world will have fallen buildings!

From Rev. 6:16, it appears that the inhabitants of the earth realized the plagues were from God.

## THE TRUMPETS

One-third of all trees die. (Revelation 8:7)

ALL green grass dies (leaving nothing but desert!) (Revelation 8:7)

One-Third of the sea becomes blood. (Rev. 8:8-9)

**One-third of all creatures in the sea die**

Adds to the “world-wide” stench! (Try to imagine the floating dead fish and creatures!)

One-third of all ships destroyed.

“Wormwood” a BITTER star, falls on one-third of the rivers and upon the fountain of waters (Rev. 8:10)

The water is poisonous! Undrinkable

One-third part of all light - the sun, the moon, and the stars - are darkened. (Rev. 8:12)

The bottomless pit is opened (Rev. 9:2)

Smoke fills the air and the sun and air are darkened.

Locust come out of the smoke (world-wide) (Rev. 9:3-10)

Power to sting as a scorpion

They tormented men for 5 months.

The tormented men desired to die, and COULD NOT DIE – had to endure the pain.

The Euphrates River opened and four fierce demons were loosed. (Rev. 9:13-21)

There was an army of “two-hundred thousand thousand” loosed on the earth.

Fire, smoke and brimstone came out of their mouths.

One-third of people killed by the smoke and brimstone (**Another two billion!**)

Try to imagine the dead bodies lying everywhere – rotting – the smell of death!

It will be impossible to bury this many people under the circumstances!

Try to imagine the world-wide stench of the dead bodies and creatures of the sea!

Yet – Men REPENTED NOT! (Rev.9:21)

They continued in their rejection of God and in their sin!

## THE VIALS

Terrible sores cover men from the top of their heads to their feet! (**Remember Job**) (Rev. 16:2)

Extremely painful!

The **entire seas of the world turned to blood** as of a dead man! (Rev. 16:3)

ALL **remaining fresh water and the fountain of water turned to blood!** (Rev. 16:4)

There is **NO drinkable water** left on the earth.

The inhabitants of the earth “reaped what they have sown.” (Rev. 16:6-7)

The sun scorches men with fire. (Rev. 16:8)

Even after all of this, men REFUSED to repent and give God His glory!

They curse and blaspheme God!

Darkness (like the darkness of Egypt which you could ‘feel’) covers the entire earth. (Rev. 16:10)

Men have gone insane when confined in darkness.

They cannot see their “hand in front of their face!”

A “World-wide earthquake – a “great, great” earthquake like there has never been before will take place. It will be like something that has never been seen before!!!

### CONCLUSION

These are the conditions which will be present during the Tribulation Period.

This will all take place in the short time of 3 ½ years!

The inhabitants of the earth, CLEARLY KNOW that it is GOD who is sending these judgments.

[Revelation 16:9 & 11](#)

In spite of all of the above,

**MEN WILL HARDEN THEIR HEARTS AND REFUSE TO REPENT** (Revelation 16:11)

## UNBELIEVABLE!

Remember, today we do not live in the “age of judgment.” We live in the “age of grace” and God has given us the ministry of preaching the “true Gospel” to every creature and today. Romans 2:4 says,

**“The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance!”**

**Let’s “preach the Gospel” while there is still time!**

# REVELATION

Lesson #21 – Part #1

## Chapter 17

### THE WORLD-WIDE APOSTATE CHURCH OF THE TRIBULATION PERIOD

Intro: I. The Theme for Chapter 17 & 18: Judgment of the “Great Whore”

#### THE IDENTITY AND THE SYSTEM OF THE HARLOT EXPOSED

Revelation 17: 1-6

VERSE 1: “I will shew you unto thee the judgment of the great whore!”

VERSE 7: “I will tell you the mystery of the great whore!”

#### I. Who is the Great Whore?

A. “Women” in the Scripture picture “religion” (Some Good – Some Bad)

- |             |                                   |               |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Jezebel: | Revelation 2:20 – False Religion  | Bad Religion  |
| 2. Woman:   | Revelation 12:1 – Israel          | Good Religion |
| 3. Wife:    | Revelation 19:7 – Bride of Christ | Good Religion |
| 4. Whore:   | Revelation 17:1 – False Religion  | Bad Religion  |

B. This woman is a “symbol” of the “One-World – Apostate, false religion” “of the last days.

#### II. What are the “Many Waters” she sits on??

A. This is not LITERAL water.

1. People – Multitudes – Nations – Tongues (Languages) [Revelation 17:15](#)
  - a. Pictures Romanism & apostate Protestantism
2. Shows the **world-wide scope** of the “apostate church” ([Rev. 18:3](#))

B. She will “deceive” the kings and inhabitants of the earth.

1. They will be “intoxicated” by her appeal.
2. They will be “lured” by her appearance.
3. They will be “seduced” by her apparel.

C. This pictures **“The Uniting of Church and State”**

1. Separation of “Church and State” was not practiced in that day.
2. The main advisors to the kings were priests and bishops. ([Verse 3](#))
3. Church and State will again be united in the Tribulation Period.

**QUOTE:** On April 12, 1963, the New York Times published a report of J. Irwin Miller, president of the National Council of Churches, in which he said: *“We are gratified at the growing area of agreement among leaders and peoples of the Judeo-Christian heritage, and of other religion’s faiths on basic matters affecting the peace of the world and the well-being of God’s whole family.”*

D. This is contrary to Christ’s “True Church.”

1. It is a called-out assembly ([Acts 15:14](#), [Romans 12:2](#), [I John 2:15](#), [James 4:4](#))
  - a. We dare not be isolated – but we must be separated.
  - b. We are never to compromise Bible principles for money, honor, or position.



2. That religion is pictured as a filthy, diluted, depraved, deceitful, fornicator. (vs. 2)
  - a. Chapter 17 pictures false religion **at its very worst!**

### III. The Identification of the “Great Whore” (Verses 1-9 & 18)

1. The Woman is a picture of **a city!** (Revelation 17:18)
  - a. The city is Rome/Vatican City. (These two are the same.)
    1. The Catholic Church is located in Rome!
  - b. It is not called the “Catholic Church.”
    1. It is called, **“The Roman Catholic Church.”**
  - c. Rome is built on “seven hills.” (Verse 9)
  - d. **The Catholic Encyclopedia** (1976 by Thomas Nelson) states *“It is within the city of Rome, called the city of seven hills, that the entire area of Vatican State proper is now confined.”*
2. The “Roman Catholic Pope” spends much time meeting with “kings” (vs. 2)
  - a. There is no separation of “Church and State” where the Pope is concerned.
    1. He has world-wide influence, therefore he is welcomed in capitals!
  - b. **The Kings of the earth commit fornication with her! TODAY**
3. The Roman Catholic Church is obsessed with worldly wealth. (vs. 4)
  - a. Their wealth is by “ill-gotten gain.”
  - b. The True Church is told to have nothing to do with this world. (I John2:15)
4. The Dress of the Whore (Verse 4)
  - a. She was arrayed in “purple and scarlet” decked with gold and precious stones.
  - a. They clothed Christ in this type of robe when He was crucified.
    1. Purple and Scarlet picture royalty – They mocked Him. (Luke 23:11)
    2. **Catholic clergy continue to wear purple and scarlet robes today.**
5. The golden cup identifies the Roman Catholic Church. (vs. 4)
  - a. **The Catholic Encyclopedia**, on pages 103-104, states: *“It is the most important of the sacred vessels. It may be of gold or silver, and if the latter, then the inside must be surfaced with gold”*
  - b. These cups are used in the Mass.
    1. They are FULL of abominations and filthiness
      - a. They claim, it changes the “grape juice” to the blood of Christ!
      - b. The “wafer” changes to the literal body of Christ!
    2. When the priest gives it, he says, **“Receive Christ.”**
  - c. The altars of Catholic Churches are covered with gold.

### III. The System of the “Great Whore” – Sitting on the Scarlet Colored Beast – (Revelation 17:3)

- A. Who is the “Scarlet Colored Beast?”
  1. This beast is “a man.” – The same man/beast who appeared in Chapter 13:18
    - a. He is the head of the “world-wide” political system. (Revelation 17:11, 8)
    - b. The Scarlet Colored Beast is the “anti-christ.”

- B. He is seen here “supporting” the harlot – She is **“USING”** him – **“to enrichen herself.”**
  - 1. In reality he is **“USING”** the harlot **“to promote himself.”**
    - a. He **“HATES”** the harlot and will later destroy her. (Revelation 17:16-17)
    - b. He has ALWAYS promoted: **“Worship of himself as God”**
- C. He is called a beast – because it describes his character. (Rev 13:2)
  - 1. “...like unto a leopard”                      Swift                      No consideration for anyone
  - 2. “...feet as the feet of a bear”              Fierce                      No conscience
  - 3. “...his mouth of a lion”                      Devourer                  No mercy on anyone
    - a. **Satan gives him his power!** (Revelation 13:2 & 4)
- D. Pictured in Daniel 7:1-8
  - 1. The First Beast was the Nebuchadnezzar Empire.
  - 2. The Second Beast was the Media-Persian Empire.
  - 3. The Third Beast was the Grecian Empire.
  - 4. **The Fourth Beast was the Roman Empire.** (Daniel 2:40-43)

#### IV. The Outward Appearance of the Harlot (Verse 4)

- A. Extremely wealthy – Luxury (Revelation 18:6 & 7)
  - 1. She owns businesses and real estate all over the world.

#### V. The Inward Character of the Harlot

- A. Abominations – Filthiness - Fornication
  - 1. **Guadalajara, Mexico** – They bused in prostitutes on weekends!
- B. At least 5 of the popes are reported to have had children “out of marriage,” 4 with their mistresses, and one with a married woman.
- C. At least one Pope was known to be a homosexual. There were others of whom it was thought to be the same.

# REVELATION

## Lesson 22b – (Part #2)

### THE MYSTERY OF THE HARLOT REVEALED

#### Revelation 17:5

#### (Verse 5 is divided into three sections)

#### I. The Mystery (vs. 5)

- A. A “mystery” in the Bible is not like a mystery today.
  - 1. A “mystery” in the Bible is something that was known in the past - but not revealed.
  - 2. This “mystery” was known in the past – NOW it is being revealed.

#### II. BABYLON THE GREAT (Verse 5)

- A. “BABYLON THE GREAT” **IS NOT** a separate identity from “the great whore” of [Verse 1](#).
  - 1. **“Babylon the Great”** is **written on the forehead of the “great whore.”**
    - a. Verse 4 does not end with a period, but rather a semi-colon.
    - b. Verse 5 continues the thought **FROM Verses 1-4**.
      - 1. Verse 5: “...and upon her forehead was a name written...”
      - 2. **This refers BACK to the “great whore” in Verse 1.**
- B. BABYLON THE GREAT - **DOES NOT refer to a literal city** in this context!
  - 1. The city has been identified as “Rome” – The city on seven hills!
    - a. Babylon, the city, is located on the **banks of the Euphrates River**.
    - b. This is in the center of Iraq – **it is desert!** There are no hills in Babylon!
  - 2. The city of Babylon IS NOT located on “seven hills” as Rome is.
  - 3. The city of Babylon IS NOT a system of GREAT WEALTH.
    - a. (Compare pictures of the two cities – research on Google!)
- C. “BABYLON THE GREAT” refers BACK to “an apostate, false, **“man-made”** religious system.”
  - 1. The Babylonian System can be traced back to [Genesis 10:8-10](#).
  - 2. The man “Nimrod” – A rebel against God ([Verse 10](#))
    - a. From [Verse 11 through 32](#) – list the descendants of Nimrod
    - b. Nimrod and his descendants, said,
    - c. “let **US** build **US** a tower...let **US** make **US** a name...” ([Genesis 11:1-4](#))
      - 1. “...Therefore is the name of it **called Babel:**” ([Verse 9A](#))
  - 3. The Tower of Babel/Babylon is the **beginning** of a **“MAN-MADE” Religious System.**”
- D. The Babylonian “man-made” religious system was wrong on three counts.
  - 1. Wrong Motive - Built **for** man and **not** for God
  - 2. Wrong Material – Built with **“man-made”** material – Brick and Slime
  - 3. Wrong Method – Built **by** man – Not built **by** God

#### III. THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS (Harlot of all Harlots!)

- A. **The Roman Catholic Church IS NOT “The Mother of Harlots.”**
  - 1. **This church did not start until about the 3<sup>rd</sup> century – 300 A.D.**
  - 2. False Religion goes back 4000 years prior to that date! (6000 years from today!)

#### IV. “And the Abominations of the Earth.” (This is a continuation of “Mother of Harlots...”)

A. **ALL false religions** of “the earth” can be traced back to “*the Babylonian system!*”

1. The NEXT Babylon will be THE EXACT SAME as in **Genesis 10-11**– MAN-MADE!

a. **This is the pattern of EVERY false religion since Genesis 11!**

a. **THIS IS THE PATTERN AND PRACTICE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

Wrong Motive Used Make the church so the world will like it.

Wrong Material Used Use worldly materials.

Wrong Method Used Use worldly methods.

Wrong Man Exalted Let **US** make **US** a name!

**NOTE: TODAY:** Many churches have “adopted” that same “Babylonian system.”

#### MARKS OF IDENTIFICATION:

If it is a church that is liked by the world,  
It is a church that is abhorred by God.

If it is a church that likes the world,  
It is a church that does not love God.

### THE SLAUGHTER OF SAINTS BY THE HARLOT

Revelation 17:6

#### I. The Great Slaughter of the Saints of God by the “Woman” **Catholic Church** (Verse 6)

A. The “great whore” will be DRUNK on the blood of the saints.

1. A “Drunk” is never satisfied – always wants “one more drink!”

B. Thousands and thousands of believers have been slaughtered by her.

C. There is a history of the “**Apostate Roman Catholic Church**” persecuting true believers.

1. On August 23-24, 1572 a slaughter of saints in Paris, France began.

a. The “*Feast of St Bartholomew’s*” Massacre took place.

b. Approximately 3000 were slain in Paris alone.

c. It is estimated that about 70,000 were slain across France.

d. This was carried out by **THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Massacre-of-Saint-Bartholomews-Day>

2. During *the Spanish Inquisition* in 1400-1500, there were about 14,000 killed, in one day, by the Roman Catholic Church.

It is difficult for us to understand the Spanish Inquisition because we are so used to the “separation of church and state” in modern times. During the time in which the Inquisition in Spain was most active (1480-1600s), heresy was considered a crime similar to “political treason” because the monarchies of Europe and the Catholic Church were so closely linked, and according to Roman Law torture could be used to extract confessions of guilt in cases of capital crimes.

D. **Sir Robert Anderson of Scotland Yard** estimated that over 50,000,000 have been killed by the Catholic Church.

**BOOK: “The Trail of Blood” by J. M. Carroll**

Dr. Carroll estimates the same number of people slaughtered as Robert Anderson

## VISITS THAT CATHOLIC POPES HAVE MADE TO OTHER COUNTRIES SINCE 2005

### 1978 - 2005

#### John Paul II was Pope

During those years, he visited 129 major countries and their rulers

### 2005 – 2013

#### Benedict XVI was Pope

The following is a list of the countries he visited over the eight years as Pope

#### 2005

1 [Germany I \(August 18 to August 21, 2005\)](#)

#### 2006

1 [Poland \(May 25 to May 28, 2006\)](#)

2 [Spain I \(July 8 to July 9, 2006\)](#)

3 [Germany II \(September 9 to September 14, 2006\)](#)

4 [Turkey \(November 28 to December 1, 2006\)](#)

#### 2007

1 [Brazil \(May 9 to May 13, 2007\)](#)

2 [Austria \(September 7 to September 9, 2007\)](#)

#### 2008

1 [United States \(April 15 to April 20, 2008\)](#)

2 [Australia \(July 13 to July 21, 2008\)](#)

3 [France \(September 12 to September 15, 2008\)](#)

#### 2009

1 [Cameroon and Angola \(March 17 to March 23, 2009\)](#)

2 [Jordan, Israel, and the Palestinian Territories \(May 8 to May 15, 2009\)](#)

3 [Czech Republic \(September 26 to September 28, 2009\)](#)

#### 2010

1 [Malta \(April 17 to April 18, 2010\)](#)

2 [Portugal \(May 11 to May 14, 2010\)](#)

3 [Cyprus \(June 4 to June 6, 2010\)](#)

4 [United Kingdom \(September 16 to September 19, 2010\)](#)

5 [Spain II \(November 6 to November 7, 2010\)](#)

#### 2011

1 [Croatia \(June 4 to June 5, 2011\)](#)

2 [San Marino \(June 19, 2011\)](#)

3 [Spain III \(August 18 to August 21, 2011\)](#)

4 [Germany III \(September 22 to September 25, 2011\)](#)

5 [Benin \(November 18 to November 20, 2011\)](#)

## **2012**

- 1 [Mexico and Cuba \(March 23 to March 29, 2012\)](#)
- 2 [Lebanon \(September 14 to September 16, 2012\)](#)

## **Previously confirmed journeys**

- 1 [Brazil II \(July 23 to July 28, 2013\)](#)

## **March 2013**

### **Francis became the Pope on the above date**

The following is a list of the countries he has visited since he took office!

## **2013**

- 1 [Brazil \(22 to 29 July 2013\)](#)

## **2014**

- 1 [Israel, Jordan, and Palestine \(24 to 26 May 2014\)](#)
- 2 [South Korea \(14 to 18 August 2014\)](#)
- 3 [Albania \(21 September 2014\)](#)
- 4 [France \(25 November 2014\)](#)
- 5 [Turkey \(28 to 30 November 2014\)](#)

## **2015**

- 1 [Sri Lanka and Philippines \(13 to 19 January 2015\)](#)
- 2 [Bosnia and Herzegovina \(6 June 2015\)](#)
- 3 [Bolivia, Ecuador, and Paraguay \(5 to 13 July 2015\)](#)
- 4 [Cuba and United States \(19 to 27 September 2015\)](#)
- 5 [Kenya, Uganda, and Central African Republic \(25 to 30 November 2015\)](#)

## **2016**

- 1 [Cuba and Mexico \(12 to 18 February 2016\)](#)
- 2 [Greece \(16 April 2016\)](#)
- 3 [Armenia \(24 to 26 June 2016\)](#)
- 4 [Poland \(27 to 31 July 2016\)](#)
- 5 [Georgia and Azerbaijan \(30 September to 2 October 2016\)](#)
- 6 [Sweden \(31 October to 1 November 2016\)](#)

## **2017**

- 1 [Egypt \(28 to 29 April 2017\)](#)

## **Upcoming visits 2017**

- 1 [Portugal \(12 to 13 May 2017\)](#)
- 2 [Colombia \(6 to 11 September 2017\)](#)
- 3 [South Sudan \(October 2017\)](#)
- 4 [India and Bangladesh \(2017\)](#)

## **2018**

- 1 [Czech Republic \(2018\)](#)
- 2 [France \(2018\)](#)
- 3 [Romania \(2018\)](#)
- 4 [Ireland \(22 to 26 August 2018\)](#)

## **2019**

- 1 [Panama \(22 to 27 January 2019\)](#)

## **Unscheduled visits**

- 1 [Brazil](#)
- 2 [Singapore](#)
- 3 [Germany](#)
- 4 [Tunisia](#)
- 5 [Ukraine](#)
- 6 [Japan](#)
- 7 [Spain](#)
- 8 [Nigeria](#)
- 9 [Iraq](#)
- 10 [Croatia](#)
- 11 [Venezuela](#)
- 12 [Belarus](#)
- 13 [Sudan](#)
- 14 [Hungary](#)
- 15 [Australia](#)
- 16 [Dominican Republic](#)
- 17 [Thailand](#)
- 18 [United Kingdom](#)
- 19 [Denmark](#)
- 20 [Malta](#)
- 21 [Pakistan](#)
- 22 [United Arab Emirates](#)
- 23 [Serbia](#)
- 24 [Kosovo](#)
- 25 [Argentina](#)
- 26 [Chile](#)
- 27 [Uruguay](#)

The Popes have visited a total of 193 Countries since 1978.

There are 27 visited which Frances plans to make, but they are in the midst of scheduling those visits at this time.

# REVELATION

## Lesson 22c Part #3

### THE SECRET EXPLAINED

#### Revelation 17:7-15

#### I. The Unveiling of the “Mystery Woman” (False Church) and “the Beast” (Anti-christ).

##### A. This section will combine the above two “actors.”

##### 1. Together, they constitute the “Revived Roman Empire.”

2. They represent (1) The Apostate Religion & (2) The last World Dictator!

A. The Mystery of the “Revived Roman Empire” was revealed to King Nebuchadnezzar in a dream. (Daniel 2:1 & 2, - 13)

1. Daniel 2:10 (Read verse 10) The magicians could not explain the dream!

B. The Mystery is explained by Daniel in Daniel 2:31-43.

(Daniel’s interpretation of the dream is clearer in Daniel 7:1-7. (FOUR EMPIRES)

1. Daniel saw the empires “looking forward” (Daniel 7:1-7)

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| a. Lion - <b>First</b> Empire    | Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 7:1-4) |
| b. Bear - <b>Second</b> Empire   | Media-Persia (See Daniel 7:5)               |
| c. Leopard - <b>Third</b> Empire | Grecian (Daniel 2:39 & Daniel 7:6)          |
| d. Fourth Empire                 | Roman (Daniel 2:40-43 & Daniel 7:7)         |

1. - 10 Horns – Possibly 10 European Nations

2. John saw the empires “looking back” (Revelation 13:1 & 2)

- |                                  |                                    |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| a. Beast – Fourth Empire         | Revived, Confederated Roman Empire |
| b. Leopard - <b>Third</b> Empire | Grecian                            |
| c. Bear – <b>Second</b> Empire   | Media-Persia                       |
| d. Lion – <b>First</b> Empire    | Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar       |

3. Rome was overthrown in about A. D. 476.

a. However, Rome **NEVER totally lost influence.**

4. We have seen the growing political influence of Rome today. (THE POPE!)

a. Popes have visited 193 countries since 1978 – met with rulers

#### II. The Unveiling of the “Beast” that John saw (Verse 8 & 11)

A. Who is the Beast? – He is the “anti-christ”

1. He is the head of the “world-wide political system” during the Tribulation Period.

a. It is impossible to identify who he is.

b. He will not be made manifest until **after the Rapture.** (II Thess. 2:7-8)

2. Who is he? - - - I do not know – you do not know!

He will be someone *LIKED & RESPECTED*.

3. He will be someone who died and was raised from the dead. (Rev. 17:8 & 11)

a. Some **think – speculate** that it will be Judas – resurrected!

b. He is the only man referred to as “the son of perdition.” (John 17:12)

1. See II Thess. 2:3)



- c. Only man said to be entered into by Satan (Luke 22:3)
- d. Only man said of, "...he went to his own place" (Acts 1:25)
- 2. The Beast/Anti-christ receives his power DIRECTLY from Satan. (Rev. 13:4)

### III. The Unveiling of the "Seven Heads" (Verse 9) (The "seven heads" are a TWO-FOLD symbol)

**NOTE:** "Double types" are not uncommon in Scripture. For example,  
 Satan is likened to a lion (1 Peter 5:8) - as also is Christ (Revelation 5:5)  
 The woman Hagar is a symbol of both a mountain and a covenant (Gal. 4:24-25)

A. The **FIRST** signification of the "seven heads" is the **geographical location**.

1. The "seven heads" signify the city of Rome – Rome has always been known as:
  - a. "The Lofty City of Seven Peaks" or "The City on Seven Hills"
    1. Aventine
    2. Palatine
    3. Capitoline
    4. Caelian
    5. Quirinal
    6. Viminal
    7. Esquiline
2. Rome will be the "HEADQUARTERS" of the Beast and the False Church?
  - a. The **Beast** is the "anti-christ."
  - b. The **Woman** is the "apostate religion of The Roman Catholic Church."
    1. **USING** the "Babylonian System – man-made religion"
3. *The Roman Catholic Church itself, in the Confraternity Edition of the New Testament (new edition, New York, 1963, Page 337) claims that Rome is Babylon!*

B. The **SECOND** signification of the "seven heads" is **Personal**.

1. "...And there are seven kings" (Revelation 17:10)
2. Therefore, the Heads of the Roman Empire are indicated here.
  - a. When **John received this vision, in 95-96 A.D.** five had fallen. They were
    1. Caesar
    2. Tacitus
    3. Caligula
    4. Claudius
    5. Nero
  - b. One was on the throne of Rome at that time.
    6. Domitian
4. One was "yet to come ..."
  - a. "Fast-forward" 2000+ years – another head of the Roman Empire **will arise!**
  - b. He will be the "anti-christ" –
    1. He will be the LAST Roman Dictator.
    2. This will take place at the last half of the Tribulation Period.

5. "He is of "the eighth" – "he is of the seven"
  - a. This is a "Greek" phase which was used in that day which means:
    1. "...He is of the continuing line of kings"
    2. "He will be from one of the seven original countries of the Roman Empire."

#### IV. The Unveiling of the "Ten Horns" These speak of the "Revived Roman Empire." (Verse 12)

- A. They have no kingdom "as of yet." (Future - Taking place during the Tribulation Period)
- B. Seven kingdoms were in the Roman Empires of the past.
- C. The Roman Empire will add 3 more – **when it is revived!**
  1. **Seems** that the "European Common Market" will make up the "ten"
    - a. They will receive power from **the Beast** – (Anti-christ). (vs. 12)
  2. He will continue "for a short space" (time) - (Verse 10) (3½ Years)

#### V. The True Character of the Entire Apostate System Revealed (Verse 14)

- A. They will seek to destroy "the Lamb."
- B. This has been the goal and motive since the beginning!
  1. We can already see this character coming together in the Apostate church!

#### VI. The Real Truth about the Anti-christ! (Rev. 17:16-17)

- A. **The "beast" and the "ten kings" hate "the whore"** but have USED her for their gain!

## THE SYSTEM IS EXTINGUISHED

Revelation 17:16-18

#### I. The Complete Destruction of ALL FALSE RELIGION

- A. It will begin with the headquarters of the "False, apostate Church" - **at the Vatican!**
  1. **This will be set forth in detail** in **Chapter 18.**
- B. The hatred of the "whore" by the ten federated nations of the beast will come suddenly!
  1. She shall be stripped of her purple and scarlet robes and her wealth.
- C. The Roman Catholic Church, Using the "Religion Babylon – the "Mother of Harlots" **must come to naught.**
  1. The Babylon religion has hated God since **Genesis Chapter 11.**
  2. It will now be destroyed – once and for all – forever!

**D. Do not forget – this is being done by "the sovereign will of God!" (Revelation 18:8)**

**The Word of God spoken to His people centuries ago is most interesting in view of what we have been studying.**

*"Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence. Babylon*

*hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed. We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies.”*

## **Jeremiah 51:6-9**

I researched a good number of writers from the past, all of whom believe that the “city on seven mountains” is geographical Rome – using the “religious system of Babylon!” I will list those who are well known and who hold to this position.

**Tertullian, Augustine, Charles Wycliff, John Huss, William Tyndale, Martin Luther, Matthew Henry, Matthew Poole, Isaac Newton, John Wesley, Jonathan Edwards, B.H. Carrol, and Harry Ironside.**

**There are MANY others, but their name are not as well known.**

# REVELATION

## Lesson # 23

### Revelation 18:1-24

#### I. The Announcement of the Judgment of the Last Form of **Both** Systems (Rev. 18:1-3)

##### Chapters 17 & 18 go together

- A. Chapter 17 – The fall of “Ecclesiastical Babylon” – Under Pope
  - 1. Ecclesiastical Babylon is “the great whore.” (Rev. 17:1)
  - 2. The “Great Whore” is destroyed by Political Babylon. (Rev. 17:15-18)
- B. Chapter 18 – The fall of “Political Babylon” – Under the beast
  - 1. Political Babylon is destroyed by the Lord Himself. (Rev. 18: 8)
- C. **Today:** We are seeing the principles and practices of both systems.
  - A. Man- Made Religion
  - B. Man-Made Politics & Government
    - 1. Those “practices & principles” DO NOT have God’s approval
- D. The Judgment of God must be COMPLETE.
- E. The false church has become:
  - 1. The habitation of devils (Rev. 18:2)
    - a. The true church is the “Habitation of the Holy Spirit.”
  - 2. The hold of every foul spirit:
    - a. Spirit of the world (I Corinthians 2:12)
    - b. Spirit of Disobedience (Eph. 2:2)
    - c. Spirit of error (I John 1:6)
    - d. Spirit of bondage (Romans 8:15)
    - e. Spirit of man (I Corinthians 2:11)
  - 3. The cage of every foul bird (Matthew 13:31-32)
    - a. Church had a humble beginning (Small seed)
      - 1. Been infiltrated by carnal men, un-regenerated men
- F. The Influence of the False Church is “world-wide.” (vs. 3)
  - 1. All Nations – All Kings – All Merchants
  - 2. **MEXICO:** When the Pope visits – **THOUSANDS** of people follow and worship him.  
People kneel, kiss his hand

#### II. The Appeal to God’s People (Revelation 18:4-8)

- A. A clear call to separation
  - 1. Addressed to “Tribulation Saints”
- B. The problem is “two-fold”
  - 1. Well-meaning people stay in apostate churches – **thinking they will change them.**
  - 2. Fundamental Baptist Churches “tolerate” worldly principles and practices. (Rev 2:18)
    - a. A Babylonian garment cost Achan his life. (Joshua 7:16-26)
- C. The application of separation today:
  - 1. **Old Testament:**

- a. Abraham                    Genesis 12:1 & 2
- b. Lot                            Genesis 19:12-14
- c. Moses                        Numbers 16:23-26
- d. Israel                        Isaiah 48:20; Jeremiah 50:8 – 51:6 – 51:45

**2. New Testament**

- a. II Corinthians 6:14-17
- b. I Timothy 5:22

3. The True Church is not of this world. (John 17:14 & 17)

D. For the results see Isaiah 47:1-15 and Jeremiah 51:24. (Read at home for information.)

**E. The reasons for separation**

- 1. Her sins have reached to Heaven (vs. 5) (Tower of Babel) (Gen.11:4)
- 2. She shall be destroyed in “one day” (vs. 8) – One hour – (Verse 10)
  - a. Her destruction will be SUDDEN.

**F. The certainty of her judgment – It is GOD that judgeth her!**

- 1. Strong is the LORD GOD **who judgeth** her. (vs. 8)

**III. The Agony of the World’s Merchants (Revelation 18:9-19)**

A. The ENTIRE World is affected (vs. 11) “...merchants of the earth”

- 1. United States included!

B. Three Groups will be effected.

1. The Kings and Rulers (Revelation 18:3)

- a. The King, President, Prime Minister of EVERY country

2. The Merchants (Revelation 18:11-16)

- a. **Twenty-eight (28)** categories of merchandise listed (Verses 12-13)

1. The **souls of men** are included in the list!

- a. Purgatory
- b. Last rites
- c. Mass for the dead

2. **Souls of men – shows how low the morals of Babylon drops**

- b. Untold millions go in Rome’s bank account.

3. The Shipping Companies

- a. Airlines
- b. Shipping
- c. Trains
- d. FedEx
- e. USPS

1. NO buying or selling – No Amazon!

C. Each of the three groups cry – “Alas, Alas” (**Woe, woe!**) (Rev. 18:10,16, & 19)

- 1. Pain                            Sorry
- 2. Disappointment            Regret
- 3. Distress                      Disaster!

D. The collapse of the World System will be sudden.

- 1. One- Day (Rev. 18:8)
- 2. One-Hour (Rev. 18:10,17, & 19)

- E. She said, “I sit a queen – I am no widow – I shall see no sorrow!”
  - 2. She never dreamed she would be destroyed!
  - 1. **She falls suddenly – never to rise again.**

**EXAMPLE:** You can wake up in the morning and the “US Dollar” could be worthless!  
 God warns: “Lay up treasure in Heaven”

- F. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in **man**. (Psalms 118:8)  
 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in **princes**. (Psalms 118:9)

#### IV. The Attitude of Heaven (Revelation 18:20-24)

- A. There will be great rejoicing.
  - 1. The time of vengeance has come! (Revelation 6:10) **Prayed for vengeance**
  - 2. Abominations cannot continue forever.
- B. Some object to “heaven rejoicing” over the judgment coming on the earth.
  - 1. These acts and actions are ordered by God.
  - 2. **People have NO RIGHT to question God’s actions.**
  - 3. The day of grace has ended.
  - 4. The rejoicing is because “God has triumphed over evil.”
    - a. There is NO PERSONAL bitterness here.

## SIX “NO MORES”

### Six is the “number of man”

- I. **There shall be “No More” Babylon (vs. 21)**
  - A. Seems to speak of the city of Rome and the system of Babylon
  - B. That city will never be rebuilt or found again – at all!
- II. **There shall be “No More” worldly, ungodly music! (vs. 22)**
  - A. Worldly music has its roots in [Genesis 4:16-21](#).
    - 1. Jubal, a descendant of Cain, was a descendant of Lamech.
    - 2. Lamech was the “first polygamist.”
  - B. The world today attempts to escape reality with worldly music
    - 1. Foretold in [Ezek. 26:13](#)
  - C. This seems to indicate that there will be “No More” worldly entertainment!
    - 1. Harps, musicians, pipers, and trumpeters were the only form of entertainment
- III. **There shall be “No More” craftsmen. (vs. 18:22)**
  - A. No mechanic or builder will practice their trade.
  - B. There will be no building programs and manufacturing done again.

**IV. There shall be “No More” grinding of grain. (vs. 22)**

A. The food industry will cease to make food.

**V. There shall be “No More” lamp or light. (vs. 23)**

A. The streets of the “Babylon System” will turn into complete darkness.

1. The world’s greatest “power outage.”

**VI. There shall be “No More” marriage.” (vs. 23)**

A. Even love will cease to be

## **THREE GREAT REASONS FOR THE DIVINE AND SEVERE JUDGMENT**

**Revelation 18:23-24**

**I. She will be judged severely because she worshipped wealth and luxury. (Vs. 23)**

A. She played the harlot to the merchants of the world.

**II. She will be judged severely because she led millions astray with her witchcraft. (Vs. 23)**

A. Includes: Doctrines of demons – Wicked Spiritualism

**III. She will be judged severely because of the untold people she slaughtered. (Rev. 18:24)**

A. The Inquisition 40,000

B. St. Bartholomew’s Massacre 14,000

C. The *“Trail of Blood by Carroll”*

**NOTE:** She **MUST** pay for “playing the harlot,” luring people with her attractiveness, and for the many bloody persecutions ordered by her!

**GOD’S WARNING:** *“Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins”*

# REVELATION

Revelation 19:1-20:3 – Part #1

Lesson 24

## JOY IN HEAVEN!

**Intro:** This chapter contains two very different scenes.

- A. A scene in Heaven of GREAT rejoicing
- B. A scene on earth of GREAT judgment

## THE SCENE IN HEAVEN

Revelation 19:1 – 20:3

### I. The Four Hallelujahs (Verses: 1, 3, 4, & 6)

- A. “Hallelujah is a Jewish word for “Praise ye the Lord.” (Psalms 146 – 150)
  - 1. Each chapter begins and ends with “Praise ye the Lord.”
- B. The first three “Hallelujahs” seem to be connected, the judgment of the great whore/harlot.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Hallelujah: Verse 2: “...for he hath judged the great whore.”
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Hallelujah: Verse 3: “...her smoke rose up for ever and ever.”
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hallelujah: Verse 4: A continuing praise because of the judgment of the whore
- C. The fourth “Hallelujah” is because “...the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!”
  - 1. Victory over all evil has been won.

## THE FOUR HALLELUJAHS

### I. The Hallelujah of Redemption (Verses 1 & 2)

- A. This is for Salvation being complete.
  - 1. One final conflict remains – **Armageddon**
    - a. Afterwards: [Isaiah 2:4](#), [11:6](#), [65:25](#)
  - 2. Christ will claim His Title Deed to the earth.
    - a. His right by creation
    - b. His right by redemption

### II. The Hallelujah of Retribution (Verse 3)

- A. The Great Whore received her...
  - 1. JUST judgment
  - 2. Her EVERLASTING doom (for ever and ever)
  - 3. She will NEVER return again! There will NEVER be apostate religion again.

### III. The Hallelujah of Realization (Verse 4)

- A. Realization of the GREATNESS of God
- B. Christians should stop EACH day – get in God’s Word
  - 1. They should REALIZE the reality of God’s presence with them.
- C. The ARK was a reminder of God’s Presence. ([I Chronicles 16:4](#))
  - a. [Hebrews 13:5](#)



#### IV. The Hallelujah of Christ Reigning Omnipotent (Verse 6)

- A. The voice of ALL THE REDEEMED
- B. Foretold in [Psalms 97:1](#)
- C. The time has come when “Every Knee shall bow” – ([Phil 2:10-11](#))

### THE SCENE IN HEAVEN - THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB

#### I. The Bridegroom is the “Center of Attention” in this marriage. (Verse 7)

##### QUESTIONS:

- A. When does the event occur?
  - 1. Evidently it occurs immediately after the destruction of the “false bride.”
  - 2. The celebration began immediately after the destruction of the “whore.”
  
- B. Where does the event occur?
  - 1. The answer can only be “In heaven.” ([Verse 1](#))
  - 2. The “voices” in [Verse 6](#) MUST be in heaven.
  
- C. Who is “The Bride” of Christ
  - 1. The “false bride” has been judged and destroyed.
  - 2. The Marriage is in Heaven. ([Verse 1](#)) **This cannot be Israel.**
  - 3. The Bride is described in [Eph. 25-27](#) – **This cannot be Israel.**
    - a. Israel is “divorced.” ([Jeremiah 3:8](#))
    - b. Israel is “widowed.” ([Lam 1:1](#) & [Isaiah 54:4](#))
    - c. High Priests of Israel were STRICKLY forbidden to marry a divorced or widowed woman. ([Leviticus 21:10,13, & 14](#))
  - 4. The Bride is the “Body of Christ.” ([Col. 1:24](#) – [Eph. 5:23](#))
    - a. Believers are baptized into the Body of Christ. ([I Co.r 12:13](#))
    - a. No one was baptized into The Body until Pentecost. ([Acts 1](#))
  - 5. John the Baptist was clearly an Old Testament saint.
    - a. He referred to himself as a “friend of the bridegroom.” ([John 3:29-30](#))
  - 6. Prophetised that the “Son of God” will marry a virgin ([Lev. 21:12-15](#))
    - a. A divorced woman can NEVER be a virgin again! ([This leaves Israel out!](#))
  
- D. This is a “long-awaited” event!
  - 1. **The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit have anticipated this for over 2000 years.**
  
- E. The wife, “hath made herself ready!”
  - 1. For 2000 years Christ has been “preparing” His wife ([2 Cor 11:2](#))
  - 2. Church/Christians are undergoing “sanctification” ([Eph. 5:26](#))
    - a. This will be completed at the Rapture.
    - b. And at the Judgment Seat ([2 Cor. 5:10](#))
    - c. She will be presented “without spot or wrinkle.” ([Eph. 5:27](#))
  - 3. **We** are making our wedding garment now!!

**THE BRIDE HATH MADE HERSELF READY! - (Verse 7)**

- a. The “fine linen” is the righteousness of the Saints. (vs. 8)
  - b. This is not “imputed” righteousness.
  - c. Refers to “righteous acts” by the Saints.
  - d. Refers to “How she walked in the good works created for her.” (Eph. 2:10)
4. Each of us will appear clothed in whatever is left of our “good works” after they have been “tested” by fire.
- a. Tested according to “**what sort**” they are, not “**how much**” (I Cor. 3:11-14)
  - b. Some will be ashamed at his coming. (I John 2:28)

**II. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Verse 9)**

- A. Guests are invited.
  1. These ARE NOT the bride – Bride does not need an invitation!
  2. Possibly Old Testament and Tribulation Saints
    - a. John the Baptist is an example (John 3:29-30)

**III. There has been a previous marriage in the Old Testament**

**IV. During the Millennium there will be a “reuniting” between “Jehovah and Israel.”**

- A. That marriage took place in the past. (Jeremiah 3:14)
- B. That marriage is described in Jeremiah 31:31-33.
  1. THIS IS NOT THE BRIDE OF CHRIST!
- C. Israel was UNFAITHFUL to **Jehovah** for centuries. (Jeremiah 3:8)
- D. Israel will “**return to Jehovah God.**” (Jeremiah 3:1; Hosea 2:7)
  1. Be restored during Daniel’s 70<sup>th</sup> week - Tribulation Period (Hosea 2:19-23)

## THE SCENE ON EARTH

Revelation 19:11 – 20:3 – Part #2

Lesson 25

### JUDGMENT ON EARTH – See Verse 19

- INTRO:** 1. This event has been anticipated for centuries. **THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST**
- A. This **MUST** be separated from the “Great White Throne of Judgment.”
  - 2. Until now, Christ has sat on his Throne and directed angels in judgment.
  - 3. Now, He leaves his Heaven and will complete the Judgment.

### THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

#### I. The Second Advent of Christ (Revelation 19:11-13)

- A. He will come riding a “white horse.”
  - 1. Not the same rider in Revelation 6:12
- B. The Scoffers will be silenced! (2 Peter 3:4)
- C. He is called by four different names:
  - 1. Faithful and True (vs. 11)
  - 2. An Unknown Name (vs. 12)
  - 3. The Word of God (vs. 13) – (John 1:1)
  - 4. KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS (vs. 16)
- D. He is coming to “make war & execute judgment.” (Verse 11)

#### II. The Armies Which Follow Christ (Revelation 19:14) - **Rod of Iron!**

- A. The Bride of Christ
- B. The Old Testament Saints
- C. The Tribulation Saints
- D. The Holy Angels (Matthew 25:31)
  - 1. Paul prophesied this: (II Thess. 1:7-10)
  - 2. Enoch Prophesied this: (Jude 1:14-15)

#### III. The Authority of Christ When He Returns (Rev. 19:15-16)

- A. Foretold in **Isaiah 11:4**
  - 1. The “Sword” seems to be “The Word of God.” (Eph. 6:17)
    - a. The Word of God is SHARPER than any two-edged sword. (Heb. 4:12)
    - b. He used “the word of his mouth.” (John 18:2-6)
    - c. We are instructed that **we do not use carnal weapons.** (II Cor. 10:4)
    - d. Isaiah – “...by the breath of His lips.” (Isaiah 11:4)
    - e. Christ has never resorted to “carnal weapons.” (Would be a contradiction)
      - 1. Christ does not NEED a sword or any other carnal weapon!
  - 1. Notice, Christ is the only one who will fight!
    - a. He does not need help from “the armies which followed him!”
  - 2. He is the “sovereign and sole ruler” of the earth.
    - a. **Isaiah 9:6** “... the government shall be on His shoulders”

## THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

Foretold in Revelation 16:13-16

- I. **The Avenging of Christ Against His Enemies** (Revelation 19:17-21)  
**NOTICE: We find NO indication of mercy mixed in this judgment!**  
**The “age of grace” has ended! – Completely!**
- A. An Angel stands in the sun, and cries with a loud voice.
1. How is that possible? I DO NOT KNOW – But it will happen!
    - a. NO interpretation is possible for this passage except literal!
  2. The angel calls the fowls – to the “supper of the great God.”
  3. There are “two suppers” in this passage.
    - a. One of Joy – Rev. 19:9
    - b. One of Judgment – Rev 19:18
  4. The Lord warned of this. (Matthew 24:28)
- B. Where will the Battle of Armageddon take place?
1. Most like in the “Valley of Jehoshaphat.” (Joel 3:2)
  2. Details are explained in Joel 3:9-16.
  3. The indication is that this is what is called today, “The Kidron Valley.”

## THE DOOM OF THE BEAST AND THE FALSE PROPHET

- I. **The Vanquishing of Christ’s Foes!** (Revelation 19:19 – 20:3)
- A. ALL evil forces are under the beast (a man).
1. They are gathered together – to make war against “the rider of the white horse.”
    - a. Includes Revived Roman Empire
    - b. The 10 kingdoms of the empire
    - c. **ALL** the kings of the earth (Revelation 16:13-14)
  2. The Anti-christ and his confederated army have conquered the earth.
    - a. They gather to attack the LORD of Heaven!
    - b. **The Supreme Court has joined them** – has banned God from EVERYTHING!
- B. **First to be vanquished:** The Beast and the false prophet go first! (Verse 20)
1. They are “cast alive” into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.
- C. **Second to be vanquished:** The Armies of the world which followed the beast are slain. (vs. 21)
1. Their slain bodies are fed to the fowls of the air! What a feast for the fowls!
  2. Do not be deceived: HE WILL NOT LEAVE ONE REBEL ON EARTH. (Matt. 13:40-41)
- D. **Third,** the Dragon, “Devil and Satan” are bound. (Revelation 20:1)
1. He is casted into the bottomless pit for 1000 years! (Revelation 20:3) (Temporary)
  2. This **IS NOT** his final judgment. (Rev. 20:10)
  3. He is imprisoned here for 1000 years. (Abyss – dreary underworld)
- E. The world asked a question in Revelation 13:4.  
“Who is like unto the beast? - “Who is able to make war with him?”

**NOW, they have their answer! - Jesus Christ is able!**

# REVELATION

## Lesson #26 Chapter 20:1-15

**Intro:** The Rapture is passed. (4:1)  
The Marriage of the Lamb has taken place. (19:7)  
The Lord Jesus has returned. (19:11-16) - Armageddon is over. (19:19)  
The beast and the false prophet have been casted alive in the "Lake of Fire." (19:20)

### I. The Removal of Satan (Revelation 20:1-3)

- A. Amusing – "an angel" seemingly is just **"any"** angel.
  - 1. Does not say "a mighty angel." – (like in Rev. 10:1)
  - 2. It shows Satan is not a great power, **but a deceiver.**
    - a. "One" angel can bind him and cast him in the bottomless pit!
    - b. **NOTE:** You and I have an angel who protects us. (Scripture)
  - 3. Satan IS NOT CHAINED today.
    - a. "... seeking whom he may devour." (I Peter 5:8)
- B. He is cast in the "Bottomless Pit."
  - 1. **The "bottomless pit" is not the "lake of fire."**
    - a. The bottomless pit is not where Satan receives his "due punishment."
    - b. The bottomless pit is where evil spirits are confined, **awaiting judgment.**
  - 2. Satan is "sealed" that he should not deceive the nations for 1000 years! (Rev. 20:3)
    - a. Foretold in (Isaiah 24:21-22)
  - 3. The "Lake of Fire" is his final abode! (Revelation 20:10)
  - 4. This is FUTURE! – Today, Satan is "Alive and well."
    - a. He is "deceiving the nations."

## THE 1000 YEAR REIGN OF CHRIST – THE MILLENNIUM

### I. The Reign of Christ (Revelation 20:4-6) (The Saints Will Reign With Him.)

- A. "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done. On earth as it is in Heaven!"
- B. There are three schools of thought on the "1000-year Millennium."
  - 1. Amillennialist – They claim this is symbolic.
    - a. There is NO LITERAL 1000 reign of Christ on earth.
    - b. One thousand years is listed 6 times: (Verses 2,3,4,5,6,7,)
  - 2. Postmillennialist
    - 1. Christ comes at the END of this thousand-year period.
  - 3. Premillennialist – **THIS IS THE CORRECT BIBICAL VIEW.**
    - 1. This takes place **IMMEDIATELY** after the Tribulation Period (Matt. 24:29-30)
    - 2. **The Kingdom is set up – Christ shall rule with a "rod of iron."** (Rev. 19:15)
    - 3. The Saints will rule with him (Revelation 20:6 & I Corinthians 6:2)
      - a. The Bride of Christ shall reign with Christ. (Rev. 20:4)
      - b. The Tribulation saints shall reign with Christ. (Rev. 20:4)

- c. The Old Testament saints shall reign with Christ.  
(Psalms 2:6-9, Jer. 23:5, Luke 1:30-33)
  - 4. They will sit on “Thrones” (Rev. 20:4) – Authority will be given them. (vs. 4)
  - 5. These are the saints of the “First Resurrection.”
- C. The conditions of the earth will be “**IDEAL.**”
- 1. The animals will play together. (Isaiah 11:7-9)
  - 2. The people of Israel will be at peace. (Isaiah 54:13-14)
  - 3. The physical creation will be restored. (Romans 8:19-21)
  - 4. The government will be a “Theocracy.” (Revelation 19:15)
  - 5. The rule will be in Jerusalem. (Isaiah 2:2-4 & Mathew 19:28)
  - 6. Israel will be restored. (Isaiah 11:11-16 & Jer. 16:14-16)
    - a. **This has NEVER happened since Adam and Eve.**
- D. No “unsaved person” **will enter** the Millennium. (Isaiah 60:21 & Joel 2:28)
- 1. There will be saved people who came through the Tribulation Period alive.
    - a. They will enter the Millennium WITH THEIR OLD SIN NATURE!
      - a. **They will have children – who have a sin nature and are lost!**
      - b. They will have a “**PERFECT ENVIRONMENT**” as did Adam and Eve.
  - 2. The earth will be ruled with a “Rod of Iron.” (Rev. 19:15)
  - 3. That will not change the wickedness of man’s heart!
  - 4. Sin “nature” will be just as prevalent during the 1000 years as it is today!
    - a. Men will reject Christ and will “hate and reject” His rule of iron!
      - 1. **But – they will be kept under control!**
  - 5. There will be an “unbending enforcement of God’s law!”
    - a. There will be a 100% accurate intelligence agency (**Christ and the Saints**).
    - b. ALL sinful activity will be detected immediately!
    - c. Arrest will be made immediately!
      - 1. There is to be “just” consequence for every sin!
  - 6. At the end – The sinful, deceitful, wicked heart of man will rebel.
    - a. Lost, sinful men will turn against God’s Christ to destroy Him. (Rev.19:7-9)
  - 7. **This PROVES “TOTAL DEPRAVITY!”**

## THE RETURN OF SATAN

- I. **The Return of Satan** (Revelation 20:9)
  - A. Why “must” he be released? (Rev. 20:3)
    - 1. It shows that “time and imprisonment does not change the heart!”
      - a. He will be still be a **deceiver** after 1000 years. (Rev. 20:8)

2. It proves that man's **problem is not:**
  - a. Environment
  - b. Education
  - c. Parents
  - d. Wealth or power
  
3. It proves that man's **problem is:**
  - e. That the heart of man is WICKED AND DECEITFUL
  - f. That God is not to blame.
  - g. That God's judgments are fair and just
  - h. That man is **totally depraved**

## II. **The Revolt of Society (Revelation 20:8-10)**

- A. They will come from "the four-corners" of the earth (World-wide). (Rev. 20:8)
  
- B. It will be a great multitude – "as the sands of the sea" (Rev. 20:8)
  1. There will be the world's greatest population explosion.
    - a. No curse
    - b. No sickness
    - c. A PERFECT environment!
  
- C. They come to destroy the Christ, the Saints and the "beloved city" (Jerusalem). (Rev. 20:9)
  
- D. They are destroyed by fire out of Heaven - Sent by God! (Rev. 20:9)

## **THE FINAL DOOM OF SATAN**

- I. **Satan is cast into the "Lake of Fire"** To be tormented – day and night – **FOREVER!** (Rev. 20:10)
  - A. This should help everyone to understand why Satan hates the book of Revelation!

## **THE GREAT WHITE THRONE OF JUDGMENT**

- I. **The Resurrection of Sinners – Lost – From all ages (Rev. 20:11-15)**
  - A. This is the GREAT WHITE THRONE OF JUDGMENT!
    1. It is called "a great throne"
      - a. Those there to be judged rejected a "great salvation" (Hebrews 2:3)
      - b. They will face a "great judgment."
    2. It is called a "white throne."
      - a. Everything done there will be "righteous and just." (Psa. 9:7-8 & Rom. 2:5)
  
  - B. Who is "he that sat on the throne?"
    1. It appears to be Christ (John 5:22, Acts 17:31 & Romans 2:16)

C. John saw "the rest of the dead." (Rev. 20:5)

1. The LOST of all ages! (There are **NO SAVED PEOPLE AT THE GREAT WHITE THRONE**)
  - a. Small and great
  - b. Big and little
  - c. Rich and poor
  - d. Criminals and Morally good people
  - e. Educated and ignorant
  - f. The sea gave up the dead which were it! (Rev. 20:13)
  - g. Death and Hell delivered up the dead which were in them. (Rev. 20:13)

**II. The Rules of Judgment (Revelation 20:12 & 13)**

A. God has "two books" in Heaven. (Rev. 20:12)

1. He has a book with the records of "all the works of the lost." (Rev. 20:12b)
  - a. This is not to decide if they are "lost or saved."
  - b. That has already been decided.
  - c. This is to determine the "degree of punishment."
    1. Luke 10: 1-12 (**Verse 12!**)
    2. Matthew 11:22-24
2. He has a "Book of Life."

a. WHOSOEVER was not found in the "Book of Life" is cast into the lake of fire.

**III. The next thing John saw was, "...a new heaven and a new earth! (Revelation 21:1)**



# REVELATION

Revelation 21:1-8

Lesson #27

## (An Overview of Eternity)

**INTRO:** These are exciting chapters

In the first two chapters of the Bible there was **no devil!**

In the last two chapters of the Bible there is **no devil!**

**INTRO:** Chapters 21 & 22 take place AFTER the Millennial of 1000 Years!

Chapter 21 states **three times** that “John Saw” something.

### John Saw

## A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

(Verse 1)

### I. There will be a “New Heaven” and a “New Earth.” (Rev. 21:1)

A. There are “Three” Heavens spoken of in Scripture

1. There is the “third” Heaven (II Corinthians 12:1-2)

a. The “third Heaven” is the **abode of God.**

2. There is the “second Heaven” The celestial Heaven. (Deut. 4:19)

a. The “second” Heaven is the **sun, moon and stars.**

3. There is the “first” Heaven - The Atmospheric Heaven. (Matthew 6:26)

a. The “first” Heaven – “The fowls of the air” - that which **surrounds the earth.**

B. That which will be **destroyed** will be the “**first Heaven**” and the earth.

C. There are “two” schools of thought:

1. That the old earth and heaven will be destroyed, annihilated, and a new heaven and earth will replace it. (This is totally possible)

2. That the old earth and heaven will be destroyed, but not annihilated. It will be completely “renewed.”

D. There is no reason not to **take this literally** - John “saw” this

a. It is prophesied. (Isaiah 66:22)

b. First heaven and earth will burn with a great fire. (II Peter 3:10)

c. No places will be found for Old. (Revelation 20:11)

**John Saw**  
**A NEW JERUSALEM**  
**(Verses 2 & 10)**

**I. The New Jerusalem is a literal City.**

- A. It is *“Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”* (Verse 2)
  - 1. It is built with **“literal”** materials. (Rev. 21:11)
  - 2. It is built with **“literal”** design. (Verse 16)
  - 3. It is built with **“literal”** measurements. (Verse 21:16)
    - a. 12,000 furlongs = About 1500 miles - square!
    - b. This covers an area from Washington, DC to Denver, Colorado  
And from Houston, Texas to the Canadian border!  
The City is 1500 miles high!
    - c. 1500 miles = almost 8 million feet!
    - d. **Figuring a 10-foot ceiling that would be 800,000 stories high!**
  - 4. **It is estimated that the first floor will house more people than have ever lived!**
  - 5. It has **“literal”** inhabitants. (Rev. 21:2 & 22:3)

**John Saw**  
**A SPLENDID CITY**

**I. The City is Pure Gold** (Rev. 21:18)

- A. The twelve gates will be made of “one” pearl. (vs. 21)
- B. The streets of the city will be pure gold. (vs. 21)

**II. It has a wall around it.** (vs. 12)

**III. It has 12 foundations.** (vs. 14)

- A. Each section of the foundation is named after the **12 apostles of Christ.**
- B. Each foundation will be garnished with precious stones. (vs. 19-20)
  - 1. The first foundation will be Jasper.
  - 2. The second foundation will be sapphire.
  - 3. The third foundation will be chalcedony.
  - 4. The fourth foundation will be emerald.
  - 5. The fifth foundation will be sardonyx.
  - 6. The sixth foundation will be sardius.
  - 7. The seventh foundation will be chrysolite.
  - 8. The eighth foundation will be beryl.
  - 9. The ninth foundation will be topaz.
  - 10. The tenth foundation will be chrysoprasus.
  - 11. The eleventh foundation will be jacinth.
  - 12. The twelfth foundation will be amethyst.

C. It has 12. (Verse 12)

1. Each gate is named after one of the **12 tribes of Israel**. (Verse 12)
2. Each gate is made of **ONE pearl**.

D. This “appears” to be the City that Abraham was seeking. (Hebrews 11:10)

1. A city with foundations - Whose builder and maker is God!

#### IV. The City is **called** “**THE BRIDE, THE LAMB’S WIFE.**” (vs. 9)

A. A city and its inhabitants **cannot be separated** – They are identified together.

1. I say, “Memphis is a **beautiful city.**”
  - a. People think of a **literal city** – geographically located in West Tennessee.
2. I say, “Memphis is a **wicked city.**”
  - b. People think about the **inhabitants** of the city – not the literal city.

B. This city is a “Holy” City. (Rev. 21:10)

1. Why? – Because of its **inhabitants**
  - a. The Bride of Christ will abide there! (Revelation 22:3)
  - b. The city is, “prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.” (Verse 2)

#### V. The New Jerusalem is where God will “**Tabernacle**” with His people! (Revelation 21:3,5-6)

A. That which God planned before the foundation of the world - **IT IS DONE!**

### **John Saw**

### **A SATISFYING CITY**

(Because of the Promises of God)

#### I. In the New Jerusalem God has promised to “**provide our every need.**”

- A. God will give unto those who are athirst the water of life freely. (vs. 6)
- B. He that overcometh shall inherit **all things**.
1. **This is beyond our ability to understand.**

#### II. Every person who has trusted Christ is an “**overcomer.**” (Rev. 21:7)

A. We do not “overcome” by:

1. Struggling to earn something
2. It is not a reward

B. We overcome through Christ.

1. “I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)
2. Revelation 3:21 – “...I also overcame” (Revelation 3:21)

C. How? “Whatsoever is born of God overcometh” (I John 5:4)

1. “...even our faith”
2. “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them...” (I John 4:4)

### III. He will be our God – We will be his sons.

A. God's delight is found in men. ([Proverbs 8:31](#))

*"...my delights were with the sons of men."*

B. God has always delighted in being with his sons!

1. Man was created *"in the image of God."*

2. Through great sacrifice, Christ *"brought many sons unto glory!"*

3. It has always been God's delight to *"spend time with men."*

a. **NOW, God will be "our God."**

b. **NOW, we will be "his sons" for ever and ever!**

4. He has gone to prepare a place for us. ([John 14:2](#))

a. He will TABERNACLE - "DWELL WITH US" for all eternity!

5. The "New Jerusalem" will be the "Capital city of the world."

a. He will "tabernacle" with us – HERE ON EARTH!

b. This will happen when the "last enemy has been destroyed. ([I Cor. 15:24-26](#))

6. Concerning Israel ([Ezekiel 37:22-28](#)) – likely be on the "north side" ([Isaiah 14:13](#))

**NOTE:** *If the universe is 20 billion light years in diameter, and if there are stars millions of times greater than our earth, man is but a speck of dust on the landscape. The discovery of the immensity of the universe does not diminish but actually magnifies man's role in eternity. For if Christ is to rule over all things and we are to reign with Him, then we will be ruling over all the galaxies, affirming Christ's Lordship over the whole universe. **In a way that we cannot comprehend**, all things will be in subjection to Christ and we shall be a part of His eternal rule. (Copied: Erwin W. Lutzer, *Your Eternal Reward*)*

IV. It "seems" that the "New Jerusalem" which is let down out of Heaven will be the abode of the Bride of Christ." ([Revelation 21:9](#))

V. It "seems" that "the new earth" will be the abode of Israel. ([II Samuel 7:10-16](#))

1. The Throne of David is ON EARTH!

## John Saw

## SIX "NO MORES"

I. No more Sea ([Revelation 21:1](#))

A. In the old earth the seas were boundaries –

1. In the new they are not needed.

B. In the old earth seas were needed for "water."

1. In the new – Christ will give us "the water of life." ([Rev. 21:6](#); [22:1](#); [22:17](#))

2. These are the only places the phrase is found in the Bible!

II. No more Death ([Rev. 21:4](#))

A. Death was caused by sin. ([Genesis 2:16-17](#); [Romans 5:12](#))

B. Death was destroyed by Christ. ([I Cor. 15:26](#))

### III. No more Sorrow (Rev.

- A. Every person in the world has experienced sorrow –
- B. **THERE WILL BE NO MORE SORROW!**

### IV. No more Crying (Rev 21:4)

- A. The experiences of earth will be wiped away. (Isaiah 65:17)
- B. The memories of sorrow will be remembered “no more.” (Isaiah 65:17)
- C. The memories of **lost loved ones will be remembered “no more.”** (Isaiah 65:17)
- D. All tears will be wiped away. (Rev. 21:4)

### V. No more Pain (Rev. 21:4)

- A. Not ONE TEAR will be shed in Heaven.

### VI. No more Sin: ALL of the above are the result of sin!

- A. There will be **NO MORE SIN.** (Rev. 21:8)
7. **Proof that people who teach that “God is love and will not send anyone to Hell” are wrong!**
- a. If God let even ONE of those types of people into Heaven – it would not be Heaven.
  - b. Sin would be present – fear would exist!
8. That is why Verse 8 tells us that those types of people **WILL NOT** be in Heaven.

## John Saw

### **EIGHT THINGS THAT WILL NOT BE IN HEAVEN**

(Revelation 21:8)

#### 1. Fearful

- a. Those who heard the Gospel and understood, but were fearful of being mocked.

#### 2. Unbelieving

- a. Those who heard the Gospel but did not believe it. (John 3:18)

#### 3. Abominable

- a. Those who made their choices to live unclean, filthy lives. (Matthew 7:6)

#### 4. Murderers

- a. Those who chose hatred, violence and slaughter. (John 8:44)

#### 5. Whoremongers

- a. Those who chose to enjoy the “pleasures of sin for a season.” (II Peter 2:22)

#### 6. Sorcerers

- a. Those who deal directly with the Devil and demons. (Acts 16:3 & 8)

#### 7. Idolaters

- a. Those who chose to worship the creature rather than the creator. (Romans 1:25)

#### 8. Liars

- a. Those who chose to “shut out the truth of God;” who hide in darkness and do wickedness, who chose to believe a lie rather than the truth. (II Thess. 2:10)

**John Saw**  
**A SPIRITUAL CITY**  
**(Revelation 21:22 – 27)**

**I. This City has No Temple (vs. 22)**

A. The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the Temple

**II. This City has no need of any type of light. (vs. 23)**

A. The Glory of God will lighten it.

B. The Lamb of God is the light thereof.

**III. This City shall have nothing in it of a “sin nature.” (vs. 27)**

A. Nothing that defileth

B. Nothing that worketh abomination

C. Nothing that maketh a lie

**ONLY THOSE WHOSE NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE!**

# REVELATION

Lesson # 28

Revelation Chapter 22

**INTRO: God closes the Book with Promises, Warnings, and Woes.**

## **I. God gives us Promises of a Bountiful Life. (Verses 1 – 2)**

A. Water of Life

1. We will never, ever thirst again! (Verse 17)

B. Tree of Life

1. Twelve manners of fruit (For enjoyment)
2. A different treat every month

C. Leaves of Life

1. The leaves are for healing and health.
  - a. We will never need to see a doctor again!

## **II. God gives us Promises of a Beautiful Life. (Vs. 3)**

A. We will greatly enjoy serving Him for all eternity.

1. You will never “sit around and be bored.”

B. We enjoy this world with all its problems and sin.

1. The next world will have none of those.
2. The next world will be for perfect enjoyment.

C. We will “rule the Galaxies.” (This is unimaginable!)

1. “...they (His servants) shall reign forever and ever!” (Verse 5)

## **III. God gives us Promises of a Blessed Life. (Verses 3-5)**

A. There will be four “no mores.”

1. No more curses

- a. God curses the earth in [Genesis 3:17](#).
- b. The curses were the result of sin.
- c. There will be no sin in Heaven of any type. ([Rev 21:22](#))

2. No more night

- a. Darkness can never drive out light.
- b. Light will always drive out darkness.
- c. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” ([John 8:12](#))
- d. Eternity will demonstrate that to be true!
- e. The Lord God will be the Light of Eternity! (Verse 5)

3. No more devil

- a. There is “no devil” in the first two chapters of the Bible.
- b. There is “no devil” in the last two chapters of the Bible.
  1. There will be no adversary in Heaven!

4. No more of us not seeing His face! (Verse 4)

- a. It is clear that Jesus will be in His glorified body in Heaven.
- b. It is clear that we will be in a “glorified” body in Heaven.

We shall see His face....

**IV. The Promises of God are “faithful and true.” (Verse 6)** That is attested to -

- A. By the Saints (Revelation 15:3)
- B. By Heavenly Beings (Revelation. 16:7)
- C. By the Angels (Revelation. 19:9)
- D. By God (Revelation 21:5)

## **THE LAST MESSAGES OF THE BIBLE**

**I. God gives us the assurance of His coming. (Verses 7, 12, 20)**

- A. This was promised in Revelation 1:7.

**II. God warns that when He comes, it will be TOO LATE. (Verse 11)**

- A. His Coming will be quickly and suddenly! (Verses 7, 12, 20)
- B. It will be like “the twinkling” of an eye. (I Corinthians 15:52)
- C. **“As death finds a man – eternity keeps him!”**

**III. God encourages believers to be faithful. (Verse 7)**

- A. By being obedient (Rev. 22:7)
- B. By being good stewards (Rev. 22:12)

**1. WE SHOULD HOLD THESE IN OUR MINDS DAILY – EVERY DAY – ALL DAY.**

**IV. God announces “WOE” on those who Detract from or Add to His Word! (Verses 22:18-19)**

- A. God DOES NOT TOLERATE anyone tampering with His Word.
  - 1. Deut. 4:2
  - 2. Proverbs 30:56
  - 3. Galatians 1:8-9
- B. Announces a “Stern Warning”
- C. Issues a “Severe Penalty”

## **JOHN’S FINAL WISHES**

**I. John hoped Jesus would come in his lifetime.**

- A. He did not – But John knew the truth of II Corinthians 12:9.
- B. For you and me today .....
  - 1. God’s grace is inexhaustible toward us.
  - 2. God’s grace will be sufficient for us.
  - 3. God’s grace will sustain us.
- C. When Christ does come
  - 1. We shall be satisfied. (Psalms 17:15)