

# Revelation Studies

## Lesson One

### The Beginning and the End

#### Genesis

- Commencement
- Entrance of Sin
- Curse
- Satan's Dawn
- Tree of Life Relinquished
- Sorrows Begin
- Death Begins

#### Revelation

- Consummation
- End of Sin
- Cure
- Satan's Doom
- Tree of Life Regained
- Sorrows Cease
- Death Ends

### Revelation

- I. Joyful Book
- II. Solemn Book
- III. Mysterious Book

### Songs of Revelation

- Song to the Godhead – Rev. 4:8
- Song to the Creator – Rev. 4:11
- Song of Redemption – Rev. 5:9-10
- Song of the Angels – Rev. 5:12
- Song of Creation – Rev. 5:13-14
- Song of the Martyrs – Rev. 6:10
- Song of Salvation – Rev. 7:10
- Song of Blessing – Rev. 7:12
- Song of the Kingdom – Rev. 11:15
- Song of Judgment – Rev. 11:17-18
- Song of Overcomers – Rev. 12:10-12
- Song of the Lamb – Rev. 15:3-4
- Song of Hallelujahs – Rev. 19:1-4
- Song of the Marriage – Rev. 19:6-7

## Visions of Jesus

- Head of the Church – Rev. 1:12-20
- Possessor of Heaven and Earth – Rev. 4-5
- King over all the Earth – Rev. 19:11-16
- Eternal Bridegroom - Rev. 22:1-7

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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

- Key Word: **Jesus is Lord**
- Key Verse: **Rev. 1:1**
- Outline:
  - **Lord of the Church - Rev. 1-3**
    - (Head)
  - **Lord of the Earth - Rev. 4-20**
    - (Conqueror)
  - **Lord of the New Heaven and Earth - Rev. 21-22**
    - (King)

## **The Names of Jesus in the Revelation**

Jesus Christ	Faithful Witness
First born of the dead	Ruler of the Kings of the Earth
The One who loves us	The One who loosed us from our sins
The One who made us a kingdom of priests	The One who is coming in the clouds
The One who was pierced	The One who is like the shining of the sun
The First and the Last	The Living One, who was dead but is alive forevermore
The One who has the keys of death and hell	The One who holds the seven stars
The One among the golden candle stands	The One who has the sharp two-edged sword
The Son of God	The One who has eyes like a flame of fire
The One who has feet like burning bronze	The One who has the seven Spirits of God
The One who is holy and true	He who has the key of David
The One who opens and no one shuts	The One who shuts and no one opens
The Amen	The Lion of the tribe of Judah
The Root of David	The Lamb as if slain
The Shepherd	The One who will rule all nations
Lord of Lords	King of Kings
The One who sits on the white horse	The Word of God

## **The Lamb:**

- The Lamb who was slain
- Wrath of the Lamb
- Blood of the Lamb
- Book of Life of the Lamb
- Song of the Lamb
- Marriage of the Lamb
- Marriage supper of the Lamb
- Wife of the Lamb
- 12 Apostles of the Lamb
- Throne of the Lamb

# Lesson Two

## His Names in Chapter One

- The Faithful Witness 1:5
- The First Born from the Dead 1:5
- The Ruler of the Kings of the Earth 1:5
- The One Who Comes in the Clouds 1:7
- The First and the Last 1:17
- The Living One 1:18
- The One Who Holds the Keys of Death and Hell 1:18

## Significance of Seven: Completeness and Fullness

- In Creation
  - Completed creation
  - 7 colors in the spectrum
  - 7 notes on a scale
- In the Old Testament - 279x
  - 7 Feasts
  - 7 Priests with 7 Trumpets circle Jericho 7 times on the 7<sup>th</sup> day
  - 7 Days for the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Passover)
  - 7 Lamps in the Tabernacle
- In the Revelation - 55x

## Seven in the Revelation

- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| • Churches        | Trumpets        |
| • Spirits         | Thunders        |
| • Lampstands      | Thousand People |
| • Stars           | Heads           |
| • Torches of Fire | Crowns          |
| • Seals           | Plagues         |
| • Horns           | Bowls           |
| • Eyes            | Mountains       |
| • Angels          | Kings           |

## Grace and Peace from:

- **The Father – Who is and was and is to come.  
(The Great I AM)**
- **The Spirit – Seven Spirits, Isa. 11:2**
  - Lord                      Strength
  - Wisdom                      Knowledge
  - Understanding              Fear of the Lord
  - Counsel
- **The Son –**
  - The Faithful Witness – His Sinless Life
  - First Begotten from the Dead – His Sacrificial Death and Resurrection
  - Ruler of the Kings of the Earth – His Ascension and Exaltation

## Old in the New

Verse 7

- Daniel 7:13-14 - Coming in the Clouds
- Zechariah 12:10 – Mourn for the One they pierced
- Matt. 24:30

## Blessings from the Son

Verse 5

- He loves us – Present Tense
- He loosed us – Released us from our sins by His blood
- He loaded us with benefits – made us a Kingdom of Priests

## Order of Illumination

- Hear
- Respond
- See

## Jesus Head of the Church

• Son of Man	God/Man	Dan. 7:13-14
• Long Robe	High Priest	Lev. 16:4
• Golden Sash	Royalty	Dan. 10:5
• Head and Hair White	Eternal	Dan. 7:9
• Eyes a Flame of Fire	Discerning	Dan. 10:6
• Feet	Judgment	Ex. 27:2
• Voice	Powerful	Ezek. 43:2
• Right Hand	Messengers	Rev. 1:20
• Mouth	Authority	Isa. 49:2
• Face	Glorious	Dan. 10:6

# Lesson Three



## Interpreting the Seven Churches

- I. Primary Association
- II. Personal Application
- III. Prophetic Aspect?

## Format of the Letters

- Address
  - Ascription
  - Assurance
- Encouragement
- Assessment
  - Answer
  - Admonitions
- Exhortation
- Announcements
- Enrichment

## Our Lord's Pattern in Counseling

- Understand the person.
- Encourage what is praise worthy.
- Make a concise assessment of the need.
- Admonish with a desire for restoration.
- Explain practically how to be restored.
- Explain the consequences at stake for good or ill.

## Ephesus

- Commendation v. 2-3
  - Labor
  - Steadfastness
  - Zeal
  - Discernment
- Correction v. 4-5
  - Utterly fallen
  - Abandoned their first love
- Call v. 5-7
  - Remember
  - Repent
  - Return



## Seven Churches

- Ephesus – **Lack of Love**
- Smyrna - **Lack of Hope**
- Pergamum – **Lack of Purity**
- Thyatira – **Lack of Conviction**
- Sardis – **Lack of Life**
- Philadelphia – **Lack of Strength**
- Laodicea – **Lack of Fire**

## Overcomers

- |  |                  |                 |                    |
|--|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| • 1. Eat of the Tree of Life             | <b>Rev. 2:7</b>  | • All Believers | <b>Rev. 22:2</b>   |
| • 2. Not hurt by the Second Death        | <b>Rev. 2:11</b> | • All Believers | <b>Rev. 20:6</b>   |
| • 3. Given true manna                    | <b>Rev. 2:17</b> | • All Believers | <b>Jn. 6:49-51</b> |
| • 4. Power over the Nations              | <b>Rev. 2:26</b> | • All Believers | <b>Rev. 20:6</b>   |
| • 5. Not blotted out of the Book of Life | <b>Rev. 3:5</b>  | • All believers | <b>Rev. 20:15</b>  |
| • 6. Name of God written on them         | <b>Rev. 3:12</b> | • All Believers | <b>Rev. 22:4</b>   |
| • 7. Reign with Him                      | <b>Rev. 3:21</b> | • All Believers | <b>Rev. 20:6</b>   |

## Smyrna

- **Condition v. 9**
  - Tribulation
  - Poverty
- **Call v. 10**
  - Be faithful until death

# Lesson Four

## Outline from Rev. 1:19

- *Write:*
- *The things which you have seen - Person of Jesus -*
- *The things that are - The Perseverance of the Saints –*
- *The things that will take place after this – Prophetic Outlook-*

## Outline from Rev. 1:19

- *Write:*
- *The things which you have seen - Vision of Jesus -*
- *The things that are - The Condition of the Churches –*
- *The things that will take place after this – Future Events -*

## Persevere

- *Hold Fast – 2:13, 2:25, 3:11*
- *Be faithful – 2:10, 2:13, 2:19*

## Lessons from the Churches

- Ephesus – Never lose your preeminent love for Jesus
- Smyrna – Never lose sight of Him
- Pergamum –
- Thyatira –
- Sardis -
- Philadelphia –
- Laodicea -

## General Epistles

- Hebrews – External Attack
- James – Internal Attack
- I Peter – External Attack
- II Peter, I, II, III John, Jude – Internal Attack

## Pattern of Warfare

### • Acts:

- External Attack – Arrested, Intimidation - Acts 4:1-22
- Internal Attack – Hypocrisy, Ananias and Sapphira – Acts 5:1-11
- External Attack – Beaten – Acts 5:17-40
- Internal Attack – Murmuring – Acts 6:1
- External Attack – stoning of Stephen – Acts 7:54-60

## Revelation – The Churches

- **Internal –**
  - Ephesus
- **External -**
  - Smyrna
- **Internal –**
  - Pergamum
- **External –**
  - Thyatira
- **Internal –**
  - Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea

*In essentials, unity;*

*in non-essentials, liberty;*

*in all things, charity.*

Rupert Meldenius and Richard Baxter

## Balaam – Compromise Truth

- **Twisted View of Grace:**
  - Instead of grace enabling us to keep the Law, this “grace” enabled ones to ignore it.

- ***“United Christianity which is not true Christianity will not gain the victory over non-Christian forces, but will itself succumb to them.”***

**John Stott, *Christ the Controversialist*, p.20.**

- **“Let this be the conclusion of all things together, we will suffer our goods to be taken away, our names and all that we have, but the gospel, our faith, Jesus Christ, we will never suffer to be wrested from us and cursed be that humility which abases and submits itself. Nay rather let every Christian man be (called) proud and spare not, except he will deny Christ. Herein we will be obstinate and pigheaded.**
- **Wherefore God assisting me my forehead shall be more hard than all men’s foreheads. Here I take upon me this title according to the proverb *Cedo Nulli* “I give place to none.” Yes, I am glad even with all my heart in this point to seem rebellious and obstinate and here I confess that I am and ever will be and will never give one inch to any creature.”**

**Martin Luther**

## Church of Thyatira

- **Teaching of Jezebel – Compromise with the World**
- **Trade Guilds – Pressure to Conform**

# Lesson Five

## Sardis

- **Reputation of being alive but actually dead**
- "...this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men," (Isa 29:13)
- **Works are incomplete - Self-serving?**
- *"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven."* (Matt. 6:1)
- *"They do all their deeds to be seen by others."* (Matt. 23:5)

## Wake Up!

- *"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them."* (Luke 12:35-37)

## Philadelphia

- **He is:**
- Holy
- True
- He has the Key of David
- *"And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open."* (Isa 22:22)

## Open Door

- *“At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—” (Col 4:3)*
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- *“But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.” (1Cor. 16:8-9)*

## Laodicea

- *“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.” (Rev 3:15-16)*

## Buy from Him

- Gold
- White Garments
- Eye Salve
- He knocks at the door of our life through the trials and pressures that we experience. He is seeking to help. If we will open the door to Him, we can dine with Him in fellowship, no matter how difficult our circumstances may be.

## Messages to the Churches

- Ephesus – never lose your preeminent love for Jesus.
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## Watch and Pray

- (Mark 13:33) *“Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.”*
- (Luke 21:36) *“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”*
- (1Peter 4:7) *“The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.”*
- (Matt. 24:44-46) *“Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.”*



## Repeated Emphasis

- “See”, “Behold” - 140x
- “Throne” – 40x
- “Authority”, “Power”, “Kingdom”, “King”, “Rule” – 77x
  
- Two Kings, two kingdoms, two very different ends
  - The Kingdom of Jesus is forever.
  - The Kingdom of Satan is doomed.

## Symbols

- Jasper Stone – Benjamin, “Son of my right hand”, “Son of my Sorrow”
- Sardine Stone – Reuben, “Behold a Son”
- Rainbow – The covenant keeping God
- Emerald – Judah, Praise to God
- 24 Elders – all the saints Old and New
- Sea of Glass – the Word of God
- Seven Spirits – the Holy Spirit

## Four Creatures

### Revelation

#### Four creatures

Lion  
Calf  
Man  
Eagle

### Ezekiel 1:10

#### Four Faces

Lion  
Bull  
Man  
Eagle

### Gospels

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Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John

## The Scroll?

- Human Destiny?
- Judgment?
- Jeremiah 32:6-15

## The Lion and the Lamb

- ***As slain*** – our Redeemer
- ***Seven Horns*** – Perfection of Power and Authority
- ***Seven Eyes*** – Perfection of Wisdom and Discernment

## His Right to Rule

- **Creation's Right – Rev. 4**
- **Redemption's Right – Rev. 5**

## He is worthy of:

- **All the Power**
- **All the Riches**
- **All the Wisdom**
- **All the Might**
- **All the Honor**
- **All the Glory**
- **All the Blessing**

# Lesson Seven

- *“For the essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting Himself for man. Man asserts himself against God and puts himself where only God deserves to be; God sacrifices himself for man and puts Himself where only man deserves to be. Man claims prerogatives which belong to God alone; God accepts penalties which belong to man alone.”* John Stott, *The Cross of Christ*, p. 160

Sequential?

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- Rev. 19-22

(Rev. 12-13, 14-15)

(Rev. 17-18)

## Parenthesis

### • Flash Ups

- Rev. 10:1-11
- Rev. 11:15-19
- Rev. 14-15
- Rev. 19:1-16
- Rev. 20:11-22:21

### • Flash Backs

- Rev. 11:1-14
- Rev. 12-13
- Rev. 17-18

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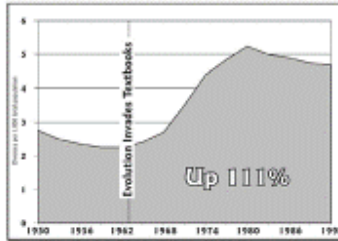
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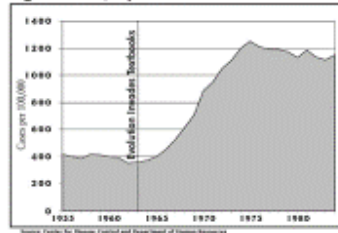
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## Trends of Moral Decay in America

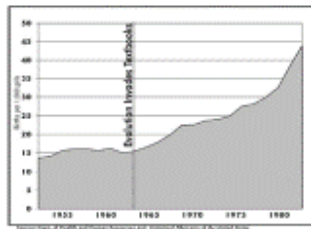
**Divorce Rates**



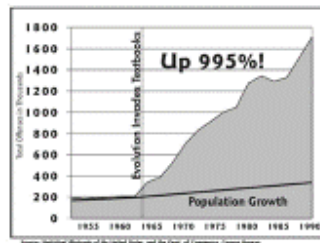
**Sexually Transmitted Diseases Gonorrhea:  
Ages 15-16, Up 226%**



**Unwed Birth Rates up 325%  
Pregnancies to Girls 10-14 Up 553%\***



**Violent Crime Offenses**



## Expressions of God's Wrath

- 1. Divine Intervention
- 2. Hell
- 3. The Cross
- 4. Cause and Effect

## Stages of a Nation's Downfall

- **Stage One – Reject God as God**
  - Intellectual Impact
- **Stage Two – Perversity**
  - Physical Impact
- **Stage Three – Unbridled Self-centeredness**
  - Social Impact
- **Stage Four – Divine Intervention?**

### The Answer

- **Revival**
- **Restoring the True Gospel**

### Counterfeit Gospels

- **Social “Gospel”**
- **Self-serving Prosperity “Gospel”**

### God's Way vs Man's Way

*Man tries to work from the outside in,  
God works from the inside out.*

- “Sin is playing God; refusing to allow the creator to be God so far as you are concerned. Living, not for Him, but for yourself; loving and serving and pleasing yourself without reference to the creator; acting as if you and your pleasures were the end to which all things else, God included, must be made to function as a means; putting oneself in God's place as the ultimate standard of reference in all life's decisions.”

• J.I. Packer, *God's Words*, p.73.

## True Gospel

**Who is the True God?**

**What is Mankind's True Need?**

**(Mark 7:14-23)**

**What is God's Provision for mankind?**

**(Jesus Christ and His work at the cross)**

**What is God's Condition?**

**(A repentant receiving faith)**

## Saving Faith

- ***Saving Faith is a set determination by the grace of God to turn from self as one's savior and lord and embrace Jesus as one's only Savior and Lord.***
- ***Turning from self is the negative side of faith.***
- ***Turning to Jesus is the positive side of faith.***
- ***True saving faith includes both.***



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## Breaking the Seven Seals

- 1. White Horse – a Conqueror
- 2. Red Horse - Violence
- 3. Black Horse - Famine
- 4. Greenish Gray Horse - Death
- 5. Persecution - Martyrdom
- 6. End of times – Heaven and Earth shaken
- (Chapter 7)
- 7. Events Begin

## 1<sup>st</sup> Seal – The White Horse

- This one comes with a bow
- **Jesus comes with a sword**
- This one has one crown
- **Jesus is crowned with many crowns.**
- This one comes to conqueror.
- **Jesus has already conquered. He comes to reign.**
- This one is just one of a terrible set of judgments.
- **Jesus stands alone as the One who brings righteousness and peace.**

144,000

- **Literal Number?**
  - (12 x 12) x (10x10x10)
- **They have His name on their forehead.**
- **They are His purchased possession.**
- **They are pure.**
- **They last through the entire Tribulation.**

144,000 - Jewish Believers  
or a Remnant of All?

- **All Believers:**
  - - Rev. 2:9, Rev. 3:9, Rom. 2:28-29, Gal. 3:26-29, Gal. 6:15-16
  - - His name on their forehead – Rev. 22:4
  - - Purchased Possessions – Rev. 5:9
- **Jewish Believers:**
  - - Rev. 7:4-8
  - - Rom. 11:11-16, 25-32

Saints on the Earth  
Saints in Heaven

- **Saints on the Earth – Rev. 7:1-8**
- **Saints in Heaven – Rev. 7:9-17**
- **Both are kept by God for Himself.**

# Lesson Ten

The Trumpets and the Bowls  
Similar but not the same.

## **The Trumpets**

- 1/3 of the trees burned
- 1/3 of the fish die
- 1/3 of the fresh water turns bitter
- 1/3 of the sun and moon darkened
- 5 months of torment
- 1/3 of mankind dies
- 7 Bowls

## **The Bowls**

- Sores on people of the Beast
- All in the sea die
- All fresh water turns bitter
- Sun scorches people
- Darkness and torment on all
- War
- Earthquakes and hailstones

## Seven Trumpets Sound

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet – 1/3 of the trees and grass burned
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet – 1/3 of ships and creatures in the sea die
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet – 1/3 of earth's fresh water is poisonous
- 4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet – 1/3 of the day and night totally dark
- 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet – Demons released for 5 months
- 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet – Armies of the earth gather
- (Chapter 10-11:14)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet – The End declared

## The Two Witnesses

- Protected by God
- Proclaim His Word
- For 3 ½ years

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## Parenthesis

- Flash Up
  - Rev. 10:1-11
  - Rev. 11:15-19
- Flash Back
  - Rev. 11:1-14

## The Strong Angel

- Clothed with a cloud – Rev. 1:7
- Rainbow on his head – Rev. 4:3
- Face like the sun – Rev. 1:16
- Feet pillars of fire – Rev. 1:15
- Like Jesus, but not Jesus.
  - “another”
  - Angel
  - Oath

## Mysteries

- **Mystery of the Kingdom – Matt. 13:11**
- **Mystery of Israel's Blindness – Rom. 11:25**
- **Mystery of the Rapture – I Cor. 15:51**
- **Mystery of Christ – Eph. 3:4**
- **Mystery of Christ and His Church – Eph. 5:32**
- **Mystery of Christ in Us – Col. 1:26-27**
- **Mystery of Lawlessness – II Thess. 2:7**
- **Mystery of the Incarnation – I Tim. 3:16**
- **Mystery of God – Rev. 10:7**

## The Temple is God's People

- **I Cor. 3:16**
- **Eph. 2:21**

## 42 Months

- **42 months – Rev. 11:2, Rev. 13:5**
- **1260 days – Rev. 11:3, 12:6**
- **Time, times and half a time – Rev. 12:14, Dan. 7:21-27, 12:5-13**
  
- **Literal 3 ½ years?**
- **Daniel 9:24-27**
- **69 weeks are literal years. Decree from Artaxerxes in 445 BC, 69 weeks to the Messiah is 483 years – 38 AD.**
- **Gap – Matt. 24:15**

## The Two Witnesses

- **Protected by God**
- **Proclaim His Word**
- **For 3 ½ years**

# Lesson Twelve

## Daniel 9:24-27

- (Dan 9:24-27) *"Seventy weeks are decreed for your people and upon your holy city, to finish transgression, and to make an end of sin, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy.*
- *Know therefore and discern, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah, the prince, shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks: it shall be built again, with street and moat, even in troubled times.*
- *And after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off, and shall have nothing: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and even unto the end shall be war; desolations are determined.*
- *And he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he will cause the sacrifice and the grain offering to cease; and on the wing of abominations will come one that makes desolate, even unto full destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."*

- (Dan. 9:2) in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books, the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.
- (Jer. 29:10) "For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.

## Weeks?

- **"Heptad"** – a unit of measure
- **Weeks of years?**
- **Context** – 70 years
- **Usage** – extends to the end time with precision
- **Comparison precedence**
- (Lev 25:8) **"You shall count seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the time of the seven weeks of years shall give you forty-nine years.**
- (Lev 25:3-4) **For six years you shall sow your field, and for six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in its fruits, but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a Sabbath to the LORD. You shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard.**

## Daniel 9:24

### The Culmination of God's Plan

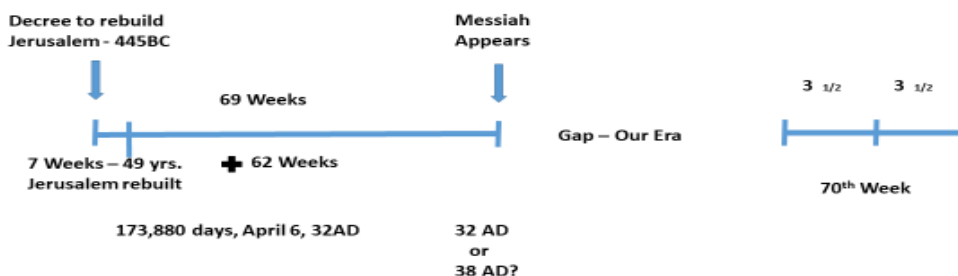
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- Things to be Removed
  - Transgressions removed
  - Sin finished
  - Iniquity covered
- Things to be Given
  - Everlasting Righteous
  - Completed vision and prophecy
  - The Holy One is Anointed

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- **7 weeks – Jerusalem is rebuilt**
- **Plus 62 weeks (69 weeks total) – The Anointed One Comes, the Messiah**
- (Dan 9:26) And after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off, and shall have nothing: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and even unto the end shall be war; desolations are determined.
- **After the 69 weeks, a Gap. The Messiah is killed, the temple is destroyed (70AD) and turmoil prevails on the earth**
- (Dan 9:27) And he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he will cause the sacrifice and the grain offering to cease; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one that makes desolate, even unto full destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.
- **70<sup>th</sup> week - The Antichrist will break his covenant and set himself up as God, (II Thess. 2:3-4).**

## Daniel's Seventy Weeks

### Daniel 9:24-27



## Seven in the Revelation -18x

- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| • Churches        | Trumpets        |
| • Spirits         | Thunders        |
| • Lampstands      | Thousand People |
| • Stars           | Heads           |
| • Torches of Fire | Crowns          |
| • Seals           | Plagues         |
| • Horns           | Bowls           |
| • Eyes            | Mountains       |
| • Angels          | Kings           |

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### • Three and a Half Years

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### • Flash Back :

- Rev. 12-13

### • Flash Up:

- Rev. 14-15



# Lesson Thirteen

## The Cast of Characters

- 1. The Woman - Israel 12:1-2
- 2. The Dragon - Satan 12:3-4
- 3. The Child - Jesus 12:5
- 4. The Angels - 12:7-12
- 5. The Remnant - The Saints 12:13-17
- Chapter 13
- 6. The Beast of the Sea - 13:1-10
- 7. The Beast of the Earth - 13:11-18

## Antichrists

- Mk. 13:6 – “Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray.”
- Mk. 13:21-22 – “And then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'Look, there he is!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect.”
- 1Jn 2:18 – “Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour.”
- 1Jn 2:22 – “Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.”

## Beast of the Sea

- 10 Horns
- 7 Heads – Names of Blasphemy
- 10 crowns – one crown for each horn
- Leopard-like
- Bear-like
- Lion-like
- Power and position given by Satan

## The Dragon and the Beast

- **Dragon**
- 7 Heads – 12:3
- 10 Horns – 12:3
- Makes war with the Saints – 12:17
- **The Beast**
- 10 horns – 13:1
- 7 Heads – 13:1
- Makes war on the Saints – 13:7

## The Counterfeit Christ

- In the Image of the Dragon
- Derives his power from the Dragon
- Was killed and raised again
- Is worshipped by mankind
- Exercises authority over all the earth

## Counterfeit Holy Spirit Beast of the Earth

- Looks like a Lamb
- Directs all worship to the Beast
- Performs miracles
- Imparts life

## Counterfeit Trinity

- Dragon – Counterfeit of God the Father
- Beast of the Sea – Counterfeit of God the Son
- Beast of the Earth – Counterfeit of God the Holy Spirit
- This is what man will worship instead of the Triune God.

## Connected to Daniel's Visions

- Dan. 2:26-36
- Dan. 7:1-27
- Dan. 11:36-37

## Beast of the Sea

Dan. 7:25, Rev. 13:5-7

- Mouth speaks blasphemies
- Authority and power for 3 ½ years
- Persecutes the saints
- Worshipped by mankind
- Exercises world-wide dominion



Babylon

Medo - Persians

Greeks

Rome

The Little Horn



## Beast of the Earth

- Looks Like a Lamb
- Speaks like the dragon
- Deceitful signs and wonders
- Marks all for worship and commerce

## Beast of the Earth and the Holy Spirit

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Beast of the Earth</b></li><li>• Deceiver</li><li>• Directs worship to the Beast</li><li>• Marks his followers</li><li>• Rules by deceit and fear</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Holy Spirit</b></li><li>• Spirit of Truth</li><li>• Directs worship to Jesus Christ</li><li>• Seals His followers</li><li>• Directs by Love and truth</li></ul> |
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## Mark of the Beast

- **Not accidental**
- **Not just convenient**
- **Denotes ownership by the Beast**
- **Devotion to the Beast**
- **Certificate that one is a worshipper of the beast**

## The Number 666

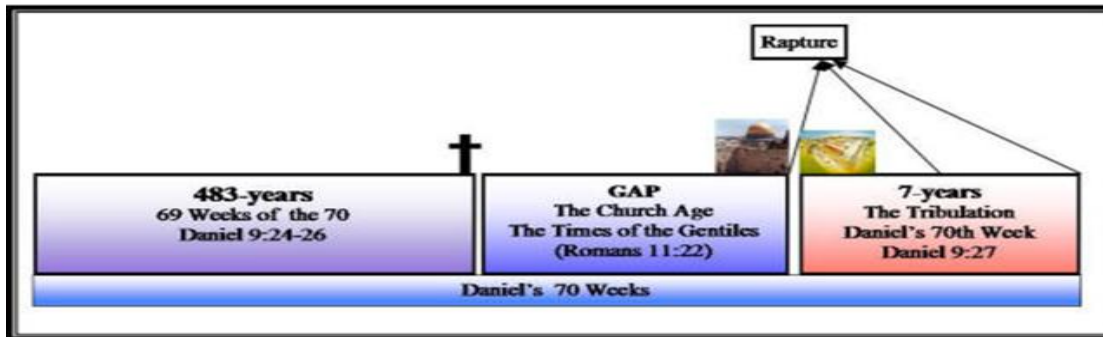
- **Gematria -  $\Delta\alpha\nu = 4120$  or  $820$**
- **The number of man**
- **Man  $\times$  Man  $\times$  Man**

# Lesson Fourteen

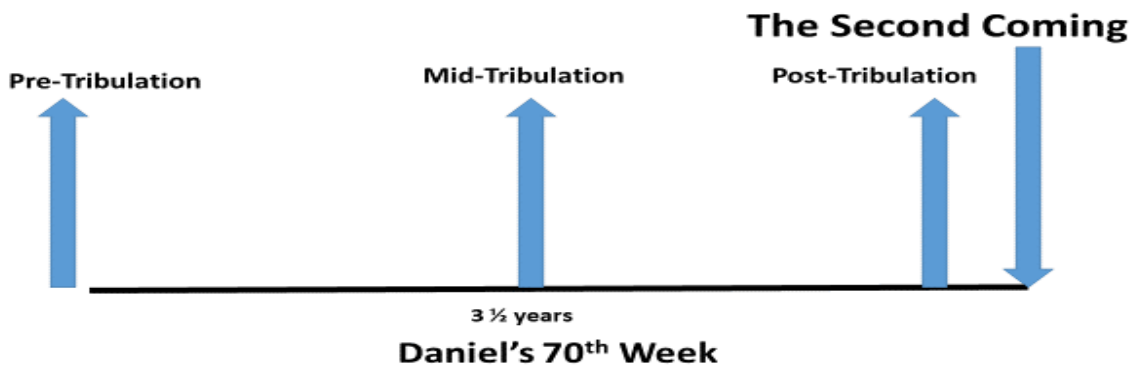
## Rapture Question

- The rapture is a fact.
  - 1 Thess. 4:13-18
  - 1 Cor. 15:50-53
- Tribulation: Matt. 24:21, 29
- The question is when.
  - Pre-Trib
  - Mid-Trib
  - Post-Trib

## Daniel 9:24-27



## Views of the Rapture



# Lesson Fifteen

## Seven Bowls

- 1. Sores on mankind
- 2. Sea turns to blood, all in the sea die
- 3. All fresh water turns to blood
- 4. Sun scorches mankind
- 5. Darkness descends on mankind
- 6. Armies are gathered
- 7. Earthquake and hail

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## Chapter 17

- |                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| • Babylon Exposed      | v. 1-6   |
| • Babylon Explained    | v. 7-15  |
| • Babylon Extinguished | v. 16-18 |

## Babylon in the Bible

- **Mentioned - 288x**
  - Symbolizes pagan power over mankind
- **Founder - Gen. 10:8-10**
  - Nimrod
- **Nature - Gen. 11:1-9**
  - Union of man
  - Glorifying Man
  - Reaching to the heavens (religious overtones)

## Babylon, Mother of Harlots

- **Harlotry and Idolatry**
  - Isa. 1:21, Jer. 2:20, 13:27, Ezek. 16:15
- **Semiramis and Tammuz**
  - Phoenicians – Ashtoreth and Tammuz
  - Egyptians – Isis and Horus
  - Greeks – Aphrodite and Eros
  - Romans – Venus and Cupid

## Babylon, Mother of Harlots The Counterfeit Church

- **Holds power over the nations**
- **Wealthy**
- **Hates God's people**
- **Controls the Beast**
- **Hated by the Beast**
- **Put to death by the Beast**



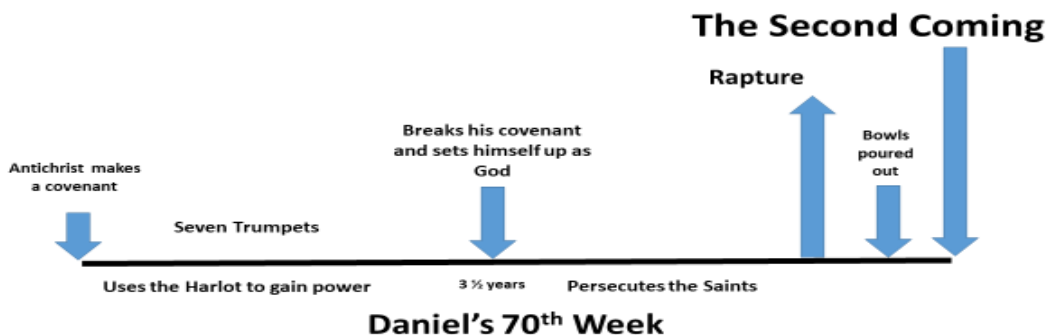
## One World Religion?

- *Pope Francis and the leading Sunni Imam Sheikh Ahmed al Tayeb July 2020 signed this interfaith covenant in Dubai.*
- *“Freedom is a right of every person: each individual enjoys the freedom of belief, thought, expression and action. The pluralism and the diversity of religions, color, sex, race and language are willed by God in His wisdom, through which He created human beings. This divine wisdom is the source from which the right to freedom of belief and the freedom to be different derives. Therefore, the fact that people are forced to adhere to a certain religion or culture must be rejected, as, too, the imposition of a cultural way of life that others do not accept;”*

## The Beast: Seven Horns - Seven Kings?

- **Caesars?**
  - Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero,
  - (Galba, Otho, Vitellius) Vespasian, Titus, Domitian
- **Kingdoms?**
  - Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persians, Greece
  - Rome
  - Hitler?
  - 8<sup>th</sup> yet to come

## Time Line?



# Lesson Sixteen

## Two Women of Revelation 17-22

### Harlot

- Counterfeit Church
- Hated by the Beast
- Slays her for himself
- Burns her with fire

### Bride of Christ

- True Church
- Loved by Jesus
- Sacrifices Himself for her
- Takes her to Himself forever

## Rev. 17 and 18

### Chapter 17

- Same name – 17:5
- Same description – 17:4
- Same destruction – 17:16

### Chapter 18

- Same name – 18:2
- Same description – 18:16
- Same destruction – 18:8

## Differences

- “After these things”
- 17 – Harlot – 3x
- 17 – Religious
- 17 – Kings hate the harlot
- 17 – Kings destroy the harlot

- Another angel
- 18 – City – 7x
- 18 – Commercial
- 18 – Kings weep for the city
- 18 – God destroys the city

## Key Questions for 18

- City or System?
- Identified with the Harlot or the Beast?

## Babylon the Great of 18

- The beast's capitol but also represent his entire economic political empire.
- The target of God's wrath at the last bowl.
- (Rev 16:19) *"The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath."*

## The Harlot and the City

- Chapter 17
- The Harlot represents a one-world religious system.
- Chapter 18
- The City represents a one-world economic and political system.

## Be separate

- (Rev 18:4) "Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues;"
- (Jer 51:44-45) "And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and take out of his mouth what he has swallowed. The nations shall no longer flow to him; the wall of Babylon has fallen. Go out of the midst of her, my people! Let every one save his life from the fierce anger of the LORD!"
- (Isa 52:11) "Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the LORD."

## Do not love the world

- (1Jn 2:15-17) "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever."
- "The world is a system designed by the devil to appeal to the lusts of the flesh to displace Jesus Christ in a life."

## Chapter 19

### • **Four Hallelujahs**

- Hallelujah of His Redemption – v.1
- Hallelujah of His Retribution – v.2-3
- Hallelujah of His Realization – v.4
- Hallelujah of His Reign – v.5-6

## Seven Blessings

- Rev. 1:3 – those who read and heed the Book
- Rev. 14:13 – those who die in the Lord
- Rev. 16:15 – those who stay awake and alert
- Rev. 19:9 – those invited to the marriage supper
- Rev. 20:6 – those who are in the first resurrection
- Rev. 22:7 – those who obey the words of the book
- Rev. 22:14 – those who have washed their garments

Jesus is waiting for this day.

- (Mat 26:29) *"I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."*

## The King Described

- Mounted on a White Horse
- Faithful and True
- Eyes a flame of fire
- Crowned with many crowns
- Unknown Name
- Robe dipped in blood
- The Word of God
- His mouth comes a sharp sword
- King of Kings and Lord of Lords

## His garment dipped in blood

- (Isa 63:1-6) **“Who is this who comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments from Bozrah, he who is splendid in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? ”It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save. Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress? I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel. For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come. I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold; so my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me. I trampled down the peoples in my anger; I made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”**

## Two Suppers

- Marriage supper of the Lamb - v. 7-9
- God’s great supper for the birds – v. 17-18

## Jesus Returns to Reign

- The Beast and the false prophet are taken
- (Zec 14:4) **“On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.”**
- (Zec 14:8-9) **“On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter. And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.”**

# Lesson Seventeen

## Controversial Questions

- **1. What is the right approach to the book?**
- **2. When does the rapture take place?**
- **3. How should we interpret the millennium in Chapter 20?**

## Chapter 20 Facts

- Satan is bound for 1,000 years
- Saints reign with Jesus
- After 1,000 years Satan is loosed to deceive the nations
- Rebellion is crushed
- Great White throne of judgment

## Outline

- |                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| • <b>Removal of Satan</b>        | <b>v. 1-3</b>   |
| • <b>Reign of the Saints</b>     | <b>v. 4-6</b>   |
| • <b>Return of Satan</b>         | <b>v. 7</b>     |
| • <b>Revolt of Society</b>       | <b>v. 8-10</b>  |
| • <b>Resurrection of Sinners</b> | <b>v. 11-15</b> |

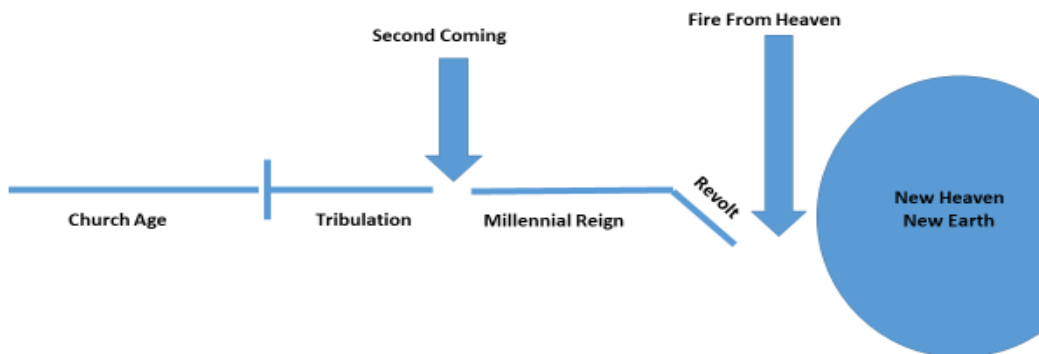
## Key Questions

- 1. Is the 1,000 years literal or figurative?
- 2. Is the reign of Christ physical or just spiritual?
- 3. When does this reign begin in relation to His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming?

## Millennial Views

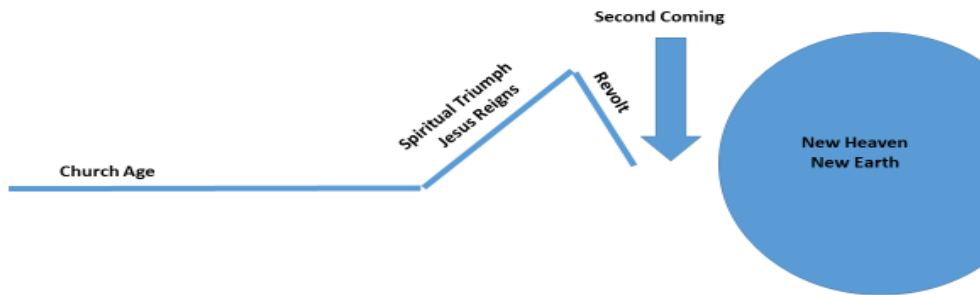
- **Pre-Mill**
  - 1,000 years is literal
  - His reign is a physical reign on the earth
  - Happens after the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming
- **Post-Mill.**
  - 1,000 years is figurative
  - His reign is spiritual through the church near the end
  - Before His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming
- **A-Mill**
  - 1,000 years is figurative
  - His reign is spiritual now through the church
  - Before His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming

## Pre-Millennial View

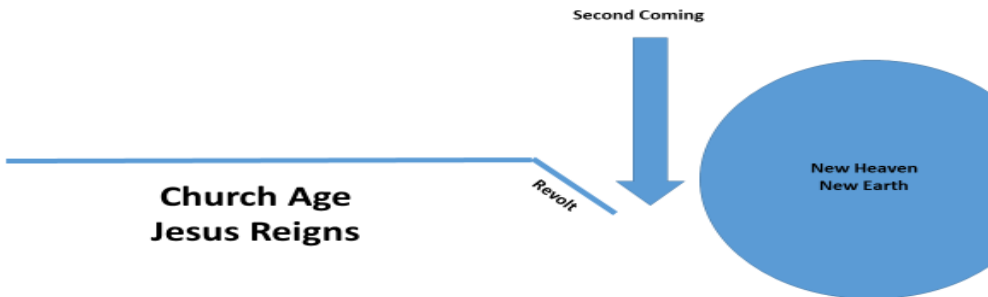




## Post-Millennial View



## A-Millennial View



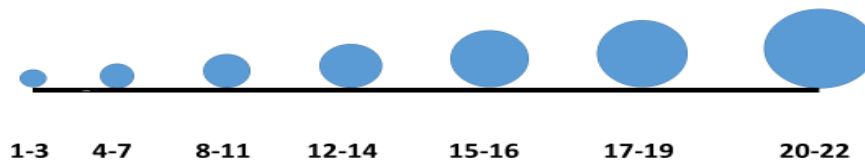
## Post-Mill Problems

- The idea of a Christianized earth prior to the second coming doesn't seem to match with many other verses.
- (Matt. 7:13-14) *"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."*
- (Jn. 15:18-20) *"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours."*

## A-Mill Difficulties

- Early Church Tradition
- Overall scheme is suspect
- Conjunction *kai* connects 19 and 20
- Satan is bound and unable to deceive? II Cor. 4:4, II Cor. 11:3,14.
- The word *ezešan* means bodily resurrection in Revelation. Rev. 2:8, 13:14
- Isaiah 65:17-25 is a problem.

## Seven Cycles: 1st Coming to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming



## Pre-Mill Difficulties

- Isn't there just one people of God? Eph. 2:13-14, Gal. 3:26-29
- Who goes into the millennium and if they are believers aren't they a part of the church?
- Isaiah 65:17-25 is a problem. Isaiah says this is the new heaven and the new earth, not a millennial reign.

## Great White Throne of Judgment

- Books Opened
- The Lamb's Book of Life
- Book of Works

## Degrees of Hell?

- **Principle of Judgment**
  - Mark 4:25
- **Degrees of Judgment**
  - Luke 12:47-48
  - Matt. 11:20-24
- **Final Judgment**
  - Rev. 20:11-15

## Key Principle

### Mark 4:25

- “To him that has shall more be given, to him that has not even what he has shall be taken away.”
- When light is refused, light is removed.

## Salvation

- Salvation is not by works but judgment is.

# Lesson Eighteen

## Outline for 21 and 22

- **New City Announced** 21:1-8
- **New City Described** 21:9-22:5
- **Epilogue**
- **Word is True** 22:6-9
- **Warning is Clear** 22:10-21

## New Heaven and Earth

- **Neos** – new as to time
- **Kainos** – new improved and better

## No Mores

- **No more sea** 21:4
- **No more tears** 21:4
- **No more death** 21:4
- **No more mourning** 21:4
- **No more crying** 21:4
- **No more pain** 21:4
- **No more sun** 21:23
- **No more moon** 21:23
- **No more sin** 21:27
- **No more curse** 22:3
- **No more night** 22:5

## His Promise Fulfilled

- *(Eze 37:26-27) "I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."*

## Excluded

- Cowardly
- Unbelieving
- Abominable
- Murders
- Fornicators
- Sorcerers
- Idolaters
- Liars

## A City or a Bride?

- **City is a permanent dwelling place**
- (Heb. 11:13-16) "These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city."
- **City is a place of community –**
- (Joh 17:22) The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,
- **City is a place of activity –**
- (Rev 22:3) "No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will serve him."

## Foundation Stones



## Outline for 22

### • **Epilogue**

- **Word is True** 22:6-9
- **Warning is Clear** 22:10-21
  
- **The Promise** 22:7
- **The Petition** 22:17
- **The Plea** 22:17

## Prologue to Epilogue

### • **Prologue**

- 1:1
- 1:3
- 1:7

### • **Epilogue**

- 22:6
- 22:9
- 22:7, 12

## Come

- *(Isa 55:1) "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."*

# Lesson Nineteen

## Key Lessons:

**Who He is**

**Who we must be**

## The Names of Jesus in the Revelation

Jesus Christ

First born of the dead

The One who loves us

The One who made us a kingdom of priests

The One who was pierced

The First and the Last

The One who has the keys of death and hell

The One among the golden candle stands

The Son of God

The One who has feet like burning bronze

The One who is holy and true

The One who opens and no one shuts

The Amen

The Root of David

The Shepherd

Lord of Lords

The One who sits on the white horse

Faithful Witness

Ruler of the Kings of the Earth

The One who loosed us from our sins

The One who is coming in the clouds

The One who is like the shining of the sun

The Living One, who was dead but is alive forevermore

The One who holds the seven stars

The One who has the sharp two-edged sword

The One who has eyes like a flame of fire

The One who has the seven Spirits of God

He who has the key of David

The One who shuts and no one opens

The Lion of the tribe of Judah

The Lamb as if slain

The One who will rule all nations

King of Kings

The Word of God

## The Lamb:

The Lamb who was slain

Wrath of the Lamb

Blood of the Lamb

Book of Life of the Lamb

Song of the Lamb

Marriage of the Lamb

Marriage supper of the Lamb

Wife of the Lamb

12 Apostles of the Lamb

Throne of the Lamb

God is sovereign:

He restrains evil

He can step aside

## God's Sovereignty in the Revelation

- Throne – 40x
- Given, Granted, Permitted, Allowed – 26x
- Rev. 9:1-6, Rev. 13:1-8, Rev. 17:17

## The Contrasts

- Heaven ----- Earth
- Sealed by God ----- Marked by the Beast
- Forever with God ----- Lake of Fire
- Bride ----- Harlot
- New Jerusalem ----- Babylon

## Who we must be – Faithful to Him

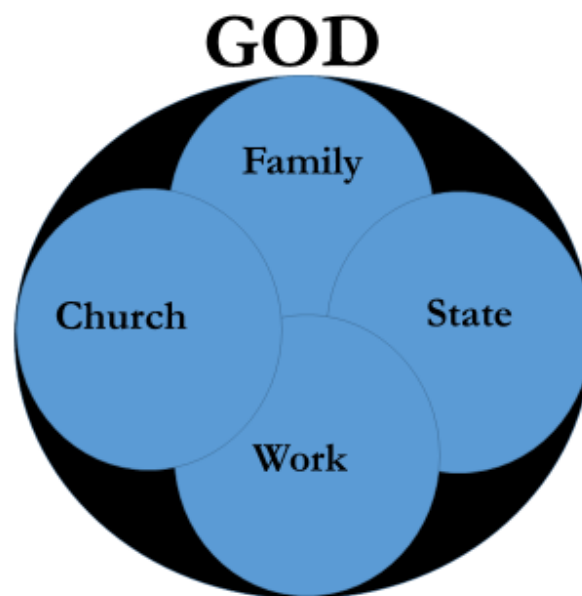
- **Work for Him is not a substitute for a relationship with Him**
- **Popularity and prosperity must never displace Him**
- **Being faithful to Him is standing up for His Word**
- **Being faithful to Him will at times be costly**



## Persecution

- Personal – II Tim.3:10-12
- Governmental – Matt. 10:16-18
- Persecution in the Revelation
- Rev. 2:9-11; 6:9-11; 7:13-17; 12:17; 13:7,17; 17:6; 18:24

## Spheres of Authority



## Limits

- If any earthly authority forbids what God commands or commands what God forbids, we obey God rather than man, be it a parent, an employer, or a government and we accept the consequences.

## Blessings of Persecution

- **Matt. 5: 10-12**
- **Rev. 7:14-15**
- **I Peter 3:13-16**
- **I Peter 4:12-14**

## Be faithful to give the gospel

- **Acts 4:19-20**
- **II Tim. 4:1-2**
- **Matt. 24:14**
- **Rev. 14:6-7**

## Be Faithful to Pray

**Jer. 29:4-7**

**I Tim. 2:1-7**

He will always Reign!

**We will be forever with Him**

**and**

**He will be forever with us!**

