

THIS WEEK'S STUDY: 7/25-26/2022 Revelation Chapters 1-22 Review

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OPENING PRAYER

THE BIG PROPHETIC PICTURE:

- **Review of where we are with respect to the following two passages:** In Jesus' Olivet Discourse we read: *(Mat 24:3) Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age? (Mat 24:21) For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

Revelation Chapter 1 – Introduction and Benediction - (vs. 1-3); -

- **The Unveiling; The Apocalypse!** *Rev 1:1-2 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, [2] who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw.*

- **Promised Blessing!** *Rev 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.*
- **The Devine Outline!** *Rev 1:19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.*

Revelation Chapter 2 – Ephesus - The Loveless Church - (vs. 1-7); Smyrna - The Persecuted Church – (vs. 8-11); Pergamos - The Compromising Church - (vs. 12-17); Thyatira - The Corrupt Church - (vs. 18-23).

Revelation Chapter 3 – Sardis – The Dead Church – Powerless Church - (vs. 1-6); Philadelphia - The Faithful Church – Persevering Church - (vs. 7-13); Laodicea – The Lukewarm Church – Putrid Church - (vs. 14-22). Chapters 2 & 3 are most important for us!

- **Write to the seven churches in Asia!** v. [11b] saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."
- **Two of the churches, Smyrna, the persecuted church, and Philadelphia, the faithful church, have no commendation!**
- **One of the churches, Laodicea has no commendation, at all!**
- **Every one of us has these characteristics,** areas of commends and needs for correction. These letters are especially important for our self-examination, praying for correction, and self-inspection over time!
- **Do our lives reflect His correction?** Are we growing spiritually and in closeness to Him? How is our relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ?

Church	Jesus Christ	Commendations	Condemnations	Corrects	History Period
Ephesus - First century church	Walks among lampstands	Works and perseverance	Left first love	Repent, return & repeat	A.D. 31-100
Smyrna - persecuted	The first and the last	Tribulation and poverty	None!	Be faithful	A.D. 100-315 2 nd -3 rd Century
Pergamum – Constantine	Sharp two-edged sword	Did not deny the faith	False doctrine – Balaam, Nicolaitans	Repent	A.D. 313-538
Thyatira – Like Roman Catholic	Eyes like a flame of fire	Love and Ministry	False doctrine – sexual immorality, idolatry, social acceptance	Hold Fast	A.D. 500 – Present
Sardis – like Protestant church	Has 7 Spirits of God, 7 stars	Have a name, but Spiritually Dead	Remember your Conversion	Keep truth, Repent	A.D. 1517-1800
Philadelphia- Bible centered	Opens no one shuts	Great Commendation	None!	Open door before you	A.D. 1800- Rapture
Laodicea Modern church	The Amen Faithful & True	None!	Evil works, are blind Neither hot nor cold	Be zealous Repent	A.D. 261-246

Revelation Chapter 4 – The Throne Room of Heaven - (vs. 1-11). v. 4 -

- **The Rapture of the Church** "Come up here (*meta tauta*), and I will show you things which must take place after this." The third division, the things, which will take place after these things. The church's history is complete. Now we move to what is going to happen after the church has finished her ministry. v. 11 - You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.

Revelation Chapter 5 – Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb!! It's about our redemption!

- **The Lamb (Where is the Lamb?) Takes the Scroll** (The greatest escrow close of all!) - (vs. 1-7); v. 5:5 **But** one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold (you need to consider this!), the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."
- vs. 5:6 And I looked, and **behold** (woe), in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood (standing) a **Lamb**, as though it had been slain (slaughtered), having **seven horns** (all power) and seven eyes (all seeing), which are the **seven Spirits** (omnipresence) of God sent out into all the earth. **Worthy is the Lamb** – (vs. 8-14).
- vs. 5:9 (**SONG OF THE REDEEMED CHURCH**) And they sang a new song (It's new in the sense of its quality, not sung before!), saying: "You are worthy (in His redemptive acts!) to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed (bought out of the slave market) us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

Revelation Chapter 6 – The Six Seals – The beginning of the Great Tribulation, when God's judgment on the Christ rejecting earth is poured out!

The Seventy Weeks –Daniel 9:27 sets the whole parameter for the Great Tribulation.

- (**Dan 9:24-27**) "Seventy weeks (7 x 70 = 490 years) are determined for your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy. [25] "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks (69 X 7 = 483 years).
- **The First Seal – The Conqueror – Deception, Seduction & Conquest** – (vs. 1-2)
- **Second Seal – War on Earth, Bloodshed** – (vs. 3- 4)
- **Third Seal – Scarcity on Earth, Famine** – (vs. 5-6)
- **Fourth Seal – Widespread Death on Earth – One fourth of the earth killed!** (vs. 7-8)
- **Fifth Seal – The Cry of the Martyrs, How Long, O LORD?** – (vs. 9-11)
- **Sixth Seal – Cosmic Disturbances – Great Day of His Wrath** – (vs. 12-17) – possibly the beginning of the last half of the Great Tribulation.

Revelation Chapter 7 (parenthetical) FROM TRIBULATION TO JUBILATION! – The Sealed of Israel (Restored Remnant of Israel) – (vs. 1-8); A Multitude from the Great Tribulation – (vs. 9-17).

- **The 144,000 of Israel Sealed** – v. 4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:
- **A Great Multitude of Tribulation Saints Saved from Every Nation** – v. 9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes (redeemed), with palm branches (rejoicing victoriously) in their hands.
- vs. 14-15 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are **the ones who come out of the great tribulation**, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15] Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

Revelation Chapter 8 – Seventh Seal - Prelude to the Seven Trumpets – (1-6); First Trumpet: 1/3 of trees, as green grass Struck – (7); Second Trumpet – The Seas Struck- 1/3 living creatures and all ships - (8-9); Third Trumpet – The fresh Waters Struck – 1/3 rivers 7 springs, many died from water (10-11); Fourth Trumpet – The Heavens Struck – 1/3 sun and moon (12-13).

Revelation Chapter 9 – Fifth Trumpet: Demonic Invasion from the Bottomless Pit God is in control! The Locusts from the Bottomless Pit – (1-12); Sixth Trumpet: Deadly Attack – One Third of Mankind Killed! The Angels from the Euphrates – (13-19); Rest of Mankind Did Not Repent! (20-21).

- **Tormented for five months, but cannot die!** vs. 9:5-6 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months (a foretaste of the eternal darkness). **In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire (longing) to die, and death will flee from them.** Can you imagine though when for five months you want to die, but you cannot! You do not want to be here when this happens!

- **Deadly Attack – v. 15c One Third of Mankind Killed!**
- **Would not repent!** v. 20 *But the rest of mankind* (defiant, unrepentant), *who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols. Just consider, even* with half of the world's population destroyed and all the spiritual activity going on that *the rest of mankind, who were not killed, did not repent!* **They would not repent!** That is truly amazing and alarming! Adversity, pain, hardship do not lead to repentance.
- **God gave them up! When God gives up on a man and God gave them up to their vile affections,** to come to that place where God's Spirit will no longer strive, **there is no place for repentance!** They will still refuse to repent. Such a sobering thought!

Revelation Chapter 10 (parenthetical – Chaps 10-14) – The Mighty Angel with the Little Book – (1-7); John Eats the Little Book – (8-11).

- **No more delay! We see there is no more delay** before God will pour out His wrath in the seventh and final trumpet, consisting of the seven bowl judgments on the Christ rejecting Earth!
- **The mystery of God would be finished!** God's longsuffering between the entrance of sin and the establishment of His millennial Kingdom of righteousness. The mystery is the fact that since sin came into the world, why has God delayed so long? **But the answer is God is long-suffering, not willing that any should perish!**
- **Bitterness and sweetness** – The seventh trumpet, which is coming, will be **the bitterness** when God's last judgments will come upon earth. The sweetness of the little book is **the sweetness of Christ's second coming!**
- **God wants us to eat, to devour, to assimilate, to digest His word!** If Bible prophecy does **not change our lives**, we are not properly understanding and applying it in our life! Bible prophecy is **meant to motivate us** to live Godly and holy lives!
- **The little book is telling us that we, too, "must prophesy again** about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings! We are to be His witness, **telling people about what is coming!** **We are to tell them about God's ultimate endgame!**

Revelation Chapter 11 – The Temple – (vs. 1-2); The Two Witnesses – (vs. 3-6); The Witnesses Killed - (vs. 7-10); The Witnesses Resurrected - (vs. 11-14); Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed! - (vs. 15-19).

- **The Two Witnesses – (vs. 3-6): Rev 11:3** *And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days clothed in sackcloth.* (The context and circumstances cause this likely to occur during the first half of the seventieth week of years, *Dan 9:27, Rev 12:14*)
- **Two Witnesses killed when their ministry is finished!** v. 11:7 *When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. – Notice this only occurs after their ministry is finished!*
- **The Witnesses Resurrected - (vs. 11-14): vs. 11** *Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. [12] And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.*
- **Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed! - The last woe! (vs. 15-19).** **Possibly the greatest victory in the Bible** – seeing the light at the end of the tunnel – Everything is brought into context of Him and His Kingdom at this point in time!

Revelation Chapter 12 – The Woman, The Child and the Dragon – (vs. 1-6); War in Heaven – Satan Thrown Out of Heaven – (vs. 7-12); War on Earth – The Woman Persecuted – (vs. 13-17)

- **The Woman and the Dragon – (vs. 12:1-6)** *Now a great sign* (wonder, miracle) *appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. [2] Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. [3] And another (allos, same) sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. [4] His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.*
- **[5] She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. [6] Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.**

- **Satan Thrown Down to Earth – vs. 7-9** *And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, [8] but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. [9] So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*
- [10] *Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. [11] And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives (more than dying) to the death.*

Revelation Chapter 13 - A Good Example of Satan using people as instruments for his own purposes - The Beast out of the Sea (The antiChrist) – (vs. 1-10); The Beast out of the Earth (false prophet) - (vs. 11-18):both are featured in this chapter.

- **The First Beast – v. 1** *Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.*
- **The Second Beast – v. 11** *Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. [12] And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. [13a] He performs great signs. [14a] And he deceives those who dwell on the earth. [15] He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. [16] He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, [17] and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*

Revelation Chapter 14 – The Prelude to the Climax of the Book, the Seven Bowls of Judgment

- **The Lamb and the 144,000 - (vs. 1-5);** *The vision of the 144,000 standing victoriously on Mt. Zion*
- **The Proclamations of the Three Angels - (vs. 6-13); vs. 6-8** *Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel (last mention of spreading the gospel in the Bible) to preach to those who dwell on the earth to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— [7] saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." [8] And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen (aorist tense, it is history), that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."*
- **Reaping the Earth's Harvest – (vs. 14-16); (v. 14)** *Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man. This is not an angel. This is Jesus Christ! Behold, He comes with the clouds to bring judgment upon the earth, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.*
- **Reaping the Grapes of Wrath – (vs. 17-20) (v. 19)** *So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.*

Revelation Chapter 15 – Prelude to the Seven Bowl Judgments - (vs. 1-8)

- **The Seven Angels with Seven Plagues - The Sign: vs. 1-2** *Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. [2] And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.*
- **The Song: v. 15:3** *They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints (nations)!"*
- **The Sanctuary: vs. 5, 8** *After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven (Inner sanctuary of the heavenly holy of holies, Ark of the Covenant) was opened. [8] The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.*

Revelation Chapter 16 – Bowl Judgments

- **First Bowl: Loathsome Sores – v. 2** So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth (on the wicked men, basically what is left of human kind!), and a **foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.**
- **Second Bowl – The Sea Turns to Blood - v. 3** Then the second angel poured out his bowl **on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.**
- **Third Bowl: The (fresh) Waters Turn to Blood – vs. 4-7 vs. 4, 6-7** Then the third angel poured out his bowl **on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. [6] For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due." [7] And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."**
- **Fourth Bowl: Men Are Scorched – vs. 8-9 v. 8** Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl **on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch (the) men with fire.**
- **Fifth Bowl: Darkness and Pain – vs. 10-11** Then the fifth angel poured out his **bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. [11] They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.**
- **Sixth Bowl – Euphrates Dried Up - vs. 12-16 v. 12** Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl **on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.**
- **The Seventh Bowl – The Earth Utterly Shaken – vs. 17-21 v. 17, 21** Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl **into the air** (aimed at Satan), and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **"It is done!" [21] And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent (90 pounds!) Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.**

Revelation Chapter 17 – The Scarlet Woman and the Scarlet Beast – vs. 1-6; The Meaning of the Woman and the Beast – vs. 7-18:

- We need to think of **Babylon as a city, an empire, and a system** (chaps 17 & 18 – religious and commercial)
- **The Great Prostitute and the Beast – vs. 1-6 The Harlot exposed. Vs. 1, 5-6** Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you **the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, [5] And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY (secret revealed), BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER** (a federation of false, apostate religions) **OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. [6] I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.**
- **Vs. 7-15 The Harlot explained: vs. 7, 8, 14** But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you **the mystery of the woman and of the beast** (political system) **that carries her** (all the nations sitting on the false religions of the world), **which has the seven heads** (v. 9) **and the ten horns** (v.12). **[8] The beast** (antichrist) **that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. [14] These will make war** (at the end of the Tribulation, Rev. 19) **with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful** (true bride, the true church)."
- **Vs. 16-18 The Harlot is Judged: v. 16** And the **ten horns** which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot (probably at the Tribulation mid-point), **make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.**

Revelation Chapter 18 – Judgment of Babylon is for certain – Babylon the great has fallen, has fallen!

- **Two important exhortations! – Come out of Her, My people! 18:4** And I heard another voice from heaven saying, **"Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.** The exhortation is, get yourself out of her, My people! You do not want to partake of her sins and of her plagues. It is talking about a Babylon-ish system!

- **Rejoice over her**, Heaven, holy apostle and prophets! v. 18:20 "**Rejoice** over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!" I want you to rejoice over this destruction!
- **Judgment is supernaturally sudden – One day; In one hour (3X) great city-judgment has come;** smoke of city's burning; city made desolate!
- **Finality of judgment of great city of Babylon**-thrown down, not found anymore!
- **All nations deceived by her;** in her was found **blood of prophets, saints and all who were slain on earth!**

Revelation Chapter 19 – Marriage Supper of the Lamb; The Triumphal Return of Christ the King with His saints! Final triumph over the Antichrist and the False Prophet!

- v. 1 *After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, Alleluia (4x)! - Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!* - It is a huge thing! ``We are now after these judgments! **They are complete!**
- **The Marriage Supper of the Lamb - Vs. 7, 9** *Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.* [9] *Then he (the angel) said to me, "Write: Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!"*
- ***Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!*** We stand, clothed in the righteousness of Jesus with exceeding joy, faultless before the Lord! His bride, the church; **the tribulation saints and believers alive** in earthly bodies in the kingdom. **The only requirements of being at the great supper are:** (1) **Responding to His invitation** and **putting on the garments of salvation**, and (2) **Assuming the right attitude of heart and life toward the Bridegroom** and His revealed will.
- **The return of Christ with His Church. Christ on a White Horse – (vs. 11-16); Christ's return in vs. 11-16 may be the most dramatic passage** in the entire Bible! In these six verses we are swept up into the triumphal entourage of the redeemed saints as they ride the heavenly procession with the King of kings and Lord of lords. We see the true destiny of the believer: **1) Rapture, 2) Return, 3) Reign!**
- v. 14 *And the armies (every believer) in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.* - Yes, He is coming with His saints! **We will be there! He came for us in the Rapture, now He is coming with His saints!** - **And the armies in heaven: - Composed of the church. (Rev 19:8); Tribulation saints. (Rev 7:13); OT believers. (Dan 12:1); Even angels.**
- v. 15 *Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword (the Word of God), that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*
- v. 16 *And He has on His robe and on His thigh (very visible on horseback) a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*
- **The final triumph over the Antichrist and the False Prophet. The Beast and His Armies Defeated – Verses 17-21 summarize the final concluding events of the Battle of Armageddon.**
- **When He comes, the first order of business will be judgment**, which probably is the **1,290 days. Then, thirty days more**, possibly to allow for the judgment of the living subsequent to Christ's return. **1,335 days – 45 more days. (Dan 12:12) Blessed is he who waits and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.** You, if you were not raptured with the church, have made it through the period of judgment, being allowed to enter into the kingdom age of the Lord!
- ***Birds invited for the carnage.* – v. 17** *Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God.*
- ***End of the beast and the false prophet!* – vs. 19-20** *And I saw the beast (the Antichrist, the son of perdition), the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war, how foolish, against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. [20] Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet.These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone, whose smoke of torment ascends forever and ever!*

Revelation Chapter 20: Satan Bound 1000 Years – (vs. 1-3);

- [1] *Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. [2] He laid hold of the dragon (monster), that serpent of old (deceiver of Eve), who is the Devil (slanderer) and Satan (adversary), and bound him for a thousand years; [3c] But*

after these things **he must be released for a little while. But after these things he must be released for a little while.**

- **The Millennial Reign! The Tribulation Saints are Resurrected and Reign with Christ 1000 Years – (vs. 4-6);**
- [20:4] **And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then, I saw the souls of those (Tribulation saints) who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. [20:5b] This is the first resurrection (which refers to the end of vs. 4 - And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.)**
- **There will be two general resurrections.** The first resurrection began with Jesus Christ and **will end when the last of the martyred saints is brought into glory.**
- [5a] **But the rest of the dead (all unbelievers) did not live again until the thousand years (Here, it is revealed for the first time that the first resurrection will be completed a thousand years before the second death, also referred to as the resurrection of condemnation.were finished.)** This phrase clearly indicates bodily resurrection after bodily death. The unsaved dead will not live again spiritually, for they are in Hades and ultimately, in the lake of fire.
- v. 20:6 **Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.**
- **The second death.** The second death must be a bodily death, imposed after the second death (resurrection) on all those who still are spiritually dead in their sins and trespasses.
- **The resurrected saints will be both kings and priests,** exercising both judicial rule, judging the world and angels, and religious ministries in relation to the growing human populations on earth.
- **Satanic Rebellion at end of Millennial reign is Crushed – (vs. 7-10);**
- vs. 20:7, 9 **Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison. [9] They (those rebelling, as many as the sand of the sea) went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city (Jerusalem). And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.**
- [10] **The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are (after 1,000 years). And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.**
- **The Great White Throne Judgment – (vs. 11-15) - [11] Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.**
- **There is going to be a new universe.** Peter talks about how this whole thing is going to be dissolved,
- [12] **And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. [13] The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. [14] Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. [15] And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.**
- **That must be my top priority, to make sure that my name is and remains in the Book of Life! How does that happen? By my confessing Jesus Christ as my Lord and my Savior and living my life for Him, surrendered to His Lordship.**

Revelation Chapter 21 – The final chapters of the Revelation take us to the ultimate prophetic vision, which is eternity!

- **All Things Made New – vs. 1-8; The New Heaven and the New Earth – become one, for all eternity!**
- vs. 1-8 **Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. [2] Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**
- [3] **And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. [4] And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. [5] Then**

He who sat on the throne said, "**Behold, I make all things new!** And He said to me, "**Write, for these words are true and faithful.**" [6] And He said to me, "**It is done!**"

- **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. [7] He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. [8] But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.** Every person will spend eternity in one place or the other!
- **The New Jerusalem, the city of God, the dwelling place of the bride! – vs. 9-21;**
- **v. 21:9b "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." [10] And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, [21:11] having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. Having the glory of God! The most dominant characteristic of the holy city! [12] Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: [14] Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. [16b] Its length, breadth, and height are equal (a 1500 mile cube!). [19] The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, [21] The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.**
- **The glory of the New Jerusalem – vs. 22-23, 27 **But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. [23] The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.****
- **[27] But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Nothing will pollute this city. No sin! No wickedness!**
- **Now it leaves us in the position of believing or not believing.**

Revelation Chapter 22 – This is the climax! The last chapter of Revelation and of the Bible!

- **Vs. 1-5 continue the description of New Jerusalem; Vs. 6-20 are a **threefold witness among the angel (one of the seven angels), John and Jesus, given to assure the reader of the validity and authenticity of the prophecy. God is With us! God is There!****
- **The River of Life – vs. 1-5; *And he (the angel) showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. [2b] ...the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing (therapeia) of the nations. [3] And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants (duolos) shall serve Him. [4] They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. They shall see His face!* The God who has always been there for us shall be there in person! Man will at last see His face! What will it be like, the first time I see His face? Wow!**
- **[5] *There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever (without end)!***
- **The Time is Near – vs. 6-11; - **Jesus Is Coming** (Come or coming, used seven times in chapter) **[6] Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants (doulos) the things which must shortly take place.****
- **[7] "Behold, I am (Jesus speaking) **coming quickly** (rapid succession)! **Blessed** (the sixth of seven) **is he who keeps** (continually keeps) **the words of the prophecy of this book.****
- **The coming of the Lord will be very quick! It will be in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye! We need to be ready now. There will be no time to repent and turn to Jesus when the Rapture occurs [10] And he said to me, "**Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.****
- **Jesus Testifies to the Churches – vs. 12-17; **The Final Appeal** [12] "**And behold, I am** (Jesus speaking) **coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone** (each individual) **according to his work. [13] I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.**" Here again **Jesus is declaring His deity.****
- **[14] *Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. [15] But outside are dogs* (morally impure, unbelievers) **and****

sorcerers (*pharmakos*), and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

- [16] ***"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you (plural) these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star. [17] And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.***
- **A Warning – vs. 18-19: [18] For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone (singular) adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book. Do not tamper! Do not mess with this Book! [19] and if anyone takes away from the words of the book (Biblion- Bible); of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.**
- **We are at the end of the Bible!** I am not looking for something new. I am wanting new experiences in the old!
- ***I Am* (Jesus speaking) Coming Quickly – vs. 20-21 [20] He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly."**
- **If we miss the importance of this watchfulness and readiness, we miss what is really important! In fact, it is essential for salvation, to be ready when the Rapture occurs or each of our last breaths, whichever comes first! The words of Jesus, *I am coming quickly!* So be it!**
- **That is the final word!** The last word spoken by Jesus in the Bible is "*quickly.*" To the end, we see the Revelation emphasizes being watchful and being ready!
- **John says, Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!** We see the book closes indicating John's longing for the return of Jesus Christ for His people.
- **Are you ready?** And John closes with: [21] *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*
- **May we remember from this final book - All good news for the believer! Such bad news for the unbeliever! We want to be there. We want all our unbelieving friends to be there! Save now, oh, Lord Jesus Christ! May that be our prayer and our witness!**

CLOSING SONG:

"REVELATION SONG"- Phillips, Craig & Dean (5:47)

Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain, Holy, Holy, is He.

Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's Mercy Seat [Repeat 2x]

[Chorus:]

Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come

With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings! You are my everything, And I will adore You ...!

Clothed in rainbows, of living color, Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder

Blessing and honor, strength and Glory and power be To You the Only Wise King, Yeah

[Repeat Chorus:]

Filled with wonder, Awestruck wonder At the mention of Your Name

Jesus, Your Name is Power, Breath, and Living Water Such a marvelous mystery Yeah...

[Chorus:]

[Chorus (Repeat at a cappella)]

CLOSING PRAYER:

If the Lord wills, we will study the Book of Romans next. Please read chapter one for next week.

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