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# Ch. 1: Introduction, Salutation, Vision

I. Introduction

Revelation 1:1-3

1. The Subject of This Book

(1) It is a revelation

v. 1 “Apokalupsis” - transliterated “Apocalypse”means something revealed, disclosed, manifested, shown. The verb means *to uncover*.The noun means *an appearing.*

I Corinthians 1:7; I Thessalonians. 1:6-10; I Peter 1:7; Daniel 12:4; Revelation 22:10

(2) It is a revelation of Jesus Christ

v. 1 Not of John but of Jesus

“Jesus” “Savior” “Christ” “King”

Not by Jesus but of Him

What it reveals:

a. The Sons exaltation, Acts 2:33

b. His ministry in the Church, Rev. 1:13

c. His position in the throne, Rev 4:2; Eph. 1:20,21

d. His choice of a Bride, Rev. 19:7-8

e. His rapture of the Church, Rev. 4:1

f. His coming in power and glory, Matt. 24:30

g. His raising the dead, John 5:27-29

h. His judgment of the nations, Rev. 14:7

i. His reign and rule on the earth, Rev. 11:15

j. His judgment on Satan, Rev. 20:1-2,10

(3) It is a gift of God

v. 1 “Which God gave unto Him”

All the honors of His triumphs in covenant has been given to Him.

(4) It is a prophecy

“To show unto His servants things which must come to pass shortly.” This is a key to this book. v. 3 “The words of this prophecy” Ch. 4:1 “I will show thee things which must (come) be hereafter.”

(5) It is symbolic

“He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant.”

“Signified” “*Semaino*” to give a sign Expressed or revealed by signs.

“His angel” Revelation 22:8-9

2. The Scribe of This Book

v. 1 “Unto His servant John”

(1) The Apostle John

Some believe another John

(2) He bare record - v. 2

John 1:1-14

(3) He gave witness

I John 1:1-3 John 20:31

(4) Others testify of Him

Justin Martyr, Iranaeus, Origin, Jerome, Augustine

3. The Value of This Book

(1) It is rewarding

“Blessed” - happy, spiritually prosperous, one to be envied

a. “He that readeth”

b. “They that hear the words”

c. “And keep those things which are written”

(2) It is enlightening

Revelation 22:10 “Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this

book: for the time is at hand.”

II. The Salutation

Revelation 1:4-9

1. The Sources of This Salutation

(1) John - v. 4

He is the writer - the Scribe

(2) The Father

“Which is, which was, and which is to come.”

(3) The Spirit

“From the seven Spirits which are before His throne;”

“*Hepta*” - signifying to be full - “*Pneuma*” “Spirit” “Seven-fold spirit”

In the fullness of His office and powers.

(4) The Son

“And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first

begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth.”

2. The Subjects of This Salutation

(1) The Churches

“To the Seven Churches in Asia”

v. 4 not church but “churches”

(2) Their location - v. 4

In Asia

(3) Their need -v. 7

An address to each Church.

“Ephesus” “Smyrna” “Pergamos” - etc.

3. The Substance of This Salutation

(1) Grace - v 4

God’s riches at Christ’s expense

(2) Peace - v. 4

Peace from God - brings peace with God

Peace with God - brings peace with man

(3) Consolation - v. 7

“Behold He cometh”

(4) Confirmation - v. 8

He will keep His word with you.

4. The Circumstances of This Salutation

v. 9

(1) A common brotherhood

“Am your brother”

(2) A common suffering

“And companion in tribulation”

(3) A common royalty

“And in the kingdom”

(4) A common promise

“And patience of Jesus Christ”

(5) A common place

“A place of exile”

Patmos - barren rocks - lies out in the open sea.

Book written here.

III. The Vision

Revelation 1:10-20

1. Received in the Spirit

v. 10 “I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day”

Only understood in the Spirit

2. Commanded To Record It

v. 11 “What thou seest, write in a book”

3. Commanded To Share It

v. 11 “And send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia”

4. Announced By A Voice

v. 10 “Heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet.

(1) God revealed Himself to Moses, on Mt. Sinai

“voice of a trumpet exceeding loud.”

(2) The Temple opened its doors in the morning at the sound of the trumpet.

(3) The Year of Jubilee came with the sound of the trumpet.

Leviticus 25:9,10

(4) The Silence of the Age will be broken by the sound of a trumpet.

“The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised.”

I Thessalonians 4:16

5. The First Scene of the Vision - The Church

v. 12 “I saw seven golden candlesticks”

v. 20 “And the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven

churches.”

(1) The lamp stands - “Candlesticks”

To give light

(2) “Golden”

Composed of the costliest metal

(3) “Seven”

The number of completeness.

The whole of the Church Age.

6. The Second Scene of the Vision

vv. 13-16 The Christ

(1) The Great High Priest - Priest

Hebrews 7:26 8:1

v. 13 “In the midst”

(2) The True Prophet - Prophet

Acts 7:32

v. 14f “His head and hair white like wool, as white as snow:

and His eyes were as a flame of fire...”

“His voice as the sound of many waters.”

(3) The Only Potentate - King - Lord

I Timothy 6:15 Revelation 19:16

v. 15 “His feet like unto fine brass”

Majesty and Judgment

John 5:22

v. 16 “And out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword.”

John 12:47-48

7. The Third Scene of the Vision

(1) The Lord’s ministers

v. 16 “And He had in His right hand seven stars.”

v. 20 “The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my

right hand,...are the angels of the seven churches.”

God has His ministers in His hand

(2) He holds them

(3) He controls them

(4) He owns them

(5) He will reward them

## Study Questions 1 - Introduction

1. Who was this a revelation of?

It is a revelation of Jesus Christ.

2. Who gave Him this revelation?

God gave this revelation.

3. What is the substance of this revelation?

The essential substance of this book is that it is prophecy.

4. Why is it a key to this revelation?

Because this revelation has to do with the FUTURE and not the past.

5. In what kind of language is much of this revelation written?

Much of this revelation is in symbolic language.

6. Who is the scribe of this revelation?

John the Beloved, the apostle, is the scribe of this revelation.

7. What is the value of this revelation?

It is REWARDING and ENLIGHTENING.

8. What are the sources of this salutation?

**The Father, The Son, and The Holy Ghost**

9. What are the subjects of this salutation?

1. The Churches 2. Their Location 3. Their Need

10. What was the substance of this salutation?

1. Grace 2. Peace 3. Consolation 4. Confirmation

11. What were the circumstances of this salutation?

Common: 1. Brotherhood 2. Suffering 3. Royalty 4. Promise 5. Place

12. How did John receive the vision?

John received the vision by the Holy Spirit.

13. What was he commanded to do with the vision?

He was commanded to write it in a book and share it.

14. How was the vision announced?

By a great voice, as of a trumpet.

15. What was the first scene of the vision?

**The Church – Seven Golden Candlesticks**

16. What was the second scene of the vision?

**The Glorified Christ – One Like unto the Son of Man**

17. What was the third scene of the vision?

**The Lord’s Ministers – Seven Stars**

18. Where does the Lord hold His ministers?

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# Ch. 2-3: Seven Letters to the Churches

I. Addressed To the Ministers

“Unto the angel of the church”

Angel means messenger, Rev. 22:8-9

1. It is A Revelation of Ministerial Responsibility

(1) To hear from God, Eze. 3:17

(2) To receive from God, Gal. 1:11-12

(3) To speak for God, Isa. 58:1

(4) To answer to God, II Cor. 5:10

2. It Is A Revelation of Ministerial Distinction

(1) They are a part of the Church, I Cor. 12:28

(2) Yet a separate part of the Church, Phil. 2:25,29; I Thess. 5:12,13

3. It Is A Revelation of Ministerial Protection

“He that holdeth the seven stars”

(1) Keeps for Himself, John 10:27-28

(2) Keeps from the Enemy, II Tim. 4:16-18

4. It Is A Revelation of Ministerial Authority

“In His right hand”

(1) The place of authority, Luke 22:69

(2) It is delegated authority, Luke 9:1

(3) They are His representatives, II Cor. 5:20

II. Directed To The Churches

“Who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks”

1. Seven is the number of completeness

(1) To the whole Church

(2) To the whole Age

2. Seven is a compound number

(1) The divine number - 3

(2) Plus the world number - 4

3. Seven Gentile churches

(1) No letter for the church at Jerusalem

(2) He will have a Gentile bride

4. Seven churches Paul wrote to

(1) Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians

(2) Personal letters to Timothy, Titus and Philemon

(3) Believe to have written Hebrews to the people

5. Seven letters John wrote to the Seven Churches

(1) Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea

(2) He wrote the Gospel of John, the three Epistles and Revelation,

Not addressed to the churches as such

6. Seven distinct parts in each letter

(1) An address

(2) A citation

(3) A statement of knowledge

(4) A description of moral status

(5) A personal application to the individual

(6) A command

(7) A promise

7. Out of the seven, Christ finds fault with five

(1) One of these He finds nothing to commend

(2) Two alone pass inspection -

Yet they are in contact with elements which He condemns

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| **Laodicea** | **Philadelphia** | **Sardis** | **Thyatira** | **Pergamos** | **Smyrna** | **Ephesus** | Church | **OVERVIEW OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES** |
| Present Day | Present Day | Reformation | Papacy | Imperial Favor | Persecution | Apostolic | Time |
| None | Kept His Word; Did not deny His name | Faithful few are worthy | Good works, charity, service, faith, patience | Did not deny the faith inspite of satan | Faithful in persecution; poor, but rich. | Faithful in service; Hated deeds of Nicolaitanes | Commendation |
| Lukewarm; blind, naked | None | Dead works; not perfect | Wicked Woman Jezebel | Doctrine of Nicolaitanes, Balaam | None | Left First Love | Condemnation |
| Buy of me gold, raiment, eyesalve | Hold fast which thou hast | Be watchful; hold fast; repent | Hold fast till I come | Repent | Fear not; be faithful | Repent | Counsel |
| Sit with Christ on His throne | Pilliar in the Temple; New name | White raiment; Confessed before Father | Power over nations; Morning Star | Eat hidden mannah, white stone, new name | Not hurt of the second death | Eat of the Tree of Life | Challenge |

III. The Contents of the First Letter

1. The Messenger

“Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus” Believed to be the Apostle Paul He was the messenger to the first age of the Gentile era.

Galatians 2:6-9; Romans 11:13 Galatians 1:12-19; Galatians 2:2; II Corinthians 12:12

He was the pastor of the church in Ephesus for about 2 years. Acts 19:10

Paul founded the church at Ephesus about the middle of the first century.About 53 A.D.

The Ephesus Age really began at Pentecost. At the beginning of the church age

2. The City - “Ephesus”

One of the three greatest cities of Asia A very rich city - It was known as a free city; Government – Roman; Language - Greek

The name “Ephesus” means relaxed; drifting; Today Ephesus is in utter ruin. Ephesus is a witness to those who leave their first love.

3. Commendation vv. 2,3

(1) For their works

(2) Their labor

(3) Their patience

(4) Separation from evil

(5) Discernment of falsehood

4. Complaint v. 4

(1) Remember

(2) Repent

(3) Return

(4) Remove “or else” “I will come unto thee quickly and will remove

thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.”

6. Commendation v. 6

This is “Sandwich Psychology.”

“The deeds of the Nicolaitans”

“Nikao” to conquer

“Laos” the people, the Laity (Organization)

7. Counsel v. 7

“He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;

to him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the

midst of the paradise of God.”

IV. The Contents of the Second Letter

1. The Messenger

“Unto the angel of the church in Smyrna”

(1) Believed to be Iraneaus

(2) He was a disciple of Polycarp

(3) He was militant against any form of organization

(4) He had much manifestation of the Holy Ghost

(5) The Word was taught with the original precepts

(6) The Gifts of the Spirit manifested in his churches

(7) The Saints spoke in tongues, prophesied, healed the sick, and raised the dead

2. The City “Smyrna”

(1) It was a commercial center

(2) It was distinguished for its schools of rhetoric, philosophy, medicine, sciences, and fine buildings

(3) Many Jews lived in Smyrna and bitterly opposed Christianity

(4) The meaning of the name “Smyrna” Myrrh-Bitter

(5) Myrrh was used in embalming the dead

(6) It was a poor church in the midst of poverty - vv. 9,10

(7) The Age lasted 170 to 312 AD\

3. Commendation v. 9

(1) Their works - tribulation - poverty

(2) They were rich spiritually “But thou art rich”

(3) No complaint against this church

(4) The key to this age was tribulation. You have to suffer to reign

(5) “Ten days” - “Ten years” v. 10

Under Diocletian cruelest of all emperors 302-312

4. Caution v. 10

(1) Fear not “Fear none of these things”

(2) Be faithful “Be thou faithful”

(3) You will be tried

5. Promise

(1) A gift “I will give”

(2) A crown of life

(3) Not hurt of the second death v. 11

6. Counsel v. 11

(1) Listen to the Spirit

(2) Be an overcomer

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V. The Contents of the Third Letter

1. The Messenger

Martin of Tours (France). “Unto the angel of the Church”

His conversion took place after helping a poor beggar, took his own coat and cut it in two with his sword, wrapped the man in it and went his way. That night the Lord appeared unto him, in a vision, wrapped in the half of Martin’s garment. He spoke to him, “Martin, though he is only a common soldier, has clothed Me with his garment.” From that time on he sought to serve the Lord. **His life was a series of miracles.** After leaving the army, he became a leader in the church, he became very militant against idolatry. **Challenged the pagans as Elijah did the False Prophets.** He offered to be tied to a tree on its underside so that when it was cut down it would crush him unless God intervened. They tied him to a tree that was growing on the side of a hill, assured that the natural pull of gravity would fall and crush him. Just as the tree began to fall, God swung it around uphill and crushed several of the heathens as they were fleeing. **Raised a man to** **life that had been hung for his faith.**

Martin wanted to see the emperor—he was refused audience. Martin laid at the gate and prayed. The iron gate opened and he heard a voice bidding him to rise. The ruler would not turn his head to speak to him. Martin prayed. Suddenly a fire came spontaneously from the seat of the throne and the emperor vacated speedily.

**They came to kill him.** He stood erect and bared his throat to the sword. As they leaped forward, the power of God hurled them back across the room. So overcome with fear, they begged forgiveness.

2. The City

The name “Pergamos” expresses the idea of a tower. Pergamos was the most illustrious city in Asia. It was also a city of great sin. They worshipped an idol in a form of a living serpent, housed and fed in the temple.

v. 13 “Even where Satan’s seat is” How did it become the seat of Satan? Babylon fell - to the Medes and Persians. The priest, A Halus - fled the city and went to Pergamos and started over.

The Age lasted 312 - 606 A.D.

3. Commendation v. 13

(1) Their labor -

(2) Their stand under oppression

Not a thing of location, but of character

“I know thy works and where thou dwellest,”

“Even where Satan’s seat is:”

(3) Did not deny His Name

“And thou holdest fast my name.”

(4) Did not deny the faith

“And hast not denied my faith”

(5) Was not affected by Martyrdom

“Antipas was my faithful martyr” “Who was slain among you”

4. Complaint

v. 14,15

“But I have a few things against thee”

(1) Doctrine of Balaam -

“Who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel.”

Numbers 25:1-9

“To eat things sacrificed unto idols”

“And to commit fornication”

(2) Doctrine of the Nicolaitanes -

They were deeds in the Ephesus age - now a doctrine

5. Caution

v. 16

“Repent of else”

“I will come unto thee quickly.”

“And will fight against them” etc.

6. Counsel

v. 17

“He that hath an ear”

“To him that overcometh”

“Will I give to eat of the Hidden Manna”

Manna kept in the Ark - In the Most Holy Place - Beyond the veil

It was angel food

It kept them well - none were sick

“The Hidden Manna”

The Truth and Secrets of God

I Corinthians 2:9-10

Ephesians 1:18

“And will give him a white stone”

Two things: Victor’s stone King’s name - High Priest King’s name God’s name

“And in the stone a new name written”

VI. The Contents of the Fourth Letter

Revelation 2:18-29

1. The Messenger

Believed to be Columba.

He was a brilliant, consecrated scholar

Committed to memory most of the Scripture.

Called by an audible voice to be a missionary

In one missionary journey, he approached a walled city. The gates were barred. He lifted his voice in prayer. As he prayed, the court magicians harassed him with loud noises. He began to sing a Psalm. The gates opened of their own accord. He preached the Gospel. Many were saved.

At another village:

The son of a chief became violently sick.

Southwest coast of Scotland he founded a Bible school.

2. The City

“Thyatira”

Historically: The city of Thyatira was the least noteworthy of all the

Seven Churches.

It was well off financially.

The name Thyatira means “Dominating Female”

“Feminine Oppression” Ecclesiastes 7:25-28

A woman was not meant to have an iron-like disposition, nor wear that

which pertaineth to a man, or cut her hair.

Deuteronomy 22:5 I Corinthians 11:4-7, 13-16

The Jezebel spirit was dominating in this church, taking authority and

perverting the truth.

The Roman church, which is represented by this spirit of Jezebel, was as

heathen and wicked as Athalia, who tried to destroy all the seed royal.

This Age lasted the longest of all - about 900 years

From 606 AD - 1520 AD

3. Commendation

v. 19

“I know thy works”

“*Eido*” suggests fullness of knowledge

Two aspects of truth presented here:

(1) Love - service

“And charity and service”

(2) Faith - patience

“And faith and patience”

In the Church of Ephesus, their doctrine was right, but lacked love.

Here, they had love but lacked doctrine.

“And works”

The last to be more than the first

Their last works...better than their first

There was growth.

4. Complaint

v. 20

“Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee.”

(1) Wicked Seducers - Called Jezebel

(2) Allowed to teach

(3) Allowed to seduce - His “servants”

“To commit fornication”

“To eat things sacrificed to idols”

5. Caution

vv. 21-23

(1) A demand to repent - v. 21

(2) A warning of judgment - vv. 22,23

6. Counsel

vv. 24-29

(1) “Hold fast to what you have” - v. 25

(2) He will give more - v. 26

(3) Listen to the Spirit - v. 29

7. Covenant

vv. 26-28

To the overcomer

(1) Power over the Nations

(2) Rule with a Rod of Iron

(3) Give him the Morning Star

VII. The Contents of the Fifth Letter

Revelation 3:1-6

1. The Messenger

“Unto the angel of the church in Sardis”

(1) Believed to be Martin Luther

(2) A brilliant scholar of gentle disposition

(3) Studying to be a lawyer

(4) The death of a friend caused him to become serious concerning the spiritual condition of his own life.

(5) Entered the Augustinian convent at Erfurt in 1505

(6) Studied philosophy and also the Word of God

(7) Lived the life of severest penance but all in vain.

He said,”I tormented myself to death to make peace with God, but I was in darkness and found it not.”

(8) He became a priest

(9) He went to Rome - saw the futility of the Church’s works.

The Word of God struck his heart.

“The Just Shall Live By Faith”

(10) Born-again into the Kingdom of God

(11) Luther fought against anti-scriptural teaching.

When Leo X became Pope, and John Tetzel came to sell indulgences for sin.

First - he preached against it in his pulpit

Then - wrote his famous 95 thesis

On October 31, 1517 he nailed it to the door of the Wittenberg Cathedral.

(12) He translated the N.T. and gave it to the people

(13) Aided by Hebrew scholars, he translated the O.T.

(14) Recorded in Sauer’s History Vol. 3, p. 406

That he was “a prophet, evangelist, speaker in tongues,

interpreter, in one person endowed with all nine gifts of the Spirit.”

(15) Preached the Doctrine of Justification By Faith

2. The City

“Sardis”

(1) The Capital of ancient Lydia

(2) At one time, very important commercially

(3) Today it is a heap of ruins and uninhabited

(4) “Sardis” means The Escaped One

(5) The age lasted from 1520 to 1750

(6) Called the Age of Reformation

3. Complaint - v. 1

(1) Works

(2) Profession

(3) Form

4. Caution - vv. 2,3

(1) The need for vigilance

(2) The need for prayer

(3) The need for change

(4) The need for study

(5) The need for endurance

(6) The need for repentance

(7) Warning of Judgment

5. Commendation

(1) Garments not defiled

(2) Some walking in righteousness

Three colors to make white: Red - Yellow - Blue

Blood sacrifice - Divine Nature - Heavenly Character

(3) Some found worthy

6. Counsel

(1) To Overcome - vv. 5,6

a. Clothed in white raiment

b. Name not blotted out

c. Name confessed in Heaven

(2) To Hear - v. 6

VIII. The Contents of the Sixth Letter

Revelation 3:7-13

1. The Messenger

“To the angel of the church in Philadelphia”

John Wesley was born at Epworth, June 17, 1703 and died at the age of 88. He was one of nineteen children born to Samuel and Susanna Wesley.

John was a brilliant scholar. He was later born again.

He preached with power. The Spirit was so mightily manifested that the people would fall to the ground crying in great distress over their sins. He believed in the power of God. He prayed for the sick with results.

John and Charles, his brother, drew up a spiritual guide of works. For this they were called Methodists.

2. The City

“Philadelphia”

It was the second largest city in Lydia.

It was built upon several hills in a famous wine-growing district.

Its duration was the longest of the seven cities.

It still exists under a Turkish name - City of God.

The Age lasted from 1750 to about 1900.

Called the Age of Brotherly Love.

“*Philadelphia*” means: love of brethren.

3. The Commendation

v. 8

“I know their works”

(1) Their works were good

He knows whether they are good or bad.

(2) They had an open door

“I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it.”

**The Missionary effort of that age**. William Carey affected a missionary program. Out of this came Spurgeon, Parker, McClaren, Edwards, Bunyan, Mueller, Barnes, Bishop

Also- “I am the door of the sheep” At night they go home and leave the animals, but the shepherd of sheep takes them to the fold and then lays down and becomes the door.

(3) They had a little strength

The Word was preached well but they lacked the mighty

power of the Holy Ghost Baptism.

(4) They kept His Word

“And hast kept my word”

(5) They did not deny His name

“And hast not denied my name”

4. The Complaint v. 9

“Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of satan, which say

they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to

come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I loved thee.”

(1) Hypocrisy “say they are Jews”

(2) Falsehood “But do lie”

5. The Commendation v. 10

(1) Kept the Word

(2) With patience

Hebrews 11:17

Abraham was tried, after, he received the promise.

Psalm 105:19

(3) A reward promised

“I also will keep thee”

“From the hour of temptation”

Not in but from - The Bride - Six Age - Enoch

“Which shall come upon all the world”

“To try them that dwell upon the earth”

6. The Caution v. 11

(1) Warning of His coming

“Behold, I come quickly”

(2) Warning of retaining what you have

“Hold that fast which thou hast”

(3) Warning of loss of (rule) position

“That no man take thy crown”

The crown speaks of reward

Also of Rule or Reign with Christ (Revelation 3:21)

7. The Counsel vv. 12,13

(1) To overcome

(2) To hear what the Spirit says

IX. The Contents of the Seventh Letter

1. The Messenger

“Unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans”

(1) He will be a prophet

a. Word oriented

b. Prophecy will come to pass

Isaiah 28:9 Amos 3:6-7

c. There will be false prophets

Matthew 24:23-26 I Timothy. 4:1

II Timothy 4:3,4 II Peter 2:1,2

A false prophet is outside the Word

(2) He will be a man of Revelation

Paul had visions and revelations

(3) He will be a man led of the Spirit

Paul was led by the Spirit

(4) He will be a man of Miracles

Paul worked miracles

(5) He will be a man of the Word

a. Student of the Word

b. Preacher of the Word

c. Believer of the Word

2. The City

“Laodicea”

(1) Means “People’s rights”, Rule by the people

(2) Democratic form of government

(3) This is the “Church of the Laodiceans”

(4) It was a rich city

(5) Age began shortly after the turn of the 20th century

(6) This is the last Church Age

3. The Complaint

Revelation 3:15-19

(1) Lukewarm - v. 16

Formal not Spiritual - Galatians 6:3 ; II Tim. 3:5

(2) Proud - v. 17

“Thou sayest” Self-righteous

Materially - Rich - Increased with goods

(3) Complacent

“Have need of nothing”

(4) Ignorant

“And knowest not” - Deceived - Proverbs 12:15

(5) “Wretched”

“Distressed” - “Shabby” Romans 7:24

(6) “Miserable”

“Pitiable”

(7) “Poor”

“A beggar as cringing” - “to crouch”

“Causing to fall”

Spiritually - this generation

(8) “Blind”

“Opaque” (as if smoky) “Tuphlos”

(9) “Naked” - The carnal condition of the Church

4. The Counsel

vv. 18-22

(1) To Buy

The Source of purchase - “Me”

a. Gold

The Nature of God

b. White Raiment

The Righteousness of God

c. Eye-salve

The Anointing of God

The purchasing factor - Faith

(2) To Repent v. 19

(3) To Hear His Voice v. 20

(4) To Overcome

The Promise to the Overcomer - “The Throne”

(5) To Hear The Spirit v. 22

## Study Questions 2 – The Seven Churches

1. To whom were the seven letters addressed?

Unto the angels/messengers of the seven churches of Asia.

1. Name the seven churches

Ephesus

Smyrna

Pergamos

Thyatira

Sardis

Philadelphia

Laodicea

1. What do these churches have to do with us?

These churches are representative of the Church’s entire history divided into seven ages.

1. What do the letters reveal in regard to the ministry?

Ministerial responsibility, distinction, protection and authority.

1. Of what is the number seven a type?

Seven is the number of completeness or perfection.

1. How many out of the seven churches did Christ find serious fault?

Five out of Seven were found with serious fault.

1. What was the complaint against the church at Ephesus?

Ephesus had left their first love.

1. What was the key to the Smyrnian Age?

Smyrna, meaning *crushed*, was an age of full of persecution.

1. What was the complaint against the church of Pergamos?

Evil deeds and evil doctrine.

1. What was the complaint against the church of Thyatira?

Wicked seducers allowed to teach and seduce God’s servants.

1. What was the complaint against the church of Sardis?

Having a name that they lived, but were dead.

1. What was the complaint against the church of Philadelphia?

Hypocrisy and falsehood.

1. What was the complaint against the church of Laodicea?

Laodicea was lukewarm.

1. What was the counsel to the church of the Laodiceans?

Buy of Me gold, white linen, and eyesalve.

1. Name the seven rewards to the Overcomer.
2. Eat of the Tree of Life, 2:7
3. Hidden Manna & a New name on a white stone, 2:17
4. Power over the Nations,2:26
5. White Raiment & will not blot out Name, 3:5
6. Willl be made a pillar in the temple of my God, written upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, and my new name., 3:12
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# Ch. 4: A Vision of the Throne

“Things which must be hereafter”

This chapter begins a new vision, which constitutes the second section of the Revelation. It is related not to things on the earth, but to things in heaven, and to things following the period covered by the seven churches.

* The Translation of the Bride has already taken place.
* This section begins with the rapture.

I. The Rapture of The Church -

1. He saw a door opened - v. 1 “A door opened in heaven”

2. He heard a voice -

“Voice which I heard as it were of a trumpet.” (I Thessalonians 4:16-18)

“Come up hither”

“I will shew thee things”

“Which must be hereafter” 🡪After the Rapture of the Church.

3. He was caught up -

v. 2 “I was in the Spirit” Caught up in the Spirit.

“A throne was set in heaven” set/*Keimai* - to be out stretched.

II. The Throne of Majesty -

1. The Throne is in heaven -

v. 2 “A throne was set in heaven”

Psalm 103:19—*The LORD hath prepared His Throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all.*

2. The Throne is Occupied -

v. 2 “One sat on the throne”

1. No name mentioned.
2. No figure described.

(3) Only His appearance stated.

Not in shape - but in color and flashing brilliancy.

v. 3 “Jasper and a sardine stone”

1. Crystalline and purple in hue. Royal.

(b) Beautifully bright, red, carnation color.

Flashing light or Flames like fire.

I John 1:5 “God is light”

Hebrews 12:29 “God is a consuming fire.”

3. The Throne is Encircled -

(1) By a rainbow -

v. 3 “There was a rainbow round about the throne”

Token of God’s covenant. Genesis 9:11,17

An Emerald Rainbow

“Insight like unto an emerald.”

“Emerald” - “light green”

The throne is a throne of judgment but not of destruction.

Judgment mingled with grace and mercy.

Life - Promise - Hope - “Emerald”

Over-spanning the appearance of consuming fire.

(2) By other thrones - v. 4

“Seats” same word as thrones.

(3) By Elders -

“Four and twenty elders sitting”

On the thrones - “round about the throne”

(4) By Living Creatures -

vv. 6-9

4. The Throne is of Judgment

v. 5 “And out of the throne proceeded”

(1) “Lightnings”

Exodus 9:23,28 Exodus 19:16

(2) “Thunderings”

I Samuel 7:10

(3) “Voices”

I Samuel 12:17,18

(4) “Lamps of Fire”

It is a flaming indignation.

Isaiah 4:4 Malachi 4:1 I Thessalonians 1:7,8

Lamps of Fire - “Light”

Not of revealing truth,

But revealing judgment.

Seven - Completeness - Tribulation

“Seven Spirits” - The fullness of the Spirit of God.

5. The Throne Has A Pavement - v. 6

Exodus 24:10 Revelation 21:21

III. The Four And Twenty Elders -

vv. 4,10,11

1. Who They Are Not -

(1) They are not the Patriarchs

Revelation 5:9 From every tribe, tongue, people and nation.

1. They are not the Apostles. The Apostles were all Jews. They have their part in the foundation. Revelation 21:12-14

(3) They are not disembodies spirits. The dead praise not God.

These are praising God. vv. 10,11

2. Who They Are -

Notice - Where they are located and what they are doing.

(1) They are located in the throne and sitting on thrones.

Revelation 4:2,4 Now turn to the 3rd chapter and vv. 20,21

(2) They are Overcomers

“Sitting on thrones” Ch. 3:21 4:4

They have crowns - v. 10 Crowns promised -

Incorruptible crown - I Corinthians 9:25

Crown of Rejoicing - I Thessalonians 2:19

Crown of Righteousness - II Timothy 4:8

Crown of Life - James 1:12; Rev. 2:10

Crown of Glory - I Peter 5:4

Five in number - Grace and Faith

So then this is a company of people that have heard His voice in the church and have overcome “as He overcame” and He has given them the right to sit with Him in His throne.

(3) They occupy the closest position to Christ.

Chpt. 5:6 Reverse the order –

(4) They are Twenty-Four in number

These were the representatives of many others.

The priests and Levites “were set to forward the work of the house of the Lord, was twenty and four thousand.” I Chronicles 23:3,4

But they were all arranged in courses of twenty-four. I Chronicles 24:3-5

I Chronicles 25:8-31 There were not more than twenty-four on duty at a time.

(5) They are Elders -

The expression is that of time - “Elders”. The “Elder” was the ruling man in the original order. They are “Elders” because of their official place.

“Sitting on thrones.” They are the first glorified of all the redeemed - the seniors of that celestial city.

IV. The Four Living Creatures

vv. 6-8

1. Who They Are Not

(1) They are not angels. (5:8-10; 7:11; Hebrews 2:5)

(2) They are not Israel. Israel in History - Revelation 4:1. Also these are from all nations. Revelation 5:9

(3) They are not the Apostles, but tribes and people of all the earth.

(4) They are not disembodied spirits, but are glorified subjects of grace.

vv. 8,9 Enthroned - Crowned - Robed

2. Who They Are

Look at their characteristics revealed in the Scriptures

(1) The first creature was like a lion v. 7

(2) The second creature was like a calf

(3) The third creature had a face as a man

(4) The fourth creature was like a flying eagle

Four is representative of a larger number.

The Jewish writers tell us that the standard of each tribe of Israel took the color of the stone which represented it in the high priest’s breastplate, and that there was wrought upon each a particular figure.

1. A Lion for Judah
2. A young ox for Ephraim
3. A Man for Reuben
4. An Eagle for Dan

In the Four Gospels we have Christ portrayed in this same manner”

(1) In Matthew the Lion - The King of Israel

(2) In Mark the Ox - The Servant and Sacrifice

(3) In Luke the Man - The Son of Man

(4) In John the Eagle - The Son of God

This is not Christ, but someone like Him - Who do you find in Scripture like Christ?

Christ is the head of the Church. This is His Body. This is His Church

Lion nature - Ox nature - Man’s nature - Eagle’s nature

This is the Church after it has been perfected in the first 3 ½ years of the tribulation.

3. They have eyes -

v. 6 “Before and behind”

v. 8 “Full of eyes within”

(1) The symbol of intense intelligence

Looking backward into the past.

Forward into the future.

Inward into the present.

Nothing hid - secrets known.

(2) Also symbol of unceasing activity.

(3) A symbol of continued vigilance.

4. They have wings -v. 8

Isaiah 6: with twain covered his face

with twain covered his feet

with twain they did fly

(1) Humility -

(2) Redemption - uncovered feet cannot Redeem

(3) Freedom -

Six is the number of man.

Revelation 13:18

Six is 4 - *man’s world* plus 2 - *division or difference, and generally enmity.*

Genesis 1:1 - Genesis 1:2

First - Perfection

Second - Ruin and desolation

Six is 5 - grace of God

plus 1 - made of none effect by man’s addition to it.

Six is 7 - Completeness

minus 1 - man’s coming short of perfection.

These are men redeemed - God’s perfection.

Man was created on the sixth day. Man has six days to labor. When twelve (the number of governmental perfection) is divided, it indicates imperfection in rule and administration.

I Kings 10:19 Solomon’s throne had six steps, and his kingdom was divided.

The twelve loaves were divided into sixes -

Also on the Breastplate of the High Priest -Twelve Tribes were divided tribes.

# Ch. 5: The Sealed Book

This chapter continues the description of the vision in chapter four. The scene is still the throne, the Elders, the Living creatures.

This prophecy is in connection with the Church, but not of the Church. Also, this prophecy has its description given in Heaven, but its fulfillment on the earth.

I. The Vision of The Sealed Book -

The book contained a revelation and demonstration of things to come at the consummation of this present age after the Rapture of the Church.

1. The Position of the Book

(1) v. 1 “In the right hand”

The place of power.

(2) v. 1 “Of Him that sat on the throne.”

The place of rule of authority.

2. The Characteristics of the Book

(1) v. 1 “A book written within”

A scroll - about judgment

(2) v. 1 “On the backside, sealed with seven seals”

Reserved - judgment

“Reserved unto the Day of Judgment”

3. The Dignity of the Book

(1) The question by the angel

v. 2 “Who is worthy to open the book”

(2) The answer to the question

v. 3 “No man in heaven, or in earth, neither under the earth,

was able to open the book, neither to look therein.”

(3) John’s reaction to this fact

v. 4 “And I wept much”

Because of three things -

a. None found “worthy” to “open the book”

b. None found worthy to “read the book”

c. None found worthy to “look thereon”

4. The Time of the Opening of the Book

(1) After the Rapture

4:1

5. The Purpose of the Opening of the Book

To release the judgments of God on the earth

II. The Vision of the Victor -

The book’s Opener

1. The Charge of The Elder

v. 5 “Weep not”

2. The Nature of The Victor

(1) A lion

v. 5 “Lion of the tribe of Judah”

“The Root of David”

(2) A lamb

v. 6 “Stood a lamb”

A lion in power -

A lamb in nature -

Notice-

(a) He is standing

Because He is not dead, but alive.

Because He is accepted.

Because of us, on our behalf.

(b) He is a sacrificial lamb

v. 6 “A lamb as it had been slain”

(c) His has perfect power and strength

v. 6 “Having seven horns”

(d) He has perfect and universal intelligence

“And seven eyes”

“Which are the seven spirits of God”

(e) He has unlimited rights

v. 7

III. The Response to The Victor’s Worthiness

1. Of the Four Beasts -

and

Of the Twenty-four Elders v. 8

(1) Fell down before the Lamb

(2) Having every one of them harps

(3) And golden vials - stored up prayers

(4) Sing a new song

2. What Their Song Is About

(1) Worthy by right of being

He is Lord - Jehovah God

(2) Worthy by right of character

I Peter 1:19

A lamb without spot or blemish

(3) Worthy by right of obedience

He earned the right

“For thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy

blood out of every kindred” etc.

Luke 23:41

3. Of the Angels vv. 11,12

4. Of All Creation v. 13

# Ch. 6: The Opening of the Seven Seals

## INTRODUCTION

After the translation of the Bride, the elders already have their crowns, Rev. 4:10. Also this scene comes after the Rapture of the Church, Rev. 4:1. A type of the rapture. The Four Beasts or Four Living Creatures which represent “the body of Christ” the Church are there.

### The Similarities of the Seals (First four).

1. The Opener of the Seals. “The Lamb” vs. 1

(1) Power to take the Book.

(2) Power and Authority to open the book.

2. The Seals Opened

(1) He saw something vs. 1.

(2) He heard something. He heard - “As it were the noise of thunder”.

He saw something before the thunder - Like a flash of lingt before the storm.

3. The Command Given. “Come”

(1) The Command is Not to John. He is there in the Throne.

(2) The Command is A call into Action. A release of Judgment.

(3) The Command is Repeated. In regard to the first four seals.

4. The Source of the Command. “One of the Four Beast”. The Elders involved with things concerning heavenly subjects; The living Creatures with Earthly.

I Cor. 6:2-3

### The Particulars of the Seals.

#### Seven in Number. Indicative of the Completeness of this administration.

#### Arranged in two distinct groups - four - and three. Worldly number and followed by the heavenly number. Divine judgment on a wicked world

#### Distinguished by Horses and Horsemen.

Horses - symbolic pictures.

Power of the Almighty - II Kings 6:17; Job 39:19-25; Zech. 1:8-10; Zech. 6:2-5

Four Spirits of the heavens.

## The Opening of the First Seal vs. 1-2

### The Releasing of Divine Judgment "A white horse"

( 1.) "White" Righteousness

( 2.) "Horse" Divine Power. A righteous judgment of God on the Earth.

### The Commission of The Rider

( 1.) "He that sat on him had a bow. " The "bow" is an instrument of war. Not of a destructive war-but of a moral war. Psa. 64:7-9; Hab. 3:8-9; Isa. 26:9.

( 2.) " And a crown was given un to him" "And he went forth conquering, and to conquer. " Psa. 110:3; Isa. 26:9; Dan 12:8-10; Joe12:28-32.

## The Opening of The Second Seal vs. 3-4

1. The Releasing of Divine Vengeance "A Red Horse"

( 1.) "Red" the color of blood. Wars and Blood shed.

( 2.) "Horse" Divine Power. The wrath of God on the Earth.

2. The Commission to the Rider.

(1.) "Power was given to him.. .to take peace from the earth" II Chron. 15: 3,5 A type. "They shall ki1 one another"

(2.) "There was given unto him a great sword. "

"Rhomphaia " "Megas" -Sword –Large

## The Opening of The Third Seal. Rev.6:5-6

1. The Commission of The Third Rider. vs. 5-6

Dearth and Famine

(1.) A Black Horse -

Black is the symbolic color of dearth and famine.

Jer. 14:1-2; Lam.4:8-10 5:10.

Notice verse nine –

Famines are the scenes of violence and tragedy.

II Kings 6:25-29; Luke 21:23; Matt. 24:19.

( 2. ) “ A Pair of Balances in His Hand. "

Balances are used for exact weighing Indicating that there is a scarcity of food. vs.6 Bread by weight always implies scarcity. Lev.26:26; Eze.4:16. When corn is in abundances; it is sold by gross measures and no attention is paid to a few hundred grains.

(3.) The Settling of Prices. vs. 6

This also adds to the fact of scarcity of food.

" **A Measure of Wheat**.” The word, measure, used here is the Greek word, measure, used here is the Greek word choenix (which would be about a quart) Davis Dictionary of the Bible. A measure or quart of wheat would be the ordinary allowance of wheat to a man for one day's scanty subsistence.

**The Usual Price.** The usual price of a "choenix" of wheat was one-eighth of a "penny" , or denarius. The price named in the text, being eight times this, indicating further the greatness of the famine.

**The Value of the Penny**. In the A.S.R.V. the word "penny" is translated "shilling.” A shilling in the Greek denotes a coin worth about eight pence, or nearly seventeen cents. Probably the Roman Denarias a coin worth about 17 cents. This was the amount a soldier received for a days pay. Also in Matt. 20:2. The ordinary wage for a full days labor, would be (17 cents) a penny. All that a man can do is earn the bread that he will use himself. What if he has a family?

**The Barley By Price**. Food of horses and cattle - And also the days subsistence of a slave. "Hurt not the oil and the wine" A matter of grace. In judgment God remembers mercy.

IV. The Opening of The Fourth Seal vs. 7-8

1. The Commission of The Fourth Rider vs. 8

( 1. ) "A Pale Horse" "Chloros"

It is translated "Green" Rev. 8:7,9:4; Mark 6:39.

( 2. ) Its Rider -"Death" Personified

Death, and Hell followed him.

( 3. ) Its Power -

Power over a fourth part of the earth . Of the total population of the earth one forth will die.

( 4. ) Its Manner of Death.

1. Kill with sword
2. With hunger

c. With Death (Pestilence) Jer. 38:2; Eze.6:11; Matt. 24:7;

Luke 21:10-11

d. With Beasts

Ezek. 14:21

V. The Opening of The Fifth Seal vs.9-11

The manifestations under the breaking of this seal differ, in some respects, from the four preceding. There is no expression from the Living ones. There are no 'horsemen or horses. And the burden of the description is exhibited in the results rather than in the processes. Yet, everything belongs to the same general category of trial and suffering. lJnder this fifth seal, we have added, bloody persecution of those who hold and testify to the truth. The good as well as the bad suffer the hour of trial. Hence, this fifth seal is the picture of Persecution and Martyrdom.

There are no voices of command from Heaven under this seal, and no messengers despatched from the throne; the reason, bloody persecutions of God's servants come from beneath -not from above. It is the devil who is the murderer. It is Dragon that makes war with the saints. These are martyrs of this particular period of time. Martyrs of the Judgment.

1. The Cause of Their Martyrdom. vs. 9

It is not death, but the cause of death, which constitutes a martyr. Millions upon millions perish under the preceding seals, but they are not called marytrs. The cause for which these were slain makes them martyrs.

( 1. ) " "Slain for the Word of God"

What they may have rejected in the past, now hold to be the very Word of God .

( 2. ) “And for the testimony which they held. "

(Steadfast adherence to the faith) Probably the testimony of all that was happening. Plagues, disorders, and horrors around them. It will be more than the hardened hearts of scorning unbelievers can bear.

2. Their Estate at That Time vs.9

( 1 .) They are "Soul s" Their slaying is not the end.

( 2. ) They can be seen. "Saw" Invisible to men in the flesh, seen in the spirit.

(3.) They can speak. vs. 10 "They cried with a loud voice."

It is wrong to say the dead is in a state of non-existence, unconsciousness, or oblivion. Matt. 10:28; kill body - not soul Luke 20:38; Not the God of the dead

Luke 16:19-31 Rich man and Lazarus

Luke 23: 43 "To-day"

Consider the experiences of dying believers, and their testimonies.

3. The Message They Convey. vs. 10 (last part)

(1.) It is a cry addressed to the throne. "0 Lord, holy and true"

(2.) It is a cry for fulfillment. It has started why the delay.

4. The Response To Their Message. vs. 11

(1.) They were given White Robes.

They were approved and precious

(2.) They were to rest awhile

They were to rest in Him

(3.) The reason for their rest.

There were others God wanted to make it. "Until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. "

IV. The Opening of The Sixth Seal. vs. 12-14

1. Fearful Physical Events

( 1.) "A great earthquake"

A great shaking -applied to the shaking of a fig tree- everything will be shaken.

( 2.) "Sun became black "

"As sackcloth of hair"

( 3) "The moon became as blood "

Joe12:31; Matt 24:29; Mark 13:24-26; Luke 21:25; Acts 2:19-21

( 4.) "The Stars Fall "

( 5.) The Effect on Earth of These. Starts vs. 14

2. The Effects of these Events on Humanity. vs. 15-17

(1.) The General Condition of Society

Kings -great men -richmen - chief captians etc.

(2.) The Security is Gone.

"hid themselves"

(3.) They realized the source of these events. vs. 16

"hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. "

3. The Sealing of the 144,000.

The judgment has begun, and has progressed through a number of its most important stages, but grace has not entirely departed. The sealing must take place before the judgment can continue. vs. 1-3

(1.) Who The 144,000 Are vs. 4

"Of all the tribes of the children of Israel. " They are Jews- not the Church. The sealed ones are one company, complete in itself; and the Elders and Living ones are another company complete in themselves. John sees them all at the same time, the one in the presence of the other.

12 thousand from each tribe:

1. Judah -confession or praise of God

2. Reuben- behold a Son or viewing the Son

3. Gad -a company or a troupe

4. Asher- blessed or happy

5. Naphtali- obtained by wrestling

6. Manasseh -making to forget

7. Simeon -hearing or obeying

8. Levi -adhesion or cleaving to

9. Issachar -a reward

10. Zebulon- habitation or dwelling

11. Joseph -added or addition

12. Benjamin- Son of the right hand

Look at them all together.

Confessors or praises of God, looking upon the Son, a company of blessed ones, wrestling or fighting for what is ahead, forgetting these things that are behind, hearing and obeying the word, cleaving unto the reward of a heavenly habitation, an addition to what has already happened, sons of the day of God's hand, or the day of His Power, begotten in the extremity of the age.

One reason the names of Dan and Ephraim is left out.

Dan - a judge

These 144,000 are not judges, and never become judges.

Ephraim -double fruitfulness, or increase, or growth by multiplication.

These are a fixed number 144,000.

These are Israelites, living in the period of the judgment, who confess and look to Christ as their Messiah.

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(2.) The Time of Their Sealing

1. It takes place on earth.

2. After the opening of the Sixth Seal Chpt. 7:1

3. Before the opening of the Seventh Seal vs. 3

(3.) The Nature of Their Sealing

1. It is a mark

Of some sort.

The impression or mark of a seal or signet.

Conspicuous and observable.

In the Old Testament the Mark of Circumcision

In Egypt the Mark of the Blood

Rahab the Mark of the scarlet thread .

Anti-christ puts a mark on his followers.

2. In their foreheads -vs. 3

Similar to Eze. 9:4

3. It is something Supernatural. vs. 2

"The seal of the living God"

As all believers are sealed by the Lord. Eph. 1:13; Eph. 4:30; II Cor. 1:22

(4.) The Agent of Their Sealing

1. By an angel vs. 2

"I saw another angel"

2. Coming from the East -

The rising of the Sun. "Unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise."

(5.) The Basis of Their Sealing -

They are "The Servants of God" vs. 4.

4. The Palm-Bearing Multitude Rev. 7:9-17

It was from heaven that John beheld the shaking and the sealing;. and from the same point of view he sees this company. The question of the Elder is what we want to deal with first. vs. 9 "Who are they? and whence came they?"

Some believe they are the early Christians victorious over the sorrows and persecutions. Some believe they are the Christians under Constantine. To decide who they are look at :

(1) Who They Are Not -

a. They are not the highest class of the redeemed.

The Elders "Sit" -these "Stand" vs. 9 "Stood before the Throne"

The Elders have Crowns and Thrones - These have neither. The Elders appear in their places - And have received their reward before judgement. These came to the throne after judgment has started.

The Elders were – "Counted worthy to escape all these things"

These were in the Judgment. "Out of the great tribulation. " vs. 14

b. They are not the Church

The Four Living creatures make up the Church. The Rapture of the Church takes place before the Great Tribulation. These are taking out of the Great Tribulation.

c. They are not the sealed ones -

The sealed ones were a definite number. These are uncounted and numberless. vs.9 The sealed ones were of Israel. "These are out of every nation, and kindreds, and people, and tongues."

(2.) Who They Are

a. They are redeemed people.

They were once sinners. They are now saved. Vs. 10 "Salvation to Our God, " " And to the Lamb.”

b. They are people living on the Earth during the Judgment vs. 14

"Come out of Great Tribulation. " Some believe because of the number that they are from all ages- Come out of Great Tribulation.

c. They are people who were unprepared, and were "left" when the Rapture took place.

The Wise and Foolish virgins. Matt. 25: *No Crowns*, *Not Thrones, Only Palms*

Isa. 16:9 "For when God's judgments are in the earth the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."

Not all will turn to God -Dan 12:10

(3.) Their Eternal State -

a. They are in heaven. Lazarus -The Richman

Where God is etc.

b. They are "before" the throne. vs. 9

They're not in the throne but;

They are before it.

"Serve in the temple" vs. 15

c. They are "clothed in white robes."

The garments of saints.

d. They have "palm branches in their hands" the ancient people -the feast of Tabernacles. Palms are Symbolic of Victory. Also- vs. 10

e. They shall hunger no more, vs 16 “neither thirst any more.”

f. They shall not be burnt “neither...sun... nor... heat” vs. 16

g. They shall be Fed. vs. 17

VII. The Opening of The Seventh Seal. Chp.8:1

1. A Mysterious Silence (“in Heaven")

(1.) The Response to the Breaking of the Seal. It was the breaking of this seal that produced this silence.

(2.) The Lamb is involved "He " breaks the Seal -openings the seal.

(3.) The Results of the Seal Opened "There is silence” Still before storm"

(4.) The Location of the Event “In Heaven”

(5.) The Duration of the Event " About half an hour" “Hemioron " “Hemi “ Half

“Hora” Hour

2. The Meaning of This Silence.

"Silence" "siqe" hush - voluntary stillness, or refusal to speak. Other than this it is all speculation. It is a silence of intense interest and awful expectancy with reference to the results of the breaking of the seventh seal.

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The throne was encircled by a rainbow,

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They gave Him glory and honor and thanks to Him that sat on the throne.

1. What do the Twenty-Four Elders do?

They fell down and worshiped Him, and cast their crowns before the throne.

1. Who was found worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof?

The Lion of the tribe of Judea, The Lamb of God

1. What was the number of the angels that gave honor to the Lamb?

Ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands and thousands.

1. What do the four horses represent?

The four horses represent the Judgments of God.

1. What were the colors of the four horses?

A white horse, A red horse, A black horse, and A pale horse

1. Tell what these colors signify?

white –Righteous Judgment, red –War, black –Famine, pale –Death

1. Tell what happened under the fifth seal.

Souls under the altar slain for the Word of God.

1. Tell what happened under the sixth seal.

* A great earthquake
* The sun turns black
* Moon turns as blood
* The stars fall

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1. What did they have in their hands?

They had palms in their hands.

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# Ch. 8-11: Angels & Trumpets

## A Vision of Angels - 8:2-5

### The Seven Angels - 8:2

**1. They Are of Divine Order** "Which stood before God.

**2. They Are of Particular Rank and Distinction.**

Not all angels are of the same dignity and office. Paul enumerates “dominions, principalities, and powers" among the celestial orders. Daniel speaks of some chief princes. Paul and Jude refer to arch angels. Angelic beings are not of one and the same grade. The Sons of God, in general, came before Him only at appointed times. Job 1:6; 2:1. Yet -Jesus spake of some angels who "do always behold the face of their Father which is in heaven." Matt. 18:10.

**3. They Are Seven in Number**

The Jews were familiar with seven angels of this order. Gabriel- is one of them, as he said to Zacharias; "I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God." Luke 1:19 Michael -is another, as he is ranked with Gabriel in the book of Daniel.

In the book of Enoch, these are the names of the angels who watch:

* Uriel -one of the Holy angels, who presides over clamor and terror.
* Raphael -one of the holy angels, who presides over the spirits of men
* Raguel- one of the holy angels, who inflicts punishment on the world
* Michael -one of the holy angels
* Sarakiel -one of the holy angels

**4. They Are Servants.**

They are Standing. This is the position of service. Yet- "standing in the presence of God" is to be above all other servants. The Bride is going to be sitting - Dominion- rule -heirs of God joint heirs of Christ. In Esther 1:4, The 7 Persian princes who "saw the kings face," were the highest officers of the realm, and next to the monarch in rank and power.

**5. They Were Given Seven Trumpets**.

(1) Trumpets are expressive instruments and God gave special directions in the use of the trumpet. (2.) Trumpets are an emblem of war. Num. 10:9 Jer.4:19 (3.) Trumpets were for the convocation of the people, and the moving of the camps of Israel. Num.8 (4.) Trumpets proclaimed the great festivals. Num. 10:10; Lev. 23:24; 25:9; II Chron. 29:27. (5.) Trumpets are related to announce royalty. I Kings 1:34,39 II Kings 9:13 (6.) Trumpets are associated with the majesty of God. Ex. 19:16. (7) Trumpets were used in the overthrow of the ungodly. Josh. 6:13-16

### The Mystery Angel - Rev.8:3-5

Some understand this merely to be symbolic and others believe it to have no significant meaning at all. Remember: John was a faithful and true witness of the Lord, and this, he said, is what he saw. Now, ***who is this “angel”***?

**1. The Nature of “The Angel” -**

"Another Angel" 🡪"Allos" –different This same Rhrase is used in Chpt. 7: 2 and again in chpt. 10:1. 14:17; 18:1; 20:1. The word "angel" means (messenger of God)

**2. The Office of “The Angel” -**

He offers the prayers of saints. You cannot give something unless you have it. He had to receive them to give them. Angels do not receive worship, but “the Angel of the Lord” does. Gen. 16:7,13; Ex. 3:2-5; Joshua 5:13-15

There are many passages in which the expression the "angel of God/the Lord" is definitely for a manifestation of God Himself. Compare Gen. 22:11-12; 22:15-19; Ex. 3:2-6.

**3. The Ministry of The Angel -**

Scripture itself presents us with fact, to prove why this Angel is the Lord:

**(1.) The First Proof -** ***He had "a Golden censer"***

This instrument was used by the priests, in the ministry of the worship of God. However, it was used only by the high priest in the holy place. This indicating our great High Priest who is now entered into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God. This is a scene in Heaven.

**(2.) The Second Proof -** **He offers the Prayers of Saints before God.**

vs. 3 “All Saints”. There is no record of such an office found in the scripture as being assigned to angels, however, there is record of this office being executed by the Lord Jesus.

Eph. 2:18 I Tim. 2:5 Heb. 7:25; Heb. 13:15 I Peter 2:5 I John 2:1;

**(3.) The Third Proof -** He cast fire on the earth.

vs. 5 Taken from the altar. Luke 12:49 “***I [Jesus] came to send fire upon the earth.”***

* 1. *A symbol of the Divine Presence & Power*.

Ex. 3:2 Deut. 4:36 Psa. 50:3 97:3; Isa. 66:15-16; Acts 2:3

* 1. *An Instrument of Divine Judgment.*

The action indicated here by the casting into the earth speaks of judgment. Gen. 19:24; Lev. 10:2; Num. 11:1; 16:35; Mal. 4:1; II Kings 1:10; II Thess. 1:8; II Peter 3:10.

**(4.) The Fourth Proof -** ***To offer incense with prayers .vs. 3-4***

"Given unto Him much Incense." It was given to Him through merit. For without His death and atoning work coupled with His pure and Holy life, there would be no force in prayer. God hears us because of Him. (The Compounding of the Incense in the O.T.)

**4. The Events Related To the Angel’s Actions. vs. 5**

Notice carefully the order:

***(1.) Flash of Light -The Release***

***(2.) The Thundering Voice -The Messenger***

***(3.) The Shaking of the Earth -The Results***

## The Sounding of the Seven Angels - 8:6-11:19

We are looking at the final blasts of judgment upon a wicked and rebellious world. The last seal has been broken. The prayers of all the saints have been accepted before God, and He has promised to avenge them. The fire and incense of the altar is cast into the earth that is doomed by the just judgment of Almighty God. Time has now come for the final judgments.

"And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets **prepared** themselves to sound."

1. Not all seven were to sound at once.

2. Varied events followed their soundings.

3. Prearrangement as to order and time for each to sound.

4. There are none that are alike but there is a progression of greater judgment.

### The Sounding of The First Trumpet. Vs.7.

**1. The nature of the judgment.**

"Hail and Fire mingled with blood." Micah 7:15; Jer. 23:7-8.

They were like the plagues of Egypt. Ex. 9:23-28; Joel 2:30.

"Hail" "Fire" "Blood" Could it be the Blood that they rejected, will judge them.

**2. The Action of the Judgment.**

"They will cast upon the earth" "Ballo" cast; to throw; hurl (a violent or intense action).

**3. The Effects of the Judgment**.

The third part of threes was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. Every field and meadow stripped of its growing crops, and bloody and putrid blackness spread over all the world. This has somewhat of a correspondence to an earlier stage, under the sixth seal. Not to hurt earth, the sea, nor the trees, till the servants of God were sealed. The sealing now has been accomplished, the prohibition is lifted.

### The Sounding of the Second Trumpet. Vs. 8-9.

**1. The Nature of the Judgment.**

Like a burning mountain " As it were a great mountain burning with fire." It looked like a burning mountain. It is not literally a mountain/volcano, but the image of a meteor.

**2. The Place of the Judgment.**

The Sea is the place of this plunging mass. "Was cast into the sea: " It would seem as if some particular sea was meant. If so, what sea? The Mediterranean Sea, which means the midland sea, or the middle of the earth. Around this sea the greatest recorded events of the world and of the Church have been enacted, and which is the central sea of all history, both sacred and profane.

**3. The Effects of the Judgment.**

(1) "The third part of the sea became blood."

(2.) "The third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life died."

(3.) "The third part of the ships were destroyed." Burned, sunk, or dash ashore. Ex. 7:20; Psa. 78:44; 105:29; Hosea 4:1-3; Zeph. 1:3; Isa. 2;12-16. Here John sees the fulfillment of these predictions.

### The Sounding of the Third Trumpet, Vs. 10-11.

**1. The nature of the Judgment**.

"There fell a great star from heaven," - This star falls out of heaven.

"Burning as it were a lamp." "Torch," - This star has a name.

The Name of the star, vs 11. "The star is called wormwood"

"Wormwood" -"Absinthe " is a bitter; intoxicating, and poisonous herb.

It produces convulsions, paralysis, and death.

**2. The Place of the Judgment. vs. 10**

"It fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters. " Jer.9:13-15.

**3. The Effects of the Judgment**.

(1.) vs. 11 "The'third part of the waters became wormwood. "

(2. ) "Many men died of the waters."

(3.) "Because they were made bitter" - "Poisonous "

### The Sounding of The Fourth Trumpet, vs. 12 -13.

It doesn't say what it is - it only says what it effects and what those effects were.

**1. The Place of The Judgment vs. 12.**

(1.) "The third part of the Sun was smitten ."

(2.) "The third part of the Moon."

(3. ) "The third part of the Stars."

**2. The Effects of the Judgment.**

(1.) "The third part of them were darkened."

(2. ) "The day shone not for a third part of it."

(3.) "The night likewise.

Isa. 13:9-11; Eze. 32:7-8; Joel 2:10,30-31; 3:15; Zeph. 1: 14-16; Matt. 24: 29; Luke 21: 25.

**3. The Announcement of Greater Judgment, vs. 13.**

Is a .pre-announcement of the general character of what is to come, a fore warning of greater judgment to come.

(1.) A Flying Messenger - "An angel flying through the midst of heaven."

(2.) Proclaiming with a loud voice: "Saying with a loud voice"

(3.) Terrible Judgments, "Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth."

### The Sounding of The Fifth Trumpet - Rev. 9:1-11

The fifth trumpet is different in character from the preceding four. All are blasts of judgment, and all belong to the “Great Day of the Lord.” Thus far, the trumpets have blown only for the objects of physical nature, and wrought their effects through disturbances in the material world. But the trumpet now before us goes beyond the physical world and calls into action quite other agencies. The doors of separation between the earth and the prison of evil spirits are opened.

**1. What the Star Is - vs. 1.**

This is not a meteor for this star is an intelligent agent, he has ascribed to him distinctive characteristics that could not possibly be ascribed to anything but a living being.

vs. 1 - "To him was given the key"

vs. 2 - "He opened the bottomless pit"

vs. 3 - "There came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth. "

We must conclude that this is not a material but a spiritual star. It is a "Fallen Star"

**2. Who The Star Is - Isa. 14:12.**

Vs. 11 Says the “star” is the king over them, whose name in the Hebrew is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name "Apollyon" *destroyer; devil; Satan*.

**3. The Time of His Fall -**

At the time of the original creation, he fell into the condemnation of the devil. But in Revelations he fell from heaven to Earth. Just prior to the Rapture of the Church, the Devil is cast out. Rev. 12:7-9.

**4. The Key Given -**

(1.) Key speaks of Power - And authority to use that power. Peter was given the keys to the kingdom the power to open the door of the Gospel. Christ had the keys of death and hell at His side.

(2.) The key is "given - Cannot go beyond what he is permitted. Evil would override the world.

**5. What The Key Is For -**

"The Bottomless Pit." - The Release of the Locusts.

**6. What The Locusts Are -**

(1.) Their Nature.

Locusts have no king, Prov. 30:27.

They are supernatural, angelic beings. vs. 11. Jude 6; II Peter 2:4.

(2.) Their Forms -

"like unto horses"

"like unto men"

"have hair like a woman,"

"have teeth of lions"

“ have breastplates of iron,"

"have wings, "

"have tails"

(3.) Their Intelligence

They have a certain amount of intelligence. vs. 4. Commands are given to them.

(4.) Their Power -

Is limited -vs. 4; The extent of their power is to horrify and torment, vs. 5.

(5.) The Duration of their torment, vs. 5 and 10.

### The Sounding of the Sixth Trumpet - Rev. 9:12-21

**1. The Characteristics of the Judgment.**

(1.) ***There was a voice*** - “I heard a voice.”

(2.) ***The location of the voice*** -

(a.) “From the four horns of the golden altar.”

Place of intercession. Rev. 8:4; Place of prayers. Rev. 8:5 Place of mercy.

(b.) “Which is before God.”

It comes from the presence of God. It has the sanction of God. It is Divine Judgment.

(c.) Who the Voice has Addressed to -

“To the sixth angel” - vs. 14 The Angel sounds - The Voice responds.

(d.) What the Voice was Saying.

1. “Loose the four angels.”

2. “Which are bound.”

3. “In the great river Euphrates.”

**2. The Release of the Angels.**

(1.) ***The Nature of the Angels***.

(a.) They are fallen angels. 🡪they were bound -II Peter 2:4; Jude 6

(b.) They are high ranking angels. They were over others.

(2.) ***The Purpose of the Release***.

(a) To carry out judgment.

“To slay the third part of men.” vs. 15.“Seven women will take hold on one man.”

(b) To give men what they desired.

They worshiped devils - vs. 20.God lets devils destroy them.

(3.) ***The Time of their Release***.

An hour. A day. A month. A year. (Ills. 9:00 12th day of April 1984.)

**3. The Vision of Horses and Horsemen - vs. 17.**

“I saw the horses in the vision and them that sat on them.”

(1.) ***Their Number*** - vs. 16. - 200,000,000 Two hundred million.

(2.) ***Their Nature.*** No ordinary horses. Executers of these four fallen Angels.

(3.) ***Their Description*** - vs. 17.

(a.) “Having Breastplates of Fire.” In Ephesians Breastplates of Righteousness - Here breastplates of fire—a symbol of Judgment

(b.) “Having breastplates of Jacinth” According to Elliott, the jacinth color, is the dark purple or blue the color of smoke.

(c.) “Having Breastplates of Brimstone.”

Brimstone is sulphur. A horrible burning.

(d.) “Their heads were as the heads of Lions” - Heads speak of Authority or Rule - Lions speak of Power.

(e.) “Out of their mouth issued fire and smoke and brimstone.” vs. 17.

“By these three was the third part of men killed”

(4.) ***The Place of their Power*** - vs. 19.

“Their power is in their mouth and in their tails.”

**4. The Condition of the World -**

##### Unrepentant - vs. 20.

“And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not.”

##### Worshipers of Demons.

“That they should not worship devils.”

##### Idolatrous -

Idolatry in various forms: Idols of gold, silver, stone and wood. The world Church at this time is still flourishing, however she shall be destroyed by the ten kings that reign with the Anti-christ.

##### Wholesale Murders - vs. 21.

Murderers will run Rampant.

“Neither repented they of their murders.” - “Murders” - plural.

###### Feticide - Abortions - Murder of unborn.

###### Infanticide - Abortions - Murder of new born.

###### Homicide - manslaughter - Murder of living.

###### Suicide - manslaughter - Murder of ones self.

###### Fratricide - manslaughter - Murder of ones brother.

###### Matricide - manslaughter - Murder of ones mother.

###### Parricide - manslaughter - Murder of ones parent.

###### Euthanasia - manslaughter - Murder of the feeble - Mercy killing.

###### “Murder” - “phonos” - to slay - slaughter.

##### Practice of Sorceries -

Foreseeing or Foretelling of the future events by the aid of evil spirits; witchcraft, magic, enchantments. Impure practices with evil agencies, and particulary with poisonous drugs. “Sorcery” - “pharmakcia” - medication - “pharmacy” - Magic - sorcery - witchcraft - drugs.

##### Practice of Fornication -

“Porneia” - Harlotry - adultery - incest

Unlawful lust of either sex.

Homosexuals -Similar tothe word swinish. While fornication is being licensed by the opinion of Churchmen, God still hates it, and will judge it.

##### Practice of Thievery -

“Theffs” - “Klemma” - Kepto - (maniac) Wholesale Robbery.

**5. The Cloud-Robed Angel - 10:1-11**

This is still part of the sixth trumpet. It is not until the eleventh chapter and the fourteenth verse, that the woe of the sixth trumpet is accomplished.

1. **The Angel**

###### The Facts Indicate Deity.

* 1. "Another. ..Angel" Rev. 7: 2 8: 3. Different from the other angels mentioned.
  2. "Mighty Angel" vs. 1. "Ischuros" an adjective describing what He is and not what He has. He is mighty -He is powerful - He is strong

###### The Particulars Indicate Deity

* 1. "**Clothed with a cloud**" vs. 1. Clothing speaks of Condition (Sinful or Righteous) and Clouds speak of Mystery (Indicating Deity). Ex. 24:16;40:34; Lev. 16:2; Matt. 17:5; Clouds also speak of Judgment—A storm is coming.
  2. "**A Rainbow Upon His Head**" - The Rainbow is a Covenant Sign. Gen. 9:13; "I do set my bow in the cloud" - "Set my bow" Sign of Mercy - "In the cloud" Sign of Judgment. In Judgment God Remembers Mercy.
  3. “**His face was as it were the sun**" - In the first vision - Rev. 1:13-20.

Mal. 4: 2 "Sun of Righteousness" Acts 26:13 "Above the brightness of the sun."

* 1. "**His Feet as Pillars of Fire**" - "Feet like brass that burned in the fire" - An image of pureness and judgment. Here it is an image of steadfastness and glorious majesty.

##### **The Acts of the Angel**

###### Taking Possession (Deut. 11:24)

* 1. "He set His Right foot upon the sea, " Rev. 17:1; vs. 15.
  2. "And His left foot on the earth " The place where the people dwell. Who is the world under dominion to now? Under the rule of Satan. (John 12:31; Luke 4:6; II Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2: 2) The Devil is in control now, but Jesus is soon to take over. He sets His foot upon the sea, and the land, and takes hold as His own.

###### Proclaiming Victory -

* 1. "Cried with a loud voice," Not the cry of defeat or fear. But of Power -Victory -Triumph; John 11:43-44. At the grave of Lazarus. Could it be that He is Awakening the Dead?
  2. "As when a lion roareth." He is known as "The lion of the tribe of Judah" Judah- Praise -Victory -shouting in victory. Song writer said -"That breaks every chain." Also the Prophet said - "The Lord shall roar out of Zion " Jer. 25:29-31

###### Signaling Fulfillment.

* 1. "lifted up his hand to heaven" vs. 5. a signal of Readiness or Victory.
  2. "And sware by Him that liveth for ever and ever...

...that there should be time no longer." vs. 6.

There should be "No more delay" Amp. Version.

There is reason now for delay. II Peter 3:9-10.

##### **The Response to the Angel, vs. 3 "and when He had cried"**

###### Indication of (More) Judgment.

More severe. "Seven thunders uttered their voices"

Seven-Complete Thunders -Judgment.

###### Personality Ascribed.

They speak -"Uttered their voices" John was going to write what he heard.

###### A Command Given, vs. 4.

"Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not"

##### **The Scroll in the Angels Hand, vs. 2a; 8-11.**

###### It is a Revelation, vs. 7.

"The mystery of God should be finished"

###### The Nature of the Revelation.

* 1. It had been a mystery. "He had in His hand a little book." The Book mentioned in Rev. 5; No man could open it -no one else
  2. It is a mystery that has been solved . "A little book open" The mystery that had been hjd for ages is now revealed.

###### The Facts Related To The Revelation.

* 1. "Go and take the li t tIe book " Faith is the factor that receives from God. Faith takes hold of truth.
  2. "Which is open " W(3S closed now opened .
  3. "In the hand of the Angel " In His hand -earned -merited.

Based on the merits of Calvary. "a Lamb as it had been slain" Chp. 5:6-7. We can only take the open Book - The Revelation of God - from the hand of Christ.

###### The Effects of The Revelation.

* 1. "In my mouth sweet as Honey" Psa. 119:103;

"How sweet are thy words unto my taste!

yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth."

Revelation sweet.

* 1. "My belly was bitter." Bitter in Experience, vs. 11 indicates why - persecution.

**6. The Reinstating of the Jew - 11:1-2**

This is a continuation from the last chapter. John eating the little book and told he must prophesy again. Now is given a reed. This is during the Judgment.

##### **The Instrument Given -**

###### " A Reed " "Kalamos"-A Reed-Rule or Law, Not a frail reed-A canon Law - "Not the Canon" but "a canon" Not the Rule but A Rule Heb.8:8-13; Jer.31:31-34

###### "Like unto a Rod" “Rhabdos” - A stick or wand - scepter - An instrument of chastisement, Rev. 2:27; 12:5; 19:15. Judgment by believers, Psa. 149:5-9; I Cor. 6:2.

##### **The Instrument’s Purpose**

vs. 1 "Rise and Measure" - Eqeiro - to awaken -rouse -raise, - "Metro" -to measure.

###### 1. To Set A Standard.

Measure indicates limits - Laying down borders -dimensions - boundaries

###### 2. To Declare Ownership.

Measure indicates appropriation. What is measured is claimed or owned.

###### To Reveal A Change.

Measuring indicates important changes. Old done away -New coming into view. Jews cast off -Now brought back. Rom. 11:11-27

##### **The Articles Measured, vs. 1**

###### **"The Temple of God "** (“Judgment shall begin at the house of God.”)

* 1. Is the earthly temple. No measurement or judgment needed for the heavenly temple -"A Reed or Rod" Rev. 21:15 "Golden Reed" Divine measurement
  2. Holy City - vs. 2, Jerusalem, Neh. 11:1,18; Isa. 52:1; Matt. 4:5; 27:52-53.
  3. Given to the Gentiles. New Jerusalem will not be given to them to be trodden under foot. "Shall tread under foot forty and two months" (3 ½ years)

###### **"The Altar "**

(1.) The demands and commands of God in regard to the " Altar."

(2.) Temple worship restored, vs. 1.

(3.) Sacrifice Restored. Dan.8:11-13; 11:31; 12:11.

###### **The Worshipers**

(1.) The Jew will return to worship. "That worship there"

(2.) The Jew will turn to God. Rom. 11:21-25.

##### **That Which Is Not Measured.**

vs. 2 "The court which is without the temple leave out" "Measure it not "

###### **It is given unto the Gentiles for a time.** “42 months” Isa. 1:27; Zech. 13:9; 14:1-4.

###### **God does not accept what will not meet the measurement.**

###### **The Judgment of the Gentiles is reserved for the future.**

## The Two Witnesses

Rev. 11:3-13

*These two witnesses are not presented to John in vision.*

*They are described to him by the glorious Angel,*

*who is the Lord Jesus Himself.*

*The account that is given here is not John's*

*but Christ's, given in His own words.*

*Who, then, are these Two Witnesses?*

*The connection in which the account is given*

*may help to give us the answer. These Witnesses*

*come upon us suddenly, in the midst of the scenes*

*of the Judgment, and at a time when Christ is ready*

*to take possession of the earth.*

**I. Their Outstanding Circumstances -**

**1. Ordained of God - vs.3**

"My two witnesses" - "And I will give power"

(1.) Power to Prophesy -vs 3

(2.) Power to Punish -vs. 5

(3.) Power to Shut Heaven -vs. 6a

(4.) Power to Work Miracles -vs. 6b,c

**2. Two in Number -vs. 3- 4**

Deut. 17:6; Matt. 18:16; Moses and Aaron -Caleb and Joshua

Zerubbabel and Jeshua -Peter and John

Old Testament and New Testament

Everything to be established by two or three witnesses.

Notice- vs. 4; Zech. 4:1-6. Zerubbabel the prince - Jeshua the priest

They are two men God will raise up in this end time.

**II. Their Ordained Commission**.

**1. They Are Witnesses.**

Prophetic Witnesses -Apostles -Martyrs - Witnesses

Christ Himself -"The faithful and true witness"

As Enoch - Noah - Moses - Elijah - Jonah in Ninevah - John the Baptist to Herod.

(1.) They Rebuke Sin

(2.) Expose Deception

(3.) Demand Repentance

(4.) Require Righteousness

**2. They Are God's Witnesses.**

"My two witnesses" vs. 3. Proving that this Angel is Christ.

Not as He is now - but as Judge and King

Not of the Bleeding Lamb but of the Avenger of His Elect.

The Powers which they exercise -

The Reason No Rain -

(1.) Sin of Idolatry -

(2.) Trust in False gods -

(3.) Desecration of God's Temple -

**3. They Are Human Witnesses -**

(1.) They are People - vs. 3 "Clothed in sackcloth.”

(2.) They Prophesy - vs. 3 "They shall prophesy."

(3.) They Can Be Hurt - vs. 5 "If any man hurt them."

(4.) They Can Be Killed - vs. 7 "Overcome them, and kill them."

(5.) They Are Raised From The Dead - vs. l1

"After three days and a half the spirit of life from God entered into them."

(6.) They Ascend into Heaven - vs. 12 "They ascended up to heaven"

Who are They?

Some believe Moses and Elijah.

Some believe Enoch and Elijah.

Some believe O.T. and N.T.

Some believe a body of believers.

Malachi 3:1-6; 4:1,5-6; Matt. 17:10-13; 11:14-15; Luke 1:15-17.

John the baptist was a partial fulfillment - Mal. 4:6; Luke 1:17.

Lev. 26:1,9; Jer. 14:22; Zech. 10:1,2; Hag. 1:9-11.

The Reason water to blood -

Because of the bloody and oppressive tyranny. Moses in Egypt. The bloody persecution.

**4. They Are Merciful Witnesses.**

Though they appear in judgment, the message is a warning -

"To flee from the wrath to come" - But they will hot listen - II Thess. 2:9-11.

## The Two Witnesses, *Continued*

Rev. 11:3-6

*What have we identified the two witnesses to be? Now we continue...*

*Their Times -Their Doings -Their End*

**I. The Times of These Two Witnesses.**

**1. They are not Gospel Times.**

(1.) The Jew and his Temple.

(2.) Ministers- different from Gospel ministers. vs. 5.

They kill -vs. 10 torment - deal out fiery judgment. Avenge the very wish to injure them. We are not to avenge ourselves. Not to smite and kill our enemies - but love them. Jesus was crucified Stephen was stoned. James was beheaded. Peter was crucified. Paul beaten -imprisoned - beheaded - Polycarp is burned. The Gospel is a thing of joy. Isa. 57:7.

(3.) Their garments symbols of calamity and judgment. The heavens are shut - no rain -no grain. Waters are turned to blood.

**2. They are very Evil Times.**

(1.) Times of great affliction and sorrow for God's true ministers. Hell has incarnated itself upon earth.

(2.) From the Abyss has come the Beast. All the world wonder at -

All worship and adore him - Not given to the worship of God.

(3.) War rages against God's People. Rev. 12:17. They are overcome.

The two witnesses are killed. How many more?

(4.) They are times of Miracles, vs.6. The Two witnesses

The Beast and False Prophet - lying signs and wonders. II Thess. 2:3-10.Deceiving the world - Rev. 13:12-15. Moses overcame the magicans. These overcome the witnesses vs. 7.

**II. The Work of These Two Witnesses.**

### They Are Prophets, vs.3; vs. 6; vs. 10.

### They Are Preaching Prophets. Expounding God's Word. Calling to Repentance.

### They Are Judgment Prophets, vs. 5. Elijah called down fire "consumed fifty" etc.

Mal. 4:6 "smite the earth with a curse." Hebrew word -utter destruction. Matt. 24:21-22.

**III. The End of These Two Witnesses.**

Their career, though illustrious, and crowded with miracle from beginning to end, is very brief. vs. 3. *They shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days*. 3 ½ years.

**1. They Are Killed -vs. 7.**

Put to death.

"When they shall have finished their testimony. " When their work is complete.

**2. The Form of Death They Die - vs.8.**

Some believe reference is made of crucifixion. The ordinary mode of execution (at this time) is by beheading. Rev. 20:4a.

**3. The Place of Death - vs. 8 "in the street…of the great city"**

They are denied burial. "Spiritually called Sodom and Egypt" This is further proof of the literalness of this prophesy. Jerusalem in Apostasy, is a Sodom. Isa. 1:9-10; 3:8-9; Deut. 32:30-33; Jer. 23:14.

**4. The Length of Their Death - vs. 11. 3 ½ days.**

They do not remain dead. "Life came into ,them -and stood upon their feet." The world is left in shock -

**5. They Ascend into Heaven - vs. 12.**

They hear the call. They descend up to heaven. Their enemies behold them.

**6. The Witness of God To Their Ascension. vs. 13**

A great earthquake

At the death of Christ - earthquake

But no one died -it was Mercy-Love-Grace

Here is Judgment - "Tenth part of the city fell" vs. 13.

"Seven thousand " slain - The earthquake in California

## The Sounding of The Seventh Angel Rev. 11:15-19

*The Coming of the Lord*

*It is the Seventh and Last Trumpet.*

*Chapter 10:7*

**I. The Attending Manifestations -vs. 15-17**.

**1. "There Were Great Voices in Heaven"**

There are many voices in heaven - Some are shouting -vs. 15.

Some are singing a new song - Some are worshipping -vs. 16-18.

An angel flying in mid-heaven - shouting 18:1-2

Angels shouting the fall of Babylon. And the fate of them that worship the Beast.

A voice crying the Blessedness of the dead. Voices crying thrusting in the sickle.

A voice crying "I t is done. " - Voices shouting the Worthiness of the Lord.

Voices saying "Halleluia, Amen, Halleluia" - Others shouting "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty."

**2. What the Voices Cry.**

(1.) "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord.

(2.) "He shall reign forever and ever."

**3. What the Four and Twenty Elders Do.**

(1.) "Sat before God on their thrones"

Rule and authority with God.

( 2. ) "Fell upon their faces. "

Not only bowed but fell on their faces.

(3. ) "And Worshiped God"

This is what they said. vs. 17- 18.

Lord God Almighty - Supreme in Authority

"Theos" -The Supreme Divinity - All -Ruling -Sovereign

"Which art, and wast, and art to come" - The same forever.

**II. The Attending Results of His** **Coming.**

A change in Government

**1. A change in the Government of the World, vs. 15**

(1.) The kingdoms that have been Babylon -Medo-Persia -etc.

(2.) Their Nature - Wild beast to describe them - Dictactorial -Murderous - Demanding - Taxing. Look at what we pay to support Government. Things are not getting better; II Tim. 3:13.

(3.) The Kingdom of Our Lord.

**2. The Judgment of the Dead. vs. 18.**

Shall be judged out of the books. Chpt. 20:12-15; Gal.6:7-8.

**3. Rewards Given To The Saints. vs. 18.**

"And that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name," - "Small and great" famous and none famous:

What the Saints have gone through; Heb. 11. Pay day has not come. All shall be there - All shall be rewarded. Even a cup of water. Paul shall receive his crown ; II Tim. 4:7-8; Daniel shall stand in his lot - Moses shall receive his reward -that he had respect for Dan. 12:3; Matt~ 5:11-12; 10:42; 25:23; Luke 6:35; Eph.6:8; II Time. 2:12. Happy will be the people, when the last trumpet sounds, shall be found ready to meet the Lord.

**4. The Temple of God Was opened.**

There is a heavenly temple. Ex. 25:40; Heb.9:23;

Copies- likenesses -patterns.

**5. The Ark is Seen.**

"Optanomia" - Gaze at something emarkable. - "Appear"

"The Ark of His Testament" (Conenant)

"There were lightnings" "And voices" and Thunderings,

And an earthquake, and great hail.

# Ch. 12: The Sun-Clothed Woman, The Man-Child, The Great Red Dragon, The War in Heaven, The Woman in the Wilderness, & The Seed of the Woman

***This is a dividing point in the book. In the fulfillment of this part of the prophecy***

***we are going back into the church age.***

Rev. 1:1-4 "John to the Seven Churches which are in Asia."

## **The Sun-Clothed Woman, 12:1, 2**

### The Importance of This Revelation.

**1. It was a sign.** " appeared a great wonder" "Semeion" Miracle -Sign -Token -Wonder

John 2:11; 4:45; 20:30; I Cor. 12:12; Matt.26:48; Luke 2:12; Rom.4:11; II Cor. 12:12; (II Thess.3:17 Token or Sign).

A sign -this is a word which he uses here for the first time in the Revelation -intending to bring before us something beyond itself. A sign - A symbol - A picture. A symbol of something else which is the true subject of contemplation.

When interpreting Revelation you must understand that there is literal and figurative language and you must know when which is being used. When the Scripture is absent from a figurative expression or a figurative setting we should not try to make it figurative, but we should take it literal. Here John says," And there appeared a great wonder in Heaven." Something very mysterious is happening in the heavens—figurative, symbolic and *not* literal.

**2. It was an important sign.**

"Megas" great- extraordinary –important. Not only a sign -but -"A great sign." This is a great, important, extraordinary, remarkable event that needs to be considered.

### The Location of This Revelation.

**1. It was in the Spirit.**

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day." Transported through time and space.

**2. It was in Heaven.**

"A great wonder in heaven." That is, it was revealed to him in the heavenly realm.

**3. It was spiritual.**

That is, it was apart from the natural. It was something of a heavenly order. It's not a natural thing; it's not in the natural order. It's not of the earthly, but of the heavenly.

### The Exposition of This Revelation. (Who is this woman?)

"***A woman*** *clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet,*

*and upon her head a crown of twelve stars*."

##### **Who the woman is not.**

###### **She is not Mary** - Mary was of a very lowly and poverty stricken condition. Can we really interpret properly the lowly state of that little peasant woman that brought Jesus into the world, with this prophecy, fulfilling this position of a woman clothed with the sun and moon under her feet and crowned with twelve stars?

It was a woman that brought a man-child into this world, but was that man-child caught up to God as a child? Was Jesus just a child when He went to Heaven? "And her child was caught up unto God and to His throne." This does not speak of a man 33 years old, fully matured, fully grown and fully developed. If John wanted us to understand that this was Jesus, I'm sure he would have said that the Lord Jesus was caught up to the throne. Also, Mary had passed away a long time before this vision.

Now, let us look back into the first chapter of Revelation. I think there are some keys for interpretation there. Rev. 1 :3 says "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy." "This prophecy" has to do with prophetic utterance, foretelling something that is to come to pass. This book was written sixty years or more after the ascension of Christ. Remember, he is speaking of prophecy, something that is yet to take place. Also, in Rev. 1: 1 "Things which must shortly come to pass." That is these things have not come to pass. This is not a record of history, but this is something that is to come to pass. Again, in Rev. 4: 1 " And I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." When Christ was caught up to God, this Revelation was not yet written and it was said at the time of writing these were future. Also, is Jesus the only one that will rule the nations with a rod of iron? Rev.2:24-27.

###### **She is not Israel** -There is another school of thought, and probably this is the more prominent teaching today. This is the belief that this is literal Israel. Israel was an earthly heritage. An earthly people- An earthly kingdom - Earthly possessions. The only time anything is mentioned to Israel with the heavens is Abraham's seed being as the starts of the sky, and then, only of those that are believers. Rom. 9:6-8.

Israel as a nation is pictured in the Scriptures, especially in the book of Hosea, as an unfaithful wife and as a harlot on the streets. As you look at Israel today you can see that this is her condition rather that in the place of honor. Also, Israel was clothed with the law which speaks of judgment, darkness, and death. This woman is clothed with the "sun".

Some say this must be Israel because of what Isaiah said - Isa. 66:6, 7. Look closely at the two texts. They are the opposite of each other.

###### **She is not the world church** – A look at the condition of the church universally will reveal that she is not arrayed in this fashion - but, is worldly, ungodly, and devilish. How can an unholy thing produce a holy thing that is to be caught up to God and to His throne?

##### **Who the woman is**

The key to help interpret is in Rev. 1:4 “John to the Seven Churches." Are we left to interpret whom John is speaking to? "The Seven Churches" The whole church age. John, when referring to something else, indicates this -when there is an absence of explanation -doesn't it only make sense that he is speaking then to the Churches?

A woman in scripture - Rev. 17 - False here. Rev. 12 - True Church. The woman is the Church. It is a revelation of Christ and the Church. Remember -“ A great wonder in heaven." This is the Church - the Body of Christ. Eph. 1 :22,23

## **The Man-Child, 12:2-5**

### The Identity of the Man-Child (*If the woman is the church, who is the man-child?)*

#### Some believe the man-child to be Christ. (Some objections to this theory.)

##### Christ came down from heaven at birth. The man-child is caught up to heaven.

##### Christ was killed -put to death. True, He surrendered His life but He died. The man-child is not harmed by the devil, but is caught up to God and His throne.

#### The man-child is a product of the church. (“The woman is in travail to bring forth”)

### The Revealing of the Man-Child. “*And she brought forth"*

1. To bring forth is to reveal the child. Manifest that which is born. Rom.8:17-19 Manifestation. I Peter 1:3-5 Revealing.

2. Revealed with great pain. Vs. 2 "cried" travailing in birth. Pain to be delivered.

3. Revealed under great persecution.Vs. 4 “And the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born." The devil will fight harder against this truth than any other truth that has been revealed -because the man-child takes his place in heaven. Vs.8.

4. The time of the revealing. Just before the tribulation. The church is still on the earth. Vs. 6, 3 ½ years in the wilderness - tribulation.

### The Nature of the Man-Child.

“*A man-child"*“*Arrhen" or " Arsen" - means male* *It has to do with manhood - not gender.*

**1. Manly characteristics -heroic virtues.**

They are strong -not weak. They are true -not false. Not full of hypocrisy.

**2. Overcomers, vs. 5.** "Who was to rule" Rev. 12:11; 2:26,27; 3:21.The "Overcomer" is promised to sit with Him on His throne. These are "caught up to God and to His throne."

**3. Humble, vs.11.** Did not combat the devil in their own strength. II Cor. 10:4.

### The Characteristics of the Man-Child.

**1 .A student of the Word.** To confess the Word, you must know the Word, vs. 11."by the Word of their testimony"

**2. A believer in the Word**.They believed in the blood of the Lamb because of the Word.Vs. 11 "overcame him by the blood of the Lamb."

**3. A lover of the Word.**Vs 11 “ And loved not their lives" They loved the Word more than their lives.

### The Development of the Man-Child. (*There is a development here)*

**1. Conceived.** “Gaster" Vs. 2 "With child"

**2. Child.** "Teknon" Vs. 4 "Developing"

**3. Son.** "Huios" Vs. 5 "Matured"

In type in Gen. 2:21 Adam and Eve. Gen. 5:24 Enoch - Methuselah - Noah. The Word of truth (like seed) is being planted in the heart of the Church by His Spirit. It is not fully-grown or mature but God is nourishing it- He will bring it forth.

## **The Great Red Dragon, 12:3,4**

Another great sign takes place in the heavenly realm. It is a description of a great hostile evil power with which the Church has and must contend with, and which, this evil force, is set to hinder the progress and destroy the hopes of the Church.

### The Dragon

1. The image or sign is that of "a dragon."

It is some terrible creature, delighting to attack, terrify and devour.

2. It is "a great...dragon"

While the picture in general is that of a dragon, it is altogether peculiar,

and different from the common dragon. It is "a great. ..dragon.""Megas" -"great" -"mighty" of external form, measure of degree and intensity -mighty of rank, whether of persons -of those who had position of authority. One in size and bulk exceeding the ordinary idea, and every dragon feature greatly magnified.

3. It is "a great red dragon"

It is of a peculiar color -"Purrhos" (fiery), fiery red, indicating the destructive and cruel nature. The dragon is burning like fire with rage and out of control against that which is Godly.

4. It has "seven heads"

Dragons ordinarily were given one head; but this dragon possesses "seven heads." Seven is a complete number -which in this case would indicate the completeness or total evil and wickedness of this dragon."Seven heads" also would indicate total and complete confusion. Two heads indicate confusion, here there are seven heads.

5. It has "seven crowns upon his head"

Which would indicate, at least to some degree, that he has been successful in his diabolic attacks. Successful in… “ “ “ ….a crown

1) deceiving

(2) dividing

(3) defeating

(4) denying

(5) devouring

(6) delaying

(7)deforming

6. It has "ten horns"

"Ten" signifies the perfection of divine order. But this is of an evil, wicked being so would be in reverse of the divine .Complete and total disorder and confusing."Horus" -"Keras" a symbol of strength and power. This dragon has great power and great wrath against God’s people.

7. It has a tail

"His tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven."His tail is certainly one of the most striking features of the dragon.It swings through heaven and draws a third part of the stars of heaven andcast them to the ground.These are "stars of heaven" , some very particular stars.They are not literal stars, for the whole scene is a "sign".These were the angelic hosts, fitly called stars by reason of their brightness and shining beauty and glory.When Lucifer fell and became the devil, he was able to deceive and draw away a third part of the angels with him. Jude 6 “Angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation.” II Peter 2:4 “God spared not the angels that sinned.”

### The Mystery of the Dragon

The identity of the dragon is not altogether that great a mystery because of verse 9.

The devil is not literally a dragon, as the church is not literally a woman, but this is a divinely given image or symbol of the devil. There is a devil. It is one of Satan’s favorite deceptions to try to convince men that he does not exist.

### The Object of the Dragon’s Malignity

Vs. 4 “And the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered for to devour her child as soon as it was born.”

1. His first objective is to devour the Man-child.When this failed, he attacked the woman.
2. His second objective is to destroy the Church.

Vs. 13 “And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man-child.”

When this failed, he attacked the “remnant” of her seed.

1. His third object is to destroy the saints left after the rapture.

That find themselves facing the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation.

### The Destiny of the Dragon

1. Bottomless pit for a thousand years. Rev. 20:1-3
2. Loosed a little season. Rev. 20:3,7
3. Cast into the Lake of Fire Vs. 10

## **The War in Heaven, Rev. 12:7-12 "And there was war in Heaven"**

Some that are of a skeptical mind, ridicule the idea of a literal war, and are astonished that reasonable men should believe in such an event, and pass it off as mere fiction.

Others believe that it is a mere poetical and exaggerated account of certain moral conflicts in the history of the Church on earth.

Others believe the Dragon to mean the Pagan Roman Empire; Michael, the Christian Roman Empire; Heaven, the throne of the Roman Emperors; and the war in Heaven, the conflicts between the Pagan and Christian Roman Emperors.

Also, some teach that we are not to believe that this was an actual event, but a sort of a summary of the prolonged battle between good and evil.

Remember that this is a divinely inspired revelation, and it states, "And there was war in Heaven:"

This is a literal war in heaven.

There have been many battles, but this is war. The last great conflict when the devil is cast out of heaven. There was a battle in Eden when the devil deceived man and he lost his position with God. There was a battle in hell when Christ fought and won redemption for man. He has, "the keys of hell and of death." This is not a battle but a war, where man, with the help of Michael and his angels, lay claim to the fullness of redemption, and overcome the devil and gain the rights to the throne.

There are battles going on in the physical world in many different places. This is a spiritual war that will take place in the heavens.

**I. The Cause of This War**.

**1. The enthroning of the man-child, vs. 5.**

"And her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne."

**2. The place Satan held.**

(1) Next to God in authority. The man-child shall take this place. "Rule"

(2) He lost it by default. Heaven has foreclosed on him, vs.8, Rom. 16:20.

**II. The Forces of This War.**

**1 .Michael and his angels, vs.7. Heb. 1:14.**

Some believe Michael to be Christ. If this is true, why in Jude 9 is it stated, "he durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee."

**2. The Dragon and his angels, vs.7, Eph. 6:11,12.**

Agreat malignant kingdom, a vast spiritual empire of evil, stands opposed to God’s people. His angels are those that kept not their first estate but followed Satan in his fall. Jude 6.

**3. The man-child, (The Bride) vs**.11.

"The Overcomer" Rev. 3:21.

The War in Heaven is with and on behalf of the "child."

**III. The Nature of This War.**

**1. Spiritual and not physical.**

The forces that are engaged are spiritual.

The realm the war is waged is "in Heaven."

**2. There is no loss of life.**

There is no bloodshed - no killing.

There is loss of "place" or "position" , not of life.

**3. It is a war of faith and knowledge, vs. 11.**

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the Word of their testimony." It is the war of believing saints, supported by angels, against a malignant and hellish intellect inflamed with desperate hate and anger. Like as the conflict of Christ with the devil in the wilderness. The devil attacked His faith and His understanding.

"If thou be the Son of God." Christ knew and believed who He was.

"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, (faith) and by the Word of their testimony. (knowledge)"

**IV. The Outcome of this War**

**1. The Dragon is defeated.**

With all his wisdom and power, and all the fury of his hosts, the effort is disastrous, vs. 7 ,8. "The dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not."

**2. The Dragon loses his "place," vs. 8.**

"Neither was their place found any more in heaven."

**3. The Dragon is cast out, vs. 9.**

" And the great dragon was cast out," vs. 12.

"Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down."

**4. The man-child is victorious.**

Sits on the throne. Reigning and ruling with Christ.

## **The Woman in the Wilderness, Rev. 12:6; 13-16**

### I. The Identity of the Woman, vs.1.

**1 .The Church -**

(1) "Clothed with the sun."

(2) "Moon under her feet."

(3) "Upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

**2. Producing the man-child.**

### II. The Reason For Her Flight, vs.13.

**1. She was persecuted.**

"Dioko" to put to flight, drive away, to pursue.

**2. By the Dragon.**

(1) "He was cast to the earth."

(2) "Which brought forth the man-child."

Satan being ejected from heaven, by the Man-child with the aid of Michael and his angels, takes out his wrath and venom on the woman. "Woe to the inhibiters of the earth and the sea ! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. " vs. 12

### III. The Place of Her Flight, vs. 6, 14.

**The Wilderness - vs. 6.**

" And the woman fled into the wilderness. "

"Ran away" -"Escaped "

"Eremos" it is an adjective -describing something rather than indicating a place.

Meaning -"Desolate" -"Deserted" -"Lonely"

**1. A Place of Preparation -** vs. 6

"Where she hath a place prepared of God" Readiness -All prepared A place of:

(1.) Discipline

(2.) Training

(3.) Testing

Deut. 8:2-3 Israel in the Wilderness

Rev. 3: 10 "Try" to test -scrutinize - discipline -examine -prove

**2. A Place of Persecution -vs. 13**

1. Great Persecution - "Great Wrath " vs. 12 "Thumos" hot anger -passion, as if breathing hard -fierceness -indignation.

Most evil and wicked times on the earth. Dan. 12:2 Matt. 24:21-22 Luke 21:22

(2.) A Short Time To Do His Work -

"Hath but a short time"

**3. A Place of Provision -vs. 14**

(1.) Special and direct help of God.

"Given two wings of a great eagle. " Ex. 19:4

(2.) Endued with Soaring Power -Isa. 40:31

"That she might fly (in) the wilderness. "

vs. 6 says she's already fled into the wilderness.

(3.) Finds Her Place - “...into her place.”

( a) She had been out of her place.

(b) She finds her place in the wilderness.

Israel wandered in the wilderness. Because of their "unbelief."

It's here in the wilderness that she finds her place. Rev. 3:14-18.

**4. A Place of Nourishing -vs. 14**

"Where she is nourished"

( 1) The church fed and nourished. To bring maturity.

"Trepho" -to feed, to make to grow Israel had manna in the wilderness -

To get them ready to go into Canaan.

(2) "For a time, and times, and half a time."

3 ½ years -First half of the Tribulation.

(3) "From the face of the serpent."

As being towards view. Presence - Rev.4:1 - "Apo" -away, off, departure

**IV. The Flood -vs. 15**

**1. The Source of the Flood -**

"The serpent cast out of his mouth"

(1.) False Accusations -vs. 10

"The accuser of our brethren "

(2.) False Doctrines -I Tim. 4:1

"Doctrines of devils"

**2. The Nature of the Flood -**

"Water as a Flood" (Words as water.)

The flood is typical of every form of destruction -Psa. 18:4 Isa. 59:14

Jer. 46:7-8 Jer. 47:2-3 Dan. 9:26

The flood expresses overwhelming misfortune, the bitter persecution to which the Church will be subjected to.

**3. The Purpose of the Flood -vs. 15.**

"That he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. "

To be overwhelmed -"Carried about" Eph. 4: 14

**4. The Failure of the Flood -vs. 16**

(1.) "The earth helped the woman "

The earth frequently signifies -" the wicked. "

Adam was made from the dust of the earth. I Cor. 15:47

"The first man is of the earth, earthy. " Rev. 17:16-17

(2.) "The earth opened her mouth "

Could be a supernatural event. Num. 16:31-33 Ex. 15:11-12

## **The Seed of the Woman, 12:17**

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Completely baffled by his attempt to destroy the woman, the wrath and rage of the dragon is not satisfied, but now burns more intensely fierce.

Compelled to cease from his attempt to destroy the woman, because she has been raptured out of his reach, therefore he turns to make war with the remnant of her seed.

### **The Remnant of Her Seed**

By "the remnant of her seed" is meant, her children -born again believers into

the family of God. The "remnant" is that which remain -that which is left out of

the whole.

1. Some believe this to be two classes of people

The Jew and the Gentiles -but we need to remember the Jews are not a seed of the woman, in fact they are very much opposed to the Church and the teaching that Jesus is God manifested in the flesh, and that He is their Jewish Messiah.

2. Identifying the remnant of her seed

They are the true believers in Christ who are left after the rapture of the Church, who hold fast the confession of their faith in Christ, apart and separated from the prevailing abominations of that time.

Notice now there is definitely a distinction between the masses who confess Christ and those who, "keep the commandments of God."

Matt. 7:21-23—v.*21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven*.

His will is His commands.

3. They are not the Church

These are the saved, the "remnant" of her seed, but not part of the Church, "the Woman", they had not been baptized by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ, which is His Church, "the Woman." To be in the Church, you have to be baptized by the Spirit into the Church, which is His Body.

I Cor. 12:13—*For by one Spirit are we all baptized into the body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free: and have been all made to drink into one Spirit*.

Eph. 1 :22-23—*And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all.*

### **The War Against Her Seed**

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went o make war with the

remnant of her seed."

Defeated beyond remedy in his attack on the Man-child, and then on the "Woman", the Church, he changes his focus and enters into a war with the converts of the Church, "her seed."

The means that the dragon uses in this war:

1 . The Anti-christ -The one world government

Chpt. 13:7 "And it was given unto him (the Anti-christ) to make war with

the saints."

Permission was given to the Dragon and to the False-christ to make war.

2. False religion -The one world church

Headed up by the false prophet. Chpt. 13 ; 11-15

3. The economy -the one world economy Ch. 13:16,17

### **The Effects of The War**

1. Great persecution

Matt.24:21; Rev.2:22; 3:10

2. Saints defeated

Rev. 13:7 "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to

overcome them:"

The Man-child (the Bride) overcame him, the church escaped the Dragon's attacks by a great miracle. These saints that were left behind during the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation are attacked and overcome by his murderous assaults.

3. Many martyrs

Many give their lives as martyrs. Matt.24:9 John 16:2 Rev.6:9-11;7:9-14; 14:12,13

4. The martyrs' reward, Rev. 7: 15-17

( 1) "Before the throne of God"

(2) "Serve Him... in His temple"

(3) "Dwell among them"

(4) "Hunger no more"

(5) "Neither thirst anymore"

(6) No more "scorching heat" Amplified N. T.

(7) "Tears wiped away"

# FINAL EXAM

1. Who was this a revelation of?

It is a revelation of Jesus Christ.that it is prophecy.

1. In what kind of language is much of this revelation written?

Much of this revelation is in symbolic language.

1. Who is the scribe of this revelation?

John the Beloved, the apostle, is the scribe of this revelation.

1. How did John receive the vision?

John received the vision by the Holy Spirit.

1. What was he commanded to do with the vision?

He was commanded to write it in a book and share it.

1. Where does the Lord hold His ministers?

He holds them in His right hand.

1. To whom were the seven letters addressed?

Unto the angels/messengers of the seven churches of Asia.

1. Name the seven churches.

Ephesus

Smyrna

Pergamos

Thyatira

Sardis

Philadelphia

Laodicea

1. Of what is the number seven a type?

Seven is the number of completeness or perfection.

1. What was the complaint against the church at Ephesus?

Ephesus had left their first love.

1. What was the complaint against the church of Laodicea?

Laodicea was lukewarm.

1. What was the counsel to the church of the Laodiceans?

Buy of Me gold, white linen, and eyesalve.

1. What did John hear when the door was opened in heaven?

A voice as it were a trumpet.

1. What did John see when the door was opened?

John saw a throne which was set in heaven and One that sat on that throne.

1. What type of a throne was it?

The throne was a throne of Judgment.

1. Who are the Twenty-Four Elders?

The twenty-four elders are the Bride of Christ.

1. Who are the Four-Living Creatures?

The four-living creatures are the body of Christ, the Church.

1. Who was found worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof?

The Lion of the tribe of Judea, The Lamb of God

1. What were the colors of the four horses?

A white horse, A red horse, A black horse, and A pale horse

1. Who are the 144,000 that were sealed?

They are Jews of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Bonus: Tell what happened under the seventh seal.

Under the seventh seal there was a mysterious silence in Heaven and seven angels were given seven trumpets.

FURTHER

NOTES

The Epilogue

Rev 22:6-

The last section of this book.

The Epilogue

The whole course of the church

Prologue – Interlude – Epilogue

I. The Truthfulness of These Writings

“These sayings are faithful and true”

Said of the Lord Himself “Never a man spake like this man.”

1. Thrice it is repeated –

Rev 19:9 21:5 – 22:6

1. Thrice it is affirmed – That these are from God.

Rev 1:1 “ He sent and signified it by his angel unto His servant John:”

Also here. Rev 22:6

And Rev 22:16 “I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things.”

Either this book is nothing but forgery – Or it is the most authoritative writings –

These Are Gods Own Words – “Faithful And True”

1. We must take them –
2. We must build our faith on them -
3. We must testify to the Church + World of them.

II. The Repetition of Benediction –

Rev 1:3 here Rev 22:7

Is there another Book ?

So intense

So emphatic

So constant

Of the good to be gained –And the ill to be avoided.

1. The Effect Upon The Apostle

Vs. 8-9

Continuation of The Closing of The Epilogue

Rev 22:10

I. Direct Orders Concerning This Revelation

“Seal not the sayings of The Prophecy of this book.”

Dan 8:26 12:4,9

Daniel was told to seal up the book.

John is told not to seal the book.

From the beginning John was directed to write what he saw and heard, and to make it known to the Churches. Rev 1:11, 19

Prophetical messages to each church.

Rev 2:1, 8, 12, 18, 3:1, 7, 14.

In Chapter 10 he was about to write.

The Seven Thunders –

He was to seal this up – But the rest he was not to Seal.

1. He was to record them -
2. He was to make them known -
3. He was to publish them to the Churches –

These things where written both by –

* 1. Command –
  2. Revelation of God –

See the stress -

Urgency -

Importantance -

This Book is very important to us.

II. The Effects of This Revelation –

“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.”

There are two schools of thought

Here –

One – The idea of eternal fixedness of character.

When these Revelations scenes have been fulfilled.

The other idea – is the Effect of these

Words – or this Revelation –

The meaning of the text has immediate reference to the context – to the now – sealing- writing and publishing –

For a better understanding read it –

“Let the unjust one do injustice more and more –

and the filthy one defile more and more, and the righteous one do righteousness more and more.”

II Tim 3:13 Heb 6:7-9

The same light of the Sun breed pestilence in the marshland –

Breeds life to all –

It is an ill to the ill -

Good to the Good –

III. The Rewards To All –

“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”

1. To the wicked -

Degrees of Reward –

More tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah

2. To the Righteous –

Degrees of Reward -

Not Salvation but for works.

Wood – hay – stubble Gold- Silver – Precious Stones.