

# The Book of Revelation

## The Setting

- ❖ John the beloved
- ❖ Christians under tremendous persecution by Roman emperors...
- ❖ Earthly authority of the time, Domitian (around A.D. 95), exiled John the Apostle to Patmos
  - Domitian was a cruel man who desired to be worshipped and when Christians wouldn't worship him, he demanded leader of the Christians be put to death
    - Believed that John the Apostle was put in boiling water or wax but did not die and afterward was banished by Domitian to Patmos
- ❖ Patmos was a barren place during this time that people sent to die
  - It was a place of isolation, rocky with harsh conditions
  - **Yet, in the midst of great trial, John hears clearly from God –**
    - Show me someone that has gone through great trials because of their faith and I will show you someone with a word from God – What have you learned from your Patmoses? Gen. 22:14; Gen. 28:16; Exo. 15:23-27; James 1:1-4
- ❖ The word revelation: apokalupsis:
  - 1) laying bare, making naked 2) a disclosure of truth, instruction 2a) concerning things before unknown 2b) used of events by which things or states or persons hitherto withdrawn from view are made visible to all 3) manifestation, appearance*
  - Thayer's Greek Definitions*

## CHAPTER 1: 1-8

- ❖ It is not John's revelation but The Revelation of Jesus Christ – vs. 1 – John 1:18
  - It was given by God – John 3:32
- ❖ Why was the revelation given? Vs. 1
  - To show his servants things which must shortly (swiftly, speedily) come to pass:  
*"Shortly come to pass?" you say. "This book is over two thousand years old!" The Greek word translated "shortly" is **en tachei**, meaning "must come to pass with rapidity." It's the same Greek word from which we get the word "tachometer"—the instrument used to determine the speed of an engine. Thus, the Lord is telling us in this verse that when end-time events begin to happen, they'll increase their rpms and happen with greater rapidity.*  
*Jon Courson's Application Commentary – New Testament*
  - God's people, Christians are represented as His servants – Rev. 2:20; Rom. 1:1; Tit. 1:1
- ❖ Vs. 1: he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John
  - Signified: *sēmainō*: to give a sign; to make known (*Thayer's Greek Definitions*)
    - Why with signs?
- ❖ Vs. 2: Who bare record... 1 Cor. 1:6; 1 John 1:1-4; John 19:35

**The Blessing the enemy wants you to avoid – Vs. 3**

- ❖ The blessing demonstrates that Revelation should be read and shared with others and those who hear and receive it will be blessed – Luke 11:27-28
- ❖ The blessing is also in keeping the word – Psa. 19:7-11
- ❖ The time is at hand – James 5:7-8; Rev. 1:1

**Greetings to the seven churches – Vs. 4-8**

- ❖ Vs. 4: The seven churches in Asia
  - From him:
    - Which is – Exo. 3:14
    - Which was – John 1:1
    - Which is to come – Rev. 1:8
  - From the seven Spirits which are before his throne – Isa. 11:2; Zech 3:9, 4:10
- ❖ Vs. 5: Jesus is:
  - The faithful witness – John 8:14; Isa. 55:4
  - The first begotten of the dead – Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 15:20
  - The prince of the kings of the earth – Rev. 17:14
  - He loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood – John 13:34; Heb. 9:14
- ❖ Vs. 6: He has made us kings and priests unto God
  - Kings: royalty
  - Priests: representatives, intercessors, Heb. 13:15, Rom. 5:1-2; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9
- ❖ Vs. 6: The glory and dominion are due God forever – 1 Tim. 6:16; Rev. 5:10
  - We allow God to get glory or be seen in and through us
  - God has dominion or rule in and over us
- ❖ Vs. 7: Jesus is coming – Mat. 24:29-31; 42; John 14:3
  - With clouds – Acts 1:9-11; also, of believers figuratively (Heb. 12:1)
  - Clouds represent God's presence and glory – Exo. 13:21-22
  - Every eye shall see Him – won't be done secretly – Mat. 24:26-27
  - They also that pierced Him – Zech. 12:10-14
  - All kindreds of the earth – Rev. 7:9; Mat. 24:30

**Who Jesus is – Vs. 8**

- ❖ Alpha and Omega – Isa. 41:4
- ❖ The Almighty – Isa. 9:6

## CHAPTER 1: 8-20

### Jesus and God are One – Vs. 8

- ❖ Alpha and Omega – Isa. 41:4, 44:6, 48:12; Rev. 21:6-7; John 7:37; Rev. 22:12-13, 16, 20-21

### Vision of the Son of Man

- ❖ Vs. 9: John identifies with the believer's struggle instead of speaking to them and "their" struggles by calling himself their companion in tribulation and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ – Phil. 1:7; 2 Tim. 1:12
  - Vs. 9: Note how John got here: for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ
- ❖ Vs. 10: I was in the Spirit... (Acts 10:10) on the Lord's day (Acts 20:7)
- ❖ Vs. 11: John heard Jesus voice and was given command to write and send
  - Told to write what he saw 11 times in Revelation
- ❖ Vs. 12: What John heard caused him to pivot to see Jesus
  - 7 Golden candlesticks (lampstands) – Exo. 25:37
    - Lampstands require 2 things to show light: oil and fire – Mat. 5:14-16
- ❖ Vs. 13: Jesus standing in the midst of the 7 candlesticks – Son of Man: Dan. 7:13-14; Mat. 20:28; Mat. 26:24; Luke 9:58; Luke 19:10
  - Clothed in long garment – symbolic of person of great authority and dignity; priests (Heb. 4:14-16); Also look at Isa. 6:1
  - Golden band: high priest (Exo. 29:5, Exo. 39:1-5)
- ❖ Vs. 14-15: further description
  - Head and hairs – white like wool – Dan. 7:9
  - Eyes as a flame of fire – Dan. 10:6
  - Feet – Eze. 1:7
    - Brass is known for its ability to endure and is also associated with judgement and sacrifice (Exo. 27:1-6 Brazen altar)
  - Voice as the sound of many waters – Eze. 1:24; 43:2
- ❖ Vs. 16: 7 Stars in His Right Hand – 7 messengers for the 7 churches – Rev. 1:20, 2:1, 3:1
  - Note that the 7 were protected with special care in His Right Hand
  - Two-edged sword – Isa. 49:2; Heb. 4:12; Eph. 6:17
  - His countenance – Mat. 17:2; Num. 6:24-26
- ❖ Vs. 17-18: Assurance
  - He touched me – Dan. 8:18, 10:10
  - No need to fear because of who Jesus is – Isa. 41:4, 44:6, 48:12
  - He lives forever more – Rev. 4:9
  - Jesus has the keys of hell and death – Psa. 68:20
    - Believers should not fear death – 1 Cor. 15:51-57; 2 Cor. 5:1-8; Phil. 1:21-23

## CHAPTER 2

### The Message to the church at Ephesus

- ❖ Ephesus was considered the mother church to these others and was connected to them by the same road. The name Ephesus means darling or love.
- ❖ Famous as a religious, cultural and financial center
  - Large temple to Diana, fertility goddess worshiped with immoral sex – Acts 19: 21-41
  - Place of various satanic practices, the melding of religions and the like – Acts 19:13-20
  - Church tradition teaches that John lived in Ephesus
- ❖ Vs. 1: To the angel of the church at Ephesus
  - Jesus holds the 7 stars in his right hand – Rev. 1:16
  - Jesus walks in the midst of the 7 golden candlesticks – Rev. 1:13
- ❖ Vs. 2: I know thy works, labor, patience – Psa. 1:6; 1 Thes. 1:3; James 2:14-26
  - Works: ergon: anything done or to be done; a deed, work, action (Mounce Concise Greek-English Dictionary)
  - Labor: kopos: trouble, difficulty, uneasiness, travail, toil (Mounce Concise Greek-English Dictionary)
  - Patience (steadfast endurance) – hypomonē: patient endurance, awaiting, frame of mind, perseverance (Mounce Concise Greek-English Dictionary)
- ❖ Vs. 2: You can't stand evil people – Psa. 1
- ❖ Vs. 2: You know a phony when you see it – Acts 20:29-31; 1 Cor. 9:1; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; Mat. 7:15-16
- ❖ Vs. 3: You've persevered and not become weary – Gal. 6:9

### *The Problem and Solution*

- ❖ Vs. 4: You've left your first love – Jer. 2:2-13; Eph. 5:23-33
  - Decided to do something else, go another path, back away from the relationship –
    - Still wearing the ring but not sharing the heart
  - Sound in doctrine and actions but yet they left their first love of Christ
- ❖ Vs. 5: Remember (Luke 15:17-19), repent (Lev. 26:40-42; Mat. 4:17; Acts 2:38) and return and do your first works (Gal. 5:5-6; 1 Cor. 13:1-3)
- ❖ Refusing to follow the warning will result in the removal of their candlestick (light)
  
- ❖ Vs. 6: Jesus hates the deeds of the Nicolaitans
  - False teaching excusing loose living, self-indulgence and immorality (Rev. 2: 14-15)
- ❖ Vs. 7: He that hath an ear – Mat. 11:15; Rev. 2:11,17;3:6,13,22; 13:9
- ❖ Vs. 7: to him that overcomes – John 16:33; 1 John 5:4-5
- ❖ Vs. 7: eat of the tree of life – Rev. 22:2,14; Gen. 2:9, 3:22

**The Message to the church at Smyrna**

- ❖ Smyrna means Myrrh: fragrance used to anoint dead bodies but only released when crushed
  - Note uses: Jesus birth – Mat. 2:11; Cross – Mark 15:23
- ❖ Smyrna as a city was very prosperous but had devolved to emperor worship
- ❖ Polycarp was the pastor of this church
- ❖ Vs. 8: Death could not hold Jesus
- ❖ Vs. 9: What Jesus knows about the church of Smyrna?
  - Works and tribulation – thlípsis – pressure, affliction, anguish, persecution
  - Poverty – although city prosperous, Christians in utter poverty because of oppression for serving Christ – Heb. 10:34
    - Jesus says they are rich – Luke 12:21; 2 Cor. 6:10; 2 Cor. 8:2; Mat. 6:20; contrast with Rev. 3:17
- ❖ Vs. 9: What he knows about the people at Smyrna
  - The blasphemy of religious lacking true devotion to Christ – Rom. 2:17
    - While some Jews rejected and persecuted Christians, not all Jews – Phil. 3:3
      - Are the synagogue of satan – Rev. 3:9
- ❖ Vs. 10: Don't be afraid of what you will suffer – Mat. 10:22
- ❖ Vs. 10: Ten days of tribulation
  - 10 Roman emperors time period great attacks launched on believers
  - 10 years of persecution as what occurred under Diocletian
  - May be figurative
- ❖ Vs. 10: Be faithful unto death – Mat. 24:13
- ❖ Vs. 10: Crown of life – James 1:12
- ❖ Vs. 11:
  - Those willing to hear should listen to the Spirit – Rev. 13:9
  - Overcomers won't be impacted by the second death – Rev. 20:6, 14

**The Message to the church at Pergamos**

- ❖ Pergamos (height or elevation): the capital city of Asia
  - Famous for its temples to false gods, especially throne-like altar of Zeus
  - Known for worship of deity known as Asclepius (serpent on a pole)
    - Had medical school there brought people from everywhere
  - Pergamos: thoroughly married
- ❖ Vs. 12: Two-edged sword - Rev. 1:16-18; Heb. 4:12
- ❖ Vs. 13: Jesus knows works and where you dwell, even where satan's seat is – Eph. 6:12-13
  - Seat = throne: Rev. 1:4, 3:21, 4:2-6
- ❖ Vs. 13: They held fast Jesus and didn't deny the faith – Heb. 4:14, 6:18
  - Antipas killed for refusing to worship the emperor

*A Few Things Against You (vs. 14-17)*

- ❖ Vs. 14: Teacher of the doctrine of Balaam – Num. 22-25, 31; 2 Pet. 2:15; Jude 11
  - Eat things sacrificed to idols – Num. 31:16; Acts 15:29
  - Cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel – 1 Cor. 8
  - To commit fornication – 1 Cor. 5:1; 1 Cor. 6:12-20
- ❖ Vs. 15: the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate

#### *The Solution*

- ❖ Vs. 16: Repent
  - If not, Jesus says He will fight them with His Sword – Isa. 11:4; 2 Thes. 2:8; Rev. 19:15
- ❖ Vs. 17: Overcomers receive of the hidden manna – Exo. 16:33-34
- ❖ Vs. 17: A New Name – Isa. 56:5; 62:2; 65:15; Rev. 3:12

#### **The Message to the church at Thyatira**

- ❖ Referred to as the apostate church
  - Apostate: abandoning a religious or political belief or principle (*Oxford Languages*)
- ❖ Thyatira (continual sacrifice)
  - Believed to represent time from 600 A.D. to 1500 A.D. (Dark Ages)
    - Bible reading restricted to priests of church in Rome
    - Mother of God and the queen of heaven was lifted equal or above Jesus
      - “Mary worship”, but what does the Word say? John 2:5; 1 Tim. 2:5; Rom. 1:25; Rom. 10:9-10; John 14:6; Isa. 42:8, Luke 1:46-56
      - See Jer. 7:18 and 44:17 for queen of heaven
  - Trade guilds had their own deities based upon Greek and Roman gods
  - Lydia, Paul’s first convert in Macedonia was from Thyatira – Acts 16:14-15
  - Was considered the least important city among the seven cities addressed yet Jesus still knows all about them – Vs. 19
- ❖ Vs. 18: Jesus uses His title as the Son of God
- ❖ Vs. 18: Jesus describes Himself – (see page 3 of these notes on Rev. 1:14-15)
  - Fire in eyes, brass feet – discernment and judgement  
1 Cor. 3:11-15

### *The Good*

- ❖ Vs. 19: They were doing greater works than their first works
  - Love – only church Jesus commends for their love for other people
  - Faith, service, patience – Thyatira is not a lazy church but a busy church
  - As they grew spiritually, their works grew

### *The Problem*

- ❖ Vs. 20: Notwithstanding, I have a few things...
  - Not your works but what you tolerate – Jezebel – 1 Kings 16:31, 21:25, 2 Kings 9:7, 22,30
    - Whether an actual person or not, this is a spirit embedded within the church
    - From 1 Kings:
      - Marries King Ahab but she is daughter of Ethbaal, king of Zidonians and priest of Ashtaroth – goddess of sensuality and fertility (1 Kgs. 16:31) – 2 Cor. 6:14
    - She calls herself a prophetess and was given a place to speak to the church and propagate her idolatry and seduction – Mat. 24:11
    - She is being allowed to teach and to seduce – given a position of influence
      - To commit fornication – Ex. 34:15
  - The danger of ungodly influence and compromise – Pro. 13:20; 1 Tim. 4:1

### *Refusal to Repent & The Consequences*

- ❖ Vs. 21: Jesus gave her opportunity to repent and chose not to – Rom. 2:5; Rev. 9:20
- ❖ Good deeds alone are never enough – Mat. 7:21-23
- ❖ Vs. 22: Sick bed and great tribulation
  - Sickness can be a result of sin – 1 Cor. 11:29-30
  - Great tribulation

### **The Message to the church at Sardis**

- ❖ Sardis: a city built on top of range (3 cliffs) and considered extremely difficult to attack because of its location high above valley and surrounded by deep cliffs and natural defenses
  - Well known for softness, luxury, inattentiveness, and general sense of invulnerability
  - Luxury, idolatry, sexual immorality and impurity – Rev. 3:4
  - The Midas Touch - King Croesus – one of earliest known place of modern money
  - Herodotus (historian) during King Cyrus- soldier dropped his helmet and Cyrus soldiers watched and followed hidden path and eventually took city at night while King Croesus army had their guard down and not watching
- ❖ The danger of not watching – Mat. 26:41; Mat. 24:42-44; 1 Cor. 9:27
  - 300 years later Antiochus the Great conquered the same way...
- ❖ Sardis: escaping ones or those who come out – a type of the church during the Reformation period (1500A.D. – 1750 A.D.)
- ❖ Vs. He that hath the 7 Spirits of God – Rev. 1:4, 16; Isa. 11:2; Zech 3:9, 4:10
  - 7 stars – 7 messengers for the 7 churches – Rev. 1:20, 2:1, 3:1

### *The Observation and Condemnation – Reputation without Manifestation*

- ❖ Read 1 Cor. 2:4-5
- ❖ Vs. 1: Have a name that you are alive, but are really dead...
  - Name: onoma: name, title, character, reputation, person (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)
    - Known for what they use to be but no longer are
  - Type of dead works and having form without power – 2 Tim. 3:1-5
- ❖ Vs. 2: Their works are not complete – perfect (plēroō: to make full, to fill up Thayer's Greek Definitions)
  - Start but never see things through to completion – Phil. 1:3-6; John 4:34; Eph. 3:14-19; Acts 20:24
- ❖ Organization but not an organism
- ❖ They are dead – Eph. 2:1, 5; No spirit – John 6:63

### *The Solution*

- ❖ Vs. 2: **Be watchful** (grēgoreuō: stay awake) – Eph. 5:14
  - If you won't watch – Mat. 24:42-43; Luke 12: 35-40 (MSG)
    - As a thief - 1 Thes. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 16:15
- ❖ Vs. 2 **Strengthen what remains** but is ready to die –
  - There are still a few undefiled – vs. 4
  - They will walk with Christ in white –
    - Won't save others but themselves – Eze. 14:14, 16, 18, 20
- ❖ Vs. 3: **Welcome and receive the ministry of the Holy Spirit** – remember how you received and heard – John 16:4-15, 1 The. 2:13
- ❖ Vs. 3: **Hold fast to the Word of God** – 2 Tim. 1:13-14; 2 Tim. 3:15-17
  - Hold fast: keep – Rev. 1:3
- ❖ Vs. 3: **Repent** – Rev. 3:19

### *To the Overcomers*

- ❖ Those that remain unspotted, push through the deadness of others and grow in personal relationship with Christ
- ❖ 3 Promises to the Overcomers
  - Clothed in white – Rev. 19:8
  - Name remain in the Book of Life – Luke 10:20
  - Jesus will confess them before God the Father and His angels – Mat. 10:32

**The Message to the church at Philadelphia (3:7-13)**

- ❖ Philadelphia: brotherly love
  - Was called by some little Athens
  - City dealt with a lot of earthquakes which often called for evacuation
- ❖ Contrast of types of love
  - Phileo – brotherly love, tender affection, general kindness
  - Eros – erotic, sensual love
  - Agape – God-like love; love of the will rather than emotions, unconditional love – John 3:16
- ❖ Vs. 7: Note the description of Christ:
  - He that is holy – Acts 3:14
  - He that is true – John 14:6; 1 John 5:20
  - He that hath the key of David – Rev. 1:8; Isa. 9:6-7, 22:22
    - Represents Jesus authority
  - He that opens and no man shuts; and shuts and no man opens – Mat. 16:13-19; Rev. 1:18
    - Noah – Gen. 7:16; Foolish virgins – Mat. 25:1-13
- ❖ Vs. 8: I set before you an open door – represents opportunity – 1 Cor. 16:9; 2 Cor. 2:12
  - No man can shut it
- ❖ Vs. 8: They depended upon God in spite of everything
  - You have a little strength but still – 2 Cor. 12:7-10
    - Have kept my word and haven't denied my name – refused to blaspheme Jesus Name even under threat of death
- ❖ Vs. 9: Jesus will deal with the troublemaking phonies
  - They profess to be believers yet are not –
  - Of the synagogue of satan – Rev. 2:9
    - Profess to be Jews but lie – speaking to a particular group
- ❖ Vs. 9: They will be exposed and will have to acknowledge who true believers are – Isa. 45:14, 49:23, 60:14; 1 Cor. 14:24-25
- ❖ Vs. 10: Because of their faithfulness, God will keep them **from** the hour of temptation – 2 Pet. 2:9; Mat. 24:21; Rev. 6, 8-9, 16
  - Those that dwell upon the earth does not apply to believers – Phil. 3:18-20; 1 Pet. 2:11; Rev. 6:10
- ❖ Vs. 11: Behold I come quickly – Phil. 4:5; hold fast – Rev. 2:25; no man take thy crown – Rev. 2:10
- ❖ Vs. 12: Overcomers will be made pillars in the temple – 1 Kings 7:21; Gal. 2:9
  - Go no more out – place of permanence: Psa. 23:6
  - I will write upon him the name of my God – Rev. 14:1

**The Message to the church at Laodicea (3:14-22)**

- ❖ Laodicea: means people ruling – compromising church
  - Highly commercial and wealthy city
  - Materialistic, self-sufficient, do-your-own thing, religious, apostasy

*“Laodicea was too rich to accept help from anyone. Tacitus, the Roman historian, tells us: ‘Laodicea arose from the ruins by the strength of her own resources, and with no help from us.’” (Barclay)*

- They prided themselves on financial wealth, textile industry and popular eye-salve they exported around the world.
- Located near hot waters of Hierapolis and cold pure waters of Colossae
- Water came from outside of the city through aqueducts 6 miles long from hot springs of Hierapolis and could be cut off by enemies
  - By the time it arrived, it was lukewarm because of the distance between the source and them
- The church there was primarily run by the people
  - “*Its name designates it as the Church of mob rule, the democratic church, in which everything was swayed and decided by popular opinion.*”
  - J. A. Seiss, The Apocalypse Lectures on the Book of Revelation

- Notice: the church: of Ephesus (Rev. 2:1), in Smyrna (Rev. 2:8), in Pergamos (Rev. 2:12); in Thyatira (Rev. 2:18); in Sardis (Rev. 3:1), in Philadelphia (Rev. 3:7)...BUT THIS ONE IS THE CHURCH OF THE LAODICEANS... (Rev. 3:14)

- ❖ Vs. 14: Jesus calls Himself:
  - the Amen – Isa. 65:16; 2 Cor. 1:20
  - the faithful and true witness – Rev. 1:5, 3:7, 19:11
  - the beginning of the creation of God – Col. 1:15

*The Problem (Verses 15-16)*

- ❖ Verse 15: “...that thou art neither cold nor hot...”
  - Cold – refreshing waters in Colossae
  - Hot (Zestos) – healing waters of Hierapolis
    - Laodicea had no fervor for the Lord – Romans 12:11
- ❖ Lukewarm Christians (Vs. 17): saw themselves through their worldly possession but Jesus called them poor and ignorant – Hos. 12:8; Zech 11:5; Mat. 5:3

*The Solution (Verse 18-19)*

- ❖ Buy (obtain, seek after)
  - Tried GOLD – refined by fire – Isa 55:1; Mat. 13:44
    - No dross, purified genuine faith and spiritual blessings – 1 Peter 1:7
  - WHITE RAIMENT – righteousness by faith – 2 Cor. 5:3

- ❖ Anoint with EYESALVE – you need spiritual vision
  - Where are you going?
  - What is God showing you?
- ❖ Vs. 19: He calling us to repent – Job 5:17; Pro. 3:12

*The Knock (Vs. 20-22)*

- ❖ Represents God's attempt to get your attention...
- ❖ Vs. 20 He is standing at the door – Song 5:2
  - If you hear – Luke 12:36-37; John 10:3
  - I will come in and sup... John 14:23 (KJV and MSG)
- ❖ Vs. 21: Overcomer get special access – Mat. 19:28; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 2:26-27
  - Even as He overcame – Phil 2:6-11

## CHAPTER 4

### The Throne

- ❖ Let's start off by reading Rev. 1:19 for this section of Revelation
  - We now pick up after teaching and prophetic words on churches
    - Now the word church is no longer used in Revelation
  - Meta tauta: after this, hereafter
- ❖ Vs. 1: A door was opened – Ezek. 1:1; Rev. 19:11
  - Trumpet talking with me – Rev. 1:10
- ❖ Vs. 2: **One** sat on the throne – Isa. 6:1; Ezek. 1:26-28
  - Vs. 3: Like jasper and sarius stone – Mat. 5:8; Rev. 21:11
    - Rainbow around about the throne – Gen. 9:13-17; Rev. 10:1
- ❖ Vs. 4: 25 Elders
  - Same word for seats is used for throne earlier
  - Believed to be men representative of church
    - They reign with Christ – Rev. 2:26-27, 20:4
    - They wear white robes – Rev. 3:5, 18; 19:8
    - They are wearing crowns – 2 Tim. 4:8; James 1:12; 1 Pet. 5:4
    - Why didn't Isaiah and Ezekiel see the 24 thrones also? Eze. 1; Isa. 6
    - More keys to them: Mat. 19:28; 1 Chr. 24:1-5; Rev. 21:12-14
  - What they do?
    - They worship – Rev. 4:10-11; they sing a new song – Rev. 5:8-9; they shall reign on the earth – Rev. 5:10
- ❖ Vs. 5: Lightnings and thunderings and voices – Exo. 19:16-19; Rev. 8:5
- ❖ Vs. 5: 7 Lamps of fire burning before the throne, 7 Spirits of God – 2 Sam. 7:12; Isa 11:2
- ❖ Vs. 6: sea of glass like unto crystal –
- ❖ Vs. 6: 4 beasts (creatures)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> beast face like lion, 2<sup>nd</sup> face like a calf, 3<sup>rd</sup> face of a man, 4<sup>th</sup> like a flying eagle – Eze. 1:10; 10:14
    - "These creatures may represent the whole of living creation as symbolized by the lion, ox, man, bird. There is a Jewish rabbinic saying that offers support to this view. The saying in its present form dates to A.D. 300 but is probably much older than that date: "The mightiest among the birds is the eagle, the mightiest among the domestic animals is the bull, the mightiest among the wild beasts is the lion, and the mightiest among all is man." The same four faces are also noted in the creatures of the vision in Ezekiel." The Preacher's Commentary*
- ❖ Vs. 11: Thou art worthy – Rev. 1:6, 5:12
- ❖ Vs. 11: He created all things – Gen. 1:1; John 1:1-3
- ❖ Vs. 11: The purpose of all creation: His will and His pleasure – Col. 1:16

## CHAPTER 5

### The Sealed Book

- ❖ Vs. 1: The scroll in the hand of God – Eze. 2:9-10
  - Was sealed with 7 seals – Dan. 12:1-4; Isa. 29:11
    - Nothing more needs to be added because its sealed
- ❖ Vs. 2-3: Who is worthy to open the book?
  - Not a question of willingness but worthiness – Rev. 4:11; 5:9
  - Creation can not unfold its destiny – it is the job of the Creator – Psa. 31:14-15; Psa. 24:1
- ❖ Vs. 4: John cries in Heaven

### The Lion and the Lamb

- ❖ Vs. 5: The elder says not to weep
  - The Lion of the tribe of Judah – Gen 49:9-10; Heb. 7:14
  - The Root of David – Isa. 11:1,10
  - He has prevailed – Rev. 3:21
  - Loose the 7 seals – Rev. 6:1
- ❖ Vs. 6-7: the elder announced the Lion but John sees a Lamb – John 1:29; Isa. 53:7
  - 7 horns: symbolic of power, omnipotence; 7 eyes: symbolic of wisdom, omniscience (Zech. 4:10)
  - Vs. 7: He took the book out of the Right Hand of God

### Worthy is the Lamb

- Vs. 8: The result of Christ taking and beginning to exercise authority and reclaim the earth was worship, each having a harp...
- ❖ Vs. 9-10: A new song – the song of the redeemed (contrast to Rev. 4:11)
  - An excerpt from David Guzik's Enduring Word Commentary:*
    - *The song honors the price of redemption: **for You were slain.***
    - *The song honors the worker of redemption: **have redeemed us.***
    - *The song honors the destination of redemption: **have redeemed us to God.***
    - *The song honors the payment of redemption: **by Your blood.***
    - *The song honors the scope of redemption: **every tribe and tongue and people and nation.***
    - *The song honors the length of redemption: **have made us kings and priests to our God.***
    - *The song honors the result of redemption: **and we shall reign on the earth.***
- Scriptures to read: Exo. 19:6; Isa. 61:1-6; 1 Pet. 2:9

## CHAPTER 6

First, let's read:

- ❖ Luke 4:16-19 and compare to Isa. 61:1-2
- ❖ Mat. 24:3-15
- ❖ Luke 21:36
- ❖ Jude 1:24

### Keys to Consider

- ❖ It's time to confess and serve Christ
- ❖ God's Word will be fulfilled
- ❖ Your choice today will determine what you experience tomorrow

### The Seals

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

- ❖ Vs. 2:
  - Crown: stephanos: victor's crown BUT JESUS HAS CROWNS (diadem: ruling crown)
    - This crown (stephanos) is only a wreath made of olive branches but it won't last
  - Note who this rider is with – war, famine, death
  - Has a bow: toxon
  - Compare this white horse to Rev. 19:11-16; Dan. 8:23-25 (KJV & MSG); John 5:43;
  - 2 Cor. 11:14, Dan. 9:27

#### *2<sup>nd</sup> Seal – Red Horse*

- ❖ Vs. 3-4: Represents war – Mat. 24:6-7
  - Note that peace is removed by permission of God – vs. 4
  - Mat. 10:34

#### *3<sup>rd</sup> Seal – Black Horse*

- ❖ Vs. 5-6: Represents inflation and famine – Eze. 14:1-23; Jer. 4:28
  - Vs. 5: pair of balances in his hand – Eze. 4:16; Lev. 26:26-28
  - Vs. 6: a penny (denari) was about a day's wages – Mat. 20:2
  - Prices are about 8-10 times the norm here
  - Vs. 6: don't hurt the oil and the wine – Rev. 7:3, 9:4

#### *4<sup>th</sup> Seal – Pale Horse*

- ❖ Vs. 7-8: name is Death –
  - Vs. 8: Hell follows death closely – Rev. 1:18
  - They are given power over the fourth part of the earth
    - To kill with the sword – Eze. 5:12; 14:21; 29:5
    - To kill with hunger, death, the beasts (a dangerous animal, living thing, animal)

### 5<sup>th</sup> Seal – Martyrs

- ❖ Vs. 9-11:
  - Vs. 9: killed for the testimony of Christ – 2 Tim. 1:8
    - Under the altar – Lev. 4:7
  - Vs. 10: God's timing isn't always ours – How long – Zec. 1:12; Psa. 13
    - them that dwell on the earth – unsaved
  - Vs. 11: robes of righteousness
  - Told to wait – Heb. 11:40; Note the principle in: Psa. 37:7-9

### 6<sup>th</sup> Seal –

- ❖ Vs. 12-17:
  - Vs. 12: The earth in contraction and distress
    - Great earthquake – Mat. 24:7; Rev. 16: 18
    - Sun black as sackcloth – Joel 2:10, 31; 3:15
    - Vs. 13: Stars fall unto the earth – Rev. 8:10; 9:1
    - Vs. 14: the heaven departed as a scroll – Isa. 34:4
    - Vs. 15: the kings of the earth – Psa. 2:2-4
    - Vs. 15: hid themselves – Isa. 2:10, 19, 21
    - Vs. 16: when it's too late – Luke 23:29; Rev. 20:11
    - Vs. 17: who shall be able to stand – Zeph. 1:14

## CHAPTER 7

### Things to remember

- ❖ It's time to confess and serve Christ
- ❖ God's Word will be fulfilled
- ❖ Your choice today will determine what you experience tomorrow
- ❖ God has sealed us by His Spirit – Eph. 4:30
- ❖ There are many trials and tribulations God holds back or keeps us through them – Job 1:12; Psa. 34:19

### Four Angels

- ❖ Vs. 1-3: Four angels on the 4 corners of the earth
  - Winds can point to judgement – Jer. 49:36; 51:1,16; Isa. 11:15
  - They are restraining judgement – Dan. 7:2
- ❖ The servants marking and sealing – vs. 3, Rev. 14:1; Eze. 9:4
  - Jesus was sealed – John 6:27
  - We are sealed by the Holy Spirit – 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Eph. 1:13; 2 Tim. 2:19

### 144,000 – vs. 4-8

- ❖ The tribe of Dan is not included in this listing but in Ezekiel's millennial role call – Eze. 48
  - Dan was first tribe to go into idolatry and is believed to be the tribe the antichrist comes from – Jud. 18:30; Dan. 11:37; Jer. 8:16
- ❖ What we know about the 144,000 from reading the Rev. 7 & 14:
  - They are from all the tribes of the children of Israel – vs. 4
  - They represent specific tribes – vs. 4-8
  - They are protected and have victory through tribulation – Rev. 14:1
  - They sing a song no man could learn but them – Rev. 14:3
  - They are devoted and faithful – Rev. 14:4-5
  - They are first fruits onto God and the Lamb – Rev. 14:4
    - Rom. 11:1, 26

### The Great Multitude (vs. 9-17)

- ❖ This multitude cannot be numbered – Rom. 11:25
- ❖ There will be diversity in heaven – vs. 9; Rev. 5:9; Acts 10: 9-35
- ❖ They all will wear white and have victory – Rev. 3:5, 18; 4:4
- ❖ Vs. Salvation belongs to our God – Psa. 3:8

*7-Fold Praise*

- ❖ Vs. 12: Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power and might be unto our God for ever and ever...

*Questions about this multitude? (Vs. 13-14)*

- ❖ Vs. 13: Who are these in white: Rev. 7:9
  - Where did they come from? Rev. 7:14
    - Came out of great tribulation
    - Have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb – Isa. 1:18; Zech. 3:3-5; Heb. 9:14
- ❖ Vs. 15: they now serve God day and night in his temple
  - They serve in heaven
  - God dwells among them – Isa. 4:5-6; Rev. 21:3
- ❖ Vs. 16: God will keep and preserve them just as He does us now –
  - Hunger no more – Psa. 121:5; Isa 49:10
  - Sun shall not strike them – Psa. 121:6; Rev. 21:4
- ❖ Vs. 17: The Lamb shall feed them – Psa. 23:1; Mat. 2:6
  - God shall wipe away all tears – Isa. 25:8; Mat. 5:4; Rev. 21:4

## CHAPTER 8

### The Seventh Seal

- ❖ Vs. 1: Silence in heaven: The severity of the judgement to come brought silence for about a half hour
  - Heaven usually filled with praises – Rev. 4:8-11
- ❖ Vs. 1: angels given trumpets – 2 Chr. 29:25-28

### *The Golden Censer and Incense*

- ❖ Vs. 3: Incense burned combined with the prayers of the saints – Rev. 5:8
  - Note the saints prayer – Rev. 6:10; Rom. 12:19
    - The power of our prayers – 2 Pet. 3:10-12; Rev. 22:20
  - Angel given much incense
  - Golden altar: Exo. 30:1, 7-8 (type of what was in Heaven – Heb. 8:5)
- ❖ Vs. 5: censer contents cast into the earth

### The Trumpets

- ❖ Trumpet 1: (vs. 7) – hail and fire mingled with blood – Exo. 9:23; Joel 2:30; Isa. 28:2
  - 1/3 trees burnt up; all green grass burnt
- ❖ Trumpet 2: (vs. 8) – Jer. 51:25; Amos 7:4
  - 1/3 of sea became blood; 1/3 sea creatures die; 1/3 ships destroyed
- ❖ Trumpet 3: (vs. 10-11) star from heaven falls – Rev. 6:13
  - Wormwood: a bitter herb
- ❖ Trumpet 4: (vs. 12-13) – Isa. 13:10; Joel 2:31-32; Mat. 24:29
  - Vs. 13: Woe – warning (Hosea 7:13; Mat. 11:21)

## CHAPTER 9

### *The Bottomless Pit*

- ❖ Trumpet 5: a star falls from heaven unto the earth
  - Vs. 1: Notice this fallen star is not mere substance but a spirit – Isa. 14:12; Luke 10:18
    - “fall from heaven” properly translated as “which had fallen”
  - Vs. 1: the fallen star was given the key of the bottomless pit – abyss – Luke 8:31, Jude 6
  - Vs. 2-3: As the pit is opened, the sun and air darkened: Joel 2:2, 10

### *The Locusts*

- ❖ Vs. 3-5: Locusts: represent destruction and used in judgment – Exo. 10: 4; Deut. 28:38; 2 Chr. 7:13
  - Not normal but spiritual – they are given power and have a king (9:11)
  - Vs. 4: intelligent enough to receive commands not to destroy vegetation but to be agents of agitation and affliction (vs. 5)
    - Only allowed to torment those who don’t have the seal of God in their foreheads – Exo. 12:23; Eze. 9:4; Rev. 7:2-3
    - Would torment them for 5 months like a scorpion bite – vs. 5
- ❖ Vs. 6: Those left behind and unsaved will seek to die and can’t – Job 3:21; Rev. 6:16
  - Other scriptures for thought – Job 14:5; 1 Cor. 6:19-20
- ❖ Describing the locusts (vs. 7-10)
  - Shaped like horses prepared for battle – Joel 2:4
  - Like crowns on their heads – conquerors
  - Faces of men, Hair of women
  - Teeth of lions – ability to tear men apart – Joel 1:6
  - Breastplates of iron – indestructible
  - Sound of their wings brought fear – Jer. 47:3; Joel 2:5-7
  - Tails like scorpions and they stung
  - **They knew their place and authority**

### *The locust king (vs. 11)*

- ❖ The angel of the bottomless pit – Eph. 2:2 KJV;
- ❖ Abaddon: destruction in Hebrew or Apollyon: destroyer in Greek – John 10:10

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet & Angel (Vs.13-21)**

- ❖ Vs. 13: The 4 angels of the river Euphrates will be loosed
  - These are fallen angels – Jude 6
  - Euphrates represents the northeastern boundaries of the Roman Empire and the kingdom of Israel – Gen. 15:17-21; also see Gen. 2:14
    - Note what Jesus says in Mat. 16:18
  - Vs. 15: these fallen angels were prepared for the hour, day, month and year
    - Demonic activity is structured and systematic – Dan. 10:12-13; Eph. 6:11-13
      - God has prepared a place for them and satan – Mat. 25:41
    - They kill a 1/3 of mankind
  - Vs. 16: 200 million evil army of either demons or literally people under demonic influence
  - Vs. 17-18: they are armored, colorful and appear and were fierce
  - Vs. 19: their power was in their mouth
    - What does God say to us about our mouths? Eph. 4:29; Pro. 18:21; James 3:5-6

*They Still Wouldn't Repent (vs. 20-21)*

- ❖ The rest of the men... - speaks of those who survived these plagues, still did not repent
  - Even after 144,000 Jewish evangelists – Rev. 7:1-8
  - Even after these plagues
- ❖ Vs. 20: Would not repent of the works of their hands – Deu. 31:29; Acts 19:18-20
  - They should not worship devils – Lev. 17:7; Deut. 32:17; Psa. 106:37; 1 Cor. 10:20
  - And idols of gold, silver brass stone wood – Psa. 115:4-7; 135:15-17; Dan. 5:23
  - Worshipped stuff that had no life
- ❖ Vs. 21: their murders,
  - Sorceries: witchcraft – Rev. 21:8; 1 Sam. 15:23; Lev. 20:6; Deut. 18:10

## CHAPTER 10

### *The angel and the little book*

- ❖ Vs. 1: another mighty angel
  - O.T., Jesus referred to as the angel of the Lord but not in N.T.
    - Description similar to Christ in Rev. 1:13-16
  - Could refer to the angel Michael or some other mighty angel – Dan. 12:1, 6-7
  - What we do know:
    - This angel is a messenger and clothed with a cloud – Psa. 104:3
    - This angel has a rainbow upon his head – Rev. 4:3; Eze. 1:26-28
    - This angel has been in the Presence of God and is emanating as a result – Exo. 34:30
    - This angel has feet as pillars of fire – symbolizing God’s judgement – Mal. 4:1
- ❖ Vs. 2: The little book open in his hand
  - Book: bibliaridion – a small volume or little book (only used here and in vs. 8-10); not normal bible for book
  - Standing in authority – right foot on sea and left on dry land – Psa. 95:5; Mat. 28:18
- ❖ Vs. 3-4: 7 thunders – Psa. 29:3-9; Rev. 4:5, 8:5
  - John understood what the 7 thunders were saying and was about to record it but was stopped
  - Vs. 4: told to seal up what the 7 thunders uttered – Dan. 8:26, 12:4,9; Rev. 22:10
- ❖ Vs. 5-6:
  - Vs. 5: the angel lifted up his hand to heaven and swears by God – Exo. 6:8 (KJV & NIV); Deut. 32:40
    - Does not contradict scripture about swearing an oath – Mat. 5:34-35; Mat. 23:16-22
  - Vs. 6: time is up; no more delaying
- ❖ Vs. 7: The mystery of God should be finished – Eph. 1:10
  - Other references to the mystery of God – Rom. 11:25; Eph. 3:3-11; Col. 1:27-2:3
  - As declared to his servants the prophets – Amos 3:7

### *The Calling - You’ve Got to Eat this Word (vs. 8-11)*

- ❖ Vs. 8-10: you must take possession of the Word
  - Angel told John to take it and eat it up – Jer. 15:16; Eze. 2:8, 3:1-3
  - Will make your belly bitter – Heb. 4:12; Eze. 2:10; Eze. 3:5-14 (MSG)
  - The word was sweet as honey in his mouth – Eze. 3:3
- ❖ Vs. 11: The necessity of prophesying – Eze. 18:32; 1 Tim. 2:4; Mat. 28:19-20

## CHAPTER 11

### *Measuring the Temple*

- ❖ Vs. 1: a reed (measuring stick) like unto a rod (staff) – Eze. 40:3, 42:20; Zech 2:1-5 (a surveyor's instrument)
  - Rise, and measure the temple of God – Num. 23:18
  - Measuring can be a sign of ownership – Hab. 3:6
  - The antichrist will break covenant and commit the abomination of desolation – Dan. 9:27, 11:31, 12:11; Mat. 24:15-16, 24:21; 2 The. 2:1-4; John 5:43
- ❖ Vs. 2: Leave out the outer court – Eze. 40:17, 20
  - Given to the Gentiles – Ps. 79:1; Luke 21:24
    - Shall tread under foot – Dan. 8:10
    - 42 months (3 ½ years) – Dan. 7:25, 12:7; Rev. 12:6, 13:5

### *The Two Witnesses (vs. 3-14)*

- ❖ Who are they?
  - Elijah? 2 Kings 1 (called down fire from heaven); Jam 5:17 (prayed and no ran for 3 ½ years); 2 Kings 2:11 (never died); Mal. 4:5 (promised to return)
  - Enoch? Gen. 5:24
  - Moses? Mat. 17; Jud 1:9
- ❖ Vs. 3:
  - Two witnesses – Deu. 17:6; Rev. 20:4;
    - Importance of 2 witnesses: Num. 13 (spies); Josh. 2:1; John 20:12; Mar. 6:7)
  - They are clothes in sackcloth symbolic of mourning and need for repentance and have been given power to complete their assignment – Acts 1:6-8 (for us)
- ❖ What do the two witnesses do? Prophecy, preach repentance, powerful ministry
- ❖ Vs. 4: two olive trees – Psa. 52:8; Jer. 11:16; Zech 4:2-3, 14
  - Near fulfilment of Zech 4 was Joshua and Zerubabel but far fulfillment the 2 witnesses
- ❖ The power of these 2 witnesses
  - Vs. 5:
    - Call forth fire for protection – 2 Kings 1:10-12; Jer. 1:10, 5:14
    - Anyone trying to hurt them killed by fire – Num. 16:29
  - Vs. 6: power to shut up heaven – 1 Kings 17:1; Luke 4:25
    - Power over waters to turn to blood

### *The Death of the 2 Witnesses*

- ❖ Vs. 7: When their witnesses assignment is done – Luke 13:32
  - The beast – Rev. 13:1, 11, 17:8

### The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet

- ❖ Note that this is an angel's trumpet and not the Trumpet of God
- ❖ Christ shall reign over all kingdoms – Rev. 12:10; Exo. 15:18; Dan. 2:44, 7:14
  - ” In the ancient Greek grammar, the verb tense of **have become** indicates an absolute certainty about Jesus' coming and reign, even *before* the fact is accomplished.”  
David Guzik's Enduring Word Commentary
  
- ❖ Vs. 16-17: The millennial kingdom will be established – 1 Cor. 15:24
  - The 24 elders worship as a result of the Will of God coming to pass – Rev. 19:6
  
- ❖ Vs. 18-19
  - Vs. 18: the nations angry – Psa. 2 (MSG); Luke 19:14
    - Judgement time comes – Dan. 7:10; Rev. 20:12-13
    - Scriptures to ponder – Rev. 20:11-15; Isa. 26:19-20; Dan. 12:2; Mat. 25
  - Vs. 19: the temple is opened in heaven –
    - Old Testament temple was a type of the one in Heaven – Heb. 9:22-23

## CHAPTER 12

### **The sun-clad woman (Vs. 1-4, 5-6)**

- ❖ Religious systems are often represented by women in Revelation
  - Jezebel (false teaching, seduction) – Rev. 2:20
  - Great Harlot (false religion) – Rev. 17:2
  - The Bride (the Church) – Rev. 19:7-8
- ❖ Note the woman has a crown (stephanos: victor's crown)
- ❖ The woman is most likely Israel – Gen 37:9-11; Isa. 54:1-6; Jer. 3:20; Eze. 16:8-14
- ❖ Vs. 2: the woman is with child – Rev. 12:5

### **The great red dragon (Vs. 3-4)**

- ❖ Red representing murder – John 8:44;
- ❖ 7 heads – Rev. 19:7
  - Rome is known as the city of seven hills
- ❖ 10 horns – Dan. 7:7-8, 2
- ❖ Dragon has 7 crowns (diadema: royal crowns)
- ❖ Vs. 4 – The dragon's attempt to destroy the child
  - The dragon (satan) caused 1/3 of angels to fall
  - Rev. 9:10, 19; Rev. 8:7,12; Dan. 8:10; Rev. 12:2
- ❖ What does Scripture say happened to satan and fallen angels – Jude 6; 2 Pet. 2:4
- ❖ How did satan try to stop Jesus birth? Mat. 2:16

### *The Attempt to Stop the Child Failed – vs. 5-6*

- ❖ Vs. 5: He was born to rule – Psa. 2:9; Isa. 7:14, 9:6; Rev. 2:27, 19:15
- ❖ Vs. 5: What does the Bible say about Christ's ascension? Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9-11
- ❖ Vs. 6: The Jewish people will endure unseen persecution during this period – Mat. 24
  - Coincides with the abomination of desolation spoken of earlier - Dan. 9:27, 11:31, 12:11; Mat. 24:15-16, 24:21; 2 The. 2:1-4; John 5:43

**War in Heaven (vs. 7-9)**

- ❖ Mid-point of the tribulation 7-year period – Dan. 12:1
- ❖ There are levels of angelic beings
- ❖ The devil is not equal to God
- ❖ Michael the archangel – Dan. 10:13, 21, 12:1; Jude 1:9 (Michael is not Jesus)
  - Contrast Jude 1:9 with Mat. 17:18; Mar. 1:25, 9:25; Luke 4:8, 35
- ❖ The dragon – Rev. 12:9, 20:2
  - Dragon cast out – Luke 10:18; John 12:31
  - Old serpent – Gen. 3:1-4; 2 Cor. 11:3
  - He deceives the whole world – Rev. 20:3
- ❖ Satan's access to heaven is removed and left to operate in the earth
  - Note Satan's access up till this point – Job 1:6-12; **Rev. 12:10**

**Overcoming Power (vs. 10-17)**

- ❖ Vs. 10: Loud voice speaks
  - Accuser of our brethren – Job. 1:1-6, 2:1-5; Rom. 8:33-34
    - If nothing else, Satan is consistent in his work – day and night
    - Look at what Jesus does – 1 John 2:1
- ❖ **Vs. 11: Make it personal: How we overcome** – Rom 16:20
  - By the Blood of the Lamb – Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; Heb. 9:14
  - The word of our testimony – your witness – Rev. 12:17, 1:2
  - They loved not their lives unto the death – Phil. 1:20-21; Mar. 8:35

*Last Ditched Effort (Vs. 12-17)*

- ❖ Vs. 12: the devil knows his time is short – Rev. 10:6
- ❖ Vs. 13: Persecutes the woman (Israel)
- ❖ Vs. 14: 2 Wings – Exo. 19:4; Deu. 32:11; Isa. 40:31; Psa. 91:4
  - Fly into the wilderness – momentary relocation – Rev. 12:6
- ❖ Vs. 15-16:
  - Spewed water out like a flood – he unleashes his full fury against Israel – Mat. 25:15-22
  - You can't drown her – Isa. 59:19, Isa. 43:1-2
- ❖ Vs. 17: the attack on her seed
  - Remnant either Jewish believers who wouldn't worship the enemy – Rev. 13:4,7,15 OR ALSO Gentile believers who are Abraham's seed by faith – Gal. 3:26,29

## CHAPTER 13

### The First Beast – The Antichrist (vs. 1-10)

- ❖ Vs. 1: the beast rises from the sea – Dan. 7:2,7
  - Ancient Israel was not fond of the sea – Psa. 74:12-13; Psa. 89:8-9; Isa. 57:20
  - Similar to the dragon but distinct – Rev. 12:3
  - Blasphemous names – Dan. 11:36, Rev. 17:3
- ❖ Vs. 2: the beast is empowered by satan – Rev. 12:3,9
  - Resembles leopard, bear and lion from Dan. 7 (Babylon, Medo-Persia and Grecian empires) – Roman Empire
- ❖ Vs. 3: Miraculous recovery of antichrist – Rev. 13:12-14; 17:8-11
- ❖ Vs. 4: the dragon is worshipped
  - They worshipped the beast – Exo. 15:11; Isa. 46:5
- ❖ Vs. 5: 3 ½ years of blasphemies and deception from the antichrist – 2 Thes 2:3
- ❖ Vs. 6: Blasphemy
  - Against God – Mat. 12:31
    - Against God's Name, tabernacle and those in heaven – 2 Thes. 2:4,11
- ❖ Vs. 7: The antichrist is given great overcoming power
  - Make war with the saints – Dan. 7:21; Rev. 11:7
  - Power over peoples – Rev. 11:18
- ❖ Vs. 8: Worshipping the antichrist
  - By those not in the Book of Life – Exo. 32:32; Rev. 20:12-15; Mat. 25:34; Rev. 17:8
- ❖ Vs. 9-10: There will be personal responsibility for actions despite of the influence of the antichrist

### The Second Beast – The False Prophet

- ❖ Rev. 16:13, 19:20, 20:10
- ❖ Has the power of the first beast – Rev. 13:11-12
- ❖ **The unholy trinity – satan, the antichrist and the false prophet**
- ❖ Note the purpose of the second beast – Rev. 13:12
- ❖ Vs. 11: has 2 horns – Mat. 7:15
- ❖ Vs. 13: Don't be deceived by signs and wonders Deu 13:1-5; Mat. 7:22-23; Mat. 24:24; 2 Thes. 2:9
- ❖ Vs. 14: Will deceive many by miracles – Rev. 12:9; 2 Thes. 2:9; 2 Kings 20:7
- ❖ The mark of the beast
  - If you don't worship the image, you will be killed – vs. 15: Rev. 16:2
  - Vs. 16 – all must receive the mark – Gal. 6:17; Rev. 7:3, 14:9
  - Vs. 17 – will not be able to buy or sell without the mark, the name or the number
    - Number – 666

## CHAPTER 14

### The Lamb and the 144,000 (vs. 1-5)

- ❖ Vs. 1: The Lamb stands on mount Zion – Rev. 5:6
  - The 144,000 – Rev. 7:4, 14:3
  - The 144,000 are marked – Eze. 9:4; Rev. 7:3, 22:4
- ❖ Vs. 2-3: they sing a song reserved for them, a song of victory
- ❖ Vs. 4: virgins speak of their spiritual nature – 2 Chr. 21:11; Jer. 3:9; Rev. 2:20; **2 Cor. 11:2**
  - Acts 15:20; Rom. 1:24-32
  - **They follow the Lamb wherever He goes** – John 10:3,27; Psa. 23:1-2
  - They are redeemed from among men – Rev. 5:9-10
  - They are firstfruits – will be used to reach many during tribulation period – Rev. 7
    - Firstfruits (aparche: a beginning of sacrifices Strong's Hebrew and Greek Definitions)
      - 1 Cor. 16:15; James 1:18; 1 Cor. 15:20
- ❖ Vs. 5: does our speech line up with our confession and profession? Eph. 5:3-4; Mat. 12:34
  - They are before the throne of God

### The Messages of the Three Angels (vs. 6-13)

- ❖ First, lets look at Mat. 24:14
  - What happens first in verse 14?
- ❖ **The Gospel preaching angel**
  - Calling people to forsake the beast and serve God – 2 Pet. 3:9
  - Vs. 6: the angel has the everlasting gospel to preach...
    - Vs. 7: Fear God, and give glory to him – Rev. 11:18; Phil. 2:9-11
    - Vs. 7: the hour of his judgment is come – read Rev. 15 & 16
    - Vs. 7: worship God the Creator – Neh. 9:6; Rom. 1:25
- ❖ Another angel – Babylon is fallen – Isa. 21:9; Jer. 51:8; Rev. 18:2
  - Is a proleptic message as the writer speaks it as if it has already happened
  - Represents world system of influence and rebellion against God – Dan. 3:1-5; Rom. 12:1-2; 1 John 2:15-17
  - The nations drank – Jer. 51:7-8; Rev. 17:2
- ❖ Third angel – vs. 9-11
  - Don't worship the beast or his image – Rev. 13:14-15, 14:11
  - Don't receive the mark of the beast in the forehead or hand – Rev. 13:16
  - Doing so brings about the full wrath of God - vs. 10
    - Wine of the wrath of God poured out without mixture – Rev. 18:6
      - Psa. 75:8; Jer. 25:15; Mat. 26:39
    - Wrath: thumos: passionate anger
    - Cup of indignation (orge: settled opposition, punishment, vengeance) – Rev. 16:19
    - Tormented with fire and brimstone (sulfur) – Rev. 20:10; Gen 19:24, Eze. 38:22; 2 Thes. 1:7; Rev. 19:20

- There will be witnesses – the holy angels and the Lamb
  - Vs. 11: There will be no rest – Isa. 34:8-10
- The saints must persevere – vs. 12-13 – Rev. 13:10
  - Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth – Ecc. 4:1-2; 1 Cor. 15:18; 1 Thes. 4:16
  - They rest from their labors – 2 Thes. 1:7
  - Their works do follow them – 1 Cor. 3:11-15, 15:58

**The Harvest of the earth (vs. 14-20)**

- ❖ Vs. 14: the Son of Man with a victor's crown (stephanos)
  - Has also a sharp sickle
  - Let's look at Mat. 13:24-30
- ❖ Fourth angel: Mat. 13:30
- ❖ Fifth angel: Mat. 13:39
- ❖ Sixth angel: had power over fire

## CHAPTER 15

### Preparation for the 7 vials

- ❖ Vs. 1: Seven angels with wrath of God complete – Rev. 21:9
  - Wrath: thumos: passionate anger
- ❖ Vs. 2: Sea of glass – Rev. 4:6
  - Mingled with fire – Mat. 3:11
    - Look whose standing on the sea of glass – Rev. 13:14-15, 17
      - Having harps of God – Rev. 5:8
- ❖ Vs. 3: The victor's song – Exo. 15:1-21; Deut. 32:3-4; Psa. 145:17
  - Song of Moses and the song of the Lamb – agreement between O.T. and N.T.
- ❖ Vs. 4: God is to be feared – Exo. 15:14
  - God alone is holy – Lev. 11:44
  - All nations will come and worship – Isa. 66:23
- ❖ Vs. 5-6:
  - Vs. 5: the temple (sanctuary) is opened – note where these angels come from – Num. 1:50
  - Vs. 6: these angels are pure...
- ❖ Vs. 7-8: God's glory filled the temple (Exo. 19:18; 2 Thes. 1:9)
  - No one could enter the temple until plagues completed –
    - Focus to finish

## CHAPTER 16

### The vials of wrath

- ❖ Vs. 1: God speaks Himself and commands the 7 angels to pour out His wrath upon the earth

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Angel – Bowl 1 – vs. 2

- ❖ Vs. 2: Foul and grievous sore on everyone who took the mark of the beast – Exo. 9:9-11

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Angel – Bowl 2 – vs. 3

- ❖ Vs. 3: the sea became blood – Exo. 7:17-21, Rev. 8:8-9
- ❖ All sea creatures die

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Angel – Bowl 3 – vs. 4-7

- ❖ Freshwaters turned to blood
- ❖ Vs. 6: They've shed blood of saints and prophets – Mat. 23:34; Rev. 11:18; Isa. 49:26

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Angel – Bowl 4 – vs. 8-9

- ❖ Vs. 8: the sun scorches with fire – Rev. 8:12; Rev. 9:17-18
- ❖ Vs. 9: They would not repent and blasphemed God – Rev. 16:11; Dan. 5:22
  - They wouldn't give God glory – Rev. 11:13

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Angel – Bowl 5 – vs. 10-11

- ❖ Vs. 10: the antichrist kingdom falls
- ❖ Seat was given by satan – Rev. 13:2
- ❖ Darkness on top of misery and torment – Exo. 10:21-22
- ❖ People still wouldn't repent but double down more and more

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Angel – Bowl 6 – vs. 12-16

- ❖ Vs. 12: the river Euphrates becomes a highway for the kings from the East (1,700+ miles and over 300 yards wide during this time)
  - Is significant in end times – Rev. 9:14
  - Note God's promise in Gen. 15:18
  - Kings of the east – many speculate that these may be nations such as China, India, Japan
    - Psalm 2
    - Look at Eze. 38, 39
  - Note Rev. 9:13-21
- ❖ Vs. 13: Three unclean spirits – 1 John 4:1
  - Vs. 14: they are spirits of devils (demons)
    - Working miracles and going forth unto the kings of the earth – 2 Thes. 2:9
    - Going to the whole world – Luke 2:1
  - Vs. 14: battle of the great day of God – Rev. 17:12-16 (Armageddon)
- ❖ **Vs. 15: Behold, I come as a thief**
  - Read Mat. 24:43
  - We are blessed if we:
    - Watch
    - Keep our garments – Gal. 3:27; Eph. 4:20-24;
      - We don't want to be caught naked and shamed – Gen. 3:7; Isa. 64:6
- ❖ Vs. 16: Armageddon (Har-Megiddo) – Rev. 19:19, 20:8
 

*“Megiddo is in a region frequently associated with decisive battles: Deborah over Sisera ([Jdg 5:19](#)); Gideon over the Midianites ([Judges 7](#)); Pharaoh over Josiah ([2Ki 23:29](#); [2Ch 35:22](#)). It is also a place of end-times mourning ([Zec 12:11](#)).”* David Guzik Enduring Word Commentary

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Angel – Bowl 7 – vs. 17-21

- ❖ Vs. 17: It is done – Rev. 10:6-7, 21:6
  - Vial poured into the air – Eph. 2:2
- ❖ Vs. 18: the earth convulses
- ❖ Vs. 19: The great city divided into 3 parts – Rev. 14:8; Zech. 14:4
  - Notice the difference in results of this earthquake – Rev. 11:13
- ❖ Vs. 21: men became even more harden against God because of the plague of the hail

## CHAPTER 17

### The Fall of Ecclesiastical Babylon

#### The doom of Babylon predicted

- ❖ Mystery Babylon
  - Represents the headquarters of idolatry and rebellion against God
    - Gen. 10:8-9, 11:1-9
      - Nimrod – hunter of men and against God
        - ◆ Believed to be the ruler of Babel
        - ◆ His wife Semiramis, high priestess of idolatry, told others she conceived a son Tammuz miraculously
          - Tammuz was considered a savior
            - Was supposedly killed by wild animals but brought back to life
          - Scriptures to ponder: Eze. 8:14 (weeping for Tammuz); Jer. 7:18 (queen of heaven); Jer. 44:17-19, 25 (offering incense to the queen of heaven)
    - Represents one world religion opposed to teaching of the Word of God – 1 Tim. 4:1
      - But what does the Bible say? John 14:6
- ❖ Vs. 1: the great whore sits on many waters
  - The great whore – vs. 5 – Nah. 3:4
  - The many waters – vs. 15; Jer. 51:12-13
- ❖ Vs. 2: The kings of the earth have committed fornication – Rev. 18:3,9
  - Have been made drunk – under evil influence
- ❖ Vs. 3: woman sitting on scarlet colored beast – Rev. 12:3, 13:1
- ❖ Vs. 4: The woman
  - Arrayed in purple and scarlet color: Rev. 18:12, 16 – colors of splendor, of rulers and power
  - Has a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness – Jer. 51:6-7; Rev. 14:8
- ❖ Vs. 5: The name on her forehead –
  - The Mystery Babylon the Great – 2 Thes. 2:7; Rev. 1:20, 17:7
- ❖ Vs. 6: the woman drunken – Rev. 18:24
  - With the blood of the saints... - Rev. 13:15, 6:9-10
  - Great admiration – amazement
- ❖ Vs. 7-9
  - Read Rev. 13:10
  - Stages of the beast: was, is not, shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, go into perdition (destruction – Rev. 19:20)
  - Those in the earth who aren't saved will marvel
  - Vs. 9: 7 heads are 7 mountains the woman sits on
- ❖ Vs. 10: many believe speaks of world empires (Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek, Roman,?)
  - 5 have fallen and one now is
  - 7<sup>th</sup> must continue a short time – antichrist kingdom that eventually ends in destruction

- ❖ Vs. 12-14: Unified against The Lamb
  - They are united and many believe represent reborn Roman Empire through European nations or some other federation of nations – Dan. 2:41-45
  - Vs. 13: They give their power and strength to the beast – Rev. 16:14, 19:19-20
  - Vs. 14: The Lamb (Jesus) will overcome them all as He stands King of kings and Lord of lords
- ❖ Vs. 15: The waters
- ❖ Vs. 16: the antichrist will eventually turn on the harlot – 2 Thes. 2:3-4; Rev. 13:8,15
- ❖ Vs. 17: God used it all for His Glory – Gal. 6:7

## CHAPTER 18

### Commercial Babylon – The World System

- ❖ Vs. 1-2: The angel cries aloud
  - Babylon the great is fallen
  - Vs. 2: Under demonic influence
  - Vs. 2: Nothing foul should surprise
  - Vs. 2: It's all in the cage
- ❖ Vs. 3: the whole world is impacted by Babylon and has drunk the wine
- ❖ Vs. 4-5: Come Out of Her: Luke 12:15; Mat. 6:24; sin of Lot (fertile Sodom) – Gen 19; 2 Cor. 6:14; Isa. 52:11; Jer. 50:8, 51:45
  - Vs. 4: come out or receive her plagues
  - Vs. 5: God has remembered her iniquities; they reached heaven
- ❖ Vs. 6-8: Babylon will receive double the trouble she caused
  - Required in the Old Testament for theft – Exo. 22:4-9
  - Some keys to this world system represented by Babylon:
    - Extravagance – vs. 7: lived deliciously
    - Pride – vs. 7: glorified herself
    - Denial and avoidance of sorrow
  - Vs. 8: it's all coming to head in one day

### The mourning of her followers (vs. 9-19)

- ❖ All those that have benefited from Babylon will mourn but keep their distance – vs. 10
- ❖ Vs. 11: they will mourn because they can't profit anymore (can't use and abuse the harlot)
- ❖ Vs. 12-14: the world's economic system will be destroyed
- ❖ Vs. 19: they will cast dust on their heads – Josh. 7:6; Job 2:12
- ❖ Vs. 20: While the mourned, heaven will rejoice – Isa. 44:23, 49:13; Jer. 51:48
  - God has revenged His holy apostles and prophets – Luke 11:49
- ❖ Vs. 22: worldly culture will be silenced – Jer. 7:34, 16:9, 25:10
- ❖ Vs. 23: world was deceived by sorceries – 2 Kings 9:22
- ❖ Vs. 24: the blood of prophets and of saints and all slain – Rev. 16:6; Jer. 51:49

## CHAPTER 19

### Rejoicing in Heaven (vs. 1-5)

- ❖ Vs. 1: Heaven's mass choir – Rev. 7:9-14
  - Alleluia: Greek for praise the Lord, only occurs in New Testament in Rev. 19 – Psa. 106, 111, 150
- ❖ Vs. 2: They are singing in agreement with God's true and righteous judgments
  - The great whore is judged and the blood of his servants is avenged who died at her hand – Deut. 32:43
- ❖ Vs. 3: they continue in worship as the great whore
- ❖ Vs. 4: the elder representing the church and the 4 beasts around the Throne respond in agreement by falling down and worshipping God
  - Amen: so be it
- ❖ Vs. 5: the voice from the Throne commanding praise of God – Psa. 134:1
  - Small and great – Rev. 11:18

### The marriage supper of the Lamb (vs. 6-10)

- ❖ Vs. 6: the Lord God omnipotent reigneth: Rev. 11:15; Eze. 1:24
- ❖ Vs. 7: the marriage of the Lamb is come – Mat. 22:2; 2 Cor. 11:2
  - Hath made herself ready – Eph. 5:25-27
- ❖ Vs. 8: she was given a bridal gown – Eze. 16:10; Rom. 13:14; Isa. 61:10
  - Fine linen the righteousness of saints – Psa. 132:9
- ❖ Vs. 9: blessed are the called to the marriage supper of the Lamb – Luke 14:12-24 (emp. Vs. 15); John 15:13-19; 1 Pet. 2:9
  - Jesus is the Groom – Mat. 9:15; Luke 5:34-35; what John said – John 3:29
- ❖ Vs. 10: We only bow to the Lord – Rev. 22:8-9; Acts 10:26
  - We both are servants – Heb. 1:14
  - We both have the testimony – 1 John 5:10
  - The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy – Luke 24:27

### The Second Coming of Christ (vs. 11-16)

- ❖ There is a difference between the Rapture (1 Thes. 4:17) and the second coming (Zech. 14:4)
- ❖ Vs. 11: Heaven opened – Rev. 15:5
  - A White Horse – the first white horse of Rev. 6:2 was the antichrist but now we see Christ coming
    - the first white horse of Rev. 6:2 antichrist with unkept promises and deception
    - Second white horse with Jesus retrning just as Roman general would return to Rome after victory
      - Called Faithful and True and in righteousness he judges and makes war (19:11) – Rev. 3:7,14; Isa. 11:4
- ❖ Vs. 12: Eyes were as a flame of fire – Rev. 1:14
  - Man crowns (diadems: sovereign crowns)
- ❖ Vs. 13: He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood – Isa. 63:2-3

- His Name is called The Word of God – John 1:1, 14
- ❖ Vs. 14: The armies of heaven follow Him upon white horses – Rev. 14:20; 17:14; Jude 1:14-15
  - Notice their garments are not bloody like Jesus (white and clean)
- ❖ Vs. 15: Out of his mouth goes a sharp sword – Isa. 11:4
  - He shall rule them with a rod of iron – Psa. 2:8-9; 1 Cor. 15:24-25
  - He treadeth the winepress – Isa. 63:3-6
- ❖ Vs. 16: King of Kings and Lord of Lords – Rev. 2:17; Dan, 2:47

### **The Reckoning of Armageddon (vs. 17-21)**

- ❖ Vs. 17: The angel calls the birds to get ready to eat – Eze. 39:17-20
  - This is not the marriage supper of the Lamb but the supper of the great God and His judgment
  - Vs. 18: all of God's enemies will be destroyed, small and great
- ❖ Vs. 19: The beast and kings of the earth and their power make war against Christ and His Army
- ❖ Vs. 20: The antichrist (Rev. 16:13) and false prophet (Rev. 13:8,12-13) cast into the lake of fire – Isa. 30:33; Rev. 14:10
- ❖ Vs. 21: Those that followed the beast will be slain by the Word and eaten by the fowl
  - This was totally the result of not heeding the warnings of God and of not repenting
  - Mat. 25:41

## CHAPTER 20

### The Millennial Reign (vs. 1-6)

- ❖ 3 Primary views on Millennial Reign:
  - Premillennial – Christ will return before millennium and resurrected believers will reign with Christ
  - Postmillennial – Christ returns after the millennium and then reigns for 1,000 years
  - Amillennial – believe 1,000 year period is symbolic of current church age and there is no literal millennial
- ❖ Vs. 1: The unnamed angel that binds satan
  - Holding key to bottomless pit and a chain
    - Single handedly binds satan for 1,000 years
      - ➔ YOUR NAME ISN'T AS IMPORTANT AS BEING ANOINTED OF GOD TO DO HIS WILL
    - How do you see yourself? How do you see satan? Isa. 14:16
  - The bottomless pit or abyss – Rev. 9:1; Luke 8:31; Jude 1:6
- ❖ Vs. 2: satan is bound for a thousand years – Isa. 24:22
- ❖ Vs. 3: satan bound and confined to the bottomless pit for 1,000 years
  - The pit was sealed shut – Dan. 6:17; Mat. 27:66
  - Note the difference in the world when satan is bound
    - For a season but then will be released for a season
  - The 1,000 years will be finished – Isa. 2:1-5; Eze. 17:22-24
    - Note King David during the Millennial – Isa. 55:3-5; Jer. 30:4-11
    - New temple – Eze. 37:26-28; Eze. 20:39-44

### *The Thrones*

- ❖ Vs. 4: Thrones: Saints given responsibility – Rev. 20:4-6; Rev. 3:12, 22; 1 Cor. 6:2-3
  - Souls of them that were beheaded...which had not worshipped the beast – Rev. 13:12
    - Neither his image – Rev. 13:15
    - Neither received his mark upon their foreheads or in their hands
    - They lived and reigned with Christ – John 14:19; Rom. 8:17, 2 Tim. 2:12
- ❖ Vs. 5: The rest of the dead live not again until...
  - The first resurrection – 1 Cor. 15:20-23; 1 Thes. 4:16; John 5:28-29; Rev. 1:5, 2:11, 20:14, 21:8
- ❖ Vs. 6: the second death has no power on those from the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection – Rev. 2:11

**The Defeat of satan (vs. 7-10)**

- ❖ Vs. 7: satan loosed after 1,000 years
- ❖ Vs. 8: back to the same things, deception
  - Gog – enemy of God – Eze. 38:2, 39:1,6
  - Magog – people that rebel against God
  - Large armies coming against God – Mat. 7:14; Rev. 16:14
- ❖ Vs. 9: they will come against God's people and be destroyed
- ❖ Vs. 10: Devil cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the antichrist and false prophet are – Rev. 19:20; 20:14

**Judgment Before the Great White Throne (vs. 11-15)**

- ❖ Vs. 11: Great white throne...the earth and heaven fled away – 2 Pet. 3:7; Rev. 21:1
  - Jesus is the Judge – John 5:22-27
  - No place for them – no hiding, no getting around it – Rev. 12:8
- ❖ Vs. 12:
  - The dead, small and great – Rev. 19:5
  - The books were opened – Dan. 7:10
  - Another book – Psa. 69:28; Dan. 12:1
  - According to their works – Jer. 17:10; Mat. 16:27; Rom. 2:6; Rev. 2:23
- ❖ Vs. 13: death and hell (second resurrection) – 1 Cor. 15:26
  - According to their works – Mat. 16:27; Rev. 2:23
- ❖ Vs. 14: The second death – 1 Cor. 15:26; Rev. 21:8
  
- ❖ Vs. 15: Is your name in the book of life? Luke 10:20; Phil. 4:3; Rev. 3:5

## CHAPTER 21

### The New Heaven and the New Earth (Vs. 1-8)

- ❖ Vs. 1: Isa. 65:17, 66:22
  - New: kainos - of a new kind, unprecedented, novel, uncommon, unheard of Thayer's Greek Definitions
  - The former passed away – 2 Pet. 3:7, 10-13
  - Vs. 1: no more sea – Rev. 13:1, 20:13
- ❖ Vs. 2: the holy city, new Jerusalem – Isa. 52:1; Gal. 4:26; Heb. 11:10, 12:22
  - Prepared as a bride – Isa. 54:5; 2 Cor. 11:2
- ❖ Vs. 3: God will dwell among us – 1 Cor. 13:12; Lev. 26:11; Eze. 43:7; 2 Cor. 6:16
- ❖ Vs. 4: wipe away all tears – Isa. 25:8; Rev. 7:17
  - No more death – 1 Cor. 15:26; Rev. 20:14
  - No sorrow, crying or pain b/c the former things are passed away – Isa. 35:10, 51:11
- ❖ Vs. 5: He that sat on the Throne – Rev. 4:2, 9
  - Make all things new – Isa. 43:19; 2 Cor. 5:17
  - These words are faithful and true – Rev. 19:9, 22:6
- ❖ Vs. 6: It is done – Eph. 1:10; Rev. 10:6, 16:17
  - I am Alpha and Omega – Rev. 1:8, 22:13
  - I will give unto him that is athirst... - Isa. 12:3; John 4:10; Rev. 7:17, **22:17**
- ❖ Vs. 7: Overcomers inherit all things – 1 John 5:4; Zech. 8:8; Heb. 8:10
- ❖ Vs. 8: Those that won't make it: 1 Cor. 6:9; Gal. 5:19; Eph. 5:5; 1 Tim. 1:9
  - The lake of fire – Rev. 20:14

### The New Jerusalem (Vs. 9-27)

- ❖ Vs. 10: descending out of heaven from God – Eze. 48
- ❖ Vs. 11: the city has God's glory – Isa. 60:1; Eze. 43:2
  - Jasper may well intend diamond – 1 Pet. 4:12-13
- ❖ Vs. 12: 12 gates – Eze. 48:31-34
- ❖ Vs. 14: 12 foundations – the apostles – Mat. 16:18; Luke 22:29-30; Gal. 2:9; Eph. 2:20
- ❖ Vs. 15-16: cubed like the Holy of Holies – 1 Kings 6:20
- ❖ Vs. 21: Streets of gold – Rev. 22:2
- ❖ Vs. 22: I saw no temple – Mat. 24:2; John 4:21, 23
- ❖ Vs. 23: no need of the sun – Isa. 24:23, 60:19-20
- ❖ Vs. 24: nations of the saved walk in the light of it – Isa. 60:3,5; 1 John 1:5-7
- ❖ Vs. 25: gates always open – Isa. 60:11
  - No more night – Isa. 60:20; Zec. 14:7
- ❖ Vs. 26: bring glory and honor of the nations into it – Rev. 21:24
- ❖ Vs. 27: nothing wrong in it – Isa. 35:5; Joel 3:17
  - The Book of Life – Phil. 4:3

## CHAPTER 22

### Abundant Life and Restoration (Vs. 1-5)

- ❖ Let's first read John 10:10, John 4:14
- ❖ Vs. 1: A Pure river of water of life – Psa. 46:4; Zech 14:8
  - Water of life – Rev. 7:17, 21:6, 22:17
  - The water flows from the Throne of God – our only source of eternal life
    - Compare to Gen. 2:10
  - Rivers in O.T. represented prosperity – Isa. 48:18; Eze. 47:1-9
  - Clear as crystal – unpolluted waters
- ❖ Vs. 2: the tree of life – Gen. 2:9; Gen. 3:22-24; Rev. 2:7; 22:14, 19
  - 12 manner of fruit – the tree bares fruit every month (for our understanding) or perpetually
  - The healing of the nations – Eze. 47:12;
    - Healing: *therapeian*: life giving or health giving
- ❖ Vs. 3: No more curse – Zech. 14:11; Gen. 3:16-19; Isa. 65:20
  - The throne of God and of the Lamb – Eze. 48:35
  - **His servants shall serve Him – Rev. 7:15**
- ❖ Vs. 4: They shall see His Face – Psa. 17:15; 42:2; Mat. 5:8; 1 Cor. 13:12; 1 John 3:2
  - Compare to Exo. 33:20-23
  - His name in their foreheads – Rev. 14:1
- ❖ Vs. 5:
  - No night, candle, or light of the sun – Isa. 60:19; Rev. 21:23; Rev. 7:15
  - The Lord God gives them light – Psa. 36:9
  - They shall reign for ever and ever – Dan. 7:18, 27; Mat. 19:28

### Christ is to come quickly (Vs. 6-7)

- ❖ Vs. 6: these sayings are faithful and true – Rev. 19:9
  - From God's angel – Rev. 1:1
  - Must shortly (*tachos*: a brief space of time, quickly)
- ❖ Vs. 7: Behold, I come quickly – Rev. 3:11
  - Quickly: *tachu*: without delay, suddenly, soon
  - The blessing of keeping the sayings of this prophecy – Rev. 1:3

### Make sure we worship God and not His messengers (vs. 8-9)

- ❖ Vs. 8:-9: see Rev. 19:10

**It's Time (vs. 10-13)**

- ❖ Vs. 10: don't keep it to yourself – Dan. 8:26 (contrast); Rev. 10:4
  - The time is at hand – Kairos: occasion, set or proper time, opportunity, season – Rev. 1:3
- ❖ Vs. 11: by this time, you are what you are
- ❖ Vs. 12: I come quickly and my reward is with me – Isa. 40:10; 62:11
  - Give according as his work shall be – Rev. 20:12; James. 2:20; Tit. 3:8
- ❖ Vs. 13: His ultimate authority
  - Alpha and Omega – Isa. 41:4

**Final Words (vs. 14-21)**

- ❖ Vs. 14: we are not saved merely by doing His commandments but by faith – Eph. 2:8
  - Those who do His commandments
    - Depending upon translations say washed their robes or others do His commandments
- ❖ Vs. 15: Some will not make it in
  - Dogs: Mat. 7:6; Phil. 3:2
- ❖ Vs. 16: The Words of Christ
  - Root and offspring of David – 2 Sam. 7:12; Isa. 9:7
  - The bright and morning star – Num. 24:17; Luke 1:78; 2 Pet. 1:19
- ❖ Vs. 17: whosoever will – Isa. 55:1; Rev. 21:6
- ❖ Vs. 18: We are not to add to the words of the prophecy of this book – Deut. 4:2; 12:32; Prov. 30:6
- ❖ Vs. 19: We are not to take away from it either – Exo. 32:33
- ❖ **Vs. 20: Surely I come quickly**
- ❖ **Vs. 21: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.**

**The Seven Beatitudes of the Revelation of Jesus Christ to His Servant John****#1. Revelation 1:3**

Blessed is anyone who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed those who hear them, if they treasure the content, because the Time is near.

**#2. Revelation 14:13**

Blessed are those who die in the Lord! Blessed indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest forever after their work, since their good deeds go with them [doctrine of merit].

**#3. Revelation 16:15**

Blessed is anyone who has kept watch, and has kept his clothes on, so that he does not go out naked and expose his shame.

**#4. Revelation 19:9**

Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

**#5. Revelation 20:6**

Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection; the second death has no power over them but they will be priests of God and of Christ and reign with Him for a thousand years. [the first death is one's physical death; the second death is the failure to win eternal life.]

**#6. Revelation 22:7**

I am coming soon! Blessed are those who keep the prophetic message of this book.

**#7. Revelation 22:14**

Blessed are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city. [ the Jerusalem of 21:9]